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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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 June 30, 2010

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

Commission File Number 001-32892

MUELLER WATER PRODUCTS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

20-3547095 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

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Atlanta, GA 30328

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer x 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 x No

There were 154,564,828 shares of Series A common stock of the registrant outstanding at July 31, 2010.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MUELLER WATER PRODUCTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(UNAUDITED)

	June 30, 2010		, .	
		(in ı	nillio	ns)
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	77.1	\$	61.5
Receivables, net		213.2	•	216.3
Inventories		275.9		342.8
Deferred income taxes		27.1		30.8
Assets held for sale				13.9
Other current assets		58.8		80.8
Total current assets		652.1		746.1
Property, plant and equipment, net		266.7		296.4
Identifiable intangible assets, net		640.0		663.6
Other noncurrent assets		30.2		33.4
Total assets	\$	1,589.0	\$	1,739.5
Liabilities and stockholders equity:				
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	10.5	\$	11.7
Accounts payable		91.2		111.7
Other current liabilities		79.4		97.4
Total current liabilities		181.1		220.8
Long-term debt		682.2		728.5
Deferred income taxes		160.3		180.0
Other noncurrent liabilities		162.1		173.9
Total liabilities		1,185.7		1,303.2
Commitments and contingencies (Note 13)				
Series A common stock: 600,000,000 shares authorized; 154,561,095 shares and 153,790,887 shares				
outstanding at June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, respectively		1.5		1.5
Additional paid-in capital		1,598.4		1,599.0
Accumulated deficit		(1,116.5)		(1,078.3)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(80.1)		(85.9)
Total stockholders equity		403.3		436.3
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$	1,589.0	\$	1,739.5

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

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(UNAUDITED)

		Three months ended June 30,			nded			
		2010		2009		2010		2009
		(in r	nillio	ns, except	per s	hare amoui	nts)	
Net sales	\$	375.9	\$	363.2	\$	990.8	\$	1,053.1
Cost of sales		305.3		305.4		826.1		865.4
Gross profit		70.6		57.8		164.7		187.7
Operating expenses:								
Selling, general and administrative		57.2		62.4		163.0		184.7
Impairment								970.9
Restructuring		0.9		3.9		11.8		45.9
Total operating expenses		58.1		66.3		174.8		1,201.5
Income (loss) from operations		12.5		(8.5)		(10.1)		(1,013.8)
Interest expense, net		15.8		17.2		47.4		51.1
Loss on early extinguishment of debt				2.3		0.5		0.8
		(2.2)		(20.0)		(50.0)		(1.065.7)
Loss before income taxes		(3.3)		(28.0) (9.0)		(58.0) (19.8)		(1,065.7)
Income tax expense (benefit) Net loss	\$	(3.8)	\$	(19.0)	\$	(38.2)	\$	(79.9)
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Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$	(0.02)	\$	(0.16)	\$	(0.25)	\$	(8.52)
Basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding		154.5		116.0		154.3		115.7
Dividends declared per share	\$	0.0175	\$	0.0175	\$	0.0525	\$	0.0525

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

NINE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

(UNAUDITED)

	Series A common stock	Additional paid-in capital	(Accumu- lated deficit in millions)		ccumulated other mprehensiv loss	-	Total
Balance at September 30, 2009	\$ 1.5	\$ 1,599.0	\$	(1,078.3))	\$ (85.9)	\$	436.3
Net loss				(38.2))			(38.2)
Dividends declared		(8.1)						(8.1)
Stock-based compensation		6.7						6.7
Stock issued under stock compensation plans		0.8						0.8
Net unrealized gain on derivatives						0.6		0.6
Foreign currency translation						2.5		2.5
Minimum pension liability						2.7		2.7
Balance at June 30, 2010	\$ 1.5	\$ 1,598.4	\$	(1,116.5))	\$ (80.1)	\$	403.3

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

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(UNAUDITED)

	Nine months end	ended June 30,	
	2010	2009	
	(in milli	ons)	
Operating activities:			
Net loss	\$ (38.2)	\$ (985.8)	
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	39.9	45.4	
Amortization	23.4	22.9	
Impairment and non-cash restructuring	6.1	1,009.4	
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	0.5	0.8	
Stock-based compensation	6.7	10.1	
Deferred income taxes	(20.3)	(63.7)	
Gain on disposal of assets	(4.9)	(3.0	
Other, net	4.9	15.3	
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Receivables	(10.0)	77.1	
Inventories	46.5	70.3	
Other assets	24.2	(24.8	
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(43.1)	(105.7	
Net cash provided by operating activities	35.7	68.3	
Investing activities:			
Capital expenditures	(21.4)	(22.7)	
Acquisition of technology	(==11)	(8.7)	
Proceeds from sales of assets	54.5	4.4	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	33.1	(27.0)	
Financing activities:			
Increase in outstanding checks	0.6	4.4	
Debt borrowings		539.4	
Debt paid or repurchased	(47.5)	(672.1	
Payment of deferred financing fees		(9.9	
Common stock issued	0.8	0.6	
Dividends paid	(8.1)	(6.1	
Net cash used in financing activities	(54.2)	(143.7	
Effect of currency exchange rate changes on cash	1.0	(1.4	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	15.6	(103.8	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	61.5	183.9	

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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period

\$ 77.1 \$ 80.1

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2010

(UNAUDITED)

Note 1. Organization and Basis of Presentation

Mueller Water Products, Inc., a Delaware corporation, together with its consolidated subsidiaries, operates in three business segments: Mueller Co., U.S. Pipe and Anvil. Mueller Co. manufactures valves for water and gas systems, including butterfly, iron gate, tapping, check, plug and ball valves, as well as dry-barrel and wet-barrel fire hydrants and a full range of metering products for the water infrastructure industry. U.S. Pipe manufactures a broad line of ductile iron pipe, joint restraint products, fittings and other ductile iron products. Anvil manufactures and sources a broad range of products including a variety of fittings, couplings, hangers, nipples and related pipe products. The Company, we, us or our refer to Mueller Water Products, Inc. and its subsidiaries or their management. With regard to the Company s segments, we, us or our material discussed or its management.

On October 3, 2005, Walter Energy, Inc. (Walter Energy, formerly Walter Industries, Inc.) acquired all outstanding shares of a predecessor company comprising the then Mueller Co. and Anvil businesses (the Mueller Acquisition) and contributed them to its U.S. Pipe business to form the Company. We completed an initial public offering of our Series A common stock (NYSE: MWA) on June 1, 2006 and Walter Energy distributed all of our then-outstanding Series B common stock to its shareholders on December 14, 2006 (the Spin-off). On January 28, 2009, each share of Series B common stock was converted into one share of Series A common stock. On September 23, 2009, we completed a public offering of 37,122,000 shares of our Series A common stock.

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require us to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, sales and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. In our opinion, all normal and recurring adjustments that we consider necessary for a fair financial statement presentation have been made. The condensed consolidated balance sheet data at September 30, 2009 was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Certain reclassifications have been made to previously reported amounts to conform to current period presentation.

Note 2. Goodwill and Other Identifiable Intangible Assets

Goodwill. As a result of a deterioration of U.S. equity markets during the three months ended December 31, 2008, we performed a preliminary assessment of goodwill at December 31, 2008 and concluded that the carrying values of our U.S. Pipe and Mueller Co. segments exceeded their estimated fair values. Accordingly, we reported estimated goodwill impairment losses of \$400.0 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2009, our common stock began trading at prices significantly lower than prior periods. Our lower market capitalization prompted us to perform a second interim impairment assessment at March 31, 2009. This testing led to the conclusion that all of our remaining goodwill was fully impaired and during the three months ended March 31, 2009, we recorded additional goodwill impairment losses of \$469.5 million. In performing these analyses, we relied upon both Level 2 data (publicly observable data such as market interest rates, our stock price, the stock prices of peer companies and the capital structures of peer companies) and Level 3 data (internal data such as our operating and cash flow projections).

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill in the year ended September 30, 2009 are presented below.

	Muc	eller Co.	U.S	S. Pipe (in mil	anvil	,	Total
Gross goodwill at October 1, 2008	\$	719.2	\$	59.5	\$ 92.8	\$	871.5
Impairment recognized at December 31, 2008 Adjustment related to preacquisition tax contingencies at		(340.5)		(59.5)			(400.0)
December 31, 2008		(0.7)			(0.1)		(0.8)
Impairment recognized at March 31, 2009 Adjustment related to preacquisition tax contingencies at		(376.8)			(92.7)		(469.5)
March 31, 2009		(1.2)					(1.2)
Balances at September 30, 2009:							
Gross goodwill		717.3		59.5	92.7		869.5
Accumulated impairment		(717.3)		(59.5)	(92.7)		(869.5)
	\$		\$		\$	\$	

Other identifiable intangible assets. In conjunction with the testing of goodwill for impairment, we also compared the estimated fair values of our identifiable other intangible assets to their respective carrying values and determined that the carrying amount of trade names at Mueller Co. had been impaired. At March 31, 2009, we recorded an impairment charge against these assets of \$101.4 million. In performing this analysis, we relied upon both Level 2 data, most notably market interest rates and operating margins of peer companies, and Level 3 data, including our projections of Mueller Co. net sales and operating margins. Mueller Co. trade names had a remaining carrying value of \$263.0 million at June 30, 2010.

We expense legal and other costs associated with the renewal or extension of our intangible assets as incurred. Such expenses were not material in the three months or nine months ended June 30, 2010 or 2009.

