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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended March 26, 2011

or

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

For the transition period from to

Commission File Number: 1-5057

OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of

82-0100960
(I.R.S Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

263 Shuman Boulevard

Naperville, Illinois
(Address of principal executive offices)

60563
(Zip Code)

(630) 438-7800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

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

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

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

| Class | Shares Outstanding as of April 20, 2011 |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Common Stock, \$2.50 par value | 85,968,573 |

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| | Three Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 26, 2011 | March 27, 2010 |
| | (unaudited) | |
| Sales | \$ 1,863,001 | \$ 1,917,254 |
| Cost of goods sold and occupancy costs | 1,388,489 | 1,411,788 |
| Gross profit | 474,512 | 505,466 |
| Operating expenses | | |
| Operating, selling and general and administrative expenses | 445,900 | 441,925 |
| Other operating expenses | | 14,188 |
| Operating income | 28,612 | 49,353 |
| Interest expense | (18,767) | (18,316) |
| Interest income | 11,020 | 10,616 |
| Other income, net | 38 | 51 |
| Pre-tax income | 20,903 | 41,704 |
| Income tax expense | (7,670) | (15,401) |
| Net income attributable to OfficeMax and noncontrolling interest | 13,233 | 26,303 |
| Joint venture results attributable to noncontrolling interest | (1,330) | (855) |
| Net income attributable to OfficeMax | \$ 11,903 | \$ 25,448 |
| Preferred dividends | (537) | (669) |
| Net income available to OfficeMax common shareholders | \$ 11,366 | \$ 24,779 |
| Net income per common share | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.29 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.29 |

See accompanying notes to quarterly consolidated financial statements

Table of Contents**OfficeMax Incorporated and Subsidiaries****Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(thousands)

| | March 26, 2011 (unaudited) | December 25, 2010 |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 444,091 | \$ 462,326 |
| Receivables, net | 548,827 | 546,885 |
| Inventories | 750,922 | 846,463 |
| Deferred income taxes and receivables | 98,859 | 99,613 |
| Other current assets | 62,271 | 58,999 |
| Total current assets | 1,904,970 | 2,014,286 |
| Property and equipment: | | |
| Land and land improvements | 41,260 | 41,317 |
| Buildings and improvements | 489,357 | 487,160 |
| Machinery and equipment | 773,424 | 818,081 |
| Total property and equipment | 1,304,041 | 1,346,558 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (910,017) | (949,269) |
| Net property and equipment | 394,024 | 397,289 |
| Intangible assets, net | 82,649 | 83,231 |
| Investment in Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. | 175,000 | 175,000 |
| Timber notes receivable | 899,250 | 899,250 |
| Deferred income taxes | 277,063 | 284,529 |
| Other non-current assets | 233,597 | 225,344 |
| Total assets | \$ 3,966,553 | \$ 4,078,929 |

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Table of Contents**OfficeMax Incorporated and Subsidiaries****Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(thousands, except share and per-share amounts)

| | March 26, 2011 (unaudited) | December 25, 2010 |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Current portion of debt | \$ 6,039 | \$ 4,560 |
| Accounts payable | 595,293 | 686,106 |
| Income tax payable | 8,625 | 11,055 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities: | | |
| Compensation and benefits | 106,179 | 145,911 |
| Other | 203,128 | 196,842 |
| Total current liabilities | 919,264 | 1,044,474 |
| Long-term debt, less current portion | 269,694 | 270,435 |
| Non-recourse debt | 1,470,000 | 1,470,000 |
| Other long-term items: | | |
| Compensation and benefits obligations | 250,683 | 250,756 |
| Deferred gain on sale of assets | 179,757 | 179,757 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 205,546 | 213,496 |
| Noncontrolling interest in joint venture | 49,311 | 49,246 |
| Shareholders' equity: | | |
| Preferred stock - no par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; Series D ESOP: \$.01 stated value; 680,419 and 686,696 shares outstanding | 30,619 | 30,901 |
| Common stock - \$2.50 par value; 200,000,000 shares authorized; 85,967,898 and 85,057,710 shares outstanding | 214,920 | 212,644 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 989,418 | 986,579 |
| Accumulated deficit | (522,775) | (533,606) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (89,884) | (95,753) |
| Total OfficeMax shareholders' equity | 622,298 | 600,765 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ 3,966,553 | \$ 4,078,929 |

See accompanying notes to quarterly consolidated financial statements

Table of Contents**OfficeMax Incorporated and Subsidiaries****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(thousands)

| | Three Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 26, 2011 | March 27, 2010 |
| | (unaudited) | |
| Cash provided by operations: | | |
| Net income attributable to OfficeMax and noncontrolling interest | \$ 13,233 | \$ 26,303 |
| Non-cash items in net income: | | |
| Earnings on investment in Boise Cascade Holdings L.L.C. | (1,897) | (1,754) |
| Depreciation and amortization | 20,918 | 26,415 |
| Pension and other postretirement benefits expense | 1,982 | 1,546 |
| Other | 5,830 | 2,428 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Receivables | 996 | 964 |
| Inventories | 98,538 | 81,954 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (128,296) | (86,455) |
| Current and deferred income taxes | 4,312 | 18,646 |
| Other | (14,745) | (6,019) |
| Cash provided by operations | 871 | 64,028 |
| Cash used for investment: | | |
| Expenditures for property and equipment | (17,012) | (9,245) |
| Proceeds from sales of assets, net | 72 | 415 |
| Cash used for investment | (16,940) | (8,830) |
| Cash used for financing: | | |
| Cash dividends paid preferred stock | (1,142) | (1,348) |
| Borrowings (payments) of short-term debt, net | 1,336 | (174) |
| Payments of long-term debt | (1,062) | (662) |
| Purchase of Series D preferred stock | (273) | (1,642) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | 1,803 | 808 |
| Payments related to other share-based compensation | (4,404) | |
| Other | 11 | 7 |
| Cash used for financing | (3,731) | (3,011) |
| Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents | 1,565 | 987 |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (18,235) | 53,174 |
| Balance at beginning of the period | 462,326 | 486,570 |
| Balance at end of the period | \$ 444,091 | \$ 539,744 |

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Notes to Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation

Nature of Operations

OfficeMax Incorporated (OfficeMax, the Company or we) is a leader in both business-to-business and retail office products distribution. The Company provides office supplies and paper, print and document services, technology products and solutions and furniture to large, medium and small businesses, government offices and consumers. OfficeMax customers are served by approximately 30,000 associates through direct sales, catalogs, the Internet and a network of retail stores located throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Mexico.

The accompanying quarterly consolidated financial statements include the accounts of OfficeMax and all majority-owned subsidiaries, except our 88%-owned subsidiary that formerly owned assets in Cuba that were confiscated by the Cuban government in the 1960s, which is accounted for as an investment due to various asset restrictions. We also consolidate the variable interest entities in which the Company is the primary beneficiary. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. These financial statements are for the thirteen-week period ended on March 26, 2011 (also referred to as the first quarter of 2011 or the three months ended March 26, 2011) and the thirteen-week period ended on March 27, 2010 (also referred to as the first quarter of 2010 or the three months ended March 27, 2010). The Company's fiscal year ends on the last Saturday in December. Due primarily to statutory reporting requirements, the Company's international businesses maintain December 31 year-ends and end their quarters on the last calendar day of the month, with our majority-owned joint venture in Mexico reporting one month in arrears. Fiscal year 2010 included 52 weeks for all reportable segments and businesses. Fiscal year 2011 will include 53 weeks for our U.S. businesses.

The Company manages its business using three reportable segments: OfficeMax, Contract (Contract segment or Contract); OfficeMax, Retail (Retail segment or Retail); and Corporate and Other. Management reviews the performance of the Company based on these segments. We present information pertaining to our segments in Note 10, Segment Information .

The Company has prepared the quarterly consolidated financial statements included herein pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). Some information and note disclosures, which would normally be included in comprehensive annual financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, have been condensed or omitted pursuant to those rules and regulations. These quarterly consolidated financial statements should be read together with the consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 25, 2010.

The quarterly consolidated financial statements included herein have not been audited by an independent registered public accounting firm, but in the opinion of management, include all adjustments necessary to present fairly the results for the periods indicated. Except as disclosed within these Notes to Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited), the adjustments made were of a normal, recurring nature. Quarterly results are not necessarily indicative of results which may be expected for a full year.

Recently Issued or Newly Adopted Accounting Standards

There were no recently issued or newly adopted accounting standards that were applicable to the preparation of our consolidated financial statements for 2011 or that may become applicable to the preparation of our consolidated financial statements in the future.

Table of Contents**Notes to Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (Continued)****2. Facility Closure Reserves**

We conduct regular reviews of our real estate portfolio to identify underperforming facilities, and close those facilities that are no longer strategically or economically beneficial. We record a liability for the cost associated with a facility closure at its fair value in the period in which the liability is incurred, primarily the location's cease-use date. Upon closure, unrecoverable costs are included in facility closure reserves and include provisions for the present value of future lease obligations, less contractual or estimated sublease income. Accretion expense is recognized over the life of the required payments.

During the first quarter of 2010, the Company recorded pre-tax charges of \$13.4 million in its Retail segment related to facility closure, of which \$12.0 million related to the lease liability and other costs associated with closing seven domestic stores prior to the end of their lease terms and \$1.4 million was related to other items.

