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(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009

OR

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

For the transition period from ______ to ____

Commission File Number 000-08822

Cavco Industries, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

1001 North Central Avenue, Suite 800 Phoenix, Arizona (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

602-256-6263

(Registrant s telephone number,

including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name on each Exchange on which registered

Common Stock, par value \$0.01

The NASDAQ Stock Market, LLC

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes o No b

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes o No þ

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes b No o Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Date File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes o No o

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant s knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. o

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56-2405642 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 85004 (Zip Code)

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

Large accelerated filer o	Accelerated filer þ	Non-accelerated filer o	Smaller reporting
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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act): Yes o No b

The aggregate market value of voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates as of September 30, 2008 (based on the closing price on the NASDAQ Stock Market, LLC on September 30, 2008) was \$22,583,000. Shares of Common Stock held by each officer, director and holder of 5% or more of the outstanding Common Stock have been excluded in that such persons may be deemed affiliates. This determination of affiliate status is not necessarily a conclusive determination for other purposes.

As of May 8, 2009, 6,506,843 shares of Registrant s Common Stock, \$.01 par value, were outstanding. DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of Cavco Industries, Inc. s definitive Proxy Statement relating to its 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III hereof.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

General

Cavco Industries, Inc., a Delaware corporation, was formed on June 30, 2003 as a successor corporation to previous Cavco entities operating since 1965. Cavco is the largest producer of manufactured homes in Arizona, based on data from Statistical Surveys, Inc., and a leading producer of park model homes and vacation cabins in the United States, having made wholesale shipments of 2,603 manufactured housing units during our fiscal year ended March 31, 2009. We are also the 9th largest producer of HUD code manufactured homes in the United States, based on 2007 total home production data published by Manufactured Home Merchandiser, an industry trade publication. Our business encompasses manufacturing operations and wholesale and retail marketing. The terms Cavco, us, we, our, the

Company, and any other similar terms refer to Cavco Industries, Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated in this Form 10-K.

Our factory-built homes are produced under various trade names and in a variety of floor plans and price ranges. We produce homes constructed to the building standards promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD, and by the International and Universal Building Codes as well as park model homes and vacation cabins. Our HUD code homes generally range in size from approximately 500 to 3,300 square feet and typically include two to five bedrooms, a living room, dining room, kitchen and two or more full bathrooms. Most of these are multi-section homes, although we also produce single-section homes. Our park model homes are less than 400 square feet in size and are purchased primarily for use as second homes, vacation homes or for retirement living and are placed in planned communities or recreational home parks. We also produce vacation cabins and commercial structures for a variety of purposes, including offices and showrooms.

We operate three manufacturing plants in the Phoenix, Arizona area and one in Seguin, Texas. Our factories range in size from 79,000 to 250,000 square feet. During May 2009, the Company initiated a plan to move its park model and vacation cabin manufacturing operations from its Specialty plant to a second production line at its Litchfield facility. This move will provide greater capabilities for the production of park models, cabins, and other specialty buildings, create improved overall operational efficiencies at the Litchfield factory, as well as reduce overhead expenses. For additional information, see Note 11 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. We construct our homes using an assembly-line process in which each section or floor is assembled in stages. Our assembly-line process is designed to be flexible enough to accommodate significant customization as requested by our customers.

We sell manufactured homes through both a network of independent retailers and through Company-owned retail outlets. As of March 31, 2009, our products were offered for sale through approximately 322 independent retail outlets in 23 states and Canada. A majority of these independent retail outlets are located in Arizona, California, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Nevada. As of March 31, 2009, we had a total of 6 Company-owned retail outlets, located in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. We expect to close less than half of our remaining retail outlets during the next 12 months because they have under-performed in recent years. We do not anticipate that retail outlet closures will materially affect the operations of our manufacturing segment as these outlets do not sell a significant amount of products manufactured by us. See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Industry and Company Outlook.

Despite a protracted downturn in the manufactured housing industry, we generated income from continuing operations before income taxes of \$0.3 million, \$9.1 million and \$17.4 million for fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. We believe that our ability to maintain annual profitability from our continuing operations during the current industry downturn is attributable in significant part to efficient production, a high value product line, focused sales efforts, stringent cost control and a strong balance sheet.

Industry Overview

General. Manufactured housing provides an alternative in urban, suburban and rural areas to other forms of new low-cost housing, such as site-built housing and condominiums, and to existing housing such as pre-owned homes and apartments. According to statistics published by the Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS), and the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, for the year ended December 31, 2008, manufactured housing wholesale shipments of HUD code homes accounted for an estimated 12% of all new single-family housing

starts and 15% of all new single-family homes sold.

Industry wholesale shipments of HUD code homes totaled approximately 82,000 homes in 2008 versus 96,000 homes in 2007 according to data reported by the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI).

We believe the segment of the housing market in which manufactured housing is most competitive includes consumers with household incomes under \$40,000. This segment has a high representation of young single persons and young married couples, as well as seniors and retired persons. The comparatively low cost of fully-equipped manufactured housing attracts these consumers. Persons in rural areas, where fewer housing alternatives exist, and those who presently live in manufactured homes also make up a significant portion of the demand for new manufactured housing.

Protracted Industry Downturn. Since mid-1999, the manufactured housing industry has experienced a prolonged and significant downturn. This downturn has resulted in part from the fact that, beginning in 1999, consumer lenders in the sector began to tighten underwriting standards and curtail credit availability in response to higher than anticipated rates of loan defaults and significant losses upon the repossession and resale of the manufactured homes securing defaulted loans. In more recent years, the industry s downturn was exacerbated by the aggressive financing methods utilized by developers and marketers of standard site-built homes which had the effect of diverting potential manufactured housing customers to more expensive site-built homes, the global credit crisis, and general deterioration of economic conditions. These factors have resulted in declining wholesale shipments and excess manufacturing and retail locations.

