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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 10-Q

**x 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

o Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from to

Commission File Number 1-8472

Hexcel Corporation

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

94-1109521
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Two Stamford Plaza

281 Tresser Boulevard

Stamford, Connecticut 06901-3238

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(203) 969-0666**

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 (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Large accelerated filer ☒

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☐
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company ☐

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

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

Class
COMMON STOCK

Outstanding at October 21, 2010
97,255,356

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| | | (Unaudited) | |
|--|----|---------------|--------------|
| | | September 30, | December 31, |
| | | 2010 | 2009 |
| (In millions, except per share data) | | | |
| Assets | | | |
| Current assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 78.5 | \$ 110.1 |
| Accounts receivable, net | | 182.9 | 158.4 |
| Inventories, net | | 197.5 | 157.2 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | | 40.9 | 35.4 |
| Total current assets | | 499.8 | 461.1 |
| Property, plant and equipment | | 1,048.1 | 1,045.1 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | | (468.2) | (443.0) |
| Net property, plant and equipment | | 579.9 | 602.1 |
| Goodwill and intangible assets | | 56.5 | 56.7 |
| Investments in affiliated companies | | 19.3 | 17.7 |
| Deferred tax assets | | 73.1 | 85.6 |
| Other assets | | 22.4 | 23.4 |
| Total assets | \$ | 1,251.0 | \$ 1,246.6 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | |
| Short-term borrowings and current maturities of long-term debt | \$ | 10.5 | \$ 33.5 |
| Accounts payable | | 82.6 | 74.3 |
| Accrued liabilities | | 103.8 | 93.9 |
| Total current liabilities | | 196.9 | 201.7 |
| Long-term notes payable and capital lease obligations | | 321.1 | 358.8 |
| Other non-current liabilities | | 97.8 | 110.5 |
| Total liabilities | | 615.8 | 671.0 |
| Stockholders' equity: | | | |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 200.0 shares authorized, 99.4 and 98.6 shares issued at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively | | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Additional paid-in capital | | 548.9 | 535.3 |
| Retained earnings | | 125.5 | 71.0 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) | | (12.6) | (7.0) |
| | | 662.8 | 600.3 |
| | | (27.6) | (24.7) |

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Less Treasury stock, at cost, 2.2 and 2.0 shares at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Total stockholders' equity | 635.2 | 575.6 |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------|

| | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 1,251.0 | \$ 1,246.6 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**Hexcel Corporation and Subsidiaries****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**

| (In millions, except per share data) | (Unaudited) | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|
| | Quarter Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Net sales | \$ 294.5 | \$ 257.1 | \$ 862.6 | \$ 841.7 |
| Cost of sales | 224.0 | 205.0 | 647.6 | 649.5 |
| Gross margin | 70.5 | 52.1 | 215.0 | 192.2 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 28.7 | 25.8 | 89.7 | 80.4 |
| Research and technology expenses | 7.3 | 8.4 | 23.0 | 22.6 |
| Other operating (income) expenses | | (1.7) | 3.5 | |
| Operating income | 34.5 | 19.6 | 98.8 | 89.2 |
| Interest expense, net | 5.3 | 6.9 | 19.0 | 19.8 |
| Non-operating expense | 6.8 | | 6.8 | |
| Income before income taxes and equity in earnings of affiliated companies | 22.4 | 12.7 | 73.0 | 69.4 |
| Provision for income taxes | 6.8 | 2.5 | 18.9 | 19.4 |
| Income before equity in earnings of affiliated companies | 15.6 | 10.2 | 54.1 | 50.0 |
| Equity in earnings of affiliated companies | | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Net income | \$ 15.6 | \$ 10.4 | \$ 54.5 | \$ 50.6 |
| Basic net income per common share: | \$ 0.16 | \$ 0.11 | \$ 0.56 | \$ 0.52 |
| Diluted net income per common share: | \$ 0.16 | \$ 0.11 | \$ 0.55 | \$ 0.52 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | 97.7 | 96.9 | 97.6 | 96.9 |
| Diluted | 100.0 | 98.1 | 99.9 | 98.1 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**Hexcel Corporation and Subsidiaries****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

| (In millions) | (Unaudited) | |
|---|---|---------|
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 | 2009 |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Net income | \$ 54.5 | \$ 50.6 |
| Reconciliation to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 39.3 | 34.5 |
| Amortization of debt discount and deferred financing costs | 9.8 | 4.0 |
| Deferred income taxes | 8.9 | 15.2 |
| Business consolidation and restructuring payments | (0.5) | (1.5) |
| Equity in earnings from affiliated companies | (0.4) | (0.6) |
| Stock-based compensation | 10.5 | 6.7 |
| Excess tax benefits on stock-based compensation | (0.8) | 0.5 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable | (28.7) | 38.2 |
| (Increase) decrease in inventories | (42.5) | 38.8 |
| Increase in prepaid expenses and other current assets | (0.3) | (11.0) |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 27.2 | (37.4) |
| Other net | (8.2) | 2.0 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 68.8 | 140.0 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Cash payments for capital expenditures | (31.2) | (82.1) |
| Investment in joint venture | | (6.0) |
| Net cash used for investing activities | (31.2) | (88.1) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Borrowings from credit line China | 1.9 | 3.0 |
| Proceeds from Senior Secured Credit Facilities term B loans | 100.0 | 171.5 |
| Repayment of previous Senior Secured Credit Facilities | (164.1) | (177.9) |
| Repayment of New Senior Secured Credit Facility term B loan | (1.3) | |
| Issuance costs related to New Senior Secured Credit Facility | (3.7) | (10.4) |
| Capital lease obligations and other debt, net | (0.2) | 0.5 |
| Activity under stock plans | 1.2 | (0.5) |
| Net cash used for financing activities | (66.2) | (13.8) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (3.0) | 5.7 |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | (31.6) | 43.8 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 110.1 | 50.9 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 78.5 | \$ 94.7 |
| Supplemental data: | | |
| Accrual basis additions to property, plant and equipment | \$ 24.1 | \$ 65.8 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

Note 1 Significant Accounting Policies

In these notes, the terms Hexcel, the Company, we, us, or our mean Hexcel Corporation and subsidiary companies. The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements are those of Hexcel Corporation. Refer to Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 for a discussion of our significant accounting policies.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared from the unaudited records of Hexcel pursuant to rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for interim financial information. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements have been omitted pursuant to rules and regulations of the SEC.

In the opinion of management, the condensed consolidated financial statements include all normal recurring adjustments as well as any non-recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of financial position, results of operations and cash flow for the interim periods presented. The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2009 was derived from the audited 2009 consolidated balance sheet. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results expected for any other interim period or for the full year. The information included in the Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis and the financial statements and notes thereto included in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Reclassifications and revisions

Certain prior year amounts in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and related notes have been reclassified to conform to the 2010 presentation.

Note 2 - Net Income per Common Share

Quarter Ended September 30,

Nine Months Ended September 30,

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(In millions, except per share data)

| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Basic net income per common share: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 15.6 | \$ 10.4 | \$ 54.5 | \$ 50.6 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | 97.7 | 96.9 | 97.6 | 96.9 |
| Basic net income per common share | \$ 0.16 | \$ 0.11 | \$ 0.56 | \$ 0.52 |
| Diluted net income per common share: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 15.6 | \$ 10.4 | \$ 54.5 | \$ 50.6 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding Basic | 97.7 | 96.9 | 97.6 | 96.9 |
| <i>Plus incremental shares from assumed conversions:</i> | | | | |
| Restricted stock units | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.6 |
| Stock options | 1.5 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 0.6 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding Dilutive | 100.0 | 98.1 | 99.9 | 98.1 |
| Diluted net income per common share | \$ 0.16 | \$ 0.11 | \$ 0.55 | \$ 0.52 |

Total shares underlying stock options of 0.8 million for the quarter and the nine months were excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share for the periods ended September 30, 2010, as they were anti-dilutive. Total shares underlying stock options of 2.0 million for the quarter and 2.1 million for the nine months were excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share for the periods ended September 30, 2009, as they were anti-dilutive.

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In the third quarter 2009, we recorded a \$1.7 million gain related to a prior year sale of a business, primarily due to an earn-out payment from the buyer. The nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 included a pre-tax charge of \$3.5 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, for additional environmental reserves primarily to remediate the site of our former Lodi, New Jersey manufacturing facility that was sold in 1986 (see note 13).