Facility closure reserve account activity during the first three months of 2011 was as follows:

| | Total (thousands) |
|---|------------------------------|
| Balance at December 25, 2010 | \$ 61,673 |
| Changes to estimated costs included in income | 696 |
| Cash payments | (6,827) |
| Accretion | 871 |
| Balance at March 26, 2011 | \$ 56,413 |

Reserve balances were classified in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as follows:

| | March 26, 2011 (thousands) |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Other accrued liabilities | \$ 16,033 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 40,380 |
| Total | \$ 56,413 |

At March 26, 2011, the components of the facilities closure reserve consisted of the following:

| | Total (thousands) |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Estimated future lease obligations | \$ 119,031 |
| Less: anticipated sublease income | (62,618) |
| Total | \$ 56,413 |

3. Severance and Other Charges

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The first quarter of 2010 included a charge recorded in our Contract segment of \$0.8 million for severance related to reorganizations in our U.S. Contract operations. This charge was included in other operating expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

As of March 26, 2011, \$0.4 million of severance charges previously recorded remain to be paid and are included in accrued expenses and other current liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Table of Contents**Notes to Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (Continued)****4. Timber Notes/Non-Recourse Debt**

In October 2004, we sold our timberland assets in exchange for \$15 million in cash plus credit-enhanced timber installment notes in the amount of \$1,635 million (the Installment Notes). The Installment Notes were issued by single-member limited liability companies formed by affiliates of Boise Cascade, L.L.C. (the Note Issuers). The Installment Notes are 15-year non-amortizing obligations and were issued in two equal \$817.5 million tranches bearing interest at 5.11% and 4.98%, respectively. In order to support the issuance of the Installment Notes, the Note Issuers transferred a total of \$1,635 million in cash to Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. (Lehman) and Wachovia Corporation (Wachovia) (which was later purchased by Wells Fargo & Company) (\$817.5 million to each of Lehman and Wachovia). Lehman and Wachovia issued collateral notes (the Collateral Notes) to the Note Issuers. Concurrently with the issuance of the Installment and Collateral Notes, Lehman and Wachovia guaranteed the respective Installment Notes and the Note Issuers pledged the Collateral Notes as security for the performance of the Installment Note obligations. The Installment Notes are reported as timber notes receivable in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In December 2004, we completed a securitization transaction in which the Company's interests in the Installment Notes and related guarantees were transferred to wholly-owned bankruptcy remote subsidiaries. The subsidiaries pledged the Installment Notes and related guarantees and issued securitized notes (the Securitization Notes) in the amount of \$1,470 million (\$735 million through the structure supported by the Lehman guaranty and \$735 million through the structure supported by the Wachovia guaranty). As a result of these transactions, we received \$1,470 million in cash. Recourse on the Securitization Notes is limited to the proceeds of the applicable pledged Installment Notes and underlying Lehman or Wachovia guaranty, and therefore there is no recourse against OfficeMax. The Securitization Notes are 15-year non-amortizing, and were issued in two equal \$735 million tranches paying interest of 5.54% and 5.42%, respectively. The Securitization Notes are reported as non-recourse debt in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

On September 15, 2008, Lehman, the guarantor of half of the Installment Notes and the Securitization Notes, filed a petition in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York seeking relief under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Lehman's bankruptcy filing constituted an event of default under the \$817.5 million Installment Note guaranteed by Lehman (the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note).

We are required for accounting purposes to assess the carrying value of assets whenever circumstances indicate that a decline in value may have occurred. In 2008, we evaluated the carrying value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note and reduced it to the estimated amount we expect to collect (\$81.8 million) by recording a non-cash impairment charge of \$735.8 million, pre-tax. The ultimate amount to be realized on the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note depends entirely on the proceeds from the Lehman bankruptcy estate, which may not be finally determined for several years. Our estimate of the expected proceeds has not changed, and at March 26, 2011, the carrying value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note remained at \$81.8 million. On April 14, 2010, Lehman filed its Debtors' Disclosure Statement with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. The Disclosure Statement indicated a range of estimated recoveries for general unsecured creditors of Lehman. As our estimate is similar to the estimate included in the Disclosure Statement, we have not adjusted our estimated carrying value for the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note. Going forward, we intend to adjust the carrying value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note as further information regarding our share of the proceeds, if any, from the Lehman bankruptcy estate becomes available.

Recourse on the Securitization Notes is limited to the proceeds from the applicable pledged Installment Notes and underlying Lehman or Wachovia guaranty. Accordingly, the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note and underlying Lehman guaranty will be transferred to the holders of the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman in order to settle and extinguish that liability. However, under current generally accepted accounting principles,

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we are required to continue to recognize the liability related to the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman until such time as the liability has been extinguished. This will occur when the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note and the related guaranty are transferred to and accepted by the Securitization Note holders. We expect that this will occur no later than the date when the assets of Lehman are distributed and the bankruptcy is finalized. Accordingly, we expect to recognize a non-cash gain equal to the difference between the carrying amount of the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman (\$735.0 million at March 26, 2011) and the carrying value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note (\$81.8 million at March 26, 2011) in a later period when the liability is legally extinguished. The actual gain to be recognized in the future will be measured based on the carrying amounts of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note and the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman at the date of settlement.

Through March 26, 2011, we have received all payments due under the Installment Notes guaranteed by Wachovia (the Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes), which have consisted only of interest due on the notes, and have made all payments due on the related Securitization Notes guaranteed by Wachovia, again consisting only of interest due. As all amounts due on the Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes are current and we have no reason to believe that we will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes, the notes are stated in our Consolidated Balance Sheets at their original principal amount of \$817.5 million. The Installment Notes and Securitization Notes are scheduled to mature in 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Securitization Notes have an initial term that is approximately three months shorter than the Installment Notes.

At the time of the sale of the timberlands in 2004, we generated a tax gain and recognized the related deferred tax liability. The timber installment notes structure allowed the Company to defer the resulting tax liability of \$543 million until 2020, the maturity date for the Installment Notes. Due to the Lehman bankruptcy and note defaults, the recognition of the Lehman portion of the gain will be triggered when the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note is transferred to the Securitization Note holders as payment and/or when the Lehman bankruptcy is resolved. At that time, we expect to reduce the estimated cash payment due by utilizing our available alternative minimum tax credits.

5. Debt***Credit Agreements***

On July 12, 2007, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement (the U.S. Credit Agreement) with a group of banks. The U.S. Credit Agreement permits the Company to borrow up to a maximum of \$700 million subject to a borrowing base calculation that limits availability to a percentage of eligible accounts receivable plus a percentage of the value of eligible inventory less certain reserves. The U.S. Credit Agreement may be increased (up to a maximum of \$800 million) at the Company's request or reduced from time to time, in each case according to the terms detailed in the U.S. Credit Agreement. Letters of credit, which may be issued under the U.S. Credit Agreement up to a maximum of \$250 million, reduce available borrowing capacity. At the end of the first quarter of 2011, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the U.S. Credit Agreement. The U.S. Credit Agreement expires on July 12, 2012.

During all periods presented, borrowings under the U.S. Credit Agreement were subject to interest at rates based on either the prime rate or the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR). Margins were applied to the applicable borrowing rates and letter of credit fees under the U.S. Credit Agreement depending on the level of average availability. Fees on letters of credit issued under the U.S. Credit Agreement were charged at a weighted average rate of 0.875%. The Company was also charged an unused line fee of 0.25% on the amount by which the maximum available credit exceeded the average daily outstanding borrowings and letters of credit.

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On September 30, 2009, Grand & Toy Limited, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary in Canada, entered into a Loan and Security Agreement (the Canadian Credit Agreement) with a group of banks. The Canadian Credit Agreement permits Grand & Toy Limited to borrow up to a maximum of C\$60 million subject to a borrowing base calculation that limits availability to a percentage of eligible accounts receivable plus a percentage of the value of eligible inventory less certain reserves. The Canadian Credit Agreement may be increased (up to a maximum of C\$80 million) at Grand & Toy Limited's request or reduced from time to time, in each case according to the terms detailed in the Canadian Credit Agreement. Letters of credit, which may be issued under the Canadian Credit Agreement up to a maximum of C\$10 million, reduce available borrowing capacity under the Canadian Credit Agreement. At the end of the first quarter of 2011, Grand & Toy Limited was in compliance with all covenants under the Canadian Credit Agreement. The Canadian Credit Agreement expires on July 12, 2012.

On March 15, 2010, the Company's five wholly-owned subsidiaries based in Australia and New Zealand entered into a Facility Agreement (the Australia/New Zealand Credit Agreement) with a financial institution based in those countries. The Australia/New Zealand Credit Agreement permits the subsidiaries in Australia and New Zealand to borrow up to a maximum of A\$80 million subject to a borrowing base calculation that limits availability to a percentage of eligible accounts receivable plus a percentage of the value of certain owned properties, less certain reserves. At the end of the first quarter of 2011, the subsidiaries in Australia and New Zealand were in compliance with all covenants under the Australia/New Zealand Credit Agreement. The Australia/New Zealand Credit Agreement expires on March 15, 2013.

Availability under the Company's credit agreements at the end of the first quarter of 2011 was as follows:

| | U.S. Credit Agreement | Canadian Credit Agreement (millions of U.S. dollars) | Australia/ New Zealand Credit Agreement | Total |
|--|-----------------------------|---|---|----------|
| Maximum aggregate available borrowing amount | \$ 501.0 | \$ 49.9 | \$ 58.9 | \$ 609.8 |
| Less: Stand-by letters of credit | (54.5) | | | (54.5) |
| Amount available for borrowing | \$ 446.5 | \$ 49.9 | \$ 58.9 | \$ 555.3 |

There were no borrowings under the Company's credit agreements during 2011.