Note 3. Divestitures, Assets Held for Sale, and Acquisition

Anvil sold certain of the assets of Picoma, its former electrical fittings business, in November 2009 in exchange for cash and certain assets of Seminole Tubular Company that complement our existing mechanical pipe nipple business. These Picoma assets were classified as held for sale at September 30, 2009. We recorded a pre-tax gain of \$1.6 million to selling, general and administrative expenses in connection with this transaction. The estimated values of assets classified as held for sale at September 30, 2009, the book values of the assets sold and the fair values of assets acquired during the nine months ended June 30, 2010 are presented below.

	Sold /acquired during the nine months ended June 30, 2010	nber 30, 009
Assets sold:		
Receivables	\$ 5.0	\$ 5.2
Inventories	4.4	4.7
Other current assets	0.3	
Property, plant, and equipment, net	2.5	2.7
Identifiable intangible assets	1.3	1.3
	\$ 13.5	\$ 13.9
Severance liability incurred	\$ 0.6	
Assets acquired:		
Cash	\$ 12.3	
Receivables	1.6	
Inventories	1.3	
Identifiable intangible assets	0.5	

\$ 15.7

In January 2010, Anvil sold its Canadian wholesale distribution business for \$40.3 million, including post-closing adjustments. This business had fiscal 2009 net sales of approximately \$107 million and its income from operations was not material to the Company s income from operations. We recorded a pre-tax gain of \$2.9 million to selling, general and administrative expenses in connection with this transaction. We also entered into a 3 ½ year supply agreement with the buyer requiring the buyer to purchase at least a specified amount of products from Anvil at market rates. The book values of assets sold during the nine months ended June 30, 2010 are presented below (in millions).

Receivables	\$ 15.8
Inventories	23.3
Other current assets	0.3
Property, plant, and equipment, net	4.9
Identifiable intangible assets	0.6
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	(7.5)
	\$ 37.4

Note 4. Restructuring Activities

Activity in accrued restructuring during the nine months ended June 30, 2010 is presented below (in millions).

Balance at September 30, 2009	\$ 3.4
Additions	5.7
Payments and other	(7.8)
Balance at June 30, 2010	\$ 1.3

In February 2010, we announced our intent to close U.S. Pipe s ductile iron pipe manufacturing plant in North Birmingham, Alabama, eliminating approximately 260 positions. Manufacturing at North Birmingham ceased during April 2010. In connection with this closure, we recorded a restructuring charge of \$11.6 million during the nine months ended June 30, 2010, consisting of \$6.1 million of asset impairment charges and \$5.5 million of employee-related and other charges. We expect to record additional net expenses related to the closure of approximately \$3 million to \$4 million over the remainder of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

Note 5. Income Taxes

At June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, the gross liabilities for unrecognized income tax benefits were \$11.4 million and \$16.2 million, respectively. The decrease in gross unrecognized tax benefits was primarily related to the effective settlement of certain state tax matters, including payments of \$2.0 million.

We recognize interest related to uncertain income tax positions as interest expense and would recognize any penalties that may be incurred as selling, general and administrative expenses. At June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, we had \$2.3 million and \$2.7 million, respectively, of accrued interest related to uncertain tax positions. In the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2010, we charged to expense \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, of tax-related accrued interest, primarily due to state tax settlements. We charged to expense \$0.1 million of such tax-related interest in the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2009.

During the three months ended December 31, 2008, we resolved certain tax matters relating to Mueller Co. and Anvil involving periods prior to the Mueller Acquisition. As a result, we recorded a decrease of \$0.8 million to accrued liabilities and a corresponding decrease to goodwill.

Tax years dating back to 2003 generally remain open to examination by various U.S. and foreign taxing authorities.

The effective income tax rate applied to our pre-tax loss in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 was 34.2%, which included state income tax benefits of 5.4% offset by the unfavorable effect of nondeductible expenses and other items totaling (2.4)% and the impact of repatriation of Canadian earnings of (3.8)%. Our effective income tax rate on the pre-tax loss before the goodwill impairment was 38.1% in the nine months ended June 30, 2009.

Note 6. Borrowing Arrangements

The components of our long-term debt are presented below.

	June 30, 2010 (i	September 30, 2009 n millions)
2007 Credit Agreement:		
Term Loan A	\$ 52.8	\$ 66.5
Term Loan B	218.1	252.0
7 ³ /8 % Senior Subordinated Notes	420.0	420.0
Other	1.8	1.7
	692.7	740.2
Less current portion	(10.5)	(11.7)
	\$ 682.2	\$ 728.5

2007 Credit Agreement. At June 30, 2010, our amended credit agreement (the 2007 Credit Agreement) consisted of a \$200 million senior secured revolving credit facility (the Revolver), a \$52.8 million term loan (Term Loan A) and a \$218.1 million term loan (Term Loan B). The 2007 Credit Agreement contains customary covenants and events of default, including covenants that limit our ability to incur debt, pay dividends and make investments. Substantially all of our real and personal property has been pledged as collateral under the 2007 Credit Agreement.

Borrowings under the 2007 Credit Agreement bear interest at a floating rate equal to LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 500 to 600 basis points depending on our consolidated senior secured first lien leverage ratio, as defined in the 2007 Credit Agreement. At June 30, 2010, the applicable margin was 500 basis points.

The Revolver terminates in May 2012, and there were no outstanding borrowings under the Revolver at June 30, 2010. For any unused borrowing capacity under the Revolver, we pay a commitment fee, which ranges from 50 to 75 basis points depending on our consolidated senior secured first lien leverage ratio. At June 30, 2010, the applicable fee was 50 basis points. The borrowing capacity under the Revolver is subject to the financial covenants and is reduced by outstanding letters of credit, which totaled \$37.9 million at June 30, 2010.

Term Loan A matures in May 2012. The 2007 Credit Agreement requires quarterly payments of \$1.8 million and payment of the remaining balance at maturity. At June 30, 2010, the weighted-average effective interest rate was 5.5%, including the margin. Based on information provided by an external source, we estimate the fair value of the outstanding borrowings for Term Loan A was \$52.8 million at June 30, 2010.

Term Loan B matures in May 2014. The 2007 Credit Agreement requires quarterly payments of \$0.7 million and payment of the remaining balance at maturity. At June 30, 2010, the weighted-average effective interest rate was 9.9%, including the margin and the effects of interest rate swap contracts. Based on information provided by an external source, we estimate the fair value of the outstanding borrowings for Term Loan B was \$218.1 million at June 30, 2010.

7 ³/8% Senior Subordinated Notes. The 7 ³ /8% Senior Subordinated Notes (the Notes) mature in June 2017 and bear interest at 7.375%, paid semi-annually. At June 30, 2010, based on quoted market prices, the outstanding Notes had a fair value of \$367.5 million.

The indenture securing the Notes contains customary covenants and events of default, including covenants that limit our ability to incur debt, pay dividends and make investments. All of our United States subsidiaries guarantee the Notes.

During the nine months ended June 30, 2010, we prepaid \$40.0 million of term loan borrowings and incurred a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$0.5 million. During the three months ended June 30, 2009, we repaid \$125

million of borrowings under the 2007 Credit Agreement. This resulted in a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$2.3 million. During the three months ended December 31, 2008, we acquired \$5.0 million in principal of the Notes in the open market for \$3.4 million in cash. This resulted in a gain on early extinguishment of debt of \$1.5 million after writing off related deferred financing fees of \$0.1 million.

We were in compliance with all applicable debt covenants at June 30, 2010.

Note 7. Derivative Financial Instruments

We are exposed to interest rate risk, commodity price risk and foreign exchange risk relating to our ongoing business operations, which we manage to some extent using derivative instruments. We enter into interest rate swap contracts to manage interest rate risk associated with our variable-rate borrowings. We enter into natural gas swap contracts to manage the price risk associated with future purchases of natural gas used in our manufacturing processes. We have entered into foreign currency forward exchange contracts to manage foreign currency exchange risk associated with our Canadian-dollar denominated intercompany loan. During the nine months ended June 30, 2010, we settled our only outstanding foreign currency forward contract.

We have designated our interest rate swap contracts and natural gas swap contracts as cash flow hedges of our future interest payments and purchases of natural gas, respectively. As a result, the effective portion of the gain or loss on these contracts is reported as a component of other comprehensive loss and reclassified into earnings in the same periods during which the hedged transactions affect earnings. Gains and losses on those contracts representing either hedge ineffectiveness or hedge components excluded from the assessment of effectiveness are recognized in current earnings.

Interest Rate Swap Contracts. Our interest rate swap contracts result in payments of interest at fixed rates ranging from 4.8% to 5.0% and expire at various dates through September 2012.

During the three months ended March 31, 2010, we recorded a non-cash net credit to interest expense and a pre-tax debit to accumulated other comprehensive loss of \$4.7 million related to interest rate swap contracts that had been terminated in September 2009. This amount had been charged to interest expense during the year ended September 30, 2009. It should have been amortized to interest expense over the original term of the terminated contracts, which would have matured at various dates through May 2012. At June 30, 2010, the unamortized portion remaining in accumulated other comprehensive loss was \$2.6 million, net of tax.

Our outstanding interest rate swap contracts at June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 are presented below. We also have a \$100.0 million total notional amount forward-starting interest rate swap contract that will begin at a future date.

	Hedged 1	Hedged loan principal							
Rate benchmark	June 30, 2010	September 30, 2009 millions)							
	(111)	illillions)							
90-day LIBOR	\$ 175.0	\$ 275.0							

The effects of our interest rate swap contracts on the consolidated financial statements are presented below.

	Three months ended June 30,		Nine months e June 30,					
	2	010	2	009	2	010	2	2009
				(in mi	llions)			
Gain (loss) recognized in other comprehensive loss	\$	0.5	\$	3.0	\$	0.7	\$	(6.5)
Loss reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss into								
income		(2.5)		(3.4)		(7.2)		(7.3)

Natural Gas Swap Contracts. Our natural gas swap contracts result in fixed natural gas purchase prices ranging from \$5.60 per MMBtu to \$6.05 per MMBtu through September 2010. Our outstanding natural gas swap contracts at June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 are presented below.