Note 4 Non-Operating Expense

In July 2010, the Company refinanced its senior secured credit facility. Proceeds from the term loan and cash on hand were used to repay all amounts, and terminate all commitments, outstanding under Hexcel's old credit agreement. As a result of the refinancing, we incurred a \$6.8 million charge in the third quarter of 2010 to accelerate the amortization of deferred financing costs associated with the previous credit facility (see note 7).

Note 5 - Inventories, net

| (In millions) | September 30, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Raw materials | \$ 81.9 | \$ 72.7 |
| Work in progress | 44.5 | 36.8 |
| Finished goods | 94.0 | 71.6 |
| Total inventories, gross | \$ 220.4 | \$ 181.1 |
| Inventory allowances | (22.9) | (23.9) |
| Total inventories, net | \$ 197.5 | \$ 157.2 |

Note 6 - Retirement and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans

We maintain qualified and nonqualified defined benefit retirement plans covering certain current and former U.S. and European employees, retirement savings plans covering eligible U.S. employees and certain postretirement health care and life insurance benefit plans covering eligible U.S. retirees. We also participate in a union sponsored multi-employer pension plan covering certain U.S. employees with union affiliations.

Defined Benefit Retirement Plans*Net Periodic Benefit Costs*

Net periodic benefit costs of our defined benefit retirement plans for the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were as follows:

| (In millions) | Quarter Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| <i>U.S. Qualified and Non-qualified Defined Benefit Retirement Plans</i> | | | | |
| Service cost | \$ 0.3 | \$ 0.4 | \$ 0.9 | \$ 1.1 |
| Interest cost | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Net amortization and deferral | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| Net periodic benefit cost | \$ 0.8 | \$ 0.8 | \$ 2.3 | \$ 2.1 |

| | September 30, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Amounts recognized on the balance sheet: | | |
| Accrued liabilities | \$ 1.0 | \$ 1.0 |
| Other non-current liabilities | 23.4 | 22.3 |
| Total accrued benefit | \$ 24.4 | \$ 23.3 |

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| | Quarter Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| <i>European Defined Benefit Retirement Plans</i> | | | | |
| Service cost | \$ 1.0 | \$ 0.6 | \$ 2.9 | \$ 1.8 |
| Interest cost | 1.8 | 1.2 | 5.6 | 3.6 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (1.6) | (1.1) | (4.8) | (3.3) |
| Net amortization and deferral | 0.4 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| Net periodic benefit cost | \$ 1.6 | \$ 0.8 | \$ 4.7 | \$ 2.5 |

| | September 30, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Amounts recognized on the balance sheet: | | |
| Accrued liabilities | \$ 2.4 | \$ 0.7 |
| Other non-current liabilities | 38.8 | 40.7 |
| Total accrued benefit | \$ 41.2 | \$ 41.4 |

Contributions

We generally fund our U.S. non-qualified defined benefit retirement plans when benefit payments are incurred. Under the provisions of these non-qualified plans, we expect to contribute \$1.0 million in 2010 to cover unfunded benefits. We contributed \$0.6 million to our U.S. non-qualified defined benefit retirement plans during the 2009 fiscal year.

We contributed \$3.5 million and \$1.9 million to our European defined benefit retirement plans in the third quarters of 2010 and 2009, respectively. Contributions were \$6.1 million and \$4.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. We plan to contribute approximately \$8 million during 2010 to our European plans. We contributed \$4.7 million to our European plans during the 2009 fiscal year.

Postretirement Health Care and Life Insurance Benefit Plans

Net periodic benefit costs of our postretirement health care and life insurance benefit plans for the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were as follows:

| (In millions) | Quarter Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| <i>Postretirement Health Care and Life Insurance Benefit Plans</i> | | | | |
| Interest cost | \$ 0.2 | \$ 0.2 | \$ 0.5 | \$ 0.5 |
| Amortization of prior service costs | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.2) | (0.2) |
| Net periodic benefit cost | \$ 0.1 | \$ 0.1 | \$ 0.3 | \$ 0.3 |

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| | September 30, 2010 | | December 31, 2009 | |
|--|--------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Amounts recognized on the balance sheet: | | | | |
| Accrued liabilities | \$ | 1.1 | \$ | 1.1 |
| Other non-current liabilities | | 10.2 | | 10.1 |
| Total accrued benefit | \$ | 11.3 | \$ | 11.2 |

Contributions

In connection with our postretirement plans, we contributed \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million during the third quarters of 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$0.3 million and \$0.5 million during the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. We periodically fund our postretirement plans to pay covered expenses as they are incurred. Under the provisions of these postretirement plans, in 2010 we expect our contributions to be at a level similar to 2009 to cover unfunded benefits. We contributed \$0.6 million to our postretirement plans during the 2009 fiscal year.

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| (In millions) | September 30, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Working capital line of credit China | \$ 5.0 | \$ 3.0 |
| Current maturities of capital lease and other obligations | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Current maturities of term loan | 5.0 | 30.0 |
| Short-term borrowings and current maturities of long-term debt | 10.5 | 33.5 |
| Senior secured credit facility New term B loan due 2015 | 93.8 | |
| Capital lease and other obligations | 2.3 | 2.8 |
| Senior secured credit facility Term B loan due 2014 | | 131.0 |
| 6.75% senior subordinated notes due 2015 | 225.0 | 225.0 |
| Long-term notes payable and capital lease obligations | 321.1 | 358.8 |
| Total Debt | \$ 331.6 | \$ 392.3 |

Estimated Fair Values of Notes Payable

The approximate, aggregate fair value of our notes payable as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were as follows:

| (In millions) | September 30, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 6.75% senior subordinated notes, due 2015 | \$ 225 | \$ 216 |
| Senior secured credit facility New Term B loan due 2015 | 99 | |
| Senior secured credit facility Term B loan due 2014 | \$ | \$ 161 |

The aggregate fair values of the notes payable were estimated on the basis of quoted market prices; however, trading in these securities is limited and may differ from the amount for which the security could be transferred in an active market.

Senior Secured Credit Facility

On July 9, 2010, Hexcel Corporation entered into a new \$250 million senior secured credit facility (the Facility), consisting of a \$150 million revolving loan and a \$100 million term loan. The Facility matures on July 9, 2015. The interest rate for the loans is LIBOR plus 2.75% through December 2010 and then can range down to LIBOR plus 2%, depending on our leverage ratio. The margin for the loans will decrease from 2.75% to 2.25% if Hexcel's leverage ratio decreases below 2 to 1, and will decrease an additional 25 basis points if Hexcel's leverage ratio decreases below 1.75 to 1. The term loan was borrowed at closing and once repaid cannot be reborrowed. The term loan will be repaid at a rate of approximately \$1.3 million per quarter starting in the third quarter of 2010 and increasing to \$2.5 million in September 2012 with two payments of \$10.0 million in September 2014 and December 2014 and two final \$25.0 million payments in March and June 2015.

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Proceeds from the term loan and cash on hand were used to repay all amounts, and terminate all commitments, outstanding under Hexcel's old credit agreement and to pay fees and expenses in connection with the refinancing. We incurred approximately \$3.7 million in issuance costs related to the refinancing of the Facility, which will be expensed over the life of the Facility. As a result of the refinancing, we incurred a \$6.8 million charge in the third quarter of 2010 to accelerate the amortization of deferred financing costs associated with the previous credit facility.

The credit agreement contains financial and other covenants including, but not limited to, restrictions on the incurrence of debt and the granting of liens, as well as the maintenance of an interest coverage ratio and a leverage ratio, and limitations on capital expenditures. A violation of any of these covenants could result in a default under the credit agreement, which would permit the lenders to accelerate the payment of all borrowings and to terminate the credit agreement. In addition, such a default could, under certain circumstances, permit the holders of other outstanding unsecured debt to accelerate the repayment of such obligations.

In accordance with the terms of the Facility, we are required to maintain a minimum interest coverage ratio of 4.00 (based on the ratio of EBITDA, as defined in the credit agreement, to interest expense) and may not exceed a maximum leverage ratio of 3.00 (based on the ratio of total debt to EBITDA) throughout the term of the Facility. In addition, the Facility contains other terms and conditions such as customary representations and warranties, additional covenants and customary events of default. As of September 30, 2010, we were in compliance with all debt covenants and expect to remain in compliance.

The Facility permits us to issue letters of credit up to an aggregate amount of \$40.0 million and allows us to draw up to \$75 million in Euros. Amounts drawn in Euros or any outstanding letters of credit reduce the amount available for borrowing under the revolving loan. As of September 30, 2010, we had issued letters of credit totaling \$2.1 million under the Facility. As we had no

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borrowings under the revolving loan at September 30, 2010, total undrawn availability under the Senior Secured Credit Facility as of September 30, 2010 was \$147.9 million.