Other

At the end of the first quarter of 2011, Grupo OfficeMax, our 51%-owned joint venture in Mexico, had total outstanding borrowings of \$13.9 million. This included \$7.5 million outstanding under a 60-month installment note due in the first quarter of 2014 and \$5.1 million outstanding under a 54-month installment note due in the third quarter of 2014. Payments on the installment loans are made monthly. The remaining \$1.3 million of borrowings is a simple revolving loan. There is no recourse against the Company on the Grupo OfficeMax loans. The installment loan maturing in the third quarter of 2014 is secured by certain owned property of Grupo OfficeMax. All other Grupo OfficeMax loan facilities are unsecured.

Cash Paid for Interest

Cash payments for interest, net of interest capitalized and including interest payments related to the Securitization Notes, were \$5.3 million and \$5.7 million for the first three months of 2011 and 2010, respectively. Cash interest payments made on the Securitization Notes are completely offset by interest payments received on the Installment Notes.

Table of Contents**Notes to Quarterly Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (Continued)****6. Investment in Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C.**

In connection with the sale of the paper, forest products and timberland assets in 2004, the Company invested \$175 million in affiliates of Boise Cascade, L.L.C. Due to restructurings conducted by those affiliates, our investment is currently in Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. (the Boise Investment), a building products company.

A portion of the securities received in exchange for the Company's investment carry no voting rights. This investment is accounted for under the cost method as Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. does not maintain separate ownership accounts for its affiliate's members, and the Company does not have the ability to significantly influence its operating and financial policies.

The Boise Investment represented a continuing involvement in the operations of the business we sold in 2004. Therefore, approximately \$180 million of gain realized from the sale was deferred. This gain is expected to be recognized in earnings as the Company's investment is reduced.

The non-voting securities of Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. accrue dividends daily at the rate of 8% per annum on the liquidation value plus accumulated dividends. Dividends accumulate semiannually to the extent not paid in cash on the last day of June and December. The Company recognized dividend income on this investment of \$1.9 million and \$1.8 million during the first three months of 2011 and 2010, respectively. The dividend receivable was \$32.1 million at March 26, 2011, and was recorded in other non-current assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

7. Financial Instruments, Derivatives and Hedging Activities***Fair Value of Financial Instruments***

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, trade accounts receivable, other assets (non-derivatives), short-term borrowings and trade accounts payable approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments. The following table presents the carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's other financial instruments at March 26, 2011 and December 25, 2010. The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties.

| | March 26, 2011 | | | Total | Carrying Amount |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | | |
| | Fair Value (thousands) | | | | |
| Financial assets: | | | | | |
| Timber notes receivable | | | | | |
| Wachovia | \$ | \$ 894,028 | \$ | \$ 894,028 | \$ 817,500 |
| Lehman | \$ | \$ | \$ 81,750 | \$ 81,750 | \$ 81,750 |
| Financial liabilities: | | | | | |
| Recourse debt | | | | | |
| | \$ 11,039 | \$ 246,859 | \$ | \$ 257,898 | \$ 275,733 |
| Non-recourse debt | | | | | |
| Wachovia | \$ | \$ 815,790 | \$ | \$ 815,790 | \$ 735,000 |
| Lehman | \$ | \$ | \$ 81,750 | \$ 81,750 | \$ 735,000 |

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| | December 25, 2010 | | | | Carrying Amount |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Fair Value Level 3 (thousands) | Total | |
| Financial assets: | | | | | |
| Timber notes receivable | | | | | |
| Wachovia | \$ | \$ 888,288 | \$ | \$ 888,288 | \$ 817,500 |
| Lehman | \$ | \$ | \$ 81,750 | \$ 81,750 | \$ 81,750 |
| Financial liabilities: | | | | | |
| Recourse debt | | | | | |
| | \$ | \$ 255,519 | \$ | \$ 255,519 | \$ 274,995 |
| Non-recourse debt | | | | | |
| Wachovia | \$ | \$ 811,093 | \$ | \$ 811,093 | \$ 735,000 |
| Lehman | \$ | \$ | \$ 81,750 | \$ 81,750 | \$ 735,000 |

In establishing a fair value, there is a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The basis of the fair value measurement is categorized in three levels, in order of priority, described as follows:

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 financial instruments for which all significant inputs are observable; either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable; thus reflecting assumptions about the market participants.

The carrying amounts shown in the table are included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets under the indicated captions. The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments:

Timber notes receivable: The fair value of the Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes is determined as the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the current interest rate for loans of similar terms with comparable credit risk (Level 2 inputs). The fair value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note reflects the estimated future cash flows of the note considering the estimated effects of the Lehman bankruptcy (Level 3 inputs).

Recourse debt: The Company's debt instruments are not widely traded. Recourse debt for which there were trades on the last day of the period (the measurement date) was valued using the unadjusted quoted price from the last trade on the measurement date. (Level 1 input), Recourse debt for which there were no transactions on the measurement date was valued based on quoted market prices near the measurement date when available or by discounting the future cash flows of each instrument using rates based on the most recently observable trade or using rates currently offered to the Company for similar debt instruments of comparable maturities (Level 2 inputs).

Non-recourse debt: The fair value of the Securitization Notes supported by Wachovia is estimated by discounting the future cash flows of the instrument at rates currently available to the Company for similar instruments of comparable maturities (Level 2 inputs). The Securitization Notes supported by Lehman is estimated based on the future cash flows of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note (the proceeds from which are the sole source of payment of this note) in a bankruptcy proceeding (Level 3 inputs).

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During the first three months of 2011, there was no change in assets and liabilities measured at estimated fair value using Level 3 inputs.

Derivatives and Hedging Activities

Changes in foreign currency exchange rates expose the Company to financial market risk. The Company occasionally uses derivative financial instruments, such as forward exchange contracts, to manage its exposure associated with commercial transactions and certain liabilities that are denominated in a currency other than the currency of the operating unit entering into the underlying transaction. The Company does not enter into derivative instruments for any other purpose. The Company does not speculate using derivative instruments. The fair values of derivative financial instruments were not material at the end of the first quarter of 2011 or at the end of fiscal year 2010.

8. Income Taxes

The Company or its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. Federal jurisdiction, and multiple state and foreign jurisdictions. Years prior to 2006 are no longer subject to U.S. Federal income tax examination. The Company is no longer subject to state income tax examinations by tax authorities in its major state jurisdictions for years before 2003, and the Company is no longer subject to income tax examinations prior to 2005 for its major foreign jurisdictions.

As discussed in Note 4, Timber Notes/Non-Recourse Debt, at the time of the sale of the timberlands in 2004, we generated a tax gain and recognized the related deferred tax liability. The timber installment notes structure allowed the Company to defer the resulting tax liability of \$543 million until 2020, the maturity date for the Installment Notes. Due to the Lehman bankruptcy and note defaults, the recognition of the Lehman portion of the gain will be triggered when the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note is transferred to the Securitization Note holders as payment and/or when the Lehman bankruptcy is resolved. At that time, we expect to reduce the estimated cash payment due by utilizing our available alternative minimum tax credits.

As of March 26, 2011, the Company had \$20.9 million of total gross unrecognized tax benefits, \$6.7 million of which would affect the Company's effective tax rate if recognized and would result from the effective settlement of tax positions with various tax authorities. The Company does not anticipate any tax settlements to occur within the next twelve months.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending gross unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

| | Amount (thousands) |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Balance at December 25, 2010 | \$ 20,863 |
| Increase related to prior year tax positions | 45 |
| Settlement | (10) |
| Balance at March 26, 2011 | \$ 20,898 |

During the first three months of 2011 and 2010, the Company made cash payments for income taxes, net of refunds received, as follows:

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | (thousands) | |
| Cash tax payments (refunds), net | \$ 3,358 | \$ (3,245) |

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The following represents the components of net periodic pension and other postretirement benefit costs (income) which are recorded in operating, selling and general and administrative expense in the Consolidated Statements of Operations:

| | Three Months Ended | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Pension Benefits | | Other Benefits | |
| | March 26, 2011 | March 27, 2010 | March 26, 2011 | March 27, 2010 |
| | (thousands) | | | |
| Service cost | \$ 639 | \$ 676 | \$ 96 | \$ 65 |
| Interest cost | 17,542 | 18,613 | 301 | 295 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (20,105) | (20,876) | | |
| Recognized actuarial loss | 4,427 | 3,346 | 84 | 48 |
| Amortization of prior service costs and other | | 380 | (1,002) | (1,001) |
| Net periodic benefit cost (income) | \$ 2,503 | \$ 2,139 | \$ (521) | \$ (593) |

Cash Flows

The Company expects to fund the minimum pension contribution requirement for 2011 of approximately \$3.7 million, with cash. As of March 26, 2011, \$0.9 million in cash has been contributed.

10. Segment Information

The Company manages its business using three reportable segments: Contract, Retail, and Corporate and Other. Management reviews the performance of the Company based on these segments.

Contract distributes a broad line of items for the office, including office supplies and paper, technology products and solutions, print and document services and office furniture. Contract sells directly to large corporate and government offices, as well as to small and medium-sized offices in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. This segment markets and sells through field salespeople, outbound telesales, catalogs, the Internet and in some markets, including Canada, Australia and New Zealand, through office products stores. Substantially all products sold by Contract are purchased from third-party manufacturers or industry wholesalers, except office papers. Contract purchases office papers primarily from Boise White Paper, L.L.C., under a 12-year paper supply contract which has an initial term that expires in 2012 followed by a four-year-phase down period.

Retail is a retail distributor of office supplies and paper, print and document services, technology products and solutions and office furniture. In addition, this segment contracts with large national retail chains to supply office and school supplies to be sold in their stores. Retail office supply stores feature OfficeMax ImPress, an in-store module devoted to print-for-pay and related services. Retail has operations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The retail segment also operates office products stores in Mexico through a 51%-owned joint venture. Substantially all products sold by Retail are purchased from third-party manufacturers or industry wholesalers, except office papers. Retail purchases office papers primarily from Boise White Paper, L.L.C., under the paper supply contract described above.

