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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 December 31, 2009
- Transition Report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the transition period from _____ to _____.**
Commission File No. 0-22818

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

22-3240619
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

58 South Service Road
Melville, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

11747
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (631) 730-2200

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 (section 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 definitions of "accelerated filer," "large 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

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

As of February 5, 2010 there were 40,830,976 shares outstanding of the registrant's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share.

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(In thousands, except share amounts)

	December 31, 2009 (Unaudited)	June 30, 2009 (Note)
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,813	\$ 41,408
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,053 and \$1,175	124,929	114,506
Inventories	165,332	158,590
Deferred income taxes	13,053	13,028
Other current assets	17,275	21,599
Total current assets	347,402	349,131
Property, plant and equipment, net	101,819	102,135
Goodwill	461,346	456,459
Trademarks and other intangible assets, net	148,000	149,196
Investment in and advances to equity-method investees	46,253	49,061
Other assets	16,498	17,514
Total assets	\$ 1,121,318	\$ 1,123,496
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 118,871	\$ 134,618
Income taxes payable	8,555	1,877
Current portion of long-term debt	33	44
Total current liabilities	127,459	136,539
Long-term debt, less current portion	235,072	258,372
Deferred income taxes and other liabilities	26,547	27,262
Total liabilities	389,078	422,173
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock - \$.01 par value, authorized 5,000,000 shares, no shares issued		
Common stock - \$.01 par value, authorized 100,000,000 shares, issued 41,809,008 and 41,699,509 shares	418	417
Additional paid-in capital	507,967	503,161
Retained earnings	231,557	212,285
Accumulated other comprehensive income	8,626	1,769
	748,568	717,632
Less: 1,003,032 and 1,001,898 shares of treasury stock, at cost	(16,328)	(16,309)

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Total stockholders' equity	732,240	701,323
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,121,318	\$ 1,123,496

Note: The balance sheet at June 30, 2009 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date.

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Six Months Ended December 31,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net sales	\$ 241,967	\$ 312,220	\$ 472,451	\$ 599,004
Cost of sales	172,067	241,838	340,743	459,789
Gross profit	69,900	70,382	131,708	139,215
Selling, general and administrative expenses	47,182	49,977	89,746	103,316
Restructuring expenses	1,157	894	2,936	1,492
Operating income	21,561	19,511	39,026	34,407
Interest and other expenses, net	3,515	5,224	6,557	9,208
Equity in net loss of equity-method investee	136		1,132	
Income before income taxes	17,910	14,287	31,337	25,199
Provision for income taxes	6,728	5,498	12,065	9,644
Net income	11,182	8,789	19,272	15,555
Income attributable to noncontrolling interest		(649)		(393)
Net income attributable to The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.	\$ 11,182	\$ 8,140	\$ 19,272	\$ 15,162
Net income per share attributable to The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.:				
Basic	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.38
Diluted	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.37
Shares used in the calculation of net income per common share attributable to The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.:				
Basic	40,774	40,464	40,737	40,344
Diluted	41,352	41,025	41,255	41,262

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total
	Shares	Amount at \$.01			Shares	Amount		
Balance at June 30, 2009	41,699,509	\$ 417	\$ 503,161	\$ 212,285	1,001,898	\$(16,309)	\$ 1,769	\$ 701,323
Issuance of common stock pursuant to stock compensation plans	56,884	1	767					768
Issuance of common stock in connection with license agreement	52,615		965					965
Stock-based compensation income tax effects			(205)					(205)
Shares withheld for payment of employee payroll taxes due on shares issued under stock-based compensation plans					1,134	(19)		(19)
Non-cash compensation charge			3,279					3,279
Net income				19,272				19,272
Translation adjustments							6,766	6,766
Change in deferred gains on cash flow hedging instruments, net of tax							(654)	(654)
Reclassification of unrealized loss on available for sale investment, net of tax							745	745
Balance at December 31, 2009	41,809,008	\$ 418	\$ 507,967	\$ 231,557	1,003,032	\$(16,328)	\$ 8,626	\$ 732,240

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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(In thousands)

	Six Months Ended December 31, 2009 2008 (Unaudited)	
CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 19,272	\$ 15,555
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	9,359	11,076
Deferred income taxes	(1,489)	(302)
Equity in net loss of equity-method investee	1,132	
Loss on write-down of investment	1,210	
Non-cash compensation	3,279	2,897
Tax benefit from stock options	108	290
Other non-cash items, net	104	(114)
Increase (decrease) in cash attributable to changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(10,223)	(1,314)
Inventories	(5,679)	(41,508)
Other current assets	2,952	5,885
Other assets	(647)	(3,355)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(16,816)	(5,170)
Income taxes	8,252	(879)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	10,814	(16,939)
CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of property and equipment	(4,924)	(6,234)
Proceeds from disposals of property and equipment	27	643
Acquisitions of business	(344)	(446)
Repayment of advances by equity-method investee	2,049	
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,192)	(6,037)
CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from exercises of stock options, net of related expenses	768	5,280
Drawings (repayments) under bank revolving credit facility	(23,330)	11,500
Repayments of other long-term debt, net		(76)
Shares withheld for payment of employee payroll taxes	(19)	(44)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(22,581)	16,660
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	364	(2,285)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(14,595)	(8,601)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	41,408	58,513
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 26,813	\$ 49,912

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. GENERAL

The Hain Celestial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiaries (collectively, the Company, and herein referred to as we, us, and our) manufacture, market, distribute and sell natural and organic products under brand names which are sold as better-for-you products. We are a leader in many natural food categories, with such well-known food brands as Earth's Best®, Celestial Seasonings®, Hain Pure Foods®, Westbrae Natural®, WestSoy®, Rice Dream®, Soy Dream®, Imagine®, Walnut Acres Organic®, Ethnic Gourmet®, Rosetto®, Gluten Free Café, Little Bear Organic Foods®, Bearitos®, Arrowhead Mills®, MaraNatha®, SunSpire®, Health Valley®, Breadshop®, Casbah®, Spectrum Naturals®, Spectrum Essentials®, Hollywood®, Garden of Eatin®, Terra®, Boston's The Best You've Ever Tasted®, Lima®, Grains Noirs®, Natumi®, Yves Veggie Cuisine®, DeBoles®, Nile Spice®, Linda McCartney® (under license), Daily Bread®, Realeat® and Granose®. Our natural personal care products are marketed under the Avalon Organics®, Alba Botanica®, JASON®, Zia®, Queen Helene®, Batherapy®, Shower Therapy®, Fooththerapy®, Tushies® and TenderCare® brands. Our household cleaning products are marketed under the Martha Stewart Clean (under license) brand.