Note 8 - Derivative Financial Instruments

We enter into foreign currency forward contracts to reduce the risks associated with the changes in foreign exchange rates on sales and purchases denominated in other currencies. As described below, we have also entered into a cross-currency interest rate swap agreement. We do not use these or any other contracts for speculative or trading purposes.

Cross-Currency Interest Rate Swap Agreement

In 2006, we entered into a cross-currency interest rate swap agreement which has been designated as a hedge of our investment in Hexcel France SA. To the extent it is effective, gains and losses are recorded as an offset in the cumulative translation account, the same account in which translation gains and losses on the investment in Hexcel France SA are recorded. All other changes, including any difference in current interest, are excluded from the assessment of effectiveness and are thereby included as a component of interest expense. By excluding the interest rate component of risk in this instrument, and recognizing it in current period earnings, we have diversified our floating rate interest rate exposure to include Euro interest rates, which provides a better matching with the underlying currency of operating cash flows. The impact to interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 was immaterial. The impact to interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was a net increase of \$0.5 million, compared to a net increase of \$0.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. This agreement has a notional value of \$63.4 million, a term of five years, and is scheduled to mature on September 20, 2011. We receive interest in U.S. dollars quarterly and pay interest in Euros on the same day. U.S. interest is based on the three month LIBOR rate. Euro interest is based on the three month EURIBOR. The fair value of the swap at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 was a liability of \$4.8 million and \$8.2 million, respectively. Net credits to interest expense of \$0.1 related to the excluded portion of the derivative were recorded in each of the third quarters of 2010 and 2009. A net charge to interest expense of \$0.2 million and a net credit to interest expense of \$0.3 million related to the excluded portion of the derivative were recorded in the first nine months of 2010 and 2009, respectively. Net charges to interest expense of \$0.1 million related to the interest coupons were recorded during the third quarters of 2010 and 2009. Net charges to interest expense of \$0.2 million and \$0.5 million related to the interest coupons were recorded during the first nine months of 2010 and 2009, respectively. The net amount of losses included in the CTA adjustment during the third quarter of 2010 was \$7.0 million; the net amount of gains included in the CTA adjustment during the first nine months of 2010 was \$3.6 million. The net amount of losses included in the CTA adjustment during the third quarter and nine-month period of 2009 was \$3.0 million and \$2.6 million, respectively. There are no credit contingency features in this derivative.

Foreign Currency Forward Exchange Contracts

A number of our European subsidiaries are exposed to the impact of exchange rate volatility between the U.S. dollar and the subsidiaries functional currencies, being either the Euro or the British Pound Sterling. We entered into contracts to exchange U.S. dollars for Euros and British Pounds Sterling through 2012. The aggregate notional amount of these contracts was \$192.3 million at September 30, 2010. The purpose of these contracts is to hedge a portion of the forecasted transactions of European subsidiaries under long-term sales contracts with certain customers. These contracts are expected to provide us with a more balanced matching of future cash receipts by currency, thereby reducing our operating income exposure to fluctuations in currency exchange rates. These forward contracts are designated as cash flow hedges of forecasted revenues. The effective portion of the hedges, gains of \$10.0 million and losses of \$0.9 million, were recorded in other comprehensive income (OCI) for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively, and gains of \$1.2 million and \$5.5

million for the three and nine-month periods ended September 2009, respectively. We excluded the forward points from the effectiveness assessment and recorded them as an increase to interest expense of \$0.6 million and \$0.4 million for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2010, and an increase to interest expense of \$0.1 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2009. There was no effect on interest expense for the nine-month period of 2009. The carrying amount of these contracts was \$4.8 million classified as other assets and \$2.4 million classified in other liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheet at September 30, 2010 and \$2.5 million in other assets and \$3.6 million classified in other liabilities at December 31, 2009. During the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, we recognized net losses of \$1.4 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, recorded in sales and cost of sales. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, we recognized net losses of \$5.5 million and \$4.7 million, respectively, recorded in sales and cost of sales.

In addition, we enter into foreign exchange forward contracts which are not designated as hedges. These are used to provide an offset to transactional gains or losses arising from the remeasurement of non-functional monetary assets and liabilities, such as accounts receivable. The change in the fair value of the derivatives is recorded in the statement of operations. There are no credit contingency features in these derivatives. During the quarters ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, we recognized net foreign exchange gains of \$9.3 million and \$1.6 million, respectively, in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. During the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, we recognized net foreign exchange gains of \$1.6 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. At September 30, 2010, asset derivatives not designated as hedging instruments were

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\$3.6 million; liability derivatives not designated as hedge instruments were not material. At December 31, 2009, asset and liability derivatives not designated as hedging instruments were not material.

The change in fair value of our foreign currency forward exchange contracts under hedge designations recorded net of tax within accumulated other comprehensive income for the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 was as follows:

| (In millions) | Quarter Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Unrealized losses at beginning of period, net of tax | \$ (6.7) | \$ (2.5) | \$ (1.4) | \$ (8.9) |
| Losses reclassified to net sales | 1.1 | 1.3 | 4.2 | 3.7 |
| Increase (decrease) in fair value | 7.6 | 0.1 | (0.8) | 4.1 |
| Unrealized gains (losses) at end of period, net of tax | \$ 2.0 | \$ (1.1) | \$ 2.0 | \$ (1.1) |

As of September 30, 2010, the unrealized gains recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax, of \$0.7 million, are expected to be reclassified into earnings over the next twelve months as the hedged sales are recorded.

In October 2010, we entered into an interest rate swap of approximately \$49 million that trades a variable interest rate for a fixed rate. This swap is designated as a cash flow hedge to our term loan and trades the LIBOR rate for a fixed rate at 1.0675%. As a result, our current rate on a portion of the term loan is 1.0675% plus 2.75%, or 3.8175%. Per Note 7, the 2.75% margin will go down if Hexcel's leverage ratio drops below certain levels.

Note 9 Income Taxes

The effective tax rate for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2010 was 30.4% and 25.9%, respectively. The lower effective rate in the nine months of 2010 reflects a tax benefit of \$3.5 million from New Clean Energy Manufacturing Tax Credits awarded to us in January 2010 for qualifying capital investments incurred at our Colorado facility in 2009. Excluding this credit, our effective tax rate would have been 30.7%.

The effective tax rates for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2009 were 19.7% and 28.0%, respectively. The third quarter rates reflect tax benefits of \$1.2 million from the recognition of additional 2008 and 2009 U.S. Research and Development (R&D) tax credits and \$1.8 million related to the reversal of a reserve for uncertain tax positions. The 2009 year to date also includes a tax benefit of \$1.1 million from the reversal of reserves for uncertain tax positions as a result of an audit settlement. Excluding the benefits, the effective tax rates were 29.1% and 31.3%, respectively.

Note 10 - Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income represents net income and other gains and losses affecting stockholders' equity that are not reflected in the condensed consolidated statements of operations. The components of comprehensive income, net of tax, for the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were as follows:

| (In millions) | Quarter Ended September 30, | | Nine-Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|-----------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Net income | \$ 15.6 | \$ 10.4 | \$ 54.5 | \$ 50.6 |
| Currency translation adjustments | 27.0 | 7.1 | (9.5) | 15.3 |
| Pension and other postretirement obligations | (1.1) | 0.4 | 0.4 | (0.9) |
| Net unrealized gains on financial instruments | 8.7 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 7.2 |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 50.2 | \$ 19.4 | \$ 48.9 | \$ 72.2 |

Note 11 Fair Value Measurements

The authoritative guidance for fair value measurements establishes a hierarchy for observable and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value, into three broad levels, which are described below:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for assets or liabilities. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs.

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- Level 2: Observable prices that are based on inputs not quoted on active markets, but corroborated by comparable market data.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs are used when little or no market data is available. The fair value hierarchy gives the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs.

In determining fair value, we utilize valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible as well as consider counterparty credit risk in its assessment of fair value.