Corporate and Other includes corporate support staff services and certain other legacy expenses as well as the related assets and liabilities. The income and expense related to certain assets and liabilities that are reported in the Corporate and Other segment have been allocated to the Contract and Retail segments.

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Management evaluates the segments' performances using segment income (loss) which is based on operating income (loss) after eliminating the effect of certain operating items that are not indicative of our core operations such as severances, facility closures and adjustments, and asset impairments. These certain operating items are reported on the other operating expenses line in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The following tables contain details of the Company's operations by segment:

| | Sales | Segment income (loss) (thousands) | Other operating, income (expense) | Operating income (loss) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Three months ended March 26, 2011 | | | | |
| Contract | \$ 925,672 | \$ 9,005 | \$ | \$ 9,005 |
| Retail | 937,329 | 25,620 | | 25,620 |
| Corporate and Other | | (6,013) | | (6,013) |
| Total | \$ 1,863,001 | \$ 28,612 | \$ | \$ 28,612 |
| Three months ended March 27, 2010 | | | | |
| Contract | \$ 963,000 | \$ 33,758 | \$ (861) | \$ 32,897 |
| Retail | 954,254 | 38,783 | (13,352) | 25,431 |
| Corporate and Other | | (9,000) | 25 | (8,975) |
| Total | \$ 1,917,254 | \$ 63,541 | \$ (14,188) | \$ 49,353 |

Interest expense, interest income, other income, net and pre-tax income are not recorded by segment.

11. Share-Based Compensation

The Company sponsors several share-based compensation plans. The Company recognizes compensation expense from all share-based payment transactions with employees in the consolidated financial statements based on grant date fair value. Pre-tax compensation expense related to the Company's share-based plans was \$5.4 million and \$2.6 million for the first three months of 2011 and 2010, respectively. Compensation expense is generally recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of grants. The total income tax benefit recognized in the consolidated statement of operations for share-based compensation arrangements was \$2.1 million and \$1.0 million for the first three months of 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units

The Company recognizes compensation expense related to restricted stock and Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) awards over the vesting periods based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on the grant dates. The Company calculates the grant date fair value of the RSU awards by multiplying the number of RSU awards by the closing price of the Company's common stock on the grant date. If these awards contain performance criteria the grant date fair value is set assuming performance at target, and management periodically reviews actual performance against the criteria and adjusts compensation expense accordingly. Pre-tax compensation expense related to restricted stock and RSU awards was \$2.5 million and \$1.5 million for the first three months of 2011 and 2010, respectively. The remaining compensation expense to be recognized related to outstanding restricted stock and RSUs, net of estimated forfeitures, is approximately \$11.6 million. The remaining compensation expense will be recognized through the first quarter of 2014.

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A summary of restricted stock and RSU activity for the first three months of 2011 is presented in the following table:

| | Shares | Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Nonvested, December 25, 2010 | 2,111,135 | \$ 13.89 |
| Granted | 403,188 | 15.16 |
| Vested | (815,325) | 15.16 |
| Forfeited | (18,327) | 13.69 |
| Nonvested, March 26, 2011 | 1,680,671 | \$ 13.57 |

Stock Options

The Company's stock options are issued at a price equal to fair market value on the grant date and typically expire within seven years of the grant date. Stock options granted under the OfficeMax Incentive and Performance Plan generally vest over a three year period. The grant date fair value used to calculate compensation expense related to stock option awards is based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Pre-tax compensation expense related to stock option awards was \$2.9 million and \$1.1 million for the first three months of 2011 and 2010, respectively. The remaining compensation expense to be recognized related to outstanding stock options net of estimated forfeitures, is approximately \$18.0 million. The majority of the remaining compensation expense will be recognized through the first quarter of 2014.

A summary of stock option activity for the first three months of 2011 is presented in the following table:

| | Shares | Wtd. Avg. Ex. Price |
|--|---------------|------------------------|
| Balance at December 25, 2010 | 4,313,290 | \$ 16.52 |
| Options granted | 965,730 | 16.86 |
| Options exercised | (375,622) | 4.80 |
| Options forfeited and expired | (40,016) | 13.71 |
| Balance at March 26, 2011 | 4,863,382 | \$ 17.52 |
| Exercisable at March 26, 2011 | 1,901,665 | |
| Weighted average fair value of options granted (Black-Scholes) | \$ 8.93 | |

The following table provides summarized information about stock options outstanding at March 26, 2011:

| Range of Exercise Prices | Options Outstanding | | | Options Exercisable | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Options Outstanding | Weighted Average Contractual Life (Years) | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Options Exercisable | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| \$2.00 \$3.00 | 11,171 | | \$ 2.50 | 11,171 | \$ 2.50 |
| \$4.00 \$5.00 | 972,480 | 4.9 | 4.74 | 536,593 | 4.72 |
| \$12.00 \$17.00 | 1,848,571 | 6.4 | 15.72 | 297,741 | 14.52 |
| \$18.00 \$28.00 | 1,356,200 | 5.1 | 20.84 | 381,200 | 27.71 |

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|---------|---------|---------|-----|-------|---------|-------|
| \$28.01 | \$39.00 | 674,960 | 1.8 | 34.44 | 674,960 | 34.44 |
|---------|---------|---------|-----|-------|---------|-------|

At March 26, 2011, the aggregate intrinsic value was \$8.0 million for outstanding stock options and \$4.5 million for exercisable stock options. The aggregate intrinsic value represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value (i.e. the difference between the Company's closing stock price on the last trading day of the first quarter of 2011 and the exercise price, multiplied by the number of in-the-money stock options at the end of the quarter).

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During the first three months of 2011, the Company granted stock options for 965,730 shares of our common stock and estimated the fair value of each stock option award on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions: risk-free interest rate of 2.05%, expected life of 4.5 years and expected stock price volatility of 64.8%. The risk-free interest rate assumptions are based on the applicable Treasury bill rates over the stock options' expected lives; the expected life assumptions are based on the time period stock options are expected to be outstanding based on historical experience; and the expected stock price volatility assumptions are based on the historical and implied volatility of the Company's common stock.

12. Shareholders' Equity and Noncontrolling Interest

The following table reflects changes in shareholders' equity and noncontrolling interest for the first three months of 2011.

| | Shareholders Equity | Noncontrolling Interest (thousands) |
|--|------------------------|---|
| Balance at December 25, 2010 | \$ 600,765 | \$ 49,246 |
| Comprehensive income: | | |
| Net income attributable to OfficeMax and noncontrolling interest | 11,903 | 1,330 |
| Other comprehensive income: | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 4,065 | 1,065 |
| Amortization of unrecognized retirement and benefit costs, net of tax | 2,114 | |
| Unrealized hedge loss adjustment, net of tax | (310) | |
| Comprehensive income attributable to OfficeMax and noncontrolling interest | 17,772 | 2,395 |
| Preferred stock dividends | (1,068) | |
| Stock-based compensation | 5,365 | |
| Non-controlling interest fair value adjustment | 2,330 | (2,330) |
| Other | (2,866) | |
| Balance at March 26, 2011 | \$ 622,298 | \$ 49,311 |

In accordance with an amended and restated joint venture agreement, the minority owner of Grupo OfficeMax, our joint-venture in Mexico, can elect to require OfficeMax to purchase the minority owner's 49% interest in the joint venture if certain earnings targets are achieved. Earnings targets are calculated quarterly on a rolling four-quarter basis. Accordingly, the targets may be achieved in one quarter but not in the next. If the earnings targets are achieved and the minority owner elects to require OfficeMax to purchase the minority owner's interest, the purchase price is based on the joint venture's earnings and the current market multiples of similar companies. At the end of the first quarter of 2011, Grupo OfficeMax met the earnings targets and the estimated purchase price of the minority owner's interest was \$48.8 million. At the end of the first quarter of 2011, the noncontrolling interest was recorded at the estimated purchase price, which was in excess of the carrying value. As the estimated purchase price approximates fair value, the offset was recorded to additional paid-in capital.

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Comprehensive income includes the following:

| | Three Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 26, 2011 | March 27, 2010 |
| | (thousands) | |
| Net income attributable to OfficeMax and noncontrolling interest | \$ 13,233 | \$ 26,303 |
| Other comprehensive income: | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 5,130 | 4,543 |
| Amortization of unrecognized retirement and benefit costs, net of tax | 2,114 | 797 |
| Unrealized hedge loss adjustment, net of tax | (310) | |
| Comprehensive income attributable to OfficeMax and noncontrolling interest | 20,167 | 31,643 |
| Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest | 2,395 | 1,081 |
| Comprehensive income available to OfficeMax | \$ 17,772 | \$ 30,562 |

14. Net Income Per Common Share

Basic net income per share is calculated using net earnings available to holders of our common stock divided by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the year. Diluted net income per share is similar to basic net income per share except that the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding is increased to include, if their inclusion is dilutive, the number of additional shares of common stock that would have been outstanding assuming the issuance of all potentially dilutive shares, such as common stock to be issued upon exercise of options and the vesting of non-vested restricted shares, and the conversion of outstanding preferred stock. Net income per common share was determined by dividing net income, as adjusted, by weighted average shares outstanding as follows:

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| | March 26, 2011 | March 27, 2010 |
| | (thousands, except per- share amounts) | |
| Net income available to OfficeMax common shareholders | \$ 11,366 | \$ 24,779 |
| Average shares basic(a) | 85,368 | 84,655 |
| Restricted stock, stock options and other(b) | 1,059 | 1,192 |
| Average shares diluted | 86,427 | 85,847 |
| Net income available to OfficeMax common shareholders per common share: | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.29 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.29 |

- (a) The assumed conversion of outstanding preferred stock was anti-dilutive in all periods presented, and therefore no adjustment was required to determine diluted income from continuing operations or average shares-diluted.
- (b) Options to purchase 3.0 million and 1.2 million shares of common stock were outstanding during the first three months of 2011 and 2010, respectively, but were not included in the computation of diluted income per common share because the impact would have been anti-dilutive as the option price was higher than the average market price during the year.