	Hedged	Hedged MMBtu						
Rate benchmark	June 30, 2010	September 30, 2009						
NYMEX natural gas	122,000	434,000						

The effects of our natural gas swap contracts on the consolidated financial statements are presented below.

	Т	hree mo Jun	nths en e 30,	ded	Nine months en June 30,			ıded	
	2010		2009		2010		2	2009	
				(in mi	llions)				
Gain (loss) recognized in other comprehensive loss	\$	0.1	\$	0.8	\$	(0.1)	\$		
Gain (loss) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive									
loss into income				(1.2)		0.2		(2.4)	
Ineffectiveness gain (loss) recognized in income		(0.2)		(0.3)		(0.6)		(0.5)	

Foreign Currency Forward Contracts. We settled our outstanding foreign currency forward contract during the nine months ended June 30, 2010 with a cash payment of \$1.7 million. Our outstanding foreign currency forward contracts at June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 are presented below.

	Hedged Ca	nadian dollars			
	June 30,	September 30,			
Rate benchmark	2010	2009			
	(in r	nillions)			
Canadian dollar		28.0			

Gains and losses on our foreign currency forward contracts are included in selling, general, and administrative expenses, where they offset transaction losses and gains recorded in connection with an intercompany loan. The effects of our foreign currency forward contracts on the consolidated statements of operations are presented below.

		months June 30		Nine m Jı	led	
	2010	2010 2009		2010 in millions)		009
			(111)	illimolis)		
Gain (loss) recognized in income	\$	\$	(1.8)	\$ (1.0)	\$	2.2

Our derivative contracts were recorded at fair values calculated using publicly observable data such as interest rates and natural gas prices. The fair values of our derivative contracts are presented below.

	June 30, 2010			September 30, 200	9	
	Balance sheet location		Fair alue	Balance sheet location		Fair ⁄alue
	Datance sheet location	•		illions)	•	aruc
Liability derivatives:						
Derivatives designated as						
hedging instruments:						
Interest rate swap contracts	Other noncurrent liabilities	\$	13.4	Other noncurrent liabilities	\$	18.8
Natural gas swap contracts	Other current liabilities		0.1	Other current liabilities		
			13.5			18.8
Derivatives not designated as						
hedging instruments:						
Foreign currency forward						
contracts	Other current liabilities			Other noncurrent liabilities		0.7
		\$	13.5		\$	19.5

Note 8. Retirement Plans

The components of net periodic benefit cost for defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement benefit plans are as follows.

	Defined benefit pension plans										
	Three	Nine months ended									
	June 30,			June 30,			,				
	2010	010 2009 2010		2010 2009 2010		2010		2009 2010		2009	
			(in ı	millions)							
Components of net periodic benefit cost:											
Service cost	\$ 0.8	\$	1.0	\$	3.0	\$	3.0				
Interest cost	5.4		5.8		15.8		17.4				
Expected return on plan assets	(5.4)		(5.5)		(16.4)		(16.3)				
Amortization of prior service cost	0.1		0.2		0.5		0.6				
Amortization of net loss	2.0		0.9		6.8		2.5				
Loss due to settlement or curtailment					2.6						
	\$ 2.9	\$	2.4	\$	12.3	\$	7.2				

	Other postretirement benefit plans								
	Three i	Nine months ended							
	June 30,			\mathbf{J}_{1}					
	2010	2009 2010		2009					
			illions)						
Components of net periodic benefit cost (gains):									
Service cost	\$	\$	0.1	\$ 0.1	\$	0.2			
Interest cost			0.1	0.2		0.4			
Amortization of prior service gain	(0.5)		(0.8)	(2.0)		(2.5)			
Amortization of net gain	(0.2)		(0.4)	(0.8)		(1.2)			
Gain due to settlement or curtailment	(1.0)			(1.6)					
	\$ (1.7)	\$	(1.0)	\$ (4.1)	\$	(3.1)			

The amortization of unrecognized prior service cost or gain and of actuarial losses or gains, net of tax, are recorded as components of accumulated other comprehensive loss. We recorded a decrease to accumulated other comprehensive loss of \$2.7 million during the nine months ended June 30, 2010 and an increase to accumulated other comprehensive loss of \$0.4 million during the nine months ended June 30, 2009.

In February 2010, we announced our intent to close U.S. Pipe s North Birmingham plant. In connection with this closure, we recorded pension curtailment expense of \$2.6 million and an other postretirement benefit plan curtailment gain of \$1.6 million, which were included in restructuring charges for the nine months ended June 30, 2010. We expect to record a gain of \$0.3 million related to the curtailment of other postretirement benefit plans during the three months ending September 30, 2010.

During the nine months ended June 30, 2010, we contributed \$9.4 million to our defined benefit pension plans. We estimate we will contribute a total of approximately \$23 million to our pension plans during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. We also expect to contribute a total of \$0.7 million to our other postretirement benefit plans in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

Note 9. Stock-based Compensation Plans

We granted equity awards under our Mueller Water Products, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Stock Incentive Plan and Mueller Water Products, Inc. 2006 Employee Stock Purchase Plan during the nine months ended June 30, 2010 as follows.

	Weighted average fair Number of value per instruments instrument (in millions, except per instrument value				Total fair value
Six months ended March 31, 2010:					
Restricted stock units	0.9	\$	5.01	\$	4.7
Non-qualified stock options	1.6		1.69		2.6
Employee stock purchase plan instruments	0.1		1.33		0.2
Three months ended June 30, 2010:					
Restricted stock units			4.24		
Non-qualified stock options			1.45		
Employee stock purchase plan instruments	0.1		1.29		0.1
	2.7			\$	7.6

We recorded stock-based compensation expense of \$2.0 million and \$6.7 million in the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2010, respectively. At June 30, 2010, there was approximately \$8.3 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to equity awards.

We recorded net losses in the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009. Because the effect of including normally dilutive securities in the earnings per share calculation would have been antidilutive, all stock-based compensation instruments were excluded from the calculation of diluted net loss per share for the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009.

Note 10. Supplemental Balance Sheet Information

Selected supplemental balance sheet information is presented below.

	June 30, 2010	Sept	ember 30, 2009
		millions)	2005
Inventories:			
Purchased materials and manufactured parts	\$ 47.4	\$	56.7
Work in process	75.3	Ψ	83.8
Finished goods	153.2		202.3
Thislied goods	133.2		202.3
	\$ 275.9	\$	342.8
Other current assets:			
Income taxes	\$ 16.9	\$	42.0
Maintenance and repair tooling	31.3		31.3
Other	10.6		7.5
	\$ 58.8	\$	80.8
Property, plant and equipment, net:			
Land	\$ 24.4	\$	24.9
Buildings	93.7		97.9
Machinery and equipment	612.8		633.8
Construction in progress	13.0		17.2
	743.9		773.8
Accumulated depreciation	(477.2)		(477.4
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	\$ 266.7	\$	296.4
Other current liabilities:			
Compensation and benefits	\$ 37.6	\$	40.5
Cash discounts and rebates	12.8		14.2
Taxes other than income taxes	6.4		10.1
Interest	5.6		14.7
Warranty	2.8		4.0
Severance	0.3		0.2
Restructuring	1.3		3.4
Income taxes	3.0		0.3
Environmental	0.3		0.5
Other	9.3		9.5
	\$ 79.4	\$	97.4

Note 11. Comprehensive Loss

Comprehensive losses in the three months and nine months ended June 30 are presented below.

	Three m Ju 2010		e months ended June 30, 2009		
Net loss	\$ (3.8)	\$ (19.0)	\$ (38.2)	\$	(985.8)
Other comprehensive income (loss):					
Effect of net gain (loss) on derivatives	1.1	6.4	5.8		(10.6)
Income tax effects	(0.5)	(2.6)	(2.3)		4.1
Deferral of interest expense on terminated swap contracts			(4.7)		
Income tax effects			1.8		
	0.6	3.8	0.6		(6.5)
Foreign currency translation	(2.1)	5.0	2.5		(7.5)
Minimum pension liability	1.3	(0.2)	4.5		(0.4)
Income tax effects	(0.5)	0.1	(1.8)		0.1
	0.8	(0.1)	2.7		(0.3)
	\$ (4.5)	\$ (10.3)	\$ (32.4)	\$	(1,000.1)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss is presented below.					
			June 30, 2010 (in	Sep	tember 30, 2009 ns)
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Net unrealized loss on derivatives			\$ (10.8)	\$	(11.4)
Foreign currency translation			6.5		4.0
Minimum pension liability			(75.8)		(78.5)
			\$ (80.1)	\$	(85.9)

Note 12. Segment Information

Segment assets consist primarily of receivables, inventories, property, plant and equipment and intangible assets. Summarized financial information for our segments is presented below.