We do not have any significant assets or liabilities that utilize Level 3 inputs. In addition, we have no assets or liabilities that utilize Level 1 inputs. For derivative assets and liabilities that utilize Level 2 inputs, we prepare estimates of future cash flows of our derivatives, which are discounted to a net present value. The estimated cash flows and the discount factors used in the valuation model are based on observable inputs and the credit standing of Hexcel when the derivative is in a net liability position. The fair values of these assets and liabilities were approximately \$8.4 million and \$7.2 million, respectively, at September 30, 2010. Below is a summary of valuation techniques for all Level 2 financial assets and liabilities:

- Cross-currency interest rate swap derivative liabilities valued using LIBOR and EURIBOR yield curves at the reporting date. Counterparties to these contracts are highly rated financial institutions, none of which experienced any significant downgrades in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 that would reduce the receivable amount owed, if any, to the Company. Fair value at September 30, 2010 was a liability of \$4.8 million.
- Foreign exchange derivative assets and liabilities valued using quoted forward foreign exchange prices at the reporting date. Counterparties to these contracts are highly rated financial institutions, none of which experienced any significant downgrades in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 that would reduce the receivable amount owed, if any, to the Company. Fair value of assets and liabilities at September 30, 2010 was \$8.4 million and \$2.4 million, respectively.
- Money market funds considered available-for-sale, and classified as cash equivalents. Fair value at September 30, 2010 was \$58.4 million, the same as book value.

Note 12 - Segment Information

The financial results for our operating segments are prepared using a management approach, which is consistent with the basis and manner in which we internally segregate financial information for the purpose of assisting in making internal operating decisions. We evaluate the performance of our operating segments based on operating income, and generally account for intersegment sales based on arm's length prices. Corporate and certain other expenses are not allocated to the operating segments, except to the extent that the expense can be directly attributable to the business segment.

Financial information for our business segments for the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 is as follows:

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| (In millions) | Composite Materials | Engineered Products | Unaudited Corporate & Other | Total |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| <u>Third Quarter 2010</u> | | | | |
| Net sales to external customers: | | | | |
| Commercial aerospace | \$ 110.3 | \$ 47.3 | \$ | \$ 157.6 |
| Space and defense | 52.6 | 21.8 | | 74.4 |
| Industrial | 61.7 | 0.8 | | 62.5 |
| Net sales to external customers | 224.6 | 69.9 | | 294.5 |
| Intersegment sales | 9.8 | | (9.8) | |
| Total sales | 234.4 | 69.9 | (9.8) | 294.5 |
| | | | | |
| Operating income | 34.3 | 11.9 | (11.7) | 34.5 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 12.6 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 13.7 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 2.2 |
| Accrual based additions to capital expenditures | 9.6 | 0.8 | | 10.4 |
| <u>Third Quarter 2009</u> | | | | |
| Net sales to external customers: | | | | |
| Commercial aerospace | \$ 86.4 | \$ 41.1 | \$ | \$ 127.5 |
| Space and defense | 54.5 | 20.0 | | 74.5 |
| Industrial | 54.9 | 0.2 | | 55.1 |
| Net sales to external customers | 195.8 | 61.3 | | 257.1 |
| Intersegment sales | 6.2 | 0.1 | (6.3) | |
| Total sales | 202.0 | 61.4 | (6.3) | 257.1 |
| | | | | |
| Operating income (a) | 20.8 | 7.8 | (9.0) | 19.6 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 11.0 | 1.0 | | 12.0 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 1.2 |
| Accrual based additions to capital expenditures | 17.1 | 0.8 | | 17.9 |
| <u>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010</u> | | | | |
| Net sales to external customers: | | | | |
| Commercial aerospace | \$ 333.5 | \$ 137.1 | \$ | \$ 470.6 |
| Space and defense | 166.4 | 59.9 | | 226.3 |
| Industrial | 164.0 | 1.7 | | 165.7 |
| Net sales to external customers | 663.9 | 198.7 | | 862.6 |
| Intersegment sales | 30.2 | 0.3 | (30.5) | |
| Total sales | 694.1 | 199.0 | (30.5) | 862.6 |
| | | | | |
| Operating income (a) | 107.6 | 33.9 | (42.7) | 98.8 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 36.2 | 2.9 | 0.2 | 39.3 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 3.5 | 0.6 | 6.4 | 10.5 |
| Accrual based additions to capital expenditures | 22.6 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 24.1 |
| <u>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009</u> | | | | |
| Net sales to external customers: | | | | |
| Commercial aerospace | \$ 289.8 | \$ 129.3 | \$ | \$ 419.1 |
| Space and defense | 169.2 | 57.3 | | 226.5 |
| Industrial | 195.0 | 1.1 | | 196.1 |
| Net sales to external customers | 654.0 | 187.7 | | 841.7 |
| Intersegment sales | 21.7 | 0.1 | (21.8) | |
| Total sales | 675.7 | 187.8 | (21.8) | 841.7 |
| | | | | |
| Operating income (a) | 96.1 | 26.5 | (33.4) | 89.2 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 31.2 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 34.5 |

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|---|------|-----|-----|------|
| Stock-based compensation expense | 2.4 | 0.5 | 3.8 | 6.7 |
| Accrual based additions to capital expenditures | 64.1 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 65.8 |

(a) Operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 for corporate and other includes expenses of \$3.5 million related to the increase in environmental remediation liabilities for previously sold facilities. The increase in operating expense over 2009 is primarily related to higher incentive and stock compensation expense.

Operating income for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2009 for corporate and other includes a \$1.7 million gain on the sale of a business sold in a prior year resulting from an earn-out payment from the buyer. Operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 within the corporate and other segment also includes an offsetting expense of \$1.7 million related to the increase in environmental remediation liabilities for previously sold facilities.

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Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The carrying amount of goodwill and intangible assets by segment is as follows:

| (In millions) | September 30, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Composite Materials | \$ 40.5 | \$ 40.6 |
| Engineered Products | 16.0 | 16.1 |
| Goodwill and intangible assets | \$ 56.5 | \$ 56.7 |

Note 13 Commitments and Contingencies

We are involved in litigation, investigations and claims arising out of the normal conduct of our business, including those relating to commercial transactions, environmental, employment, and health and safety matters. We estimate and accrue our liabilities when a loss becomes probable and estimable. These judgments take into consideration a variety of factors, including the stage of the proceeding; potential settlement value; assessments by internal and external counsel; and assessments by environmental engineers and consultants of potential environmental liabilities and remediation costs. Such estimates are not discounted to reflect the time value of money due to the uncertainty in estimating the timing of the expenditures, which may extend over several years.

While it is impossible to ascertain the ultimate legal and financial liability with respect to certain contingent liabilities and claims, we believe, based upon our examination of currently available information, our experience to date, and advice from legal counsel, that the individual and aggregate liabilities resulting from the ultimate resolution of these contingent matters, after taking into consideration our existing insurance coverage and amounts already provided for, will not have a material adverse impact on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

Environmental Matters

We are subject to various U.S. and international federal, state and local environmental, and health and safety laws and regulations. We are also subject to liabilities arising under the Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund), the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and similar state and international laws and regulations that impose responsibility for the control, remediation and abatement of air, water and soil pollutants and the manufacturing, storage, handling and disposal of hazardous substances and waste.

We have been named as a potentially responsible party (PRP) with respect to several hazardous waste disposal sites that we do not own or possess, which are included on, or proposed to be included on, the Superfund National Priority List of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or on equivalent lists of various state governments. Because CERCLA allows for joint and several liability in certain circumstances, we could be responsible for all remediation costs at such sites, even if we are one of many PRPs. We believe, based on the amount and the nature of our waste, and the number of financially viable PRPs, that our liability in connection with such matters will not be

material.

Lodi, New Jersey Site

Pursuant to the New Jersey Industrial Site Recovery Act, we entered into a Remediation Agreement to pay for the environmental remediation of a manufacturing facility we own and formerly operated in Lodi, New Jersey. We have commenced remediation of this site in accordance with an approved plan. In the first quarter of 2010, we made a decision to enhance the remediation system to accelerate completion of the remediation. The additional costs associated with this enhancement are included in our accrual for this liability, which at September 30, 2010 is \$5.9 million.