Table of Contents**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion contains statements about our future financial performance. These statements are only predictions. Our actual results may differ materially from these predictions. In evaluating these statements, you should review Item 1A, Risk Factors of our annual report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 25, 2010, including Cautionary and Forward-Looking Statements.

Overall Summary

Sales for the first quarter of 2011 were \$1,863.0 million, compared to \$1,917.3 million for the first quarter of 2010, a decrease of 2.8%. On a local currency basis, sales decreased 4.2%. Both our Contract and Retail businesses experienced sales declines in a challenging economic environment with reduced customer spending and changing buying habits. This spending reduction has occurred simultaneously with a heightened competitive marketplace and included a decline of approximately 1% due to inclement weather in the U.S. during the first quarter of 2011. Gross profit margin decreased by 0.9% of sales (90 basis points) to 25.5% of sales in the first quarter of 2011 compared to 26.4% of sales in the first quarter of 2010. Gross profit margin declines occurred in both our Contract and Retail segments resulting from the heightened competitive marketplace as well as an unfavorable mix shift in Retail and higher import duties associated with purchases in prior periods, partially offset by reduced delivery expense, as productivity gains offset higher fuel costs. Our Contract segment also experienced increased operating, selling and general and administrative expenses, while in our Retail segment these expenses remained flat as a percentage of sales compared to last year. Operating, selling and general and administrative expenses in our Corporate and other segment were lower compared to last year due to a favorable adjustment related to our company owned life insurance policies (COLI policies). We reported operating income of \$28.6 million in the first quarter of 2011 compared to \$49.4 million in the first quarter of 2010. As noted in the discussion and analysis that follows, our operating results were impacted by a number of significant items in the first quarter of 2010 consisting of charges for store closures and severance. There were no significant items in the first quarter of 2011. If we eliminate these items, our adjusted operating income for the first quarter of 2010 was \$63.6 million compared to an adjusted operating income of \$28.6 million for the first quarter of 2011. The reported net income available to OfficeMax common shareholders was \$11.4 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2011 compared to \$24.8 million, or \$0.29 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2010. If we eliminate the impact of significant items from 2010, adjusted net income available to OfficeMax common shareholders for the first quarter of 2011 was \$11.4 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share, compared to \$33.5 million, or \$0.39 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2010.

Results of Operations, Consolidated

(\$ in millions)

| | Three months ended | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| | March 26, 2011 | March 27, 2010 |
| Sales | \$ 1,863.0 | \$ 1,917.3 |
| Gross profit | 474.5 | 505.5 |
| Operating, selling and general and administrative expenses | 445.9 | 441.9 |
| Other operating expenses | | 14.2 |
| Total operating expenses | 445.9 | 456.1 |
| Operating income | \$ 28.6 | \$ 49.4 |
| Net income available to OfficeMax common shareholders | \$ 11.4 | \$ 24.8 |
| Gross profit margin | 25.5% | 26.4% |
| Operating, selling and general and administrative expenses Percentage of sales | 24.0% | 23.1% |

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In addition to assessing our operating performance as reported under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), we evaluate our results of operations before non-operating legacy items and certain operating items that are not indicative of our core operating activities such as severance, facility closures and adjustments, and asset impairments. We believe our presentation of financial measures before, or excluding, these items, which are non-GAAP measures, enhances our investors' overall understanding of our recurring operational performance and provides useful information to both investors and management to evaluate the ongoing operations and prospects of OfficeMax by providing better comparisons. Whenever we use non-GAAP financial measures, we designate these measures as adjusted and provide a reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measures to the most closely applicable GAAP financial measure. Investors are encouraged to review the related GAAP financial measures and the reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. In the following tables, we reconcile our non-GAAP financial measures to our reported GAAP financial results.

Although we believe the non-GAAP financial measures enhance an investor's understanding of our performance, our management does not itself, nor does it suggest that investors should, consider such non-GAAP financial measures in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. The non-GAAP financial measures we use may not be consistent with the presentation of similar companies in our industry. However, we present such non-GAAP financial measures in reporting our financial results to provide investors with an additional tool to evaluate our operating results in a manner that focuses on what we believe to be our ongoing business operations.

| NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 27, 2010 | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| | Operating income | Net income available to OfficeMax common shareholders | Diluted income per common share |
| | (millions, except per-share amounts) | | |
| As reported | \$ 49.4 | \$ 24.8 | \$ 0.29 |
| Store closure and severance adjustments | 14.2 | 8.7 | 0.10 |
| As adjusted | \$ 63.6 | \$ 33.5 | \$ 0.39 |

These items are described in more detail in this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

At the end of the first quarter of 2011, we had \$444.1 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$555.3 million in available (unused) borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facilities. The combination of cash and cash equivalents and available borrowing capacity yields \$999.4 million of overall liquidity. At the end of the first quarter of 2011, we had outstanding recourse debt of \$275.7 million (both current and long-term) and non-recourse obligations of \$1,470.0 million related to the timber securitization notes. There is no recourse against OfficeMax on the securitized timber notes payable as recourse is limited to proceeds from the applicable pledged installment notes receivable and underlying guarantees. There were no borrowings on our revolving credit facilities during the first three months in 2011.

For the first three months of 2011, operations provided \$0.9 million of cash. Working capital increased by \$28.8 million due to the timing of our merchandise purchases and certain other payments, partially offset by the annual reduction of year-end inventory balances. Capital expenditures for the first three months of 2011 totaled \$17.0 million and included systems and infrastructure investments.

Outlook

In recognition of current trends, we have put in place strong actions, including significant cost mitigation programs to bring our expenses in-line with last year. For the full year 2011, we anticipate that total company

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sales will be flat, to slightly higher than, the prior year, including the favorable impact of foreign currency translation and the benefit of a 53rd week, and the adjusted operating income margin rate will be in line with, to slightly lower than, the prior year. We anticipate capital expenditures for the full year of 2011 to be approximately \$75 million, primarily related to technology, ecommerce and infrastructure investments and upgrades. In addition, we expect cash flow from operations to be in excess of capital expenditures for the full year of 2011.

Operating Results

Sales for the first quarter of 2011 decreased 2.8% to \$1,863.0 million from \$1,917.3 million for the first quarter of 2010, which included the impact of favorable currency exchange rates relating to our international subsidiaries. Inclement weather in the U.S. during the first quarter of 2011 caused approximately 1% of the sales decline. On a local currency basis, sales declined 4.2%. Both our Contract and Retail segments experienced year-over-year sales declines in a challenging economic environment with increased competitive intensity including higher levels of promotional activity.

Gross profit margin decreased by 0.9% of sales (90 basis points) to 25.5% of sales in the first quarter of 2011 compared to 26.4% of sales in the first quarter of 2010. The gross profit margins decreased in both our Contract and Retail segments due to the highly competitive marketplace, an unfavorable mix shift within our technology category in Retail and higher import duties associated with purchases in prior periods, partially offset by reduced delivery expense, as productivity gains offset higher fuel costs.

Operating, selling and general and administrative expenses increased \$4.0 million due primarily to the impact of foreign currency exchange rates. As a percentage of sales, consolidated operating, selling and general and administrative expenses increased 0.9% of sales to 24.0% of sales in the first quarter of 2011 from 23.1% of sales in the first quarter of 2010. The increase arose from our Contract segment, as the Retail segment operating, selling and general and administrative expenses as a percent of sales were flat compared to the first quarter of the prior year. The overall increase was the result of higher marketing expenses and increased costs related to our growth and profitability initiatives, which were partially offset by a favorable adjustment related to our COLI policies as well as lower store fixture and equipment-related expenses.

As noted above, our results for the first quarter of 2010 included the following significant items:

A charge recorded in our Retail segment of \$13.4 million related to store closures in the U.S. and

A charge recorded in our Contract segment of \$0.8 million for severance related to reorganizations in our U.S. Contract operations. The cumulative effect of these items reduced net income by \$8.7 million, or \$0.10 per diluted share. These charges were included in other operating expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Interest income was \$11.0 million and \$10.6 million for the first quarter of 2011 and 2010, respectively. Interest expense increased to \$18.8 million in the first quarter of 2011 from \$18.3 million in the first quarter of 2010.

For the first quarter of 2011, we recognized income tax expense of \$7.7 million on pre-tax income of \$20.9 million (effective tax expense rate of 36.7%) compared to income tax expense of \$15.4 million on pre-tax income of \$41.7 million (effective tax expense rate of 36.9%) for the first quarter of 2010. The effective tax rate in both years was impacted by the effects of state income taxes, income items not subject to tax, non-deductible expenses and the mix of domestic and foreign sources of income.

We reported net income attributable to OfficeMax and noncontrolling interest of \$13.2 million for the first quarter of 2011. After adjusting for joint venture earnings attributable to noncontrolling interest and preferred

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dividends, we reported net income available to OfficeMax common shareholders of \$11.4 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share. Adjusted net income available to OfficeMax common shareholders, as discussed above, was also \$11.4 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2011, while the adjusted net income available to OfficeMax common shareholders for the first quarter of 2010 was \$33.5 million, or \$0.39 per diluted share.