As a result of the foregoing factors, based on industry data as of the end of 2008, an estimated 68% of all industry retail locations have closed since the end of 1999 and the number of active industry manufacturing facilities has dropped by 153 plants over the same period, representing a 47% reduction. These industry conditions have adversely affected the results of operations of all of the major producers of manufactured homes, including our Company. The principal regional markets we have targeted have also experienced a pronounced downturn. By the end of 2008, the number of manufactured housing units shipped in Arizona had declined approximately 76% from the peak in 1999. Likewise, severe declines were experienced in New Mexico and Texas, where the number of manufactured housing units shipped declined approximately 83% and 76%, respectively, by the end of 2008 from their respective peak levels in 1996 and 1998. More recently, the California manufactured housing market has suffered a significant downturn, as the number of manufactured housing units shipped has decreased 74% at the end of 2008 compared to 2005. U.S. wholesale shipments and retail sales of manufactured homes could continue to experience adverse conditions for the remainder of calendar year 2009 due to some or all of the factors described above. We expect industry sales volumes to be adversely affected until, among other factors, consumer and wholesale financing is more readily available.

Business Strategies

Our marketing strategy is to offer a line of manufactured homes that appeal to a wide range of homebuyers. Our principal focus is the mainstream market, which involves the sale of high-value homes to entry-level and move-up buyers. We also market to special niches such as sub-division developers, senior living community operations and vacation homebuyers.

Our production strategy is to develop and maintain the resources necessary to build to varied and unique customer specifications in an efficient factory production environment. This enables us to attract retailers and consumers who want the flexibility to build homes to meet their specific needs, but still seek the value created by building a home on a factory production line.

Our competitive strategy is to build homes of superior quality, offer innovative designs and floor plans, demonstrate exceptional value, and provide the engineering and technical resources to enable custom home building and to be responsive and efficient in servicing the customer after the sale. We strive to maintain a competitive advantage by reacting quickly to changes in the marketplace and to the specific needs of our retailers and consumers. **Products**

Most of our homes are constructed in accordance with the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards promulgated by HUD. Approximately 62% of the homes we produced in fiscal year 2009 were HUD code homes. The remaining homes we build are primarily park model homes, which are constructed to standards approved by the American National Standards Institute, a private, non-profit organization that administers and coordinates a voluntary standardization and conformity program. We also produce modular homes, vacation cabins and commercial structures built to state and local standards.

We produce a broad range of HUD code homes under various trade names and brand names and in a variety of floor plans and price ranges. Substantially all of these homes are ranch-style homes. Our HUD code homes generally range in size from approximately 500 to 3,300 square feet. In fiscal year 2009, we produced and sold 2,603 homes, of which 1,265 were multi-section. Included in single-section production are park model homes, which are less than 400 square feet in size and are purchased primarily for use as second homes, vacation homes or retirement living and are placed in planned communities or recreational home parks.

Each home contains a living room, dining area, kitchen, one to five bedrooms and one or more bathrooms, and is equipped with central heating and hot water systems, kitchen appliances, carpeting and window treatments. Feature upgrades include fireplaces, central air conditioning, tile roofs, high ceilings, skylights, hardwood floors and cabinetry, granite countertops, and energy conservation items. We also offer a variety of structural and decorative customizations to meet the home buyer s specifications.

During fiscal year 2009, our average wholesale home price for a HUD code home was approximately \$41,000, excluding delivery. Many of the homes we produce are sold in transactions covering both the home and the land on which it is placed. Retail sales prices of our homes, without land, generally range from \$22,000 to more than \$136,000, depending upon size, floor plan, features and options.

The homes we manufacture are sold under a variety of registered trademarks, including Cavco, Cavco Homes, Cedar Court. Westcourt. Villager. Sun Villa. Winrock. Cavco Gold Key Guarantee. Sunbuilt. Catalina. Desert Rose. Sunburst. Cavco Cabins. AAA Homes. Litchfield Limited, Vantage, SmartBuilt and Cavco Center.

Our manufactured homes are constructed and equipped at our manufacturing facilities. The finished home is then transported by independent trucking companies either to a retail sales center, planned community, housing development or the customer s site. Retailers or other independent installers are responsible for placing the home on site and, in most instances, arranging for connections to utilities and providing installation and finish-out services. Although our manufactured homes are designed to be transportable, only a small percentage are ever moved from their original site after installation.

Manufacturing Operations

Our homes are constructed in plant facilities using an assembly-line process employing from 130 to 170 employees at each facility. Most of our homes are constructed in one or more sections (also known as floors or modules) on a permanently affixed steel support chassis. Each section or floor is assembled in stages beginning with the construction of the chassis, followed by the addition of other constructed and purchased components, and ending with a final quality control inspection. The efficiency of the assembly-line process and the benefits of constructing homes in a controlled factory environment enable us to produce quality homes in less time and at a lower cost per square foot than building homes on individual sites.

During fiscal year 2009, we operated three manufacturing facilities in the Phoenix, Arizona area and one in Seguin, Texas. These manufacturing facilities range from approximately 79,000 to 250,000 square feet of floor space. The production schedules for our manufacturing facilities are based on wholesale and retail orders received from buyers, which fluctuate from week to week. In general, however, our facilities are structured to operate on a one shift per day, five days per week basis, and we currently manufacture a typical home in approximately seven production days. During the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2009, our rate of production was approximately 14 sections per day. Manufactured housing is a regional business and the primary geographic market for a typical manufacturing facility is within a 350-mile radius. Each of our Arizona manufacturing facilities serves between 65 to 120 retailers along with a large number of one time vacation cabin purchasers. Because we produce homes to fill existing wholesale and retail orders, our manufacturing plants generally do not carry finished goods inventories, except for homes awaiting delivery.