	Thre	Three months ended June 30,			onths e	s ended 0,		
	2010		2009	2010	,	2009		
			(in m	illions)				
Net sales, excluding intersegment sales:								
Mueller Co.	\$ 174.6	\$	154.6	\$ 449.1	\$	389.0		
U.S. Pipe	120.2		96.7	282.9		305.6		
Anvil	81.1		111.9	258.8		358.5		
	\$ 375.9	\$	363.2	\$ 990.8	\$	1,053.1		
Intersegment sales:								
Mueller Co.	\$ 3.6	\$	4.4	\$ 11.0	\$	13.0		
U.S. Pipe	0.9		0.8	1.6		1.6		
Anvil			0.1	0.3		0.4		
	\$ 4.5	\$	5.3	\$ 12.9	\$	15.0		
Depreciation and amortization:								
Mueller Co.	\$ 12.3	\$	12.7	\$ 37.2	\$	38.2		
U.S. Pipe	4.6		4.3	14.0		16.6		
Anvil	3.9		4.4	11.5		13.0		
Corporate	0.3		0.2	0.6		0.5		
	\$ 21.1	\$	21.6	\$ 63.3	\$	68.3		
Impairment and restructuring:								
Mueller Co.	\$	\$	0.7	\$ 0.1	\$	820.1		
U.S. Pipe	0.9		1.5	11.6		100.9		
Anvil Corporate			1.7	0.1		95.6 0.2		
	\$ 0.9	\$	3.9	\$ 11.8	\$	1,016.8		
Income (loss) from operations:								
Mueller Co.	\$ 28.8	\$	12.9	\$ 54.4	\$	(795.4)		
U.S. Pipe	(11.3)		(18.3)	(53.5)		(135.1)		
Anvil	4.5		5.0	14.9		(55.5)		
Corporate	(9.5)		(8.1)	(25.9)		(27.8)		
	\$ 12.5	\$	(8.5)	\$ (10.1)	\$	(1,013.8)		
Capital expenditures:								
Mueller Co.	\$ 2.7	\$	1.7	\$ 9.8	\$	7.8		
U.S. Pipe	2.1		1.6	7.4		7.1		
Anvil	2.0		1.8	4.1		7.5		
Corporate				0.1		0.3		

\$ 6.8 \$ 5.1 \$ 21.4 \$ 22.7

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Note 13. Commitments and Contingencies

We are involved in various legal proceedings that have arisen in the normal course of operations, including the proceedings summarized below. We accrue expenses relating to these matters when a loss is probable and the amount is reasonably estimable. We expense administrative and defense costs related to these matters as incurred. The effect of the outcome of these matters on our future results of operations cannot be predicted with certainty as any such effect depends on future results of operations and the amount and timing of the resolution of such matters. Other than the litigation described below, we do not believe that any of our outstanding litigation would have a material adverse effect on our businesses, operations or prospects.

Environmental. We are subject to a wide variety of laws and regulations concerning the protection of the environment, both with respect to the operation of many of our plants and with respect to remediating environmental conditions that may exist at our and other properties. We strive to comply with federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations. We accrue for environmental expenses resulting from existing conditions that relate to past operations when the costs are probable and reasonably estimable.

In September 1987, we implemented an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) for our Burlington plant that was required under the New Jersey Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act (now known as the Industrial Site Recovery Act). The ACO required soil and ground water cleanup, and we have completed, and have received final approval on, the soil cleanup required by the ACO. We are continuing to monitor ground water at this site. Further remediation could be required. Long-term ground water monitoring is also required to verify natural attenuation. We do not know how long ground water monitoring will be required and do not believe monitoring or further remediation costs will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

In June 2003, Solutia Inc. and Pharmacia Corporation (collectively Solutia) filed suit against U.S. Pipe and a number of co-defendant foundry-related companies in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama for contribution and cost recovery allegedly incurred and to be incurred by Solutia in performing remediation of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and heavy metals in Anniston, Alabama, pursuant to a partial consent decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). U.S. Pipe and certain co-defendants subsequently reached a settlement with the EPA concerning their liability for certain contamination in and around Anniston, which was memorialized in an Administrative Agreement and Order on Consent (AOC) that became effective in January 2006. U.S. Pipe has reached a settlement agreement whereby Phelps Dodge Industries, Inc., a co-defendant and co-respondent on the AOC, has assumed U.S. Pipe s obligation to perform the work required under the AOC.

U.S. Pipe and the other settling defendants contend that the legal effect of the AOC extinguishes Solutia s claims and they filed a motion for summary judgment to that effect. Discovery in this matter had been stayed while the motion for summary judgment was pending. In June 2008, the court issued a summary judgment order, holding that plaintiffs claims for contribution are barred by the AOC but giving plaintiffs the right to seek to recover cleanup costs they voluntarily incurred. The court granted a motion for immediate appeal to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, but the Eleventh Circuit declined to take the appeal. The parties engaged in fact discovery in 2009, and U.S. Pipe has moved for reconsideration of the June 2008 summary judgment order that permitted plaintiffs to proceed with their claims to seek recovery of cleanup costs under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. On July 2, 2010, the district court granted summary judgment on the cost recovery claims under Section 107(a) and dismissed those remaining counts against the Company. On July 30, 2010, plaintiffs moved to clarify or amend the district court s July 2, 2010 order to permit the plaintiffs to pursue a claim under Section 107(a) to recover costs that were not incurred under any removal order or settlement. We currently have no basis to form a view with respect to the probability or amount of liability in this matter.

U.S. Pipe and a number of co-defendant foundry-related companies were named in a putative civil class action case originally filed in April 2005 in the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, Alabama, and removed by defendants to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama under the Class Action Fairness Act. The putative plaintiffs in the case filed an amended complaint with the U.S. District Court in December 2006. The amended complaint alleged state law tort claims (negligence, failure to warn, wantonness, nuisance, trespass and outrage) arising from creation and disposal of foundry sand alleged to contain harmful levels of PCBs and other toxins, including arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead and zinc. The plaintiffs originally sought damages for real and personal property and for other unspecified personal injury. In June 2007, a motion to dismiss was granted to U.S. Pipe and certain co-

defendants as to the claims for negligence, failure to warn, nuisance, trespass and outrage. The remainder of the complaint was dismissed with leave to file an amended complaint. On July 6, 2007, plaintiffs filed a second amended complaint, which dismissed prior claims relating to U.S. Pipe s former facility located at 2101 West 19 Street in Anniston, Alabama and no longer alleges personal injury claims. Plaintiffs filed a third amended complaint on July 27, 2007. U.S. Pipe and the other defendants have moved to dismiss the third amended complaint. In September 2008, the court issued an order on the motion, dismissing the claims for wantonness and permitting the plaintiffs to move forward with their claims of nuisance, trespass and negligence. The court has ordered the parties to mediate the dispute. Management believes that numerous procedural and substantive defenses are available. We currently have no basis to form a view with respect to the probability or amount of liability in this matter.

On July 13, 2010, Rohcan Investments Limited (Rohcan), the former owner of property leased by Mueller Canada and located in Milton, Ontario, filed suit against Mueller Canada and its two directors seeking C\$10 million in damages arising from the defendants alleged environmental contamination of the property and breach of lease. Mueller Canada occupied the property from 1988 through 2006 and paid rent until the lease expired in 2008. We have tendered this lawsuit to the former owner of Mueller Canada for defense and indemnification. We currently have no basis to form a view with respect to the probability or amount of liability in this matter.

In the acquisition agreement pursuant to which a predecessor to Tyco International Ltd. (Tyco) sold our Mueller Co. and Anvil businesses to the prior owners of these businesses in August 1999, Tyco agreed to indemnify Mueller Co., Anvil and their affiliates, among other things, for all Excluded Liabilities . Excluded Liabilities include, among other things, substantially all liabilities of Mueller Co., Anvil and their affiliates prior to August 1999. The indemnity survives indefinitely and is not subject to any deductibles or caps. However, we may be responsible for these liabilities in the event that Tyco ever becomes financially unable to or otherwise fails to comply with, the terms of the indemnity. In addition, Tyco s indemnity does not cover liabilities to the extent caused by us or the operation of our businesses after August 1999, nor does it cover liabilities arising with respect to businesses or sites acquired after August 1999. In June 2007, Tyco was separated into three separate, publicly traded companies. Should the entity or entities that assume Tyco s obligations under the acquisition agreement ever become financially unable or fail to comply with the terms of the indemnity, we may be responsible for such obligations or liabilities.

Some of our subsidiaries have been named as defendants in asbestos-related lawsuits. We do not believe these lawsuits, either individually or in the aggregate, are material to our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Other Litigation. We are parties to a number of other lawsuits arising in the ordinary course of our businesses, including product liability cases for products manufactured by us and by third parties. The effect of the outcome of these matters on our future results of operations cannot be predicted with certainty as any such effect depends on future results of operations and the amount and timing of the resolution of such matters. While the results of litigation cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes that the final outcome of such other litigation is not likely to have a materially adverse effect on our consolidated financial statements.

Walter Energy-related Income Taxes. Each member of a consolidated group for federal income tax purposes is severally liable for the federal income tax liability of each other member of the consolidated group for any year in which it is a member of the group at any time during such year. Each member of the Walter Energy consolidated group, which included us through December 14, 2006, is also jointly and severally liable for pension and benefit funding and termination liabilities of other group members, as well as certain benefit plan taxes. Accordingly, we could be liable under such provisions in the event any such liability is incurred, and not discharged, by any other member of the Walter Energy consolidated group for any period during which we were included in the Walter Energy consolidated group.

A dispute exists with regard to federal income taxes for fiscal years 1980 through 1994 allegedly owed by the Walter Energy consolidated group, which included U.S. Pipe during these periods. According to Walter Energy s last available public filing on the matter, Walter Energy s management estimated that the amount of tax claimed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) was approximately \$34.0 million for issues currently in dispute in bankruptcy court for matters unrelated to us. This amount is subject to interest and penalties. Of the \$34.0 million in claimed tax, \$21.0 million represents issues in which the IRS is not challenging the deductibility of the particular expense but only whether such expense is deductible in a particular year. Walter Energy s management believes that Walter Energy s financial exposure should be limited to interest and possible penalties and the amount of any tax claimed will be offset by refunds in other years.