Segment Discussion

We report our results using three reportable segments: Contract; Retail; and Corporate and Other.

Our Contract segment distributes a broad line of items for the office, including office supplies and paper, technology products and solutions, office furniture and print and document services. Contract sells directly to large corporate and government offices, as well as to small and medium-sized offices in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. This segment markets and sells through field salespeople, outbound telesales, catalogs, the Internet and in some markets, including Canada, Australia and New Zealand, through office products stores.

Our Retail segment is a retail distributor of office supplies and paper, print and document services, technology products and solutions and office furniture. In addition, this segment contracts with large national retail chains to supply office and school supplies to be sold in their stores. Our retail office supply stores feature OfficeMax ImPress, an in-store module devoted to print-for-pay and related services. Retail has operations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Retail also operates office products stores in Mexico through a 51%-owned joint venture.

Our Corporate and Other segment includes support staff services and certain other legacy expenses as well as the related assets and liabilities. The income and expense related to certain assets and liabilities that are reported in the Corporate and Other segment have been allocated to the Contract and Retail segments.

Management evaluates the segments' performances using segment income which is based on operating income after eliminating the effect of certain operating items that are not indicative of our core operations such as severances, facility closures and adjustments, and asset impairments. These certain operating items are reported on the other operating expenses line in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Contract

(\$ in millions)

| | Three Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 26, 2011 | March 27, 2010 |
| Sales | \$ 925.7 | \$ 963.0 |
| Gross profit | 205.5 | 218.4 |
| <i>Gross profit margin</i> | 22.2% | 22.7% |
| Operating, selling and general and administrative expenses | 196.5 | 184.6 |
| <i>Percentage of sales</i> | 21.2% | 19.2% |
| Segment income | \$ 9.0 | \$ 33.8 |
| <i>Percentage of sales</i> | 1.0% | 3.5% |
| Sales by Product Line | | |
| Office supplies and paper | \$ 541.4 | \$ 563.1 |
| Technology products | 291.1 | 312.0 |
| Office furniture | 93.2 | 87.9 |
| Sales by Geography | | |
| United States | \$ 608.2 | \$ 644.1 |
| International | 317.5 | 318.9 |
| Sales Growth | (3.9)% | 3.8% |

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Contract segment sales for the first quarter of 2011 decreased 3.9% to \$925.7 million from \$963.0 million for 2010, reflecting a 6.2% decline on a local currency basis which was partially offset by a favorable impact from changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The U.S. sales decline of 5.6% reflected a challenging U.S. economic recovery, which continues to impact our customers' buying trends, a highly competitive environment and inclement weather, which was responsible for approximately 0.7% of the decline. Sales to existing customers declined 6.5% in the first quarter of 2011, a reversal of the improving trend we had seen in 2010. Reduced sales due to lost customers again outpaced increased sales to newly acquired customers, however to a lesser degree than in the fourth quarter of 2010. International sales declined 7.4% on a local currency basis in the first quarter of 2011, primarily as a result of decreased sales to existing customers and several large customers that were not retained.

Contract segment gross profit margin decreased 0.5% of sales (50 basis points) to 22.2% of sales for the first quarter of 2011 compared to 22.7% of sales for the first quarter of the previous year. The decreases in gross profit margins occurred primarily in our international Contract businesses and to a lesser extent in the U.S. In the U.S., improved customer margins and reduced delivery expense, as productivity gains offset higher fuel costs, were partially offset by higher other inventory-related costs and increased inventory shrinkage expenses resulting from favorable adjustments in the prior year. International margin declines resulted from lower customer margins due to competitive pricing in Australia and Canada and increased freight expense.

Contract segment operating, selling and general and administrative expenses increased \$11.9 million, of which \$5.2 million was due to the impact of foreign currency exchange rates. As a percentage of sales, Contract segment operating, selling and general and administrative expenses increased 2.0% of sales to 21.2% of sales for the first quarter of 2011 from 19.2% of sales in the first quarter of 2010. The increase was primarily due to higher sales force payroll expense, higher marketing expense and increased costs associated with growth and profitability initiatives associated with our managed-print-services, customer service centers and business-to-business website.

Contract segment income was \$9.0 million, or 1.0% of sales, for the first quarter of 2011, compared to \$33.8 million, or 3.5% of sales, for the first quarter of 2010. The decrease in segment income was attributable to the decreased sales, the decreased gross profit margin and the increased operating, selling and general and administrative expenses.

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(\$ in millions)

| | Three Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| | March 26, 2011 | March 27, 2010 |
| Sales | \$ 937.3 | \$ 954.3 |
| Gross profit | 269.0 | 287.1 |
| <i>Gross profit margin</i> | 28.7% | 30.1% |
| Operating, selling and general and administrative expenses | 243.4 | 248.3 |
| <i>Percentage of sales</i> | 26.0% | 26.0% |
| Segment income | \$ 25.6 | \$ 38.8 |
| <i>Percentage of sales</i> | 2.7% | 4.1% |
| Sales by Product Line | | |
| Office supplies and paper | \$ 400.5 | \$ 395.1 |
| Technology products | 482.2 | 503.5 |
| Office furniture | 54.6 | 55.7 |
| Sales by Geography | | |
| United States | \$ 869.7 | \$ 903.0 |
| International | 67.6 | 51.3 |
| Sales Growth | | |
| Total sales growth | (1.8)% | (3.0)% |
| Same-location sales growth | (1.2)% | (2.5)% |

Retail segment sales for 2011 decreased by 1.8% (2.1% on a local currency basis) to \$937.3 million from \$954.3 million for the first quarter of 2010 reflecting challenging economic conditions and increased promotional activity. U.S. same-store sales declined 3.0% for the first quarter of 2011 primarily due to continued weaker consumer and small business spending and reduced technology sales, as the impact of increased average ticket amounts was offset by lower store traffic. U.S. same-store sales year-over-year declines in the first quarter of 2011 were comparable to the fourth quarter of 2010 after adjusting for the impact of adverse weather (decline of approximately 1%) in the first quarter of 2011. Mexico same-store sales for the first quarter of 2011 increased 23.0% on a local currency basis year-over-year due to new sales initiatives implemented in the second half of 2010. We ended the first quarter of 2011 with 991 stores. In the U.S., we closed six retail stores during the first quarter of 2011 and opened none, ending the quarter with 912 retail stores, while Grupo OfficeMax, our majority-owned joint venture in Mexico, had no change, ending the quarter with 79 retail stores.

Retail segment gross profit margin decreased 1.4% of sales (140 basis points) to 28.7% of sales for the first quarter of 2011 compared to 30.1% of sales for the previous year. The gross profit margin decrease occurred in both the U.S. and Mexico, and was due to increased promotional activity, an unfavorable mix shift within the technology category, higher import duties associated with purchases in prior periods and the deleveraging of freight and occupancy expenses from the lower sales. The effects of these items were partially offset by reduced inventory shrinkage expense and reduced delivery expense, as productivity gains offset higher fuel costs.

Retail segment operating, selling and general and administrative expenses of 26.0% of sales for the first quarter of 2011 were flat compared to the first quarter of 2010 as lower store fixture and equipment-related costs were partially offset by increased marketing expenses.

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Retail segment income was \$25.6 million, or 2.7% of sales, for the first quarter of 2011, compared to \$38.8 million, or 4.1% of sales, for the first quarter of 2010. The decrease in segment income was primarily attributable to the lower sales and the lower gross profit margins partially offset by continued improvement in our Mexican joint venture's earnings.

Corporate and Other

Corporate and Other segment loss for the first quarter of 2011 was \$6.0 million compared to \$9.0 million for the first quarter of 2010. The first quarter of 2011 included \$3.8 million of income related to a non-recurring, favorable adjustment in the cash surrender value of our COLI policies.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

At the end of the first quarter of 2011, the total liquidity available for OfficeMax was \$999.4 million. This includes cash and cash equivalents of \$444.1 million and borrowing availability of \$555.3 million. The borrowing availability included \$446.5 million and \$49.9 million relating to our U.S. and Canadian revolving credit agreements, respectively, as well as \$58.9 million relating to our credit agreement associated with our subsidiaries in Australia and New Zealand. At the end of the first quarter of 2011, the Company was in compliance with all material covenants under the three credit agreements. The U.S. and Canadian credit agreements expire on July 12, 2012 and the credit agreement associated with our subsidiaries in Australia and New Zealand expires on March 15, 2013. At the end of the first quarter of 2011, we had \$275.7 million of short-term and long-term debt and \$1,470.0 million of non-recourse timber securitization notes outstanding.

Our primary ongoing cash requirements relate to working capital, expenditures for property and equipment, technology enhancements and upgrades, lease obligations, pension funding and debt service. We expect to fund these requirements through a combination of available cash balance and cash flow from operations. We also have revolving credit facilities as additional liquidity if needed. The following sections of this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations discuss in more detail our operating, investing, and financing activities, as well as our financing arrangements.

Operating Activities

Our operating activities provided cash of \$0.9 million in the first three months of 2011 compared to \$64.0 million in the first three months of 2010. The decrease in cash from operations was due principally to reduced net income and increased working capital. The working capital increase resulted from reduced payables reflecting lower inventory purchases later in the quarter. The reduced payables were partially offset by the annual reduction of year-end inventory balances, both in the U.S. and internationally.