The following table sets forth the total number of homes wholesaled from our factories and the number of manufacturing facilities which produced those homes for the fiscal years indicated:

	Year Ended March 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Homes sold:			
Single-section	1,338	1,583	1,528
Multi-section	1,265	1,718	2,084
Total homes sold	2,603	3,301	3,612

Operating manufacturing facilities at end of period The principal materials used in the production of our manufactured homes include wood, wood products, aluminum, steel, gypsum wallboard, tires, fiberglass insulation, carpet, vinyl, fasteners, appliances, electrical items, windows and

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doors. We buy the majority of these materials from third-party manufacturers and distributors located in California, Texas and Arizona. The inability to obtain any materials used in the production of our homes, whether resulting from material shortages, destruction of supplier facilities or other events affecting production of component parts, may affect our ability to meet or maintain production requirements.

During fiscal 2009, the Company experienced generally flat pricing for materials purchased for the manufacture of homes. Prices of commodities such as aluminum, copper, and steel rose modestly. In addition materials such as carpets and vinyl products were negatively impacted by fluctuating petroleum costs, which also adversely affects delivery of all raw materials purchased by the Company.

Our backlog of orders as of March 31, 2009 was negligible. Retailers may cancel orders prior to production without penalty. After production of a particular home has commenced, the order becomes noncancelable and the retailer is obligated to take delivery of the home. Accordingly, until production of a particular home has commenced, we do not consider our order backlog to be firm orders. Because of the seasonality of the housing market, the level of our order backlog historically declines during the winter months.

Sales and Distribution

The following table sets forth the number of homes sold by us through independent and Company-owned distribution channels during the last three fiscal years, as well as the number of independent retail outlets and Company-owned retail centers at the end of the applicable period. The distribution channels are outlined as follows:

	Year Ended March 31,			
	2009	2008	2007	
Homes sold through:				
Independent retail outlets	2,486	3,143	3,467	
Company-owned retail centers	117	158	145	
Total homes sold	2,603	3,301	3,612	
Number of independent retail outlets at the end of the period	322	364	345	

Number of Company-owned retail centers at the end of the period 6 7 7 7 *Independent Retailers*. As of March 31, 2009, we had a network of 322 independent retail outlets, of which there were 108 in Arizona, 50 in Texas, 48 in California, 35 in New Mexico, 16 in Colorado, 14 in Utah, 11 in Washington, 9 in Nevada, 8 in Oklahoma, 4 in Idaho, 2 in Canada, Alaska, Maryland, Oregon, and Wisconsin and 1 in each of Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Tennessee and Wyoming. As is common in the industry, our independent retailers typically sell manufactured homes produced by other manufacturers in addition to those we produce. Some independent retailers operate multiple sales outlets. Factory Direct Housing, Inc. (FDH) retailers existed as entirely independent retailers prior to their affiliation with FDH. FDH accounted for approximately 4.6%, 6.4% and 11.0% of net sales in fiscal years 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively. No other independent retailer accounted for 10% or more of our manufacturing sales in each of the respective years in the three-year period ended March 31, 2009.

We continually seek to increase our wholesale shipments by growing sales at our existing independent retailers and by finding new independent retailers to sell our homes. We provide comprehensive sales training to retail sales associates and bring them to our manufacturing facilities for product training and to view new product designs as they are developed. These training seminars facilitate the sale of our homes by increasing the skill and knowledge of the retail sales consultants. In addition, we display our products in trade shows and support our retailers through the distribution of floor plan literature, brochures, decor boards and point of sale promotional material.

Independent retailers frequently finance a portion of their home purchases through wholesale floor plan financing arrangements. In most cases, we receive a deposit or a commitment from the retailer s lender for each home ordered. We then manufacture the home and ship it at the retailer s expense. Payment is due from the lender upon the acceptance by the retailer of the product. For a description of wholesale floor plan financing arrangements used by independent retailers and our obligations in connection with these arrangements, see Financing Wholesale Financing below.

Company-Owned Retail Sales Centers. As of March 31, 2009, we had a total of 6 Company-owned retail centers, located in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. Over the next 12 months, we plan to close certain Company-owned retail centers as these retail outlets have underperformed in recent years. Each of our Company-owned retail sales centers

has a sales office, which is generally a factory-built structure, and a variety of model homes of various sizes, floor plans, features and prices. Customers may purchase a home from an inventory of homes maintained at the location, including a model home, or may order a home that will be built at a manufacturing facility. Our Company-owned sales centers are generally located on a main road or highway for high visibility. Model homes may be displayed in a residential setting with sidewalks and landscaping. Each sales center usually employs a manager and three or four salespersons. As of March 31, 2009, Company-owned sales centers had an average inventory of 8 new homes per location. This number of homes in inventory includes homes delivered to a consumer home site but not yet recorded as a sale. We internally finance our inventories and currently have no outstanding debt. Our Company-owned retail centers employ salespersons who are compensated through a combination of salary and commission. Retail centers do not have administrative staff, as we perform most administrative functions at our corporate headquarters.

Warranties. We provide a limited warranty to original retail purchasers of our homes. We warrant structural components for 12 months. Nonstructural components of a cosmetic nature are warranted for 120 days, except in specific cases where state laws require longer warranty terms. Our warranty does not extend to installation and setup of the home, which is generally arranged by the retailer. Appliances, carpeting, roofing and certain other components are warranted by their original manufacturer for various lengths of time. Refer to our discussion of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Federal Trade Commission Improvement Act under Government Regulation beginning on page 7.