We have a minority investment in Hain Pure Protein Corporation (HPP or Hain Pure Protein), which processes, markets and distributes antibiotic-free chicken and turkey products. See Note 2, Basis of Presentation, and Note 12, Equity Investments.

We operate in one business segment: the manufacturing, distribution and marketing of natural and organic products. In our 2009 fiscal year, approximately 49% of our revenues were derived from products that were manufactured within our own facilities with 51% produced by various co-packers.

All dollar amounts in our condensed consolidated financial statements and tables have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, except per share amounts. Share amounts in the notes to condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in thousands.

Management evaluated all events and transactions occurring after the balance sheet date through the filing of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q on February 9, 2010.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Our condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Except for the retrospective adjustments related to the adoption of new accounting guidance contained in Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 810, Consolidation, regarding noncontrolling interests as discussed in further detail below, the amounts as of and for the periods ended June 30, 2009 are derived from the Company's audited annual financial statements. The condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all normal recurring adjustments which, in management's opinion, are necessary for a fair presentation for interim periods. Operating results for the three and six months ended December 31, 2009 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending June 30, 2010. Please refer to the footnotes to our consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2009 and for the year then ended included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for information not included in these condensed footnotes.

The Company's investment in HPP is accounted for under the equity method of accounting effective from June 30, 2009. The Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations for all periods prior to July 1, 2009 include the revenues and expenses of HPP.

The condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three and six months ended December 31, 2008 includes adjustments to reclassify \$3,341 and \$5,874, respectively, from selling, general and administrative expenses to net sales as a result of a misclassification of certain promotional expenses in prior periods. The reclassifications did not affect previously reported net income.

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Newly Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) approved the Accounting Standards Codification as the single source of authoritative nongovernmental GAAP. Rules and interpretive releases of the SEC under authority of federal securities laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. The standard is effective for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. We adopted the standard for the quarter ended September 30, 2009, and as a result, disclosures include references to ASC.

On July 1, 2009, we adopted a new accounting standard issued by the FASB, which is included in ASC 805, *Business Combinations* which provides revised guidance related to accounting for business combinations using the acquisition method of accounting (previously referred to as the purchase method). The standard requires the acquiring entity in a business combination to recognize the identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed and any noncontrolling interest in the business acquired at their acquisition-date fair values and generally requires acquisition-related costs to be expensed as incurred. The standard also provides guidance for recognizing and measuring the goodwill acquired in a business combination and determines what information to disclose to enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. The impact of this standard will be dependent on the number, size, terms and nature of acquisitions we may make in future periods.

On July 1, 2009 we also adopted a new accounting standard issued by the FASB, which is included in ASC 810, *Consolidation*, which establishes new accounting and reporting standards for a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary, which was previously referred to as minority interest. Among other requirements, the guidance establishes accounting and reporting standards that require noncontrolling interests to be reported as a separate component of equity in the consolidated financial statements, changes in a parent's ownership interest while the parent retains its controlling interest be accounted for as equity transactions and that consolidated net income include the amounts attributable to both the parent and the noncontrolling interest, with disclosure of those amounts on the face of the consolidated statement of income. The provisions of this standard must be applied prospectively, except for the presentation and disclosure requirements, which have been applied retrospectively for all periods presented. As a result of the dilution of the Company's ownership interest in HPP as of June 30, 2009, the Company deconsolidated HPP at that date. We reclassified \$1.1 million (\$0.6 million net of tax) and \$0.6 million (\$0.4 million net of tax) related to HPP from Interest and other expenses, net to Income attributable to noncontrolling interest in our Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three months and six months ended December 31, 2008. The recorded amount for the prior year's second quarter and first six months previously presented as Net income, which is now presented as Net income attributable to The Hain Celestial Group, Inc., has not changed as a result of the adoption.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Effective

In June 2009, the FASB issued a new standard, included in ASC 810, *Consolidation*, regarding the consolidation of variable interest entities. The standard includes guidance for determining whether an entity is a variable interest entity and replaces the quantitative-based risks and rewards approach with a qualitative approach that focuses on identifying which enterprise has the power to direct the activities of a variable interest entity that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance. It also requires an ongoing reassessment of whether an entity is the primary beneficiary, and it requires additional disclosures about an enterprise's involvement in variable interest entities. This standard is effective for us beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2011. We are currently evaluating the impact that the adoption will have on our consolidated financial statements.

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The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Six Months Ended December 31,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Numerator:				
Net income attributable to The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.	\$ 11,182	\$ 8,140	\$ 19,272	\$ 15,162
Denominator for basic earnings per share - weighted average shares outstanding during the period				
	40,774	40,464	40,737	40,344
Effect of dilutive stock options and unvested restricted stock	578	561	518	918
Denominator for diluted earnings per share - adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversions				
	41,352	41,025	41,255	41,262
Basic net income per share	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.38
Diluted net income per share	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.37

Basic earnings per share excludes the dilutive effects of stock options and unvested restricted stock. Diluted earnings per share includes only the dilutive effects of common stock equivalents such as stock options and restricted stock. Anti-dilutive stock options, restricted stock and restricted stock units totaling 2,676 for the three months and 2,644 for the six months ended December 31, 2009 and 2,900 for the three months and 2,424 for the six months ended December 31, 2008 were excluded from our earnings per share calculations.

4. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

The components of comprehensive income (loss) are as follows:

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Six Months Ended December 31,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net income	\$ 11,182	\$ 8,789	\$ 19,272	\$ 15,555
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net	1,081	(25,311)	6,766	(36,906)
Unrealized gains (losses) on cash flow hedging instruments, net of tax	36		(654)	
Change in unrealized loss on available-for-sale investment, net of tax	641	(400)	745	(400)
Comprehensive income (loss)	12,940	(16,922)	26,129	(21,751)
Comprehensive income attributable to the noncontrolling interest		(649)		(393)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.	\$ 12,940	\$ (17,571)	\$ 26,129	\$ (22,144)

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Accumulated other comprehensive income attributable to The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. consisted of the following:

	December 31, 2009	June 30, 2009
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$ 9,079	\$ 2,313
Unrealized loss on available for sale securities		(745)
Deferred gains (losses) on hedging instruments	(453)	201
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	\$ 8,626	\$ 1,769

5. INVENTORIES

Inventories consisted of the following:

	December 31, 2009	June 30, 2009
Finished goods	\$ 111,865	\$ 103,458
Raw materials, work-in-progress and packaging	53,467	55,132
	\$ 165,332	\$ 158,590

6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment consisted of the following:

	December 31, 2009	June 30, 2009
Land	\$ 9,179	\$ 9,113
Buildings and improvements	37,506	35,151
Machinery and equipment	133,518	129,790
Furniture and fixtures	7,178	7,093
Leasehold improvements	3,386	3,528
Construction in progress	1,736	1,766
	192,503	186,441
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	90,684	84,306
	\$ 101,819	\$ 102,135

7. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

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The Company performs its annual goodwill impairment test on the first day of its fiscal fourth quarter. In addition, if and when events or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of any of its reporting units below its carrying value, an interim test is performed. We recognized non-cash impairment charges for goodwill and other intangibles of \$52.6 million during the third quarter of fiscal 2009, which included \$49.6 million for goodwill, net of \$7.6 million attributed to the noncontrolling interest of our Hain Pure Protein joint venture, and \$3.0 million for other intangibles.

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Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the six months ended December 31, 2009 were as follows:

Balance as of June 30, 2009	\$ 456,459
Translation adjustments, net	4,887
Balance as of December 31, 2009	\$ 461,346

In October 2009, the Company entered into an additional License and Promotion Agreement with Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, Inc. (MSLO) for the use of the trademark Martha Stewart and the Martha Stewart name in connection with the marketing and sale of certain baking and pasta products. In connection with the license agreement, the Company issued 52,615 shares of its common stock to MSLO in exchange for the use of the trademark for the five-year term. The fair value of the shares issued was approximately \$1.0 million based on the market price of our common stock on the date of issuance and is being amortized on a straight-line basis over the initial five-year term. If certain sales targets are met, additional shares will be issued for a total value of up to \$9.0 million and the agreement will be extended for up to ten additional years. The Company is also required to pay royalties based on net sales and required to spend certain amounts on advertising and promotion of the products. Products contemplated by this agreement are expected to be launched beginning in fiscal 2010.

At December 31, 2009, included in trademarks and other intangible assets on the balance sheet is approximately \$11.7 million of intangible assets deemed to have a finite life, which are being amortized over their estimated useful lives. The following table reflects the components of trademarks and other intangible assets:

	December 31, 2009		June 30, 2009	
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
Amortized intangible assets:				
Other intangibles	\$ 24,934	\$ 13,190	\$ 21,976	\$ 11,728
Non-amortized intangible assets:				
Trademarks	\$ 142,882	\$ 6,626	\$ 145,630	\$ 6,682

Amortization of intangible assets with finite lives amounted to \$1.5 million in the six months ended December 31, 2009. The expected aggregate amortization expense in each of the next five fiscal years is \$3.0 million in 2010, \$2.8 million in 2011, \$2.2 million in 2012, \$1.6 million in 2013 and \$0.7 million in 2014.

8. SENIOR NOTES AND CREDIT FACILITY

We have \$150 million in aggregate principal amount of 10 year senior notes due May 2, 2016, which were issued in a private placement. The notes bear interest at 5.98%, payable semi-annually on November 2nd and May 2nd. We also have a credit agreement which provides us with a \$250 million revolving credit facility (the Credit Facility) expiring in May 2011. The Credit Facility provides for an uncommitted \$100 million accordion feature, under which the facility may be increased to \$350 million. The Credit Facility and the notes are guaranteed by substantially all of our current and future direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries. Loans under the Credit Facility bear interest at a base rate (greater of the applicable prime rate or Federal Funds Rate plus an applicable margin) or, at our option, the reserve adjusted LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin. As of December 31, 2009, there were \$85.0 million of borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility. We are required by the terms of the Credit Facility and the notes to comply with customary affirmative and negative covenants for facilities and notes of this nature.

9. INCOME TAXES

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The effective income tax rate was 37.2% and 38.0% for the first six months of fiscal 2010 and 2009, respectively. The 2010 and 2009 effective income tax rates differed from the federal statutory rate primarily due to the effect of state income taxes and the mix of pretax earnings by jurisdiction. Based upon a review of its deferred tax asset valuation allowances, in the second quarter of fiscal 2010, the Company determined that it is more likely than not that a portion of the deferred tax asset related to its U.S. foreign tax credits would be utilized, resulting in the release of approximately \$0.9 million of valuation allowances. There were no material changes in unrecognized tax benefits during the first six months of fiscal 2010.

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We have various stock based compensation programs under which awards, including stock options, restricted stock, and restricted stock units, may be granted to employees, consultants and non-employee directors.

During the six months ended December 31, 2009, 155,186 shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units were granted with an estimated grant date value of \$2.8 million. In addition, 173,289 stock options were granted with an estimated fair value of \$6.03 per share, using the Black-Scholes option pricing model based on a risk-free rate of 2.38%, expected volatility of 34.2%, an expected life of 4.75 years and a dividend yield of 0.0%.

The Company recorded stock based compensation expense of \$1.7 million for the three months ended December 31, 2009 and \$1.5 million for the three months ended December 31, 2008 and \$3.3 million for the six months ended December 31, 2009 and \$2.9 million for the six months ended December 31, 2008 in selling, general, and administrative expenses in its condensed consolidated statements of operations. At December 31, 2009, there was \$14.3 million of unrecognized stock based compensation expense, net of estimated forfeitures, which will be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 1.6 years.

Stock Options

A summary of our stock option plans activity for the six months ended December 31, 2009 is as follows:

	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Contractual Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Options outstanding June 30, 2009	5,568,667	\$ 20.64		
Granted	173,289	\$ 18.20		
Exercised	(48,050)	15.98		
Canceled and expired	(227,900)	22.48		
Options outstanding December 31, 2009	5,466,006	20.57	3.91	\$ 8,916
Options exercisable at December 31, 2009	4,033,013	\$ 21.38	3.17	\$ 4,629

The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the total pretax intrinsic value (the difference between the closing stock price on the last day of trading in the six month period ended December 31, 2009 and the exercise price) that would have been received by the option holders had all options been exercised on December 31, 2009. This value will change based on the fair market value of the Company's common stock. During the first six months of fiscal year 2010, the cash received from stock option exercises was \$0.8 million. The intrinsic value of the stock options exercised and the tax benefit expected to be realized from the tax deductions for stock options exercised were not significant for the six months ended December 31, 2009.