Lower Passaic River Study Area

In October 2003, we received, along with 66 other entities, a directive from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) that requires the entities to assess whether operations at various New Jersey sites, including our former manufacturing site in Lodi, New Jersey, caused damage to natural resources in the Lower Passaic River watershed. In May 2005, the NJDEP dismissed us from the Directive. In February 2004, 42 entities including Hexcel, received a general notice letter from the EPA which requested that the entities consider helping to finance an estimated \$10 million towards an EPA study of environmental conditions in the Lower Passaic River watershed. In May 2005, we signed into an agreement with the EPA to participate (bringing the total number of participating entities to 43) in financing such a study up to \$10 million, in the aggregate. Since May 2005, a number of additional PRPs have joined into the agreement with the EPA. In October 2005, we along with the other EPA notice recipients were advised by the EPA that the notice recipients were not obligated by our agreement to share in such excess, a Group of notice recipients (73 companies including Hexcel) negotiated an agreement with the EPA to assume responsibility for the study pursuant to

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an Administrative Order on Consent. We believe we have viable defenses to the EPA claims and expect that other as yet unnamed parties will also receive notices from the EPA. In June 2007, the EPA issued a draft Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) that considers interim remedial options for the lower eight miles of the river, in addition to a "no action" option. The estimated costs for the six options range from \$900 million to \$2.3 billion. The PRP Group provided comments to the EPA on the FFS; the EPA has not yet taken further action. The Administrative Order on Consent regarding the study does not cover work contemplated by the FFS. Furthermore, the Federal Trustee for natural resources have indicated their intent to perform a natural resources damage assessment on the river and invited the PRPs to participate in the development and performance of this assessment. The PRP Group, including Hexcel, has not agreed to participate in the assessment at this time. Finally, on February 4, 2009, Tierra Solutions (Tierra) and Maxus Energy Corporation (Maxus) filed a third party complaint in New Jersey Superior Court against us and over 300 other entities in an action brought against Tierra and Maxus (and other entities) by the State of New Jersey. New Jersey's suit against Tierra and Maxus relates to alleged discharges of contaminants by Tierra and Maxus to the Passaic River and seeks payment of all past and future costs the State has and will incur regarding cleanup and removal of contaminants, investigation of the Passaic River and related water bodies, assessment of natural resource injuries and other specified injuries. The third party complaint seeks contribution from us for all or part of the damages that Tierra and Maxus may owe to the State. We filed our answer to the complaint and served our initial disclosures, although discovery and motion practice was effectively stayed through June, 2010, when, the court entered a new case management order moving the case into a more active litigation phase. Our ultimate liability for investigatory costs, remedial costs and/or natural resource damages in connection with the Lower Passaic River cannot be determined at this time.

Kent, Washington Site

We were party to a cost-sharing agreement regarding the operation of certain environmental remediation systems necessary to satisfy a post-closure care permit issued to a previous owner of our Kent, Washington site by the EPA. Under the terms of the cost-sharing agreement, we were obligated to reimburse the previous owner for a portion of the cost of the required remediation activities. Management has determined that the cost-sharing agreement terminated in December 1998; however, the other party disputes this determination. The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) has issued a unilateral Enforcement Order to us requiring us to (a) maintain the interim remedial system and to perform system separation, (b) to conduct a focused remedial investigation and (c) to conduct a focused feasibility study to develop recommended long term remedial measures. We asserted defenses against performance of the order, particularly objecting to the remediation plan proposed by the previous owner, who still owns the adjacent contaminated site. However, we are currently complying with the order, with one exception, without withdrawing our defenses. As a result of a dispute resolution procedure, Hexcel and Ecology have reached an agreement to modify certain work requirements and to extend certain deadlines, and we are in full compliance with the order as modified. Recently, the other party's cleanup efforts have declined due to discovery of additional contamination and equipment failures; we believe that this has increased the contamination migrating to our property and will increase the duration of our cleanup. The total accrued liability related to this matter was \$1.8 million at September 30, 2010.

Omega Chemical Corporation Superfund Site, Whittier, CA

We are a PRP at a former chemical waste site in Whittier, CA. The PRPs at Omega have established a PRP Group, the Omega Group, and are currently investigating and remediating soil and groundwater at the site pursuant to a Consent Decree with the EPA, entered into in March 2000. Hexcel contributed approximately 1.07% of the waste tonnage sent to the site during its operations. In addition to the Omega site specifically, there is regional groundwater contamination in the area as well. The EPA has not determined who it will identify as PRPs to investigate and, as necessary, remediate the regional groundwater contamination. Although it is likely that Hexcel will incur costs associated with the regional investigation and remediation as a member of the Omega Group, our ultimate liability, if any, in connection with this matter cannot be determined at this time.

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Our estimate of liability as a PRP and our remaining costs associated with our responsibility to remediate the Lodi, New Jersey; Kent, Washington; and other sites are accrued in the consolidated balance sheets. As of September 30, 2010, our aggregate environmental related accruals were \$8.6 million, of which \$4.4 million was included in accrued liabilities with the remainder included in non-current liabilities. These accruals can change significantly from period to period due to such factors as additional information on the nature or extent of contamination, the methods of remediation required, changes in the apportionment of costs among responsible parties and other actions by governmental agencies or private parties, or the impact, if any, of being named in a new matter.

Environmental remediation spending charged directly to our reserve balance was \$1.1 million and \$0.8 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$3.5 million and \$2.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009. In addition, our operating costs relating to environmental compliance charged directly to expenses were \$2.1 million and \$2.4 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively and \$6.8 million and \$7.4 million for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Capital expenditures for environmental matters were \$0.5

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million and \$1.5 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively and \$0.9 million and \$3.5 million for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Litigation

Seemann Composites, Inc. v. Hexcel Corporation

Seemann Composites, Inc., (SCI) has sued us in the United States District Court, Southern District of Mississippi (Civil Action No. 1:09-cv-00675-HSO-JMR), filed September 16, 2009. SCI alleges that we supplied the wrong or a defective finished fabric to them, through one of our distributors, and is seeking unspecified compensatory damages and \$10.0 million in punitive damages. Discovery has commenced. We intend to vigorously defend the suit. Our ultimate liability for this matter cannot be determined at this time.

Product Warranty

We provide for an estimated amount of product warranty expense at the time revenue is recognized. This estimated amount is provided by product and based on historical warranty experience. In addition, we periodically review our warranty accrual and record any adjustments as deemed appropriate. Warranty expense for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2010, and accrued warranty cost, included in accrued liabilities in the condensed consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, was as follows:

| (In millions) | | Product Warranties |
|---|----|-----------------------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2009 | \$ | 3.7 |
| Warranty expense | | 1.8 |
| Deductions and other | | (0.7) |
| Balance as of June 30, 2010 | | 4.8 |
| Warranty expense | | 1.0 |
| Deductions and other | | 0.1 |
| Balance as of September 30, 2010 | \$ | 5.9 |

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

Business Overview

Hexcel Corporation, and its subsidiaries, is a leading advanced composites company. We develop, manufacture, and market lightweight, high-performance composites, including carbon fibers, reinforcements, prepregs, honeycomb, matrix systems, adhesives and composite structures, for use in commercial aerospace, space and defense and industrial applications. Our products are used in a wide variety of end applications, such as commercial and military aircraft, rotorcraft, space launch vehicles and satellites, wind turbine blades, automotive and a wide variety of recreational equipment.

We serve international markets through manufacturing facilities and sales offices located in the United States, Europe and Asia, and through sales representation offices located in Asia, Australia and South America. We also hold a 50% interest in Asian Composites Manufacturing Sdn. Bhd., located in Malaysia, which manufactures composite structures for commercial aerospace.

Hexcel has two segments, Composite Materials and Engineered Products. The Composite Materials segment manufactures and markets carbon fibers, fabrics and specialty reinforcements, prepregs, structural adhesives, honeycomb, composite panels, molding compounds, polyurethane systems and laminates that are incorporated into many applications, including military and commercial aircraft, rotorcraft, wind turbine blades and recreational products. The Engineered Products segment manufactures and markets composite structures and precision machined honeycomb parts for use primarily in the aerospace industry. Composite structures are manufactured from a variety of composite and other materials, including prepregs, honeycomb, structural adhesives and advanced molding materials, using such manufacturing processes as autoclave processing, multi-axis numerically controlled machining, heat forming, compression molding and other composite manufacturing techniques.

Net sales for the quarter were \$294.5 million, 14.5% higher (18.2% higher in constant currency) than the \$257.1 million reported for the third quarter of 2009. Year to date net sales were 3.2% higher than last year in constant currency. Commercial Aerospace sales increased 26.4% for the quarter, in constant currency. Space and Defense increased 1.8% in constant currency and Industrial sales increased 21.8% in constant currency.

Commercial Aerospace sales increased 23.6% (26.4% in constant currency) for the quarter and were 12.3% higher for the nine-month period as compared to 2009. Airbus and Boeing related sales were up over 20%, led by new program sales and the increase in production rates for their legacy programs. These two combined have 6,857 planes in backlog at September 30, 2010 and, based on their estimates, are on track in 2010 to approach the record deliveries of 979 aircraft in 2009. New aircraft such as the Boeing 787 and 747-8, as well as the Airbus A380 and A350, continue to be a key component of our growth representing more than 20% of our total Commercial Aerospace sales for the second quarter in a row. In the third quarter of 2010, Boeing announced the delay of the first delivery of the B787 to the middle of the first quarter of 2011 and the first delivery of the B747-8 to mid-year in 2011. It is unclear what impact, if any, these delays will have on Hexcel's sales of materials to these two new programs. Sales to Other Commercial Aerospace, which includes regional and business aircraft customers, were more than 10% above their low point of the third quarter of last year and slightly lower than the second quarter of 2010.