Financing

Wholesale Financing. During fiscal year 2009, approximately 38% of our wholesale sales to independent retailers were purchased through wholesale floor plan financing arrangements. Under a typical floor plan financing arrangement, an independent financial institution specializing in this line of business provides the retailer with a loan for the purchase price of the home and maintains a security interest in the home as collateral. The financial institution customarily requires us, as the manufacturer of the home, to enter into a separate repurchase agreement with the financial institution under which we are obligated, upon default by the retailer and under certain other circumstances, to repurchase the financed home at declining prices over the term of the repurchase agreement (which in most cases is 18 to 24 months). The price at which we may be obligated to repurchase a home under these agreements is based upon our original invoice price plus certain administrative and shipping expenses. Our obligation under these repurchase agreements ceases upon the purchase of the home by the retail customer. The maximum amount of our contingent obligations under such repurchase agreements was approximately \$18.7 million as of March 31, 2009, without reduction for the resale value of the homes.

As a result of the current credit crisis, during the third quarter of fiscal year 2009, each of the manufactured home national inventory finance companies (floor plan lenders) substantially curtailed their lending activities, and one announced its intention to exit the business. Some of our retailers have arranged or are in process of arranging to replace their floor plan financing with other sources of capital. To further support floor plan availability for our retailers, Cavco has begun to provide some of the capital used by inventory lenders to finance wholesale home purchases by retailers.

Consumer Financing. Conventional lenders provide two basic types of consumer financing in the manufactured housing industry:

chattel (or home-only) loans for purchasers of a home with no real estate involved; and

real estate loans for purchasers of the home and the land on which the home is placed.

During recent years, a number of home-only lenders have exited the market. The remaining lenders have tightened their credit standards and increased their interest rates, which has reduced the volume of new loans. In January 2002, Texas House Bill 1869 was enacted, amending the Texas Manufactured Housing Standards Act, to establish financing and acquisition procedures for retailers and consumers of manufactured homes and to provide for notification to consumers of their responsibilities before purchasing a manufactured home. The bill required, among other things, that all manufactured homes that are acquired with third-party financing in Texas, other than those placed in manufactured home rental communities or on a lot that is not titled in the name of the consumer under a deed or contract for sale, be financed with conventional financing covering both the land and home. While this legislation was subsequently repealed in September 2003, chattel financing in Texas was significantly curtailed and has not recovered.

Beginning in the late 1990s, the number of manufactured housing purchases financed with real estate loans has increased significantly. There are two types of mortgage loans: (i) conforming; and (ii) non-conforming. Conforming loans conform to requirements imposed by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), Veteran s Affairs (VA), Freddie Mac, and Fannie Mae. Generally, conforming loans require foundations installed in accordance with specified Federal requirements and the borrower must meet certain established criteria. Non-conforming loans are financed by a major bank or lending institution, which may not require a specific foundation type and may have more flexible criteria for the borrower.

The American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act (the Act) was enacted in 2008 to provide assistance by way of legislation for the housing industry, including the manufactured housing industry. Among other things, the Act

provides for increased loan limits for chattel (home-only) loans to \$69,678, up 43% from the previous limit of \$48,600 set in 1992. Chattel loans have languished in recent years and the increased loan limit is meant to broaden opportunities for prospective homeowners.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 includes an \$8,000 tax credit for a limited period to homebuyers who have not owned a home in the previous 3 years, and is subject to other conditions. In addition to federal programs, California and certain other states have begun to adopt incentives to promote the purchase of new homes in their states. These and other regulatory changes may provide some stimulus going forward; however, given consumer sentiment about the state of the economy, we are cautious in developing expectations of any positive results from the new legislation.

Competition

The manufactured housing industry is highly competitive at both the manufacturing and retail levels, with competition based upon several factors, including price, product features, reputation for service and quality, depth of field inventory, promotion, merchandising and the terms of retail customer financing. We compete with other producers of manufactured homes, as well as companies offering for sale homes repossessed from wholesalers or consumers. In addition, manufactured homes compete with new and existing site-built homes, as well as apartments, townhouses and condominiums.

In addition to us, there are a number of other manufacturers competing for a significant share of the manufactured housing market in the Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas areas, including Palm Harbor Homes, Inc., Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., Clayton Homes, Inc., Champion Enterprises, Inc. and Skyline Corporation. Based on retail sales in calendar year 2008, we believe that our business accounted for an approximate 38% share of the Arizona market area, an approximate 8% share of the California market area, an approximate 8% share of the Texas market area, and smaller shares of market areas in the other states in which we do business. We do not view any of our competitors as being dominant in the industry as a whole or the principal markets in which we compete, although certain of our competitors possess substantially greater financial, manufacturing, distribution and marketing resources.

Government Regulation

Our manufactured homes are subject to a number of federal, state and local laws, codes and regulations. Construction of manufactured housing is governed by the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, as amended, or the Home Construction Act. In 1976, HUD issued regulations under the Home Construction Act establishing comprehensive national construction standards. The HUD regulations, known collectively as the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, cover all aspects of manufactured home construction, including structural integrity, fire safety, wind loads, thermal protection and ventilation. Such regulations preempt conflicting state and local regulations of the HUD code manufactured homes they produce, have been approved by a HUD-certified inspection agency. Further, an independent HUD-certified third-party inspector regularly reviews our manufactured homes for compliance with the HUD regulations during construction. Failure to comply with applicable HUD regulations could expose us to a wide variety of sanctions, including mandated closings of our manufacturing facilities. We believe our manufactured homes are in substantial compliance with all present HUD requirements. Our park model homes are not subject to HUD regulations, but we believe that our park model homes meet all present standards of the American National Standards Institute.