Restricted Stock

Non-vested restricted stock awards at December 31, 2009 and activities during fiscal 2010 were as follows:

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		Number of Shares and Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value (per share)
Non-vested restricted stock and units	June 30, 2009	489,878	\$ 21.73
Granted		155,186	\$ 18.23
Vested		(8,834)	\$ 21.31
Forfeited		(24,047)	\$ 16.75
Non-vested restricted stock and units	December 31, 2009	612,183	\$ 21.05

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At December 31, 2009, \$8.7 million of unrecognized stock-based compensation expense, net of estimated forfeitures, related to non-vested restricted stock awards is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 1.5 years.

There were 6,410,806 shares of Common Stock reserved for future issuance in connection with stock based awards as of December 31, 2009.

11. RESTRUCTURING AND OTHER CHARGES

The Company periodically assesses its operations to ensure that they are efficient, aligned with market conditions and responsive to customer needs.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2010 we initiated a plan to consolidate the production of our fresh food-to-go products in the United Kingdom into our Luton facility. As a result, we recorded costs of \$2.9 million for the six months ended December 31, 2009 related to this plan, including \$2.6 for severance and benefits and \$0.3 million of other exit costs. In addition, during fiscal years 2009 and 2008, we implemented Stock Keeping Unit (SKU) rationalizations and initiated plans to streamline and integrate several of our other operations. The following table summarizes the changes in the liability for these reorganization and restructuring activities as of December 31, 2009:

	Severance and Personnel Costs	Other Exit Costs	Total
Accrued at July 1, 2009	\$ 319	\$ 120	\$ 439
Charged to expense in fiscal 2010	2,591	344	2,935
Amounts utilized	(2,619)	(443)	(3,062)
Accrued at December 31, 2009	\$ 291	\$ 21	\$ 312

12. EQUITY INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 2009, the Company owned a 48.7% equity interest in the Hain Pure Protein joint venture. This investment is accounted for under the equity method of accounting (see Note 2). Our investment in HPP of \$25.9 million and advances to HPP of \$20.3 million are included on the consolidated balance sheet in Investment in and advances to equity-method investee. The Company provided advances to HPP to finance its operations prior to its deconsolidation. As a result of the deconsolidation and HPP simultaneously entering into a separate credit agreement, the Company and HPP entered into a subordination agreement covering the outstanding advances. The subordination agreement allows for prepayments of the advances based on HPP's meeting certain conditions under its separate credit facility. The advances are fully repayable no later than December 31, 2012.

In October 2009, the Company formed a joint venture, Hutchison Hain Organic Holdings Limited, with Hutchison China Meditech Ltd. (Chi-Med), a majority owned subsidiary of Hutchison Whampoa Limited, to market and distribute co-branded infant and toddler feeding products and market and distribute selected Hain Celestial brands in China and other markets. The Company's investment in its 50% share of the joint venture totaled approximately \$0.1 million. Voting control of the joint venture is shared 50/50 between the Company and Chi-Med. The investment is being accounted for under the equity method of accounting. For the three months ended December 31, 2009, the joint venture's results of operations were insignificant.

Available-For-Sale Securities

The Company has a less than 1% equity ownership interest in Yeo Hiap Seng Limited (YHS), a Singapore based natural food and beverage company listed on the Singapore Exchange, which is accounted for as an available-for-sale security. The cost basis of this available-for-sale security was \$7.9 million and the fair values were \$6.7 million at December 31, 2009 and \$6.7 million at June 30, 2009. The fair value of this investment is included in Other assets in the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheets. During the second quarter of fiscal 2010, the

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Company determined that an other-than-temporary decline in the fair value of YHS occurred based upon various factors including the near-term prospects of YHS, the length of time the investment was in an unrealized loss position, and publicly available information about the industry and geographic region in which YHS operates and, accordingly recorded a loss of \$1.2 million on the write-down of this investment, which is included in Interest and other expenses, net .

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In accordance with ASC 820, the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value are required to be grouped in one of three levels. The levels prioritize the inputs used to measure the fair value of the assets or liabilities. These levels are:

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;

Level 2 Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs which are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability;

Level 3 Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (i.e., supported by little or no market activity).

The following table presents by level within the fair value hierarchy assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2009:

	Total	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Available for sale securities	\$ 6,696	\$ 6,696		
Forward foreign currency contracts	(645)		(645)	
Total	\$ 6,051	\$ 6,696	\$ (645)	

The following table presents assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2009:

	Total	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Available for sale securities	\$ 6,686	\$ 6,686		
Forward foreign currency contracts	290		\$ 290	
Total	\$ 6,976	\$ 6,686	\$ 290	

The carrying amounts of our cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate their fair values because of the relatively short-term maturity of these items.

Cash Flow Hedges

The Company primarily has exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates relating to certain anticipated cash flows from its international operations. To reduce that risk, the Company may enter into certain derivative financial instruments, when available on a cost-effective basis, to manage such risk. Derivative financial instruments are not used for speculative purposes.

Foreign Exchange contracts The Company utilizes foreign currency contracts to hedge forecasted transactions, primarily intercompany transactions, on certain foreign currencies and designates these derivative instruments as foreign currency cash flow hedges when appropriate. The notional and fair value amounts of the Company's foreign exchange derivative contracts at December 31, 2009 were \$11.0 million and \$0.6 million of net liabilities. The fair value of these derivatives is included in accrued expenses on the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet. For these derivatives, which qualify as hedges of probable forecasted cash flows, the effective portion of changes in fair value is temporarily reported in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) and recognized in earnings when the hedged item affects earnings. These foreign exchange contracts have maturities over the next 12 months. There were \$13.5 million of notional amount and \$0.2 million of fair value net assets of foreign exchange derivative contracts outstanding at June 30, 2009.

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The Company assesses effectiveness at the inception of the hedge and on a quarterly basis. These assessments determine whether derivatives designated as qualifying hedges continue to be highly effective in offsetting changes in the cash flows of hedged items. Any ineffective portion of change in fair value is not deferred in accumulated OCI and is included in current period results. For the three months and six months ended December 31, 2009, the impact of hedge ineffectiveness on earnings was not significant. The Company will discontinue cash flow hedge accounting when the forecasted transaction is no longer probable of occurring on the originally forecasted date or when the hedge is no longer effective. There were no discontinued foreign exchange hedges for the six months ended December 31, 2009.

The impact on other comprehensive income from foreign exchange contracts that qualified as cash flow hedges was as follows:

	Six months ended December 31, 2009
Net carrying amount at July 1, 2009	\$ 201
Cash flow hedges deferred in OCI	(637)
Changes in deferred taxes	(18)
Net carrying amount at December 31, 2009	\$ (454)

14. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time, we are involved in litigation incidental to the ordinary conduct of our business.