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Space and Defense sales were flat (increased 1.8% in constant currency) for the quarter and were essentially flat for the nine-month period compared to 2009. We continue to benefit from participating in a wide range of programs, which helps offset the wind-down of the F22 program.

Industrial sales were up 13.4% (21.8% increase in constant currency) for the quarter and down 15.5% for the nine-month period compared to last year. Wind energy sales were about the same as the second quarter 2010 and were up just over 20% above third quarter of 2009. While we are optimistic about the longer term prospects for prepreg sales for wind turbines, we are cautious in the short-term as we expect continued choppiness in this market. Industrial sales, excluding wind energy, were also up over 20% compared to the third quarter of 2009, but were down slightly on a sequential basis.

Gross margin was 23.9% of net sales for the quarter as compared to 20.3% in the same period last year. The improved gross margin percentage over last year reflects the higher volume, factory productivity and cost reduction initiatives and favorable product mix. These more than offset the increase in depreciation expense included in cost of sales of \$1.3 million versus last year. Exchange rates resulted in about a 50 basis points improvement in gross margin compared to last year. SG&A expenses were \$28.7 million versus \$25.8 million in 2009, primarily reflecting higher variable incentive based compensation expense from our improved outlook versus 2009.

We continue to moderate our pace of spending to maintain alignment with current growth assumptions for us and our customers and are committed to achieving factory efficiencies and yields to both reduce cost and capital requirements going forward. In the

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second quarter of 2010, we resumed construction of the remaining lines of our previously announced carbon fiber capacity additions. We expect to have these additions completed by the end of 2011, and we will then be at 16 million pounds of nameplate capacity. Accrual basis additions to capital expenditures were \$24.1 million in the first nine months of 2010 as compared to \$65.8 million during the first nine months of 2009. We do expect the pace of capital expenditures to increase in the fourth quarter of 2010 and the accrued capital expenditures to be in the range of \$60 - \$65 million for 2010.

The free cash flow (defined as cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures) for the first nine months was \$38 million as compared to almost \$58 million for the first nine months of 2009 as an increase of \$73 million in working capital due to the return to sales growth was partially offset by \$51 million of lower capital expenditures.

Third Quarter and Nine Months Results

| (In millions, except per share data) | Quarter Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | % Change | 2010 | 2009 | % Change |
| Net sales | \$ 294.5 | \$ 257.1 | 14.5% | \$ 862.6 | \$ 841.7 | 2.5% |
| Operating income | 34.5 | 19.6 | 76.0% | 98.8 | 89.2 | 10.8% |
| Net income | 15.6 | 10.4 | 50.0% | 54.5 | 50.6 | 7.7% |
| Diluted net income per common share | \$ 0.16 | \$ 0.11 | | \$ 0.55 | \$ 0.52 | |
| <i>Non-GAAP measures:</i> | | | | | | |
| Adjusted operating income | \$ 34.5 | \$ 17.9 | 92.7% | \$ 102.3 | \$ 89.2 | 14.7% |
| <i>As a percentage of net sales</i> | <i>11.7%</i> | <i>7.0%</i> | | <i>11.9%</i> | <i>10.6%</i> | |
| Adjusted net income | \$ 19.9 | \$ 9.3 | 114.0% | \$ 57.5 | \$ 50.6 | 13.6% |
| Adjusted diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.20 | \$ 0.10 | | \$ 0.58 | \$ 0.52 | |

The Company uses non-GAAP financial operating measures, including sales measured in constant dollars, operating income adjusted for non-recurring operating expenses and business consolidation and restructuring expenses, net income adjusted for non-recurring expenses, the effective tax rate adjusted for certain one-time items and free cash flow. Management believes these non-GAAP measurements are meaningful to investors because they provide a view of Hexcel with respect to ongoing operating results and comparisons to prior periods. Non-recurring items and certain tax adjustments represent significant charges or credits that are important to an understanding of Hexcel's overall operating results in the periods presented. Such non-GAAP measurements are not determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and should not be viewed as an alternative to GAAP measures of performance. The following is a reconciliation from GAAP to non-GAAP amounts for operating and net income.

| (In millions, except per share data) | Quarter Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---------|-------|---------------------------------|---------|-------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | | 2010 | 2009 | |
| Operating income | \$ 34.5 | \$ 19.6 | | \$ 98.8 | \$ 89.2 | |
| Adjustment to prior year gain on sale of a business (a) | | | (1.7) | | | (1.7) |
| Environmental Expense (b) | | | | 3.5 | 1.7 | |
| Adjusted operating income | \$ 34.5 | \$ 17.9 | | \$ 102.3 | \$ 89.2 | |
| Net income | \$ 15.6 | \$ 10.4 | | \$ 54.5 | \$ 50.6 | |
| Acceleration of deferred financing costs (c) | 4.3 | | | 4.3 | | |
| Adjustment to prior year gain on sale of a business (a) | | | (1.1) | | | (1.1) |

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|--|----|------|----|-----|-------|------|---------|
| Environmental Expense (net of tax) (b) | | | | | 2.2 | | 1.1 |
| Tax adjustments (d) | | | | | (3.5) | | |
| Adjusted net income | \$ | 19.9 | \$ | 9.3 | \$ | 57.5 | \$ 50.6 |

(a) The three and nine-month periods of 2009 include a \$1.7 million (\$1.1 million after-tax) net gain related to the 2007 sale of a business, primarily due to the receipt of an earn-out payment from the buyer.

(b) The nine-month periods of 2010 and 2009 include environmental expense adjustments related to an increase to the estimated remediation costs for a manufacturing facility sold in 1986.

(c) The third quarter and nine months of 2010 include \$4.3 million after tax expense related to the acceleration of deferred financing costs due to the refinancing of our Senior Secured Credit Facility during the third quarter.

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(d) New Clean Energy Manufacturing Tax Credits awarded in 2010 for qualifying capital investments made in our U.S. wind energy facility in 2009.

Net Sales

Net sales increased for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2010 over the same periods in 2009, primarily reflecting higher sales volume in the Commercial Aerospace markets. On a constant currency basis, sales for the quarter ended September 30, 2010 were 18.2% higher than the same quarter in 2009 (14.5% increase at actual rates) and sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were 3.2% higher than the nine months ended September 30, 2009 (2.5% increase at actual rates).

The following table summarizes net sales to third-party customers by segment and end market for the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009:

| (In millions) | Quarter Ended September 30, | | | % Change | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | % Change |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--|-------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | | | 2010 | 2009 | | |
| Consolidated Net Sales | \$ 294.5 | \$ 257.1 | | 14.5% | \$ 862.6 | \$ 841.7 | | 2.5% |
| Commercial Aerospace | 157.6 | 127.5 | | 23.6% | 470.6 | 419.1 | | 12.3% |
| Space & Defense | 74.4 | 74.5 | | (0.1)% | 226.3 | 226.5 | | (0.1)% |
| Industrial | 62.5 | 55.1 | | 13.4% | 165.7 | 196.1 | | (15.5)% |
| Composite Materials | \$ 224.6 | \$ 195.8 | | 14.7% | \$ 663.9 | \$ 654.0 | | 1.5% |
| Commercial Aerospace | 110.3 | 86.4 | | 27.7% | 333.5 | 289.8 | | 15.1% |
| Space & Defense | 52.6 | 54.5 | | (3.5)% | 166.4 | 169.2 | | (1.7)% |
| Industrial | 61.7 | 54.9 | | 12.4% | 164.0 | 195.0 | | (15.9)% |
| Engineered Products | \$ 69.9 | \$ 61.3 | | 14.0% | \$ 198.7 | \$ 187.7 | | 5.9% |
| Commercial Aerospace | 47.3 | 41.1 | | 15.1% | 137.1 | 129.3 | | 6.0% |
| Space & Defense | 21.8 | 20.0 | | 9.0% | 59.9 | 57.3 | | 4.5% |
| Industrial | 0.8 | 0.2 | | 300.0% | 1.7 | 1.1 | | 54.5% |

Commercial Aerospace: Net sales increased \$30.1 million, or 23.6% (26.4% on a constant currency basis), to \$157.6 million for the third quarter of 2010. Net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 increased \$51.5 million or 12.3% (12.6% on a constant currency basis) to \$470.6 million over the nine months ended September 30, 2009. For the quarter, Airbus and Boeing related sales were up over 20%, led by new program sales as well as an increase in sales for the legacy programs. Revenues attributed to new aircraft programs (A380, A350, B787, B747-8) represented more than 20% of Commercial Aerospace sales for the second quarter in a row and for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. Sales to Other Commercial Aerospace, which includes regional and business aircraft customers, were more than 10% above their low point of the third quarter of last year and slightly lower than the second quarter of 2010. Sales for this sub-market, for the first nine months of 2010, were more than 10% lower than the prior year period as a result of the reduction in demand that began in the second quarter of 2009.