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In addition, the IRS previously issued a Notice of Proposed Deficiency assessing additional tax of \$82.2 million for the fiscal years ended May 31, 2000, December 31, 2000 and December 31, 2001. The unresolved issues relate primarily to Walter Energy s method of recognizing revenue on the sale of homes and related interest on the installment notes receivable. The items at issue relate primarily to the timing of revenue recognition and consequently, should the IRS prevail on its positions, Walter Energy s financial exposure should be limited to interest and penalties. As a matter of law, the Company is jointly and severally liable for any final tax determination, which means that we would be liable in the event Walter Energy is unable to pay any amounts owed. Walter Energy has disclosed that it believes its filing positions have substantial merit and that it intends to defend vigorously any claims asserted.

Walter Energy effectively controlled all of our tax decisions for periods during which we were a member of the Walter Energy consolidated group for federal income tax purposes and certain combined, consolidated or unitary state and local income tax groups. Under the terms of the income tax allocation agreement between us and Walter Energy dated May 26, 2006, we generally compute our tax liability on a stand-alone basis, but Walter Energy has sole authority to respond to and conduct all tax proceedings (including tax audits) relating to our federal income and combined state returns, to file all such returns on our behalf and to determine the amount of our liability to (or entitlement to payment from) Walter Energy for such previous periods. This arrangement may result in conflicts between Walter Energy and us. The Spin-off was intended to qualify as a tax-free spin-off under Section 355 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In addition, the tax allocation agreement provides that if the Spin-off is determined not to be tax-free pursuant to Section 355 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, we generally will be responsible for any taxes incurred by Walter Energy or its shareholders if such taxes result from certain of our actions or omissions and for a percentage of any such taxes that are not a result of our actions or omissions or Walter Energy s actions or omissions or taxes based upon our market value relative to Walter Energy s market value. Additionally, to the extent that Walter Energy was unable to pay taxes, if any, attributable to the Spin-off and for which it is responsible under the tax allocation agreement, we could be liable for those taxes as a result of being a member of the Walter Energy consolidated group for the year in which the Spin-off occurred.

In accordance with the income tax allocation agreement, Walter Energy used certain tax assets of a predecessor to the Company in its calendar 2006 tax return for which payment to us is required. The income tax allocation agreement only requires Walter Energy to make the payment upon realization of the tax benefit by receiving a refund or otherwise offsetting taxes due. Walter Energy currently owes us \$10.9 million that is payable pending completion of an IRS audit of Walter Energy s 2006 tax year and the related refund of tax from that year. We do not expect payment within a year from the current balance sheet date.

Note 14. Subsequent Events

On July 29, 2010, we declared a dividend of \$0.0175 per share on our Series A common stock, payable on August 20, 2010 to stockholders of record at the close of business on August 10, 2010.

Note 15. Consolidating Guarantor and Non-Guarantor Financial Information

The following information is included as a result of the guarantee by certain of our wholly-owned U.S. subsidiaries, both direct and indirect, (the Guarantor Companies) of the Notes. None of our other subsidiaries guarantee the Notes. Each of the guarantees is joint and several and full and unconditional. The Guarantor Companies at June 30, 2010 are presented below.

State of incorporation

Name	or organization
Anvil 1, LLC	Delaware
Anvil 2, LLC	Delaware
Anvil International, LP	Delaware
AnvilStar, LLC	Delaware
Fast Fabricators, LLC	Delaware
Henry Pratt Company, LLC	Delaware
Henry Pratt International, LLC	Delaware
Hersey Meters Co., LLC	Delaware
Hunt Industries, LLC	Delaware
Hydro Gate, LLC	Delaware
J.B. Smith Mfg. Co., LLC	Delaware
James Jones Company, LLC	Delaware
MCO 1, LLC	Alabama
MCO 2, LLC	Alabama
Milliken Valve, LLC	Delaware
Mueller Co. Ltd.	Alabama
Mueller Financial Services, LLC	Delaware
Mueller Group, LLC	Delaware
Mueller Group Co-Issuer, Inc.	Delaware
Mueller International, Inc.	Delaware
Mueller International, L.L.C.	Delaware
Mueller International Finance, Inc.	Delaware
Mueller International Finance, L.L.C.	Delaware
Mueller Service California, Inc.	Delaware
Mueller Service Co., LLC	Delaware
Mueller Technologies, LLC	Delaware
United States Pipe and Foundry Company, LLC	Alabama
U.S. Pipe Valve & Hydrant, LLC	Delaware

Consolidating Balance Sheet

June 30, 2010

	Is	suer	uarantor mpanies	gua com	ion- rantor panies	Eliı	minations	Total
Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	52.1	\$ (0.7)	\$	25.7	\$		\$ 77.1
Receivables, net		0.2	192.6		20.4			213.2
Inventories			257.4		18.5			275.9
Deferred income taxes		26.2			0.9			27.1
Other current assets		21.9	35.2		1.7			58.8
Total current assets		100.4	484.5		67.2			652.1
Property, plant and equipment		2.1	254.6		10.0			266.7
Identifiable intangible assets, net			640.0					640.0
Other noncurrent assets		26.3	2.6		1.3			30.2
Investment in subsidiaries		(35.1)	25.1				10.0	
Total assets	\$	93.7	\$ 1,406.8	\$	78.5	\$	10.0	\$ 1,589.0
Liabilities and equity:								
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	9.7	\$ 0.8	\$		\$		\$ 10.5
Accounts payable		4.2	82.9		4.1			91.2
Other current liabilities		19.3	53.8		6.3			79.4
Total current liabilities		33.2	137.5		10.4			181.1
Long-term debt		681.4	0.8					682.2
Deferred income taxes		159.8			0.5			160.3
Other noncurrent liabilities		26.7	135.1		0.3			162.1
Intercompany accounts	(1	,210.7)	1,168.5		42.2			
Total liabilities		(309.6)	1,441.9		53.4			1,185.7
Equity		403.3	(35.1)		25.1		10.0	403.3
Total liabilities and equity	\$	93.7	\$ 1,406.8	\$	78.5	\$	10.0	\$ 1,589.0

Consolidating Balance Sheet

September 30, 2009

	Issuer		Guarantor companies				es Eliminations		Total
Assets:									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	41.7	\$	(0.2)	\$	20.0	\$		\$ 61.5
Receivables, net				183.1		33.2			216.3
Inventories				295.7		47.1			342.8
Deferred income taxes		30.4				0.4			30.8
Assets held for sale				13.9					13.9
Other current assets		44.7		33.9		2.2			80.8
Total current assets		116.8		526.4		102.9			746.1
Property, plant and equipment		2.4		278.5		15.5			296.4
Identifiable intangible assets, net		2		663.6		10.0			663.6
Other noncurrent assets		25.3		6.2		1.9			33.4
Investment in subsidiaries		(90.6)		21.7				68.9	
Total assets	\$	53.9	\$	1,496.4	\$	120.3	\$	68.9	\$ 1,739.5
Liabilities and equity:									
Current portion of long term-debt	\$	11.1	\$	0.6	\$		\$		\$ 11.7
Accounts payable		4.7		95.2		11.8			111.7
Other current liabilities		29.5		62.3		5.6			97.4
Total current liabilities		45.3		158.1		17.4			220.8
Long-term debt		727.7		0.8					728.5
Deferred income taxes		179.4				0.6			180.0
Other noncurrent liabilities		32.7		140.8		0.4			173.9
Intercompany accounts	(1,367.5)		1,287.3		80.2			
Total liabilities		(382.4)		1,587.0		98.6			1,303.2
Equity		436.3		(90.6)		21.7		68.9	436.3
Total liabilities and equity	\$	53.9	\$	1,496.4	\$	120.3	\$	68.9	\$ 1,739.5

Consolidating Statement of Operations

Three Months Ended June 30, 2010

	Issuer	Guarantor companies		gua	Non- trantor ipanies i millions)	Eliminations		,	Total
Net sales	\$	\$	336.1	\$	39.8	\$		\$	375.9
Cost of sales	(0.2)		272.8		32.7				305.3
Gross profit	0.2		63.3		7.1				70.6
Operating expenses:									
Selling, general and administrative	9.3		45.3		2.6				57.2
Restructuring			1.1		(0.2)				0.9
Total operating expenses	9.3		46.4		2.4				58.1
Income (loss) from operations	(9.1)		16.9		4.7				12.5
Interest expense, net	15.8		10.5		1,				15.8
Income (loss) before income taxes	(24.9)		16.9		4.7				(3.3)
Income tax expense (benefit)	(8.7)		7.6		1.6				0.5
Equity in income (loss) of subsidiaries	12.4		3.1			(15.5)		
Net income (loss)	\$ (3.8)	\$	12.4	\$	3.1	\$ (15.5)	\$	(3.8)

Consolidating Statement of Operations

	Issuer		Guarantor companies			Non- arantor apanies millions)	Elim	iinations	,	Γotal
Net sales	\$		\$	874.3	\$	116.5	\$		\$	990.8
Cost of sales	Ψ	(0.2)	Ψ	726.7	Ψ	99.6	Ψ		Ψ.	826.1
Gross profit		0.2		147.6		16.9				164.7
Operating expenses:										
Selling, general and administrative		25.6		130.0		7.4				163.0
Restructuring				11.8						11.8
Total operating expenses		25.6		141.8		7.4				174.8
Income (loss) from operations		(25.4)		5.8		9.5				(10.1)
Interest expense, net		47.3		0.1						47.4
Loss on early extinguishment of debt		0.5								0.5
Income (loss) before income taxes		(73.2)		5.7		9.5				(58.0)
Income tax expense (benefit)		(26.4)		3.3		3.3				(19.8)
Equity in income (loss) of subsidiaries		8.6		6.2		٥.٥		(14.8)		(19.0)
Equity in meome (1955) of substitution		3.0		0.2				(14.0)		
Net income (loss)	\$	(38.2)	\$	8.6	\$	6.2	\$	(14.8)	\$	(38.2)