A purported shareholder derivative action was filed against the Company (solely as a nominal defendant) and certain current and former officers and directors on September 21, 2006 in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Suffolk, alleging breaches of fiduciary duties and unjust enrichment in connection with the Company's past stock option practices. The plaintiff seeks unspecified damages, disgorgement of options, attorneys' fees and expenses, and other unspecified equitable relief from the defendants. A second purported shareholder derivative action was filed on October 31, 2006 in the same court, against substantially the same defendants and containing substantially the same allegations, adding a claim of breach of fiduciary duty. The two actions were consolidated by a Court Order dated March 3, 2008. The parties have entered into a Stipulation of Settlement dated as of October 9, 2009 which provides for the settlement and dismissal of the action. On November 2, 2009, the Court executed a Preliminary Approval Order preliminarily approving the Stipulation of Settlement and setting the settlement hearing date for February 11, 2010.

Disposition of pending litigation related to these matters is not expected by management to have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

15. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company is engaged in one business segment: the manufacturing, distribution and marketing of natural and organic products. We define business segments as components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated on a regular basis by our chief operating decision maker.

Outside the United States, we primarily conduct business in Canada and Europe. Selected information related to our operations by geographic area is as follows:

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	Three Months Ended December 31,		Six Months Ended December 31,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net sales:				
United States (1)	\$ 191,772	\$ 261,742	\$ 371,919	\$ 488,864
Canada	15,768	13,161	30,970	28,338
Europe	34,427	37,317	69,562	81,802
	\$ 241,967	\$ 312,220	\$ 472,451	\$ 599,004
Earnings before income taxes:				
United States (1)	\$ 22,037	\$ 17,900	\$ 38,305	\$ 27,755
Canada	916	661	1,861	2,751
Europe	(5,043)	(4,274)	(8,829)	(5,307)
	\$ 17,910	\$ 14,287	\$ 31,337	\$ 25,199

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	December 31, 2009	June 30, 2009
Long-lived assets:		
United States	\$ 688,727	\$ 693,122
Canada	59,802	54,183
Europe	25,387	27,060
	\$ 773,916	\$ 774,365

- (1) Includes net sales of \$61,458 and \$99,848 and earnings before income taxes of \$1,463 and \$888 for the three months and six months ended December 31, 2008, respectively, related to HPP, which was deconsolidated as of June 30, 2009. See Note 2.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations should be read in conjunction with the December 31, 2009 Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the related Notes contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2009. Forward-looking statements in this review are qualified by the cautionary statement included in this review under the sub-heading, "Note Regarding Forward Looking Information," below.

Overview

We manufacture, market, distribute and sell natural and organic products, under brand names which are sold as "better-for-you" products, providing consumers with the opportunity to lead A Healthy Way of Life®. We are a leader in many natural food and personal care products categories, with an extensive portfolio of well known brands. We operate in one segment, the manufacturing, distribution, marketing and sale of natural and organic products, including food, beverage and personal care products. Our business strategy is to integrate all of our brands under one management team and employ a uniform marketing, sales and distribution program. Our products are sold to specialty and natural food distributors, as well as to supermarkets, natural food stores, and other retail classes of trade including mass-market retailers, drug store chains, food service channels and club stores. We manufacture internationally and our products are sold in more than 50 countries. Our brand names are well recognized in the various market categories they serve.

We have acquired numerous brands since our formation and we intend to seek future growth through internal expansion as well as the acquisition of complementary brands. We consider the acquisition of natural and organic food and personal care products companies and product lines an integral part of our business strategy. We believe that by integrating our various brands, we will achieve economies of scale and enhanced market penetration. We seek to capitalize on our brand equity and the distribution achieved through each of our acquired businesses with strategic introductions of new products that complement existing lines to enhance revenues and margins. Our continuing investments in the operational performance of our business units and our focused execution on cost containment, productivity, cash flow and margin enhancement positions us to offer innovative new products with healthful attributes and enables us to build on the foundation of our long-term strategy of sustainable growth. We are committed to creating and promoting A Healthy Way of Life® for the benefit of consumers, our customers, shareholders and employees.

The economic challenges and uncertainties experienced in the United States as well as the rest of the world have persisted since our fiscal 2009 second quarter. We continued to experience challenging industry conditions during the first two quarters of 2010 due to the global economic slowdown. The general economic conditions, increased unemployment and lower consumer confidence continue to negatively affect consumer demand and result in changes in consumers' spending habits, which can impact our customers and our sales. These conditions have led to significant distributor and retailer destocking, which had, and may continue to have, an adverse impact on our business. We continue to address these unfavorable external influences by seeking to provide consumers with better value and quality products.

Despite these challenging conditions, our results in the United States and Canada continued to reflect the strength of our brands and our focus on performance. We experienced significant inventory reductions initiated by two large distributors, the impact of which we were able to partially offset with increased sales in other channels. We are encouraged by recently published independent syndicated consumption data (consumption data measures sales scanned through cash registers at retail) and similar information provided directly by retailers indicating that our consumption trends at certain retailers are improving. We monitor consumption trends as part of the total mix of information used to evaluate expectations of future sales. We improved profitability through productivity initiatives and we continued to manage our balance sheet to improve our cash flows. The global economic challenges have also impacted our business in Europe, where sales in the United Kingdom declined in the three and six month periods ended December 31, 2009 from the prior year comparable periods primarily as a result of the phasing out of the supply of fresh sandwiches to Marks and Spencer, a major retailer. We completed the consolidation of our Daily Bread production activities into our Luton facility, which was initiated during our first fiscal quarter, resulting in a reduction of our manufacturing costs and setting the groundwork for future opportunities.

While we cannot predict the continuing magnitude and duration of the economic downturn or its impact on the demand for our products, we believe that we will continue to derive benefits from new, innovative products, seeking to provide consumers with healthful, "better-for-you" products at reasonable prices.

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We continued our focus on generating cash and maintaining a strong balance sheet with ample liquidity. During the first six months of fiscal 2010, we repaid \$23.3 million of borrowings under our credit facility. During the 12 months ended December 31, 2009 we have repaid a total of \$82.0 million.