We sponsor noncontributory defined benefit pension plans covering certain terminated employees, vested employees, retirees, and some active employees, primarily in Contract. Pension expense was \$2.5 million and \$2.1 million for the first quarter of 2011 and 2010, respectively. In each of the first quarters of 2011 and 2010, we made cash contributions to our pension plans totaling \$0.9 million. For the full year, the estimated minimum required funding contribution is approximately \$3.7 million and the expense is projected to be approximately \$9.6 million. We intend to fully fund our defined benefit plans by the end of 2014.

Investing Activities

Capital spending for the first three months of 2011 used \$17.0 million, compared to \$9.2 million for the first three months of 2010, and consisted of information systems software enhancements, leasehold improvements and replacement maintenance as well as spending on new stores to be opened later in the year in Mexico. We expect our capital investments in 2011 to be approximately \$75 million primarily for maintenance and investment in our systems, infrastructure and growth and profitability initiatives, including eight to ten new stores in Mexico.

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Financing Activities

Our financing activities used cash of \$3.7 million in the first quarter of 2011 compared to \$3.0 million in the first quarter of 2010, primarily associated with share-based compensation awards.

Financing Arrangements

Our debt structure consists of credit agreements, note agreements, and other borrowings as described below. For more information, see the [Contractual Obligations](#) and [Disclosures of Financial Market Risks](#) sections of this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Credit Agreements

On July 12, 2007, we entered into an Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement (the "U.S. Credit Agreement") with a group of banks. The U.S. Credit Agreement permits us to borrow up to a maximum of \$700 million subject to a borrowing base calculation that limits availability to a percentage of eligible accounts receivable plus a percentage of the value of eligible inventory less certain reserves. The U.S. Credit Agreement may be increased (up to a maximum of \$800 million) at our request or reduced from time to time, in each case according to the terms detailed in the U.S. Credit Agreement. There were no borrowings outstanding under our U.S. Credit Agreement at the end of the first quarter of 2011, and there were no borrowings outstanding under this facility during the first quarter of 2011. Letters of credit, which may be issued under the U.S. Credit Agreement up to a maximum of \$250 million, reduce available borrowing capacity. Stand-by letters of credit issued under the U.S. Credit Agreement totaled \$54.5 million at the end of the first quarter of 2011. At the end of the first quarter of 2011, the maximum aggregate borrowing amount available under the U.S. Credit Agreement was \$501.0 million and availability under the U.S. Credit Agreement totaled \$446.5 million. The U.S. Credit Agreement allows the payment of dividends, subject to availability restrictions and if no default has occurred. At the end of the first quarter of 2011, we were in compliance with all covenants under the U.S. Credit Agreement. The U.S. Credit Agreement expires on July 12, 2012.

On September 30, 2009, Grand & Toy Limited, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary based in Canada, entered into a Loan and Security Agreement (the "Canadian Credit Agreement") with a group of banks. The Canadian Credit Agreement permits Grand & Toy Limited to borrow up to a maximum of C\$60 million subject to a borrowing base calculation that limits availability to a percentage of eligible accounts receivable plus a percentage of the value of eligible inventory less certain reserves. The Canadian Credit Agreement may be increased (up to a maximum of C\$80 million) at Grand & Toy Limited's request or reduced from time to time, in each case according to the terms detailed in the Canadian Credit Agreement. There were no borrowings outstanding under the facility at the end of the first quarter of 2011, and there were no borrowings outstanding under this facility during the first quarter of 2011. Letters of credit, which may be issued under the Canadian Credit Agreement up to a maximum of C\$10 million, reduce available borrowing capacity. There were no letters of credit outstanding under the Canadian Credit Agreement at the end of the first quarter of 2011. The maximum aggregate borrowing amount available under the Canadian Credit Agreement was \$49.9 million (C\$48.4 million) at the end of the first quarter of 2011. Grand & Toy Limited was in compliance with all covenants under the Canadian Credit Agreement at the end of the first quarter of 2011. The Canadian Credit Agreement expires on July 12, 2012.

On March 15, 2010, the Company's five wholly-owned subsidiaries based in Australia and New Zealand entered into a Facility Agreement (the "Australia/New Zealand Credit Agreement") with a financial institution based in those countries. The Australia/New Zealand Credit Agreement permits the subsidiaries in Australia and New Zealand to borrow up to a maximum of A\$80 million subject to a borrowing base calculation that limits availability to a percentage of eligible accounts receivable plus a percentage of the value of certain owned properties, less certain reserves. There were no borrowings outstanding under the facility at the end of the first quarter of 2011, and there were no borrowings outstanding under this facility during the first quarter of 2011. The

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maximum aggregate borrowing amount available under the Australia/New Zealand Credit Agreement was \$58.9 million (A\$57.0 million) at the end of the first quarter of 2011. At the end of the first quarter of 2011, the subsidiaries in Australia and New Zealand were in compliance with all covenants under the Australia/New Zealand Credit Agreement. The Australia/New Zealand Credit Agreement expires on March 15, 2013.

Timber Notes/Non-recourse debt

In October 2004, we sold our timberland assets in exchange for \$15 million in cash plus credit-enhanced timber installment notes in the amount of \$1,635 million (the Installment Notes). The Installment Notes were issued by single-member limited liability companies formed by affiliates of Boise Cascade, L.L.C (the Note Issuers). In order to support the Installment Notes, the Note Issuers transferred \$1,635 million in cash to Lehman and Wachovia Corporation (Wachovia) (\$817.5 million to each of Lehman and Wachovia) who issued collateral notes to the Note Issuers and guarantees on the performance of the Installment Notes. In December 2004, we completed a securitization transaction in which the Company's interests in the Installment Notes and related guarantees were transferred to wholly-owned bankruptcy remote subsidiaries. The subsidiaries pledged the Installment Notes and related guarantees and issued securitized notes (the Securitization Notes) in the amount of \$1,470 million. Recourse on the Securitization Notes is limited to the proceeds from the applicable pledged Installment Notes and underlying Lehman or Wachovia guaranty. **As a result, there is no recourse against OfficeMax, and the Securitization Notes have been reported as non-recourse debt in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.**

On September 15, 2008, Lehman filed for bankruptcy. Lehman's bankruptcy filing constituted an event of default under the \$817.5 million Installment Note guaranteed by Lehman (the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note). We are required for accounting purposes to assess the carrying value of assets whenever circumstances indicate that a decline in value may have occurred. After evaluating the situation, we concluded in late October 2008 that as a result of the Lehman bankruptcy, it was probable that we would be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note. Accordingly, we evaluated the carrying value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note and reduced it to the estimated amount we expect to collect (\$81.8 million) by recording a non-cash impairment charge of \$735.8 million, pre-tax, in the third quarter of 2008.

Measuring impairment of a loan requires judgment and estimates, and the eventual outcome may differ from our estimate by a material amount. The Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note has been pledged as collateral for the related Securitization Notes, and therefore it may not freely be transferred to any party other than the indenture trustee for the Securitization Note holders. Accordingly, the ultimate amount to be realized on the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note depends entirely on the proceeds from the Lehman bankruptcy estate, which may not be finally determined for several years. Our estimate of the expected proceeds has not changed, and at March 26, 2011, the carrying value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note remained at \$81.8 million. Going forward, we intend to adjust the carrying value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note as further information regarding our share of the proceeds, if any, from the Lehman bankruptcy estate becomes available.

Recourse on the Securitization Notes is limited to the proceeds from the applicable pledged Installment Notes and underlying Lehman or Wachovia guaranty. Accordingly, the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note and underlying Lehman guaranty will be transferred to the holders of the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman in order to settle and extinguish that liability. However, under current generally accepted accounting principles, we are required to continue to recognize the liability related to the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman until such time as the liability has been extinguished, which will occur when the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note and the related guaranty are transferred to and accepted by the Securitization Note holders. We expect that this will occur no later than the date when the assets of Lehman are distributed and the bankruptcy is finalized. Accordingly, we expect to recognize a non-cash gain equal to the difference between the carrying amount of the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman (\$735.0 million at March 26, 2011) and the carrying value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note (\$81.8 million at March 26, 2011) in a later period when the liability is legally extinguished. The actual gain to be recognized in the future will be measured based on the carrying amounts of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note and the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman at the date of settlement.

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At the time of the sale of our timberland assets in 2004, we generated a significant tax gain. As the timber installment notes structure allowed the Company to defer the resulting tax liability of \$543 million until 2020, the maturity date for the Installment Notes, we recognized a deferred tax liability related to this gain in connection with the sale. The recognition of the Lehman portion of the tax gain will be triggered when the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note is transferred to the Securitization Note holders as payment and/or when the Lehman bankruptcy is resolved. In estimating the cash taxes, we will consider our available alternative minimum tax credits to reduce the net tax payments.

Through March 26, 2011, we have received all payments due under the Installment Notes guaranteed by Wachovia (the Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes), which have consisted only of interest due on the notes, and have made all payments due on the related Securitization Notes guaranteed by Wachovia, again consisting only of interest due. As all amounts due on the Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes are current, and we have no reason to believe that we will not collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes, the notes are stated in our Consolidated Balance Sheet at their original principal amount of \$817.5 million. Wachovia was acquired by Wells Fargo & Company in a stock transaction in 2008. An additional adverse impact on our financial results presentation could occur if Wells Fargo became unable to perform its obligations under the Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes, thereby resulting in a significant impairment impact.

The pledged Installment Notes and Securitization Notes are scheduled to mature in 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Securitization Notes have an initial term that is approximately three months shorter than the Installment Notes. We expect that if the Securitization Notes are still outstanding in 2019, we will refinance them with a short-term borrowing to bridge the period from initial maturity of the Securitization Notes to the maturity of the Installment Notes.

Contractual Obligations

For information regarding contractual obligations, see the caption Contractual Obligations in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 25, 2010. At March 26, 2011, there had not been a material change to the information regarding contractual obligations disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 25, 2010.