Consolidating Statement of Operations

Three Months Ended June 30, 2009

	Issuer	Guarantor companies						gua con	Non- rantor ipanies i millions)	Eliminatio	ons	Total
Net sales	\$	\$	300.0	\$	63.2	\$	\$	363.2				
Cost of sales			249.9		55.5			305.4				
Gross profit			50.1		7.7			57.8				
Operating expenses:												
Selling, general and administrative	7.9		46.0		8.5			62.4				
Impairment												
Restructuring			3.9					3.9				
Total operating expenses	7.9		49.9		8.5			66.3				
Income (loss) from operations	(7.9)		0.2		(0.8)			(8.5)				
Interest expense, net	17.3		(0.1)					17.2				
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	2.3							2.3				
Loss before income taxes	(27.5)		0.3		(0.8)			(28.0)				
Income tax expense (benefit)	(9.5)		0.7		(0.2)			(9.0)				
Equity in loss of subsidiaries	(1.0)		(0.6)			1	.6					
Net loss	\$ (19.0)	\$	(1.0)	\$	(0.6)	\$ 1	.6 \$	(19.0)				

Consolidating Statement of Operations

	Issuer		Guarantor companies		gu: cor	Non- guarantor companies (in millions)		inations	Total
						i illillions)			
Net sales	\$		\$	884.1	\$	169.0	\$		\$ 1,053.1
Cost of sales				717.9		147.5			865.4
Gross profit				166.2		21.5			187.7
Operating expenses:									
Selling, general and administrative		26.9		136.9		20.9			184.7
Impairment				970.9					970.9
Restructuring		0.2		45.7					45.9
Total operating expenses		27.1		1,153.5		20.9			1,201.5
Income (loss) from operations		(27.1)		(987.3)		0.6			(1,013.8)
Interest expense, net		51.2		(0.1)					51.1
Loss on early extinguishment of debt		0.8							0.8
Income (loss) before income taxes		(79.1)		(987.2)		0.6			(1,065.7)
Income toy expense (henefit)		(26.1)		(54.0)		0.2			(70.0)
Income tax expense (benefit) Equity in income (loss) of subsidiaries		(932.8)		(54.0)		0.2		932.4	(79.9)
Equity in medite (1055) of substitutions		(932.0)		U. 1				734.4	
Net income (loss)	\$	(985.8)	\$	(932.8)	\$	0.4	\$	932.4	\$ (985.8)

Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

Issuer		Guarantor companies		Non- guarantor companies (in millions)		Eliminations	1	Cotal
\$	65.3	\$	(34.6)	\$	5.0	\$	\$	35.7
	(0.1)		(21.0)		(0.3)			(21.4)
			54.5					54.5
	(0.1)		33.5		(0.3)			33.1
			0.6					0.6
	(47.5)							(47.5)
	0.8							0.8
	(8.1)							(8.1)
	(54.8)		0.6					(54.2)
					1.0			1.0
	10.4		(0.5)		5.7			15.6
	10.4		(0.5)		3.1			13.0
	41.7		(0.2)		20.0			61.5
\$	52.1	\$	(0.7)	\$	25.7	\$	\$	77.1
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Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

	Issuer		Guarantor companies		gua	Non- arantor npanies	Eliminations	Total
				_	(i	n millions)	
Operating activities:								
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	34.5	\$	27.7	\$	6.1	\$	\$ 68.3
Investing activities:								
Capital expenditures		(0.3)		(19.4)		(3.0)		(22.7)
Acquisition of technology				(8.7)				(8.7)
Proceeds from sales of assets				0.5		3.9		4.4
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(0.3)		(27.6)		0.9		(27.0)
Financing activities:								
Decrease in outstanding checks				4.4				4.4
Debt borrowings		539.4						539.4
Debt paid or repurchased		(672.1)						(672.1)
Payment of deferred financing fees		(9.9)						(9.9)
Common stock issued		0.6						0.6
Dividends paid		(6.1)						(6.1)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(148.1)		4.4				(143.7)
Effect of currency exchange rate changes on cash						(1.4)		(1.4)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(113.9)		4.5		5.6		(103.8)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		179.1		(4.6)		9.4		183.9
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	65.2	\$	(0.1)	\$	15.0	\$	\$ 80.1

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto that appear in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2009 and with the condensed consolidated financial statements that appear elsewhere in this report.

This report contains certain statements that may be deemed forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. All statements, that address activities, events or developments that the Company s management intends, expects, plans, projects, believes or anticipates will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements we make regarding general economic conditions, our ability to increase capacity utilization, increase prices, expenses related to the closure of a ductile iron pipe manufacturing facility in North Birmingham, Alabama and the recovery, if any, of our end markets. Forward-looking statements are based on certain assumptions and assessments made by management in light of their experience and their perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments. Actual results and the timing of events may differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including regional, national or global political, economic, business, competitive, market and regulatory conditions and the following:

the demand level of manufacturing and construction activity;

our ability to service our debt obligations; and

the other factors that are described in the section entitled RISK FACTORS in Item 1A of the Annual Report on Form 10-K. Undue reliance should not be placed on any forward-looking statements. The Company does not have any intention or obligation to update forward-looking statements after filing this report, except as required by law.

Mueller Water Products, Inc., a Delaware corporation, together with its consolidated subsidiaries, operates in three business segments: Mueller Co., U.S. Pipe and Anvil. Mueller Co. manufactures valves for water and gas systems, including butterfly, iron gate, tapping, check, plug and ball valves, as well as dry-barrel and wet-barrel fire hydrants and a full range of metering products for the water infrastructure industry. U.S. Pipe manufactures a broad line of ductile iron pipe, joint restraint products, fittings and other ductile iron products. Anvil manufactures and sources a broad range of product, including a variety of fittings, couplings, hangers, nipples and related pipe products. The Company, we, us or our refer to Mueller Water Products, Inc. and subsidiaries or their management. With regard to the Company s segments, we, us or our may alrefer to the segment being discussed or its management.

Except as otherwise noted, all financial and operating data has been presented on a fiscal year and fiscal quarter basis. Our fiscal year ends on September 30, and our interim fiscal quarters end on December 31, March 31 and June 30.

Business Developments and Trends

The impact of the overall weakness of the U.S. economy on our end markets continues to adversely affect our operations. Net sales have decreased significantly from fiscal 2008 levels, though shipment volumes in the two most recent quarters were higher than the corresponding prior year periods. Our manufacturing operations include significant fixed costs. With low production volumes, these fixed costs represent a higher percentage of the total cost to manufacture our products and our profitability is reduced. Reduced profitability consumes our available capital and adversely affects compliance with the financial covenants contained in our credit agreement and indentures. See Liquidity and Capital Resources for a detailed description of these financial covenants.

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A significant portion of our net sales is directly related to municipal water infrastructure spending, residential construction activity and non-residential construction activity in the United States. Annualized housing starts in the first half of calendar 2010 were approximately 60% lower than the 50-year average of about 1.5 million units per year. Based on independent forecasts of housing starts, we do not expect substantial near-term recovery in residential construction, and we expect our related sales growth to lag any recovery in the residential construction market. We expect non-residential construction to decrease in fiscal 2010 as a result of a slowdown in general economic activity. Independent forecasts of calendar 2010 non-residential construction activity indicate a decline of 17% compared to calendar 2009.

As a result, most of our manufacturing facilities are operating significantly below their optimal capacities. Since the end of fiscal 2008, we have reduced headcount, consolidated facilities, reduced operating days and reduced overall spending activities in response to lower demand for our products. Capacity utilization increased in the fiscal 2010 third quarter in all three business segments. We continually monitor our production activities in response to evolving business conditions and expect to take additional steps to improve financial results.

U.S. Pipe closed its ductile iron pipe manufacturing facility in North Birmingham, Alabama in April 2010, eliminating approximately 260 positions. In connection with this closure, we recorded a restructuring charge of \$11.6 million during the nine months ended June 30, 2010, consisting of \$6.1 million of asset impairment charges and \$5.5 million of employee-related and other charges. We expect to record additional net expenses of approximately \$3 million to \$4 million in the three months ending September 30, 2010 for employee-related and other charges.

In January 2010, Anvil sold its Canadian wholesale distribution business for \$40.3 million, including post-closing adjustments. This business had fiscal 2009 net sales of approximately \$107 million and its operating income was not material to the Company s operating income. We recorded a pre-tax gain of \$2.9 million to selling, general and administrative expenses in connection with this transaction. Anvil also entered into a 3 ¹/2 year supply agreement with the buyer requiring the buyer to purchase at least a specified amount of products from Anvil.

U.S. Pipe experienced a 5% decline in ductile iron pipe average per-ton sales prices during the quarter ended June 30, 2010 compared to the quarter ended June 30, 2009. Over that same time period, the costs of U.S. Pipe s raw materials increased significantly. We expect that these cost increases will negatively impact gross profit during the quarter ending September 30, 2010.

An analysis of the funded status of our U.S. pension plan as of January 1, 2010 will be performed for purposes of determining funding thresholds under provisions of the Pension Protection Act. A significant portion of the assets invested in our defined benefit pension plans is invested in equity securities. If we lower our estimated rate of return on these assets, this would cause pension expense to increase and require higher levels of Company contributions to these plans. The total market value of our U.S. pension plan assets was \$269.3 million and \$270.0 million at June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, respectively. During the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2010, the investment performance of these assets was a loss of \$8.7 million and a gain of \$8.4 million, respectively. We currently estimate contributing a total of approximately \$23 million to our pension plans during fiscal 2010.