Space & Defense: Net sales were essentially flat (1.8% increase on a constant currency basis), at \$74.4 million for the third quarter of 2010. Net sales of \$226.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were essentially flat with the prior year level as sales from rotorcraft, including the V22 tilt rotor program, offset the lower F22 sales due to the wind-down of the program.

Industrial: Net sales increased 13.4% (21.8% on a constant currency basis) for the third quarter of 2010. Net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 decreased \$30.4 million or 15.5% (a decrease of 14.1% on a constant currency basis) to \$165.7 million. Wind energy sales were more than 20% higher than the third quarter of 2009, and essentially flat with the second quarter of 2010. Industrial sales excluding wind energy were up over 20% in constant currency compared to the third quarter of 2009, and down slightly on a sequential basis.

Gross Margin

| (In millions) | Quarter Ended September 30, | | | % Change | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | % Change | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------|----|----------|---------------------------------|------|-------|----------|-------|-------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | | | 2010 | 2009 | | | | |
| Gross margin | \$ | 70.5 | \$ | 52.1 | 35.3% | \$ | 215.0 | \$ | 192.2 | 11.9% |
| Percentage of sales | | 23.9% | | 20.3% | | | 24.9% | | 22.8% | |

The increase in gross margin of \$18.4 million for the third quarter of 2010 and \$22.8 million for the first nine months of 2010 resulted from factory productivity and cost reduction initiatives, favorable product mix and higher volume. Foreign exchange rates

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contributed almost 50 basis points to the quarter's improved gross margin percentage over last year, but had nominal impact on a year-to-date basis.

Depreciation and amortization expense, included in cost of sales during the quarter increased \$1.3 million to \$11.9 million. For the first nine months of 2010, depreciation and amortization expense included in cost of sales increased \$3.8 million in constant currency.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses (SG&A)

| (In millions) | Quarter Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | % Change | 2010 | 2009 | % Change |
| SG&A expense | \$ 28.7 | \$ 25.8 | 11.2% | \$ 89.7 | \$ 80.4 | 11.6% |
| Percentage of sales | 9.7% | 10.0% | | 10.4% | 9.6% | |

On a constant currency basis, SG&A expenses for the third quarter and nine-month period increased about 15% and 12%, respectively, from last year, primarily reflecting higher variable incentive based compensation expense from our improved outlook versus 2009.

Research and Technology Expenses (R&T)

| (In millions) | Quarter Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | % Change | 2010 | 2009 | % Change |
| R&T expense | \$ 7.3 | \$ 8.4 | (13.1)% | \$ 23.0 | \$ 22.6 | 1.8% |
| Percentage of sales | 2.5% | 3.3% | | 2.7% | 2.7% | |

On a constant currency basis, R&T expenses for the quarter ended September 30, 2010 decreased about 10% from last year, reflecting lower development and qualification costs for new airplane programs in the current quarter. On a constant currency basis, R&T expenses increased about 3% for the nine month period reflecting higher development and qualification costs for new airplane programs earlier in the year.

Operating Income

| (In millions) | Quarter Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | % Change | 2010 | 2009 | % Change |
| Consolidated | | | | | | |
| Operating income | \$ 34.5 | \$ 19.6 | 76.0% | \$ 98.8 | \$ 89.2 | 10.8% |
| <i>Operating margin</i> | <i>11.7%</i> | <i>7.6%</i> | | <i>11.5%</i> | <i>10.6%</i> | |
| Composite Materials | 34.3 | 20.8 | 64.9% | 107.6 | 96.1 | 12.0% |
| <i>Operating margin</i> | <i>14.6%</i> | <i>10.3%</i> | | <i>15.5%</i> | <i>14.2%</i> | |
| Engineered Products | 11.9 | 7.8 | 52.6% | 33.9 | 26.5 | 27.9% |

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| <i>Operating margin</i> | <i>17.0%</i> | <i>12.7%</i> | | <i>17.0%</i> | <i>14.1%</i> | |
| Corporate & Other | (11.7) | (9.0) | (30.0)% | (42.7) | (33.4) | (27.8)% |

Strong gross margins, as discussed above, partially offset by higher variable incentive based compensation expense, drove the improvement in operating margins for the third quarter 2010. Corporate and other for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 included \$3.5 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, of additional environmental reserves. Foreign exchange rates had a 50 basis point positive effect on the quarter and a nominal impact on the nine month results.

Interest Expense

| (In millions) | Quarter Ended September 30, | | | % Change | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | % Change |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------|---------|----------|---------------------------------|---------|--------|----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | | | 2010 | 2009 | | |
| Interest expense, net | \$ 5.3 | \$ 6.9 | (23.2)% | | \$ 19.0 | \$ 19.8 | (4.0)% | |
| Percentage of sales | 1.8% | 2.7% | | | 2.2% | 2.4% | | |

The decrease in interest expense for the three and nine-month periods was due to the refinancing in July 2010 of our Senior Secured Credit Facilities and lower average borrowings. As a result of the refinancing, the new interest rate is 125 basis points lower than the prior facility and the 2.5% LIBOR floor was removed. Interest expense for the nine-month period of 2010 includes higher amortization of deferred financing costs through June 2010 as a result of the refinancing in May 2009.

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Non-Operating Expense

As a result of the July 2010 refinancing, we recorded a pretax charge of \$6.8 million in the third quarter of 2010 for the accelerated amortization of deferred financing costs of the replaced facility.

Provision for Income Taxes

| (In millions) | Quarter Ended September 30, | | | % Change | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | % Change |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|--|----------|---------------------------------|---------|--|----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | | | 2010 | 2009 | | |
| Provision for Income taxes | \$ 6.8 | \$ 2.5 | | 172.0% | \$ 18.9 | \$ 19.4 | | (2.6)% |
| Effective tax rate | 30.4% | 19.7% | | | 25.9% | 28.0% | | |

The income tax provision for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 included a tax benefit of \$3.5 million from the New Clean Energy Manufacturing Tax Credits awarded in January 2010 for qualifying capital investments made in our U.S. wind energy facility in 2009. The effective tax rate excluding these credits would have been 30.7%.

The effective tax rates for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2009 were 19.7% and 28.0%, respectively. The third quarter rates reflect tax benefits of \$1.2 million from the recognition of additional 2008 and 2009 U.S. Research and Development (R&D) tax credits and \$1.8 million related to the reversal of a reserve for uncertain tax positions. The 2009 year to date also includes a tax benefit of \$1.1 million from the reversal of reserves for uncertain tax positions as a result of an audit settlement. Excluding the benefits, the effective tax rates were 29.1% and 31.3%, respectively.

Financial Condition

Liquidity: As of September 30, 2010, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$78.5 million. Aggregate borrowings as of September 30, 2010 under our Senior Secured Credit Facility (the Facility), consisted of \$98.8 million in term loans. No amounts were outstanding under our \$150 million revolving credit facility. Our Senior Secured Credit Facility permits us to issue letters of credit up to an aggregate amount of \$40.0 million. Outstanding letters of credit reduce the amount available for borrowing under our revolving loan. As of September 30, 2010, we had issued letters of credit under the Senior Secured Credit Facility totaling \$2.1 million, resulting in undrawn availability under the Facility as of September 30, 2010 of \$147.9 million. In addition, we borrowed \$5.0 million from a credit line established in China associated with our operations there. Our total debt, net of cash, as of September 30, 2010 was \$253.1 million, a decrease of \$29.1 million from December 31, 2009.