Manufactured and site-built homes are all typically built with wood products that contain formaldehyde resins. HUD regulates the allowable concentrations of formaldehyde in certain products used in manufactured homes and requires manufacturers to warn purchasers as to formaldehyde-associated risks. The Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, and other governmental agencies have in the past evaluated the effects of formaldehyde. We use materials in our manufactured homes that meet HUD standards for formaldehyde emissions and believe we comply with HUD and other applicable government regulations in this regard.

The transportation of manufactured homes on highways is subject to regulation by various federal, state and local authorities. Such regulations may prescribe size and road use limitations and impose lower than normal speed limits and various other requirements.

We have leased space for our manufacturing facility in Goodyear, Arizona since 1993. The leased premises is part of what is referred to as the Phoenix-Goodyear Airport (South) Superfund Site (PGAS), which was designated as a National Priorities List, or NPL, site under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act in 1983. The reason for the site s NPL designation was because of extensive soil and groundwater contamination (trichloroethylene or TCE, chromium and cadmium) that resulted from historic manufacturing at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and the United States Department of Defense. Pursuant to a consent decree entered into with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, is responsible for taking certain remedial actions at the PGAS site. In September 2005, the EPA completed its five-year review of the PGAS site and reported that the contaminant

concentrations in groundwater at the site have been reduced, and treated groundwater from the treatment systems has met cleanup goals throughout that period of operation. Nonetheless, the groundwater still contains contaminant levels above specified cleanup goals as the remediation progresses. The EPA s five-year review identified several issues regarding the ongoing effectiveness of the remedy and several new issues regarding possible presence of trace metals, vapor intrusion, institutional controls, ecological risks, and migration, all of which the EPA is addressing.

Our lease specifically refers to the consent decree with the EPA and provides that as between our Landlord (now JRC Goodyear, LLC) and us, the Landlord will be responsible for any liabilities resulting from the existing contamination at the site and that the Landlord will indemnify, defend, and hold us, our directors, our officers, our employees, our agents, and our successors, harmless for such liabilities. During the sixteen years that we have conducted manufacturing operations at the Goodyear, Arizona facility, we have never received any inquiry or notice from the EPA or the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality suggesting that we may be liable for any costs associated with the remediation of the PGAS site. We do not have any underground storage tanks at our Goodyear, Arizona facility.

Our manufactured homes are subject to local zoning and housing regulations. In certain cities and counties in areas where our homes are sold, local governmental ordinances and regulations have been enacted which restrict the placement of manufactured homes on privately-owned land or which require the placement of manufactured homes in manufactured home communities. Such ordinances and regulations may adversely affect our ability to sell homes for installation in communities where they are in effect. A number of states have adopted procedures governing the installation of manufactured homes. Utility connections are subject to state and local regulations which must be complied with by the retailer or other person installing the home.

Certain warranties we issue may be subject to the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Federal Trade Commission Improvement Act, which regulates the descriptions of warranties on consumer products. In the case of warranties subject to the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, the Company is subject to a number of additional regulatory requirements. For example, warranties that are subject to the Act must be included in a single easy-to-read document that is generally made available prior to purchase. The Act also prohibits certain attempts to disclaim or modify implied warranties and the use of deceptive or misleading terms. A claim for a violation of the Act can be the subject of an action in federal court in which consumers may be able to recover attorneys fees. The description and substance of our warranties are also subject to a variety of state laws and regulations. A number of states, including Arizona and New Mexico, require manufactured home producers to post bonds to ensure the satisfaction of consumer warranty claims.

Governmental authorities have the power to enforce compliance with their regulations, and violations may result in the payment of fines, the entry of injunctions or both. Although we believe that our operations are in substantial compliance with the requirements of all applicable laws and regulations, these requirements have generally become more strict in recent years. Accordingly, we are unable to predict the ultimate cost of compliance with all applicable laws and enforcement policies.

Employees

As of March 31, 2009, we had approximately 660 employees. We believe that our relationship with our employees is good.

Available Information

We make available free of charge on or through our internet site, <u>www.cavco.com</u>, the following filings as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC: the Annual Report on Form 10-K, the Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, the Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those Reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Our business involves a number of risks and uncertainties. You should carefully consider the following risks, together with the information provided elsewhere in this Annual Report. The risks described below are not the only ones facing us. Additional risks that are currently unknown to us or that we currently consider to be immaterial may also impair our business or adversely affect our financial condition or results of operations.

We operate in an industry that is currently experiencing a prolonged and significant downturn

Since mid-1999, the manufactured housing industry has experienced a prolonged and significant downturn. This downturn has resulted in part from the fact that, beginning in 1999, consumer lenders in the sector began to tighten underwriting standards and curtail credit availability in response to higher than anticipated rates of loan defaults and significant losses upon the repossession and resale of manufactured homes securing defaulted loans. In more recent years, the industry s downturn was exacerbated by the aggressive financing methods utilized by developers and

marketers of standard site-built homes which had the effect of diverting potential manufactured housing customers to more expensive site-built homes, the global credit crisis, and general deterioration of economic conditions. These factors have resulted in declining wholesale shipments and excess manufacturing and retail locations. As a result of the foregoing factors, based on industry data as of the end of 2008, an estimated 68% of all industry retail locations have closed since the end of 1999 and the number of active industry manufacturing facilities has dropped by 153 plants over the same period, representing a 47% reduction.

The availability of consumer financing for the purchase of manufactured homes continues to be constrained, as discussed below. Although it is difficult to predict future industry conditions, the current market environment tends to indicate that a sustained recovery in the manufactured housing industry is unlikely to occur in the near term. If current industry conditions continue or get materially worse, we may be required to take steps in an attempt to mitigate the effect of unfavorable industry conditions, such as the closure of facilities or consolidation of existing operations. These steps could impair our ability to conduct our business in a manner consistent with past practice and could make it more difficult for us to expand our operations if and when industry conditions improve. Furthermore, some of these steps could lead to fixed asset impairment charges and goodwill impairment charges.