Results of Operations

Loss on early extinguishment of debt

Three Months Ended June 30, 2010 Compared to the Three Months Ended June 30, 2009

	Mue	eller Co.		Three mo	A	ended Ju Anvil nillions)		, 2010 porate	7	Γotal
Net sales	\$	174.6	\$	120.2	\$	81.1	\$		\$	375.9
Gross profit (loss)	\$	52.1	\$	(2.7)	\$	21.1	\$	0.1	\$	70.6
Operating expenses:										
Selling, general and administrative Restructuring		23.3		7.7 0.9		16.6		9.6		57.2 0.9
Total operating expenses		23.3		8.6		16.6		9.6		58.1
Income (loss) from operations	\$	28.8	\$	(11.3)	\$	4.5	\$	(9.5)		12.5
Interest expense, net										15.8
Loss before income taxes										(3.3)
Income tax expense										0.5
Net loss									\$	(3.8)
			Т	hree mo	onths	ended Ju	ıne 30,	, 2009		
		Mueller Co.		U.S. Pipe			~			
		Co.	U.S.	. Pipe		Anvil (in llions)	Corp	orate		Fotal
Net sales		Co.		96.7		(in	Corp	oorate	\$	
			\$	_	mi	(in llions)	\$	(0.1)		
Gross profit (loss) Operating expenses: Selling, general and administrative	\$	154.6	\$	96.7	m i	(in llions) 111.9	\$		\$	363.2
Gross profit (loss) Operating expenses: Selling, general and administrative Impairment	\$	154.6 35.8	\$	96.7	m i	(in Illions) 111.9 28.1	\$	(0.1)	\$	363.2 57.8
Gross profit (loss) Operating expenses: Selling, general and administrative Impairment Restructuring	\$	154.6 35.8 22.2	\$	96.7 (6.0)	m i	(in Illions) 111.9 28.1	\$	(0.1)	\$	363.2 57.8 62.4
Gross profit (loss) Operating expenses: Selling, general and administrative Impairment Restructuring Total operating expenses	\$	154.6 35.8 22.2 0.7	\$	96.7 (6.0)	m i	(in Illions) 111.9 28.1 21.4 1.7	\$	(0.1)	\$	363.2 57.8 62.4 3.9
Net sales Gross profit (loss) Operating expenses: Selling, general and administrative Impairment Restructuring Total operating expenses Income (loss) from operations Interest expense, net	\$	154.6 35.8 22.2 0.7 22.9	\$	96.7 (6.0) 10.8 1.5	mi \$ \$	(in Illions) 111.9 28.1 21.4 1.7 23.1	\$	\$	8.0	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

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Loss before income taxes	(28	(0.
Income tax benefit	(9	.0)
Net loss	\$ (19	.0)

Consolidated Analysis

Net sales in the three months ended June 30, 2010 were \$375.9 million compared to \$363.2 million in the prior year period. Net sales increased \$43.1 million due to higher shipment volumes and \$4.3 million due to favorable changes in Canadian currency exchange rates. These items were partially offset by \$30.8 million of 2009 net sales of two Anvil businesses divested earlier this fiscal year and \$3.9 million due to lower pricing primarily at U.S. Pipe.

Gross profit in the three months ended June 30, 2010 was \$70.6 million compared to \$57.8 million in the prior year period. Gross profit increased \$12.1 million due to manufacturing and other cost savings, \$9.0 million due to higher shipment volumes and \$8.3 million due to lower per-unit overhead costs on products sold. These items were partially offset by \$6.6 million of higher raw material costs, \$4.7 million due to the 2009 contribution from Anvil s divested businesses and \$3.9 million due to lower sales pricing. Gross margin increased to 18.8% in the three months ended June 30, 2010 compared to 15.9% in the prior year period. Gross margin increased primarily due to manufacturing and other cost savings and lower per-unit overhead costs on products sold. These items were partially offset by higher raw material costs and lower sales prices.

Selling, general and administrative expenses in the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were \$57.2 million and \$62.4 million, respectively. These expenses declined primarily due to Anvil s divested businesses.

In the three months ended June 30, 2010, we recorded restructuring charges of \$0.9 million related primarily to closing U.S. Pipe s North Birmingham manufacturing facility. During the three months ended June 30, 2009, we suspended production throughout the Company for varying time periods in response to reduced demand for our products, implemented temporary wage reductions, furloughs and reduced work weeks for certain employees and reduced headcount by approximately 600 people. Severance expense incurred related to these headcount reductions during the three months ended June 30, 2009 was \$3.9 million.

Interest expense, net was \$15.8 million in the three months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$17.2 million in the three months ended June 30, 2009. The components of interest expense, net in the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 are detailed below.

	Three months ended at 2010 2 (in millions)			June 30, 009
2007 Credit Agreement, including interest rate swap contracts	\$	6.2	\$	8.6
7 ³ /8 % Senior Subordinated Notes		7.7		7.8
Deferred financing fees amortization		0.7		0.4
Other interest expense		1.2		0.7
Interest income				(0.3)
	\$	15.8	\$	17.2

Interest expense, net declined primarily due to lower debt levels under the 2007 Credit Agreement partially offset by higher interest rates on these borrowings.

During the three months ended June 30, 2009, we repaid \$125 million of borrowings under the 2007 Credit Agreement. This resulted in a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$2.3 million.

Income tax expense in the three months ended June 30, 2010 included \$2.2 million related to the repatriation of earnings from Canada. After the divestiture of a Canadian business earlier this year, we determined that our remaining Canadian operations no longer needed approximately \$21 million of cash which we repatriated in the three months ended June 30, 2010. Excluding this item, income tax expense in the three months ended June 30, 2010 was a benefit of \$1.7

million. In the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, the other differences between income taxes and that expected using the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35% related primarily to state income taxes and non-deductible compensation.

Segment Analysis

Mueller Co.

Net sales in the three months ended June 30, 2010 were \$174.6 million compared to \$154.6 million in the prior year period. Net sales increased \$15.2 million due to higher shipment volumes, \$4.1 million due to favorable Canadian currency exchange rates and \$0.7 million due to higher pricing.

Gross profit in the three months ended June 30, 2010 was \$52.1 million compared to \$35.8 million in the prior year period. Gross profit increased \$7.2 million due to lower per-unit overhead costs on products sold, \$5.5 million due to higher shipment volumes and \$4.8 million due to manufacturing and other cost savings. Gross margin was 29.8% in the three months ended June 30, 2010 compared to 23.2% in the prior year period. Gross margin increased primarily due to lower per-unit overhead costs and manufacturing and other cost savings.

Selling, general and administrative expenses in the three months ended June 30, 2010 were \$23.3 million compared to \$22.2 million in the prior year period. These expenses increased primarily due to additional investment expenses in Mueller Systems, our meter and metering technology business.

In the three months ended June 30, 2009, we recorded restructuring charges of \$0.7 million.

U.S. Pipe

Net sales in the three months ended June 30, 2010 were \$120.2 million compared to \$96.7 million in the prior year period. Net sales increased \$27.5 million due to higher shipment volumes partially offset by \$4.0 million of lower pricing.

Gross loss in the three months ended June 30, 2010 was \$2.7 million compared to \$6.0 million in the prior year period. Gross loss decreased \$5.8 million due to manufacturing and other cost savings, \$4.4 million due to higher shipment volumes and \$4.1 million due to lower per-unit overhead costs on products sold. These items were partially offset by \$6.4 million of higher raw material costs and \$4.0 million of lower sales pricing. Gross loss margin was 2.2% in the three months ended June 30, 2010 compared to 6.2% in the prior year period. Gross loss margin improved due to manufacturing and other cost savings, lower per-unit overhead costs and improved product mix. These items were partially offset by higher raw material costs and lower sales prices.

Selling, general and administrative expenses in the three months ended June 30, 2010 were \$7.7 million compared to \$10.8 million in the prior year period. The prior year amount included \$3.0 million of bad debt expense for a specific customer.

In the three months ended June 30, 2009, we restructured manufacturing operations at North Birmingham to lower fixed costs and reduce capacity. We recorded total restructuring charges during this period of \$1.5 million. In February 2010, we announced our intent to close North Birmingham, eliminating approximately 260 positions. Manufacturing at North Birmingham ceased during April 2010. In connection with this closure, we recorded a restructuring charge of \$0.9 million in the three months ended June 30, 2010, consisting primarily of employee-related and other charges. We expect to record net additional expenses of approximately \$3 million to \$4 million in the three months ending September 30, 2010 for employee-related and other charges.

Anvil

Net sales in the three months ended June 30, 2010 were \$81.1 million compared to \$111.9 million in the prior year period. Net sales decreased \$30.8 million due to the 2009 net sales of two businesses divested earlier this fiscal year.

Gross profit in the three months ended June 30, 2010 was \$21.1 million compared to \$28.1 million in the prior year period. Gross profit decreased \$4.7 million due to the prior year contribution of the divested businesses, \$3.0 million due to higher per-unit overhead costs on products sold primarily due to lower production and \$0.9 million due to lower shipment volumes. These items were partially offset by \$1.5 million of manufacturing and other cost savings. Gross margin was 26.0% in the three months ended June 30, 2010 compared to 25.1% in the prior year period. Gross margin increased primarily due to the divestiture of relatively low margin businesses partially offset by a less favorable product mix.

Selling, general and administrative expenses in the three months ended June 30, 2010 were \$16.6 million compared to \$21.4 million in the prior year period. These expenses declined primarily due to the inclusion in the prior year period of expenses associated with the divested businesses.

During the three months ended June 30, 2009, we recorded restructuring charges of \$1.7 million.

Corporate

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$9.6 million in the three months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$8.0 million in the prior year period. These expenses increased primarily due to higher professional fees.