Our corporate website is www.hain-celestial.com. The information contained on our website is not, and shall not be deemed to be, a part of this report or incorporated into any of our other filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Factor Affecting Comparability

As of June 30, 2009, the then minority owner of Hain Pure Protein Corp. (HPP) acquired a controlling interest in the joint venture through the purchase of newly issued shares. As a result, the Company's equity interest was reduced to 48.7% and, effective June 30, 2009, the Company deconsolidated HPP and began accounting for its investment in HPP under the equity method of accounting. Beginning on July 1, 2009, the revenues and expenses of HPP are no longer consolidated and the Company's 48.7% share of HPP's results are reported as a separate line on the condensed consolidated statement of operations. The Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations for all periods prior to July 1, 2009 include the revenues and expenses of HPP.

Results of Operations

Three months ended December 31, 2009

Net sales for the three months ended December 31, 2009 were \$242.0 million compared to \$312.2 million for the three months ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of \$70.2 million, which includes the impact of deconsolidating \$61.5 million of HPP sales reported in the prior year quarter. Stronger foreign currencies relative to the year ago quarter increased our reported sales by approximately \$4.8 million or 2.0%. Sales in North America, excluding the impact of deconsolidating HPP, decreased \$5.9 million, or 2.8%, from the year ago quarter. The decrease in sales resulted primarily from distributor destocking and the Celestial Seasonings SKU rationalization implemented in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009. This decrease was partially offset by sales increases in other channels, the initial sales of the Martha Stewart Clean brand, and the commencement of sales to our new Hong Kong joint venture which we expect will expand the distribution of our global brands in Asia. Our sales in Canada increased 3.0% in local currency and were up 19.8% in U.S. dollars as a result of the favorable exchange rate movement. Sales in Europe decreased \$2.9 million, or 7.8%, which reflects an \$8.8 million decrease due to the phasing out of production of fresh sandwiches for Marks and Spencer. This was partially offset by increased sales of our Linda McCartney frozen meat-free brand in the United Kingdom and increased sales, principally for our Lima brand, at our continent-based operations.

Gross profit for the three months ended December 31, 2009 was \$69.9 million, a decrease of \$0.5 million from last year's quarter. Gross profit as a percentage of net sales was 28.9% for the three months ended December 31, 2009 compared to 22.5% of net sales for the December 31, 2008 quarter. The increase in gross profit percentage was attributable to a less volatile and more normalized input cost environment when compared to the high input cost inflation experienced in the prior year, as well as improvements in productivity. The gross profit percentage also improved as a result of the deconsolidation of HPP, which impacted the prior year's gross profit percentage by approximately 370 basis points.

Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by \$2.8 million, or 5.5%, to \$47.2 million for the three months ended December 31, 2009 compared to \$50.0 million in the December 31, 2008 quarter. Selling, general and administrative expenses have decreased primarily as a result of the savings from the cost reduction initiatives we implemented last year, decreased professional fees related to the completed review of our past stock option practices and the deconsolidation of HPP. Selling, general and administrative expenses in fiscal 2009 also included a \$1.4 million charge to settle a personal injury litigation matter. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales increased to 19.5% in the second quarter of fiscal 2010 as compared to 16.0% in the second quarter of last year as a result of the decrease in net sales and the deconsolidation of HPP. HPP's lower selling, general and administrative expense ratio impacted the fiscal 2009 three month period by 310 basis points.

We incurred approximately \$1.2 million of additional restructuring expenses in this year's second quarter related to the consolidation of our Daily Bread production activities into our Luton, United Kingdom facility. In the second quarter of fiscal 2009, we incurred approximately \$0.9 million of severance costs related to actions taken in several of our United States locations.

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Operating income was \$21.6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2009 compared to \$19.5 million in the December 31, 2008 quarter. The increase in operating income resulted primarily from the decrease in our selling, general and administrative expenses. Operating income as a percentage of net sales was 8.9% in the December 31, 2009 quarter compared with 6.3% in the December 31, 2008 quarter.

Interest and other expenses, net were \$3.5 million for the three months ended December 31, 2009 compared to \$5.2 million for the three months ended December 31, 2008. Interest expense totaled \$2.5 million in this year's second quarter, which was primarily related to interest on the \$150 million of 5.98% senior notes outstanding and interest related to borrowings under our revolving credit facility. Interest expense in last year's second quarter was approximately \$4.3 million. The decrease in interest expense resulted from a combination of lower borrowings under our revolving credit facility and lower interest rates. Included in other expenses for the three months ended December 31, 2009 is a \$1.2 million non-cash impairment charge for an other-than-temporary decline in the fair value of our investment in the shares of Yeo Hiap Seng Limited, a Singapore-based natural food and beverage company listed on the Singapore stock exchange.

Our equity in the net loss from our investment in HPP was \$0.1 million. In the prior year, HPP's results were consolidated into the Company's results.

Income before income taxes for the three months ended December 31, 2009 amounted to \$17.9 million compared to \$14.3 million in the comparable period of the prior year.

Our effective income tax rate was 37.3% of pre-tax income for the three months ended December 31, 2009 compared to 38.5% for the three months ended December 31, 2008. In the second quarter of fiscal 2010 the Company determined that it is more likely than not that a portion of its deferred tax assets related to its U. S. foreign tax credits would be utilized, resulting in the release of approximately \$0.9 million of valuation allowances. The effective tax rate for the second quarter of fiscal 2010 was lower than the comparable period of the prior year as a result of changes in geographic income distribution and the deconsolidation of HPP. The effective rate differs from statutory rates due to the effect of state and local income taxes, tax rates in foreign jurisdictions and certain nondeductible expenses. Our effective tax rate may change from quarter to quarter based on recurring and non-recurring factors including the geographical mix of earnings, enacted tax legislation, state and local income taxes and tax audit settlements.

Net income attributable to The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. for the three months ended December 31, 2009 was \$11.2 million compared to \$8.1 million in the December 31, 2008 quarter. The increase of \$3.1 million in earnings was attributable to the factors noted above.

Six months ended December 31, 2009

Net sales for the six months ended December 31, 2009 were \$472.5 million compared to \$599.0 million for the six months ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of \$126.5 million, which includes the impact of deconsolidating \$99.8 million of HPP sales reported in the prior year six month period. Sales in North America, excluding the impact of deconsolidating HPP, decreased \$14.5 million, or 3.5%, from the year ago six month period. The decrease in sales resulted from a number of factors, including increased promotional spending, which is targeted at increasing consumption, distributor and retailer destocking, the Celestial Seasonings SKU rationalization implemented in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009 and decreased sales of our personal care products into the chain drug channel. These decreases were partially offset by sales increases in other channels, the initial sales of the Martha Stewart Clean brand, and the commencement of sales to our new Hong Kong joint venture which we expect will expand the distribution of our global brands in Asia. Additionally, our sales in Canada increased approximately 4.3% in local currency and 9.3% in U.S dollars. Sales in Europe decreased \$12.2 million, or 15.0%, as a result of the phasing out of production of fresh sandwiches for Marks and Spencer in the United Kingdom. That reduction was partially offset by increased sales of our Linda McCartney frozen meat-free brand in the United Kingdom and increased sales of our Lima brand, as well as our global brands such as non-dairy beverages and Celestial Seasonings, by our continent-based operations.