On July 9, 2010, Hexcel Corporation entered into a new \$250 million Senior Secured Credit Facility consisting of a \$150 million revolving loan and a \$100 million term loan. The Facility matures on July 9, 2015. Proceeds from the term loan and cash on hand were used to repay all amounts, and terminate all commitments, outstanding under Hexcel's old credit agreement and to pay fees and expenses in connection with the refinancing. We incurred about \$3.7 million in issuance costs related to the refinancing of the Facility, which will be expensed over the life of the Facility. As a result of the refinancing, we incurred a \$6.8 million charge in the third quarter of 2010 to accelerate the amortization of deferred financing costs associated with the previous credit facility. The Facility permits us to issue letters of credit up to an aggregate amount

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of \$40 million and allows us to draw up to \$75 million in Euros. Amounts drawn in Euros or any outstanding letters of credit reduce the amount available for borrowing under the revolving loan. The credit agreement contains financial and other covenants, including, but not limited to, restrictions on the incurrence of debt and the granting of liens, as well as the maintenance of an interest coverage ratio and a leverage ratio, and limitations on capital expenditures. As of September 30, 2010, we were in compliance with all debt covenants and expect to remain in compliance. Terms of the Facility are further discussed in Note 7 to the accompanying financial statements.

We expect to meet our short-term liquidity requirements (including capital expenditures) through net cash from operating activities, cash on hand and our revolving credit facility. As of September 30, 2010, long-term liquidity requirements consist primarily of obligations under our long-term debt obligations.

Operating Activities: Net cash provided by operating activities was \$68.8 million in the first nine months of 2010, as compared to \$140.0 million in the first nine months of 2009, primarily from higher working capital levels as sales volumes increased. Accounts receivable and inventories used \$71.2 million of cash as opposed to generating cash of \$77.0 million in the first nine months of 2009. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities resulted in an inflow of \$27.2 million in the first nine months of 2010 and an outflow of \$37.4 million in the first nine months of 2009. These large swings reflect moving from last year's declining sales to the current year of increasing sales and outlook.

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Investing Activities: Net cash used for investing activities of \$31.2 million in the first nine months of 2010 was for capital expenditures. This compares to capital expenditures of \$82.1 million during the first nine months of 2009. The decrease primarily reflects prudent management of our capital spending as we focus on factory yields and efficiencies and try to match our capital spending with our long-term growth assumptions. We do expect capital expenditures to increase in the fourth quarter of 2010 and accrued capital expenditures to be in the range of \$60 to \$65 million for the full year.

Financing Activities: Financing activities used \$66.2 million of net cash in the first nine months of 2010 compared with \$13.8 million in the same period of 2009. This year, we refinanced our Senior Secured Credit Facility and received \$100 million of proceeds from a new term loan. The new borrowings plus cash on hand were used to repay \$134.1 million of term loans existing under the previous facility and \$3.7 million of debt issuance costs related to the refinancing. Also, we repaid \$30.0 million of our previous Senior Secured Credit Facility with cash on hand. This included a \$26.4 million mandatory prepayment based on 50% of the cash flow generated in 2009, as defined in the old agreement. In addition, we borrowed \$1.9 million from a line of credit associated with our operations in China.

In 2009, we also refinanced our Senior Secured Credit Facility and received \$171.5 million of proceeds from a new term loan. The new borrowings were used to repay \$167.0 million of term loans existing under the previous facility and \$10.3 million of debt issuance costs related to the refinancing.

Financial Obligations and Commitments: As of September 30, 2010, short-term borrowings were \$10.5 million. Certain sales and administrative offices, data processing equipment and manufacturing equipment and facilities are leased under operating leases.

Our senior subordinated notes mature on February 1, 2015. The next significant scheduled debt payments under the Facility entered into in July 2010 are \$1.3 million per quarter starting in the third quarter of 2010 and increasing to \$2.5 million in September 2012 with two payments of \$10.0 million in September 2014 and December 2014 and two final \$25.0 million payments in March and September 2015.

Critical Accounting Estimates

Our condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. In connection with the preparation of our financial statements, we are required to make assumptions and estimates about future events, and apply judgments that affect reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and related disclosures. We base our assumptions, estimates and judgments on historical experience, current trends and other factors management believes to be relevant at the time our condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared. On a regular basis, management reviews accounting policies, assumptions, estimates and judgments to ensure our financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with U.S. GAAP. However, because future events and their effects cannot be determined with certainty, actual results may differ from our assumptions and estimates, and such differences could be material.

We describe our significant accounting policies and critical accounting estimates in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. There were no significant changes in our accounting policies and estimates since the end of fiscal 2009.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements relate to analyses and other information that are based on forecasts of future results and estimates of amounts not yet determinable. These statements also relate to future prospects, developments and business strategies. These forward-looking statements are identified by their use of terms and phrases such as anticipate, believe, could, estimate, expect, intend, may, plan, predict, project, should, will, and similar terms and phrases, and references to assumptions. Such statements are based on current expectations, are inherently uncertain, and are subject to changing assumptions.

Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: (a) the estimates and expectations based on aircraft production rates made publicly available by Boeing and Airbus; (b) the revenues we may generate from an aircraft model or program; (c) the impact of the possible push-out in deliveries of the Airbus and Boeing backlog and the impact of delays in new aircraft programs or the final Hexcel composite material content once the design and material selection has been completed; (d) expectations of composite content on new commercial aircraft programs and our share of those requirements; (e) expectations of growth in revenues from space & defense applications, including whether certain programs might be curtailed or discontinued; (f) expectations regarding growth in sales for wind energy, recreation and other industrial applications; (g) expectations regarding working capital

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trends and expenditures; (h) expectations as to the level of capital expenditures and when we will complete the construction and qualification of capacity expansions; (i) our ability to maintain and improve margins in light of the changes in product mix, efficiency improvements, continued cost reduction efforts and the current economic environment; (j) the outcome of legal matters; (k) our projections regarding the realizability of net operating loss and federal tax credit carryforwards, and the impact of the above factors on our expectations of 2010 financial results; and (l) the impact of various market risks, including fluctuations in interest rates, currency exchange rates, governmental and environmental regulations and tax codes, raw material costs, and fluctuations in the market price of our common stock. In addition, actual results may differ materially from the results anticipated in the forward looking statements due to a variety of factors, including but not limited to changing market conditions, increased competition, product mix, inability to achieve planned manufacturing improvements and cost reductions, and conditions in the financial markets.

Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to be materially different. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the following: changes in general economic and business conditions; changes in current pricing and cost levels; changes in political, social and economic conditions and local regulations, particularly in Asia and Europe; foreign currency fluctuations; changes in aerospace delivery rates; reductions in sales to any significant customers, particularly Airbus, Boeing or Vestas; changes in sales mix; changes in government defense procurement budgets; changes in military aerospace programs technology; industry capacity; competition; disruptions of established supply channels, particularly where raw materials are obtained from a single or limited number of sources and cannot be substituted by unqualified alternatives; manufacturing capacity constraints; and the availability, terms and deployment of capital.

If one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those expected, estimated or projected. In addition to other factors that affect our operating results and financial position, neither past financial performance nor our expectations should be considered reliable indicators of future performance. Investors should not use historical trends to anticipate results or trends in future periods. Further, our stock price is subject to volatility. Any of the factors discussed above could have an adverse impact on our stock price. In addition, failure of sales or income in any quarter to meet the investment community's expectations, as well as broader market trends, can have an adverse impact on our stock price. We do not undertake an obligation to update our forward-looking statements or risk factors to reflect future events or circumstances.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

There are no material changes in market risk from the information provided in the Company's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have evaluated our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2010 and have concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. These disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed

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to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that there have not been any changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the third quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings

The information required by Item 1 is contained within Note 13 on pages 14 through 16 of this Form 10-Q and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, which could materially affect our

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business, financial condition or future results. In addition, future uncertainties may increase the magnitude of these adverse affects or give rise to additional material risks not now contemplated.

ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

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| Period | | (a) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased | (b) Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit) | (c) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | (d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|-------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| July 1 | July 31, 2010 | 0 | \$ 0 | 0 | 0 |
| August 1 | August 31, 2010 | 3,180 | 18.23 | 0 | 0 |
| September 1 | September 30, 2010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | | 3,180(1) | \$ 18.23 | 0 | 0 |

(1) All shares were delivered by an employee in payment of the exercise price of non-qualified stock options

ITEM 5. Other Information

Not applicable

ITEM 6. Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 101 | The following materials from the Hexcel Corporation Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2010, formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, (ii) |

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (iv) related notes, tagged as blocks of text.

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Signature

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

Hexcel Corporation

October 25, 2010
(Date)

/s/ Kimberly A. Hendricks
Kimberly A. Hendricks
Vice President, Controller and
Chief Accounting Officer

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