Tightened credit standards and curtailed lending activity by home-only lenders have contributed to a constrained consumer financing market

Consumers who buy our manufactured homes have historically secured retail financing from third-party lenders. The availability, terms and costs of retail financing depend on the lending practices of financial institutions, governmental policies and economic and other conditions, all of which are beyond our control. A consumer seeking to finance the purchase of a manufactured home without land will generally pay a higher interest rate and have a shorter loan maturity than a consumer seeking to finance the purchase of land and the home. In addition, home-only financing is at times more difficult to obtain than financing for site-built homes. Since 1999, home-only lenders have tightened the credit underwriting standards and increased interest rates for loans to purchase manufactured homes, which has reduced lending volumes which has negatively impacted our sales. In addition, most of the national lenders who have historically provided home-only loans have exited this sector of the industry. Conseco Finance was historically one of the largest originators of home-only loans in the manufactured housing industry. In December 2002, Conseco Inc., the parent company of Conseco Finance Corp., filed for bankruptcy protection and ceased its lending activities. In May 2004, JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., the lender with the largest loan origination volume in the home-only financing market at that time, announced it was ceasing its manufactured housing lending activities. In March 2008, Origen Financial, Inc. (Origen) announced that it was suspending originations of manufactured home loans as a result of unfavorable conditions in the secondary market for its loans. Some of our retailers have utilized Origen to finance consumer loans. Another major lender, 21st Mortgage Corporation, citing unreliable and inadequate sources of funding, announced in January 2009 that it was significantly curtailing its retail lending program. Remaining retail lenders such as Triad Financial, US Bank, and CU Factory Built Lending have tightened their loan underwriting standards. If other lenders do not absorb the volume of loans previously made by these lenders, we could experience retail and manufacturing sales declines.

The availability of wholesale financing for industry retailers is limited due to a reduced number of floor plan lenders and reduced lending limits

Manufactured housing retailers generally finance their inventory purchases with wholesale floor plan financing provided by lending institutions. The availability of wholesale financing is significantly affected by the number of floor plan lenders and their lending limits. During the past seven years, a substantial number of wholesale lenders have exited the industry or curtailed their floor plan operations. Conseco Finance was historically the largest floor plan lender, previously providing about 25% of the industry s wholesale financing. Conseco Finance discontinued approving and funding new floor plan loan requests in April 2002 and filed for bankruptcy protection in December 2002. With Conseco s exit, Deutsche Financial Services was the largest remaining floor plan lender, providing approximately 20% of the industry s wholesale financing. Deutsche Financial Services discontinued approving and funding new floor plan loan requests in November 2002 and proceeded to liquidate its existing floor plan receivables. In recent years, the Company s independent retailers have relied primarily on GE Commercial Distribution Finance, Textron Financial Corporation and 21st Mortgage Corporation, national lending institutions that have specialized in providing wholesale floor plan financing to manufactured housing retailers. As a result of the current credit crisis, during the third quarter of fiscal year 2009, each of these remaining national floor plan lenders substantially curtailed their lending activities, and Textron Financial Corporation announced its intention to exit the business. We are concerned that floor plan financing providers could further reduce their levels of floor plan lending. Reduced availability of floor plan lending may affect the inventory levels of our independent retailers, the number of retail sales center locations and related wholesale demand, and may also have an adverse effect on the availability of

and our access to capital on an ongoing basis.

Our operating results could be affected by geographic concentration and declining housing demand

As a participant in the homebuilding industry, we are subject to market forces beyond our control. These market forces include employment and employment growth, interest rates, land availability and development costs, apartment vacancy levels, and the health of the general economy. Unfavorable changes in any of the above factors or other issues could have an adverse effect on our sales and earnings. In addition, our sales are largely concentrated in Arizona and California, which have experienced significant declines in industry shipments in calendar years 2006, 2007, 2008 and early 2009.

We have incurred net losses in prior periods and there can be no assurance that we will generate income in the future

Although we generated income from continuing operations during the past eight fiscal years, we have incurred net losses in prior years. Net losses in these years were attributable in substantial part to the downturn affecting the manufactured housing industry, which is discussed in detail below. The likelihood that we will generate net income in the future must be considered in light of the difficulties facing the manufactured housing industry as a whole, economic conditions, the competitive environment in which we operate and the other risks and uncertainties discussed in this Annual Report. There can be no assurance that we will generate net income in the future.

A write-off of all or part of our goodwill could adversely affect our operating results and net worth

A substantial portion of our total assets at March 31, 2009 consisted of goodwill, all of which is attributable to our manufacturing operations. In particular, goodwill accounted for approximately 38% of our total assets at March 31, 2009. Effective in fiscal year 2002, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets.* As a result, we no longer amortize goodwill. Instead, we review goodwill at least annually to determine whether it has become impaired. If goodwill has become impaired, we charge the impairment as an expense in the period in which the impairment occurred. See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Critical Accounting Policies and Note 1 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. Our goodwill could be impaired if developments affecting our manufacturing operations or the markets in which we produce manufactured homes lead us to conclude that the cash flows we expect to derive from our manufacturing operations will be substantially reduced. A write off of all or part of our goodwill could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

The cyclical and seasonal nature of the manufactured housing industry causes our revenues and operating results to fluctuate, and we expect this cyclicality and seasonality to continue in the future

The manufactured housing industry is highly cyclical and seasonal and is influenced by many national and regional economic and demographic factors including the availability of consumer financing for homebuyers, the availability of wholesale financing for retailers, seasonality of demand, consumer confidence, interest rates, demographic and employment trends, income levels, housing demand, general economic conditions, including inflation and recessions, and the availability of suitable home sites.