Gross profit for the six months ended December 31, 2009 was \$131.7 million, a decrease of \$7.5 million from last year's comparable period. Gross profit as a percentage of net sales was 27.9% for the six months ended December 31, 2009 compared to 23.2% of net sales for the six months ended December 31, 2008. The increase in gross profit percentage was primarily attributable to lower input costs and productivity improvements in the United States and the deconsolidation of HPP, which impacted the prior year's gross profit percentage by approximately 333 basis points.

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Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by \$13.5 million, or 13.1%, to \$89.8 million for the six months ended December 31, 2009 compared to \$103.3 million for the six months ended December 31, 2008. Selling, general and administrative expenses have decreased primarily as a result of the savings from the cost reduction initiatives we implemented last year, decreased professional fees related to the completed review of our past stock option practices and the deconsolidation of HPP. Selling, general and administrative expenses in fiscal 2009 also included a \$1.4 million charge to settle a personal injury litigation matter. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales increased to 19.0% in the first six months of fiscal 2010 as compared to 17.2% in the first six months of last year as a result of the decrease in net sales and the deconsolidation of HPP. HPP's lower selling, general and administrative expense ratio impacted the fiscal 2009 six month period by 250 basis points.

We incurred approximately \$2.9 million of restructuring expenses in this year's first six months related to the consolidation of our Daily Bread production activities into our Luton, United Kingdom facility. In the first six months of fiscal 2009, we incurred approximately \$1.5 million of severance costs related to actions taken in several of our United States locations.

Operating income was \$39.0 million for the six months ended December 31, 2009 compared to \$34.4 million in the year ago period. The increase in operating income resulted primarily from the decrease in our selling, general and administrative expenses. Operating income as a percentage of net sales was 8.3% in the six months ended December 31, 2009 compared with 5.7% for the six months ended December 31, 2008.

Interest and other expenses, net were \$6.6 million for the six months ended December 31, 2009 compared to \$9.2 million for the six months ended December 31, 2008. Interest expense totaled \$5.2 million in this year's first six months, which was primarily related to interest on the \$150 million of 5.98% senior notes outstanding and interest related to borrowings under our revolving credit facility. Interest expense in last year's first six months was approximately \$8.0 million. The decrease in interest expense resulted from a combination of lower borrowings under our revolving credit facility and lower interest rates. Included in other expenses for the six months ended December 31, 2009 is a \$1.2 million non-cash impairment charge for an other-than-temporary decline in the fair value of our investment in the shares of Yeo Hiap Seng Limited, a Singapore-based natural food and beverage company listed on the Singapore stock exchange.

Our equity in the net loss from our investment in HPP was \$1.1 million. In the prior year, HPP's results were consolidated into the Company's results.

Income before income taxes for the six months ended December 31, 2009 amounted to \$31.3 million compared to \$25.2 million in the comparable period of the prior year.

Our effective income tax rate was 37.2% of pre-tax income for the six months ended December 31, 2009 compared to 38.3% for the six months ended December 31, 2008. In the second quarter of fiscal 2010 the Company determined that it is more likely than not that a portion of its deferred tax assets related to its U. S. foreign tax credits would be utilized, resulting in the release of approximately \$0.9 million of valuation allowances. The effective tax rate for the first half of fiscal 2010 was lower than the comparable period of the prior year as a result of changes in geographic income distribution and the deconsolidation of HPP. The effective rate differs from statutory rates due to the effect of state and local income taxes, tax rates in foreign jurisdictions and certain nondeductible expenses. Our effective tax rate may change from quarter to quarter based on recurring and non-recurring factors including the geographical mix of earnings, enacted tax legislation, state and local income taxes and tax audit settlements.

Net income attributable to The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. for the six months ended December 31, 2009 was \$19.3 million compared to \$15.2 million for the six months ended December 31, 2008. The increase of \$4.1 million in earnings was attributable to the factors noted above.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We finance our operations and growth primarily with the cash flows we generate from our operations and from both long-term fixed-rate borrowings and borrowings available to us under our Credit Facility.

Our cash balance was \$26.8 million at December 31, 2009, a decrease of \$14.6 million from the end of fiscal 2009. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$10.8 million for the six months ended December 31, 2009 compared to net cash used by operating activities of \$16.9 million for the six months ended December 31, 2008. The increase in cash provided by operations in the first six months of fiscal 2010 resulted primarily from an improvement in the changes in operating assets

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and liabilities of approximately \$24.2 million as compared to the prior year period. The change in operating assets and liabilities primarily resulted from improved inventory management. Our inventories increased approximately \$6.7 million in the first six months of the current fiscal year but were \$47.4 million, including \$33.6 million as a result of the HPP deconsolidation, lower than a year ago. The current fiscal year's activity includes a seasonal increase of ingredients to support sales of our products, such as tea and soup, which increase in the cooler months. Our working capital increased to \$219.9 million at December 31, 2009 compared with \$212.6 million at June 30, 2009.

In the six months ended December 31, 2009, we used \$3.2 million of cash in investing activities. This consisted of \$4.9 million of capital expenditures, which was partially offset by \$2.0 million of repayments of advances received from HPP. We used \$6.0 million of cash in investing activities in the six months ended December 31, 2008, primarily for capital expenditures.

Net cash of \$22.6 million was used in financing activities for the six months ended December 31, 2009 compared to \$16.7 million provided by financing activities for the six months ended December 31, 2008. The change was due principally to a decrease in the proceeds from exercises of stock options to \$0.8 million in the six months ended December 31, 2009 from \$5.3 million in the six months ended December 31, 2008 and \$23.3 million of borrowings repaid under our Credit Facility for the six months ended December 31, 2009 compared to \$11.5 million of drawings made during the six months ended December 31, 2008.

We maintain our cash and cash equivalents primarily in money market funds or their equivalent. As of December 31, 2009, all of our investments mature in less than three months. Accordingly, we do not believe that our investments have significant exposure to interest rate risk.