In accordance with an amended and restated joint venture agreement, the minority owner of Grupo OfficeMax, our joint-venture in Mexico, can elect to require OfficeMax to purchase the minority owner's 49% interest in the joint venture if certain earnings targets are achieved. Earnings targets are calculated quarterly on a rolling four-quarter basis. Accordingly, the targets may be achieved in one quarter but not in the next. If the earnings targets are achieved and the minority owner elects to require OfficeMax to purchase the minority owner's interest, the purchase price is based on the joint venture's earnings and the current market multiples of similar companies. At the end of the first quarter of 2011, Grupo OfficeMax met the earnings targets and the estimated purchase price of the minority owner's interest was \$48.8 million. At the end of the first quarter of 2011, the noncontrolling interest was recorded at the estimated purchase price, which was in excess of the carrying value. As the estimated purchase price approximates fair value, the offset was recorded to additional paid-in capital.

Off-Balance-Sheet Activities and Guarantees

For information regarding off-balance-sheet activities and guarantees, see Off-Balance-Sheet Activities and Guarantees in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 25, 2010. At March 26, 2011, there had not been a material change to the information regarding off-balance-sheet activities and guarantees disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 25, 2010.

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Our business is seasonal, with Retail showing a more pronounced seasonal trend than Contract. Sales in the second quarter are historically the slowest of the year. Sales are stronger during the first, third and fourth quarters that include the important new-year office supply restocking month of January, the back-to-school period and the holiday selling season, respectively.

*Disclosures of Financial Market Risks**Financial Instruments*

Our debt is predominantly fixed-rate. At March 26, 2011, the estimated current fair value of our debt, based on quoted market prices when available or then-current interest rates for similar obligations with like maturities, including the timber notes, was approximately \$590.3 million less than the amount of debt reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. As previously discussed, there is no recourse against OfficeMax on the securitized timber notes payable as recourse is limited to proceeds from the applicable pledged Installment Notes receivable and underlying guarantees. The debt and receivable related to the timber notes have fixed interest rates and the estimated fair values of the timber notes are reflected in the table below.

The following table provides information about our financial instruments outstanding at March 26, 2011. The following table does not include our obligations for pension plans and other post retirement benefits, although market risk also arises within our defined benefit pension plans to the extent that the obligations of the pension plans are not fully matched by assets with determinable cash flows. We sponsor noncontributory defined benefit pension plans covering certain terminated employees, vested employees, retirees, and some active OfficeMax employees. As our plans were frozen in 2003, our active employees and all inactive participants who are covered by the plans are no longer accruing additional benefits. However, the pension plan obligations are still subject to change due to fluctuations in long-term interest rates as well as factors impacting actuarial valuations, such as retirement rates and pension plan participants' increased life expectancies. In addition to changes in pension plan obligations, the amount of plan assets available to pay benefits, contribution levels and expense are also impacted by the return on the pension plan assets. The pension plan assets include OfficeMax common stock, U.S. equities, international equities, global equities and fixed-income securities, the cash flows of which change as equity prices and interest rates vary. The risk is that market movements in equity prices and interest rates could result in assets that are insufficient over time to cover the level of projected obligations. This in turn could result in significant changes in pension expense and funded status, further impacting future required contributions. Management, together with the trustees who act on behalf of the pension plan beneficiaries, assess the level of this risk using reports prepared by independent external actuaries and take action, where appropriate, in terms of setting investment strategy and agreed contribution levels.

| | March 26, 2011 | | December 25, 2010 | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | Carrying amount | Fair value | Carrying amount | Fair value |
| | (thousands) | | | |
| Financial assets: | | | | |
| Timber notes receivable | | | | |
| Wachovia | \$ 817,500 | \$ 894,028 | \$ 817,500 | \$ 888,288 |
| Lehman | \$ 81,750 | \$ 81,750 | \$ 81,750 | \$ 81,750 |
| Financial liabilities: | | | | |
| Recourse debt | \$ 275,733 | \$ 257,898 | \$ 274,995 | \$ 255,519 |
| Non-recourse debt | | | | |
| Wachovia | \$ 735,000 | \$ 815,790 | \$ 735,000 | \$ 811,093 |
| Lehman | \$ 735,000 | \$ 81,750 | \$ 735,000 | \$ 81,750 |

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Changes in foreign currency exchange rates expose us to financial market risk. We occasionally use derivative financial instruments, such as forward exchange contracts, to manage our exposure associated with commercial transactions and certain liabilities that are denominated in a currency other than the currency of the operating unit entering into the underlying transaction. We do not enter into derivative instruments for any other purpose. We do not speculate using derivative instruments. We were not a party to any material derivative financial instruments during 2011.

Facility Closure Reserves

We conduct regular reviews of our real estate portfolio to identify underperforming facilities, and close those facilities that are no longer strategically or economically beneficial. We record a liability for the cost associated with a facility closure at its estimated fair value in the period in which the liability is incurred, primarily the location's cease-use date. Upon closure, unrecoverable costs are included in facility closure reserves and include provisions for the present value of future lease obligations, less contractual or estimated sublease income. Accretion expense is recognized over the life of the payments.

During the first quarter of 2010, we recorded charges of \$13.4 million in our Retail segment related to facility closures, of which \$12.0 million was related to the lease liability and other costs associated with closing seven domestic stores prior to the end of their lease terms, and \$1.4 million was related to other items. No charges were recorded related to the stores closed in the first quarter of 2011.

At March 26, 2011, the facility closure reserve was \$56.4 million with \$16.0 million included in current liabilities, and \$40.4 million included in long-term liabilities. The reserve represents future lease obligations of \$119.0 million, net of anticipated sublease income of approximately \$62.6 million. Cash payments relating to the facility closures were \$6.8 million in each of the first quarters of 2011 and 2010.

Environmental

For information regarding environmental issues, see the caption "Environmental" in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 25, 2010. At March 26, 2011, there has not been a material change to the information regarding environmental issues disclosed in the company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ending December 25, 2010.

Critical Accounting Estimates

For information regarding critical accounting estimates, see the caption "Critical Accounting Estimates" in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 25, 2010. There have been no significant changes to the Company's critical accounting estimates during the first three months of 2011.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

For information regarding market risk see the caption "Disclosures of Financial Market Risks" herein and in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 25, 2010. At March 26, 2011, except as disclosed herein in "Disclosures of Financial Market Risks", there had not been a material change to the information regarding market risk disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 25, 2010.

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ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this report, the chief executive officer and chief financial officer directed and supervised an evaluation of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)). The evaluation was conducted to determine whether the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in bringing material information about the Company to the attention of senior management. Based on this evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in alerting them in a timely manner to material information that the Company is required to disclose in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

(b) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act, during the most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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We are involved in litigation and administrative proceedings arising in the normal course of our business. In the opinion of management, our recovery, if any, or our liability, if any, under pending litigation or administrative proceedings would not materially affect our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. For information concerning legal proceedings, see Note 16, "Legal Proceedings and Contingencies", of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 25, 2010.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

For information regarding risk factors, see Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 25, 2010. There have been no material changes to the Company's risk factors during the first three months of 2011.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Information concerning our stock repurchases during the three months ended March 26, 2011 is below. All stock was withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations upon vesting of restricted stock awards.

| Period | Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased | Average Price Paid Per Share (or Unit) | Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| December 26 - January 22, 2011 | 241 | \$ 17.70 | | |
| January 23 - February 19, 2011 | 280,790 | 15.69 | | |
| February 20 - March 26, 2011 | 22 | 13.23 | | |
| Total | 281,053 | \$ 15.69 | | |

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None

ITEM 4. (REMOVED AND RESERVED)**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

None

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Required exhibits are listed in the Index to Exhibits and are incorporated by reference.

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SIGNATURES

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

OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED

/s/ BRUCE BESANKO
Bruce Besanko

*Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief
Administrative Officer
(As Duly Authorized Officer and Principal
Financial Officer)*

Date: April 29, 2011

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OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Filed with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter Ended March 26, 2011

| Exhibit Number | Exhibit Description |
|-----------------------|--|
| 3.1(1) | Conformed Restated Certificate of Incorporation, reflecting all amendments to date. |
| 3.2(2) | Amended and Restated Bylaws, as amended February 12, 2009. |
| 10.1(3) | Form of 2011 Annual Incentive Award Agreement. |
| 10.2(4) | Form of 2011 Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement - Performance Based. |
| 10.3(5) | Form of 2011 Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement. |
| 31.1* | CEO Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 31.2* | CFO Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 32* | Section 906 Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of OfficeMax Incorporated. |
| 101.INS(6)* | XBRL Instance Document. |
| 101.SCH(6)* | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document. |
| 101.CAL(6)* | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document. |
| 101.LAB(6)* | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document. |
| 101.PRE(6)* | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document. |

* Submitted with this Form 10-Q.

- (1) Exhibit 3.1 was filed under the exhibit 3.1.1 in our Registration Statement on Form S-1 dated November 4, 2009, and is incorporated herein by reference.
- (2) Exhibit 3.2 was filed under the exhibit 3.2 in our Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 18, 2009, and is incorporated herein by reference.
- (3) Exhibit 10.1 was filed under the exhibit 99.1 in our Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 15, 2011, and is incorporated herein by reference.
- (4) Exhibit 10.2 was filed under the exhibit 99.2 in our Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 15, 2011, and is incorporated herein by reference.
- (5) Exhibit 10.3 was filed under the exhibit 99.3 in our Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 15, 2011, and is incorporated herein by reference.
- (6) These interactive data files are deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, are deemed not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and otherwise are not subject to liability under those sections.