As a result of the foregoing economic, demographic and other factors, our revenues and operating results fluctuate, and we expect them to continue to fluctuate in the future. Moreover, we may experience operating losses during cyclical downturns in the manufactured housing market.

Our liquidity and ability to raise capital may be limited

We may need to obtain debt or additional equity financing in the future. The type, timing and terms of the financing selected by us will depend on, among other things, our cash needs, the availability of other financing sources and prevailing conditions in the financial markets. There can be no assurance that any of these sources will be available to us at any time or that they will be available on satisfactory terms.

We have contingent repurchase obligations related to wholesale financing provided to industry retailers

In accordance with customary business practice in the manufactured housing industry, we have entered into repurchase agreements with various financial institutions and other credit sources who provide floor plan financing to industry retailers, which provide that we will be obligated, under certain circumstances, to repurchase homes sold to retailers in the event of a default by a retailer in its obligation to such credit sources. Under these agreements, we have agreed to repurchase homes at declining prices over the term of the agreement (which in most cases is 18 to 24 months). The maximum amount of our contingent obligations under such repurchase agreements was approximately \$18.7 million as of March 31, 2009, without reduction for the resale value of the homes. We may be required to honor contingent repurchase obligations in the future and may incur additional expense as a consequence

of these repurchase agreements. The manufactured housing industry is highly competitive, and competition may increase the adverse effects of industry conditions

The manufactured housing industry is highly competitive. Competition at both the manufacturing and retail levels is based upon several factors, including price, product features, reputation for service and quality, merchandising, terms

of retailer promotional programs and the terms of retail customer financing. Numerous companies produce manufactured homes in our markets. In addition, our homes compete with repossessed homes that are offered for sale in our markets. A number of our manufacturing competitors also have their own retail distribution systems and consumer finance and insurance operations. The ability to offer consumer finance and insurance products may provide some competitors with an advantage. In addition, there are many independent manufactured housing retail locations in most areas where we have retail operations. We believe that where wholesale floor plan financing is available, it is relatively easy for new retailers to enter into our markets as competitors. In addition, our products compete with other forms of low to moderate-cost housing, including new and existing site-built homes, apartments, townhouses and condominiums. If we are unable to compete effectively in this environment, our retail sales and wholesale shipments could be reduced.

If we are unable to establish or maintain relationships with independent retailers who sell our homes, our sales could decline

During fiscal year 2009, approximately 96% of our wholesale shipments of manufactured homes were made to independent retail locations. As is common in the industry, independent retailers may sell homes produced by competing manufacturers. We may not be able to establish relationships with new independent retailers or maintain good relationships with independent retailers that sell our homes. Even if we do establish and maintain relationships with independent retailers, these retailers are not obligated to sell our homes exclusively, and may choose to sell our competitors homes instead. The independent retailers with whom we have relationships can cancel these relationships on short notice. In addition, these retailers may not remain financially solvent, as they are subject to industry, economic, demographic and seasonal trends similar to those faced by us. If we do not establish and maintain relationships with solvent independent retailers in one or more of our markets, sales in those markets could decline. *Our results of operations can be adversely affected by labor shortages and the pricing and availability of raw materials*

The homebuilding industry has from time to time experienced labor shortages and other labor related issues. A number of factors may adversely affect the labor force available to us and our subcontractors in one or more of our markets including high employment levels, construction market conditions and government regulation which include laws and regulations related to workers health and safety, wage and hour practices and immigration. An overall labor shortage or a lack of skilled labor could cause significant increases in costs or delays in construction of homes which could have a material adverse effect upon our sales and results of operations.

Our results of operations can be affected by the pricing and availability of raw materials. Although we attempt to increase the sales prices of our homes in response to higher materials costs, such increases typically lag behind the escalation of materials costs. Sudden increases in price and lack of availability of raw materials can be caused by natural disaster or other market forces, as has occurred in recent years. Although we have not experienced any production halts, severe or prolonged shortages of some of our most important building materials, which include wood and wood products, gypsum wallboard, steel, insulation, and other petroleum-based products, have occurred. There can be no assurance that sufficient supplies of these and other raw materials will continue to be available to us. *If the manufactured housing industry is not able to secure favorable local zoning ordinances, our sales could*

decline and our business could be adversely affected

Manufactured housing communities and individual home placements are subject to local zoning ordinances and other local regulations relating to utility service and construction of roadways. In the past, property owners often have resisted the adoption of zoning ordinances permitting the location of manufactured homes in residential areas, which we believe has restricted the growth of the industry. Manufactured homes may not achieve widespread acceptance and localities may not adopt zoning ordinances permitting the development of manufactured home communities. If the manufactured housing industry is unable to secure favorable local zoning ordinances, our sales could decline and our business, results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

The loss of any of our executive officers could reduce our ability to execute our business strategy and could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations

We are dependent to a significant extent upon the efforts of our executive officers, particularly Joseph H. Stegmayer, our Chief Executive Officer, and Daniel L. Urness, our Chief Financial Officer. The loss of the services of one or more of our executive officers could impair our ability to execute our business strategy and have a material adverse effect upon our business, financial condition and results of operations. We currently have no key man life insurance for our executive officers.

Certain provisions of our organizational documents could delay or make more difficult a change in control of our Company

Certain provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation and restated bylaws could delay or make more difficult transactions involving a change of control of our Company, and may have the effect of entrenching our current management or possibly depressing the market price of our common stock. For example, our restated certificate of incorporation and restated bylaws authorize blank series preferred stock, establish a staggered board of directors and impose certain procedural and other requirements for stockholder proposals. Furthermore, the fact that income taxes

could be imposed as a result of ownership changes occurring in conjunction with the distribution may have the effect of delaying or making more difficult certain transactions involving a change of control of our Company.