We have outstanding \$150 million in aggregate principal amount of 10-year senior notes due May 2, 2016, issued in a private placement. The notes bear interest at 5.98%, payable semi-annually on November 2nd and May 2nd. We also have a credit agreement which provides us with a \$250 million revolving credit facility (the Credit Facility) expiring in May 2011. The Credit Facility provides for an uncommitted \$100 million accordion feature, under which the facility may be increased to \$350 million. The Credit Facility and the notes are guaranteed by substantially all of our current and future direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries. Loans under the Credit Facility bear interest at a base rate (greater of the applicable prime rate or Federal Funds Rate plus an applicable margin) or, at our option, the reserve adjusted LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin. As of December 31, 2009, there were \$85.0 million of borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility. We are required by the terms of the Credit Facility and the notes to comply with customary affirmative and negative covenants for facilities and notes of this nature.

We believe that our cash on hand of \$26.8 million at December 31, 2009, projected cash flows from operations and availability under our credit facility are sufficient to fund our currently anticipated working capital needs, capital spending and other expected cash requirements for at least the next twelve months.

Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

At December 31, 2009, we did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements as defined in Item 303(a)(4) of Regulation S-K that have had or are likely to have a material current or future effect on our financial statements.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The accounting principles we use require us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and amounts of income and expenses during the reporting periods presented. We believe in the quality and reasonableness of our critical accounting policies; however, it is likely that materially different amounts would be reported under different conditions or using assumptions different from those that we have applied. The accounting policies that have been identified as critical to our business operations and understanding the results of our operations pertain to revenue recognition and sales incentives, valuation of accounts and chargebacks receivable, inventories, property, plant and equipment, accounting for acquisitions, stock based compensation, segments and goodwill and intangible assets. The application of each of these critical accounting policies and estimates was discussed in Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2009. During the first quarter of fiscal 2010 we adopted the revised FASB pronouncement for business combinations which will affect our accounting for acquisitions policy. See Note 2 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1. There have been no other significant changes in the application of our critical accounting policies or estimates during fiscal 2010.

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Seasonality

Our tea brand primarily manufactures and markets hot tea products and, as a result, its quarterly results of operations reflect seasonal trends resulting from increased demand for its hot tea products in the cooler months of the year. In addition, some of our other products (e.g., baking and cereal products and soups) also show stronger sales in the cooler months while our snack food and certain of our prepared food product lines are stronger in the warmer months. In years where there are warm winter seasons, our sales of cooler weather products, which typically increase in our second and third fiscal quarters, may be negatively impacted.

Quarterly fluctuations in our sales volume and operating results are due to a number of factors relating to our business, including the timing of trade promotions, advertising and consumer promotions and other factors, such as seasonality, inclement weather and unanticipated increases in labor, commodity, energy, insurance or other operating costs. The impact on sales volume and operating results due to the timing and extent of these factors can significantly impact our business. For these reasons, you should not rely on our quarterly operating results as indications of future performance.

Inflation

Inflation may cause increased ingredient, fuel, labor and benefits. For more information regarding ingredient costs, see Part II, Item 7A, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk - Ingredient Inputs Price Risk, of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2009. To the extent permitted by competition, we seek to recover increased costs through a combination of price increases, new product innovation and by implementing process efficiencies and cost reductions.

Note Regarding Forward Looking Information

Certain statements contained in this Quarterly Report constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Rule 3b-6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements of the Company, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, the following:

our ability to achieve our guidance for sales and earnings per share in fiscal year 2010 given the recessionary environment in the U.S. and other markets that we sell products as well as economic and business conditions generally and their effect on our customers and consumers' product preferences, and our business, financial condition and results of operations;

changes in estimates or judgments related to our impairment analysis of goodwill and other intangible assets;

our ability to implement our business and acquisition strategy, including our strategy for improving results in Europe;

the ability of our joint venture investments, including HPP, to successfully execute their business plans;

our ability to realize sustainable growth generally and from investments in core brands, offering new products and our focus on cost containment, productivity, cash flow and margin enhancement in particular;

our ability to effectively integrate our acquisitions;

competition;

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the success and cost of introducing new products as well as our ability to increase prices on existing products;

availability and retention of key personnel;

our reliance on third party distributors, manufacturers and suppliers;

our ability to maintain existing contracts and secure and integrate new customers;

our ability to respond to changes and trends in customer and consumer demand, preferences and consumption;

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international sales and operations;

changes in fuel and commodity costs;

the continuing adverse effects on our results of operations from the impacts of foreign exchange;

the resolution of the civil litigation regarding our stock option practices;

changes in, or the failure to comply with, government regulations; and

other risks detailed from time-to-time in the Company's reports filed with the SEC, including the annual report on Form 10-K, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 and the quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2009.

As a result of the foregoing and other factors, no assurance can be given as to the future results, levels of activity and achievements and neither the Company nor any person assumes responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of these statements.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

There have been no significant changes in market risk for the six months ended December 31, 2009 from those addressed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. See the information set forth in Part II, Item 7A, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk, of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon this review, these officers concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is (1) recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and (2) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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(c) Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

Period	(a) Total number of shares purchased	(b) Average price paid per share	(c) Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans	(d) Maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans⁽²⁾
October 2009	98 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 19.44		900,300
November 2009				900,300
December 2009				900,300
Total	98	\$ 19.44		900,300

- (1) Shares surrendered for payment of employee payroll taxes due on shares issued under stockholder approved stock based compensation plans.
- (2) The Company's plan to repurchase up to one million shares of its common stock was first announced publicly on a conference call on August 29, 2002. At March 31, 2005, there remained authorization to repurchase 545,361 shares of our common stock. Effective April 18, 2005, the Board of Directors voted to refresh the authorization of shares to be repurchased to a total of one million, of which 99,700 were subsequently repurchased.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders was held on November 19, 2009. The Company submitted the following matters to a vote of security holders:

- To elect all of the director nominees to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified;
- To approve the adoption of an Executive Incentive Plan intended to comply with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- To vote, on an advisory basis, for the compensation awarded to the named executive officers for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 as set forth in the summary compensation table of the 2009 proxy statement;
- To approve an amendment of the Amended and Restated 2002 Long-term Incentive and Stock Award Plan; and

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5. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our registered independent accountants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. The stockholders elected the persons named below, the Company's nominees, as directors of the Company, casting votes as shown below:

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS	FOR	WITHHELD
Irwin D. Simon	32,657,981	2,138,653
Barry J. Alperin	32,944,384	1,852,250
Richard C. Berke	30,935,484	3,861,150
Beth L. Bronner	30,259,472	