Volatility of Stock Price

The price of our common stock may fluctuate widely, depending upon a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control. These factors include the perceived prospects of our business and the manufactured housing industry as a whole; differences between our actual financial and operating results and those expected by investors and analysts; changes in analysts recommendations or projections; changes affecting the availability of financing in the wholesale and consumer lending markets; actions or announcements by competitors; changes in the regulatory environment in which we operate; and changes in general economic or market conditions. In addition, stock markets generally experience significant price and volume volatility from time to time which may adversely affect the market price of our common stock for reasons unrelated to our performance.

Deterioration in economic conditions in general and continued turmoil in the credit markets could reduce our earnings and financial condition.

Deterioration in global economic conditions and continued turmoil in the credit markets could have a negative impact on our business. Among other things, unfavorable changes in employment levels, job growth, consumer confidence and income, and interest rates may further reduce demand for our products, which could negatively affect our business, results of operations, and financial condition. Unprecedented contraction in the credit markets and the financial services industry have occurred recently, characterized by the bankruptcy, failure or consolidation of various financial institutions and extraordinary intervention from the Federal government. These factors could have an adverse affect on the availability of financing to our customers, causing our revenues to decline.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

We own or lease and operate three manufacturing facilities in the Phoenix, Arizona area and one manufacturing plant in Seguin, Texas. During May 2009, the Company initiated a plan to move its park model and vacation cabin manufacturing operations from its Specialty plant to a second production line at its Litchfield facility. This move will provide greater capabilities for the production of park models, cabins, and other specialty buildings, create improved overall operational efficiencies at the Litchfield factory, as well as reduce overhead expenses. Except in the case of the Litchfield plant, we own the land on which these facilities are located. We also own substantially all of the machinery and equipment used at these facilities. We believe that these facilities are adequately maintained and suitable for the purposes for which they are used. We also own approximately 30 acres of land in Phoenix, Arizona, which is the intended site of a future manufacturing facility. The following table sets forth certain information with respect to our active manufacturing facilities:

	Date of			
	Commencement	Owned /	Square	
Location	of Operations	Leased	Feet	
Texas plant Seguin, Texas	2006	Owned	129,000	
Litchfield plant Phoenix, Arizona (1)	1993	Leased	250,000	
Durango plant Phoenix, Arizona	1978	Owned	79,000	
Specialty plant Phoenix, Arizona	1972	Owned	94,000	

 This lease expires in February 2013.

Our Company-owned retail centers generally range in size from one acre to five acres. Except for our Albuquerque, NM retail center, all of these locations are leased by us. Over the next 12 months, we plan to close less than one-half of our remaining Company-owned retail centers. The following table sets forth our 6 current Company-owned retail centers by location.

Lease Term

Leased

Leased

Leased

Leased

Leased

Leased

Owned

Location
Mesa, AZ (1)
Tucson, AZ (2) (3)
Yuma, AZ (2) (3)
New Braunfels, TX (1) (3)
Porter, TX (1)
Albuquerque, NM

- (1) The Company has early termination options ranging from 3 to 6 months for these leases.
- (2) The Company has purchase options for these leased properties.
- (3) The Company has options to renew these leases.

Expiration November 30, 2009 February 17, 2010 February 17, 2010 September 30, 2009 April 30, 2012

We also lease approximately 11,000 square feet of office space in Phoenix, Arizona for our corporate headquarters. Our corporate headquarters lease is scheduled to expire in 2012 but is cancelable with six months notice after August 1, 2009.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are party to certain legal proceedings that arise in the ordinary course and are incidental to our business. Certain of the claims pending against us in these proceedings allege, among other things, breach of contract and warranty, product liability, and personal injury. Although litigation is inherently uncertain, based on past experience and the information currently available, our management does not believe that the currently pending and threatened litigation or claims will have a material adverse effect on the Company s consolidated financial position or results of operations. However, future events or circumstances, currently unknown to management will determine whether the resolution of pending or threatened litigation or claims will ultimately have a material effect on our consolidated financial position, liquidity or results of operations in any future reporting periods.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS None.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT (See Item 10 of Part III of this Report)

The following is an alphabetical listing of our executive officers as of May 8, 2009; as such term is defined under the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Officers are generally elected by the Board of Directors at its meeting immediately following our annual stockholders meeting, with each officer serving until a successor has been elected and qualified. There is no family relationship between these officers.

Name	Age	Positions with Cavco or Business Experience
Joseph H. Stegmayer	58	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President since March 2001; President of Centex Manufactured Housing Group, LLC from September 2000 to June 2003; President - Retail Operations and Chief Financial Officer of Champion Enterprises, Inc. from January 1998 to September 2000; President, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Executive Committee of Clayton Homes, Inc. from 1993 to January 1998
Daniel L. Urness	40	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer since January 2006; Interim Chief Financial Officer from August 2005 to January 2006; Corporate Controller from May 2005 to August 2005; Financial Consultant from June 2002 to May 2005; Controller from May 1999 to June 2002; Manager and staff with Deloitte & Touche, LLP from September 1993 to May 1999

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

The Company s common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol CVCO. The following table sets forth, for each of the periods indicated, the reported high and low closing sale prices per share on the NASDAQ for the Company s common stock.

	Closing Sales Price			
]	High		Low
Year ended March 31, 2009				
Fourth Quarter	\$	26.69	\$	19.17
Third Quarter		36.15		21.90
Second Quarter		37.59		30.68
First Quarter		40.24		32.73
Year ended March 31, 2008				
Fourth Quarter	\$	37.62	\$	28.65