Nine Months Ended June 30, 2010 Compared to the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2009

	Muc	eller Co	. U.S		ended Ju Anvil millions)	0, 2010 rporate	Total
Net sales	\$	449.1	\$	282.9	\$ 258.8	\$	\$ 990.8
Gross profit (loss)	\$	121.2	\$	(19.6)	\$ 63.0	\$ 0.1	\$ 164.7
Operating expenses:							
Selling, general and administrative		66.7		22.3	48.0	26.0	163.0
Restructuring		0.1		11.6	0.1		11.8
Total operating expenses		66.8		33.9	48.1	26.0	174.8
Income (loss) from operations	\$	54.4	\$	(53.5)	\$ 14.9	\$ (25.9)	(10.1)
Interest expense, net Loss on early extinguishment of debt							47.4 0.5
2000 on carry extinguishment of acot							0.5
Loss before income taxes Income tax benefit							(58.0) (19.8)
Net loss							\$ (38.2)

	Mu	eller Co.	Nine mon S. Pipe	ended June Anvil millions)	e 30, 2009 Corporate		Total
Net sales	\$	389.0	\$ 305.6	\$ 358.5	\$	\$	1,053.1
Gross profit (loss)	\$	89.3	\$ (6.3)	\$ 104.8	\$ (0.1) \$	187.7
Operating expenses:							
Selling, general and administrative		64.6	27.9	64.7	27.5		184.7
Impairment		818.7	59.5	92.7			970.9
Restructuring		1.4	41.4	2.9	0.2		45.9
Total operating expenses		884.7	128.8	160.3	27.7		1,201.5
Loss from operations	\$	(795.4)	\$ (135.1)	\$ (55.5)	\$ (27.8)	(1,013.8)
Interest expense, net							51.1
Loss on early extinguishment of debt							0.8
Loss before income taxes							(1,065.7)
Income tax benefit							(79.9)
Net loss						\$	(985.8)

Consolidated Analysis

Net sales in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 were \$990.8 million compared to \$1,053.1 million in the prior year period. Net sales decreased \$58.1 primarily due to the divestiture of two Anvil businesses and \$47.0 million due to lower pricing. These decreases were partially offset by \$29.5 million due to higher shipment volumes and \$13.3 million due to favorable changes in Canadian currency exchange rates.

Gross profit in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 was \$164.7 million compared to \$187.7 million in the prior year period. Gross profit decreased \$47.0 million due to lower sales prices, \$23.6 million due to higher per-unit overhead costs on products sold due to lower production and \$10.5 million due to the divestiture of two Anvil businesses. These decreases were partially offset by \$37.4 million of manufacturing and other cost savings and \$22.5 million of lower raw material costs. Gross margin decreased to 16.6% in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 compared to 17.8% in the prior year period. Gross margin decreased primarily due to lower sales prices.

Selling, general and administrative expenses in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 were \$163.0 million and \$184.7 million, respectively. These expenses decreased \$11.0 million primarily due to the divestiture of two Anvil businesses and \$3.9 million due to prior year bad debt expense for a specific customer.

In the nine months ended June 30, 2009, we suspended production throughout the Company for varying time periods in response to reduced demand for our products, implemented temporary wage reductions, furloughs and reduced work weeks for certain employees and reduced headcount by 17%. Severance expense incurred related to these headcount reductions during the nine months ended June 30, 2009 was \$7.4 million. Restructuring activities at North Birmingham resulted in lower fixed costs, reduced capacity and a \$38.5 million non-cash restructuring charge, primarily for impairment of property, plant and equipment.

In February 2010, we announced our intent to close North Birmingham, eliminating approximately 260 positions. Production at North Birmingham ceased during April 2010. In connection with this closure, we recorded a restructuring charge of \$11.6 million during the nine months ended June 30, 2010, consisting of approximately \$6.1 million of asset impairment charges and approximately \$5.5 million of employee-related and other charges. We expect to record net additional expenses of approximately \$3 million to \$4 million in the three months ending September 30, 2010 for employee-related and other charges.

In the nine months ended June 30, 2009, we recorded impairment charges of \$970.9 million.

Interest expense, net was \$47.4 million in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$51.1 million in the nine months ended June 30, 2009. The components of interest expense, net in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 are detailed below.

	Nine months ended Ju 2010 200 (in millions)		
2007 Credit Agreement, including interest rate swap contracts	\$ 19.9	\$	26.1
7 3/8 % Senior Subordinated Notes	23.2		23.3
Prematurely terminated interest rate swap contracts:			
Interest expense deferred	(4.7)		
Interest expense recognized	4.0		
Deferred financing fees amortization	2.2		1.3
Other interest expense	2.9		1.8
Interest income	(0.1)		(1.4)
	\$ 47.4	\$	51.1

Interest expense, net declined primarily due to lower debt levels under the 2007 Credit Agreement partially offset by higher interest rates. The nine months ended June 30, 2010 also included the deferral of expenses from the termination of interest rate swap contracts in September 2009. Interest expense recognized related to terminated interest rate swap contracts includes \$3.5 million for certain swap contracts terminated in January 2010 and \$0.5 million for those contracts terminated in September 2009. Interest income declined due to lower interest rates and lower invested cash balances in the nine months ended June 30, 2010.

In the nine months ended June 30, 2010, we prepaid \$40.0 million of term loan borrowings and incurred a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$0.5 million. In the three months ended June 30, 2009, we repaid \$125 million of borrowings under the 2007 Credit Agreement. This resulted in a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$2.3 million. In the three months ended December 31, 2008, we acquired \$5.0 million in principal of the 7 3/8% Senior Subordinated Notes in the open market for \$3.4 million in cash. This resulted in a gain on early extinguishment of debt of \$1.5 million after writing off related deferred financing fees of \$0.1 million.

The income tax benefit for the nine months ended June 30, 2010 included a \$2.2 million expense related to the repatriation of earnings from Canada. After the divestiture of a Canadian business earlier this year, we determined that the remaining Canadian operations no longer needed approximately \$21 million of cash which we repatriated in the three months ended June 30, 2010. Excluding this item, income tax benefit in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 was \$22.0 million, resulting in an effective tax rate of 38%. There was very limited income tax benefit associated with the goodwill impairment recorded in the nine months ended June 30, 2009. Excluding goodwill impairment, the effective tax rate for the nine months ended June 30, 2009 was 38%. In the nine months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, the other differences between income taxes and that expected using the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35% related primarily to state income taxes and non-deductible compensation.

Segment Analysis

Mueller Co.

Net sales in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 were \$449.1 million compared to \$389.0 million in the prior year period. Net sales increased \$55.6 million due to higher shipment volumes.

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Gross profit in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 was \$121.2 million compared to \$89.3 million in the prior year period. Gross profit increased \$20.3 million due to higher shipment volumes and \$14.5 million due to manufacturing and other cost savings. Gross margin was 27.0% in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 compared to 23.0% in the prior year period. Gross margin increased primarily due to manufacturing and other cost savings and incremental margin on additional sales volume.

Selling, general and administrative expenses in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 were \$66.7 million compared to \$64.6 million in the prior year period. These expenses increased primarily due to additional investment expenses in Mueller Systems, our meter and metering technology business.

In the nine months ended June 30, 2009, we recorded impairment and restructuring charges of \$820.1 million.

U.S. Pipe

Net sales in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 were \$282.9 million compared to \$305.6 million in the prior year period. Net sales decreased \$41.9 million due to lower prices. This decrease was partially offset by \$19.2 million of higher shipment volumes.

Gross loss in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 was \$19.6 million compared to \$6.3 million in the prior year period. Gross loss increased primarily due to \$41.9 million of lower sales prices and \$3.4 million of higher per-unit overhead costs on products sold. These increases were partially offset by \$17.4 million of lower raw material costs and \$17.2 million of manufacturing and other cost savings. Gross loss margin was 6.9% in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 compared to 2.1% in the prior year period. Gross loss margin worsened primarily due to sales prices declining more than raw material prices. This was partially offset by manufacturing and other cost savings.

Selling, general and administrative expenses in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 were \$22.3 million compared to \$27.9 million in the prior year period. The prior year amount included \$3.2 million of bad debt expense for a specific customer. The decrease in these expenses is otherwise attributed primarily to lower headcount.

In the nine months ended June 30, 2009, we recorded impairment and restructuring charges of \$100.9 million, which included non-cash goodwill impairment of \$59.5 million and non-cash restructuring of \$38.5 million, primarily for impairment of property, plant and equipment, at North Birmingham due to restructuring efforts that resulted in lower fixed costs and reduced capacity.

In February 2010, we announced our intent to close our ductile iron pipe manufacturing facility in North Birmingham, eliminating approximately 260 positions. Production at North Birmingham ceased during April 2010. In connection with this closure, we recorded a restructuring charge of \$11.6 million during the nine months ended June 30, 2010, consisting of \$6.1 million of asset impairment charges and \$5.5 million of employee-related and other charges. We expect to record net additional expenses of approximately \$3 million to \$4 million in the three months ending September 30, 2010 for employee-related and other charges.

Anvil

Net sales in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 were \$258.8 million compared to \$358.5 million in the prior year period. Net sales decreased \$58.1 million due to divested businesses and \$45.3 million due to lower shipment volumes.

Gross profit in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 was \$63.0 million compared to \$104.8 million in the prior year period. Gross profit decreased \$18.4 million due to higher per-unit overhead costs on products sold primarily due to lower production, \$16.9 million due to lower shipment volumes and \$10.5 million related to the divested businesses. These decreases were partially offset by \$5.7 million of manufacturing and other cost savings. Gross margin was 24.3% in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 compared to 29.2% in the prior year period. Gross margin decreased primarily due to higher per-unit overhead costs and an unfavorable product mix. These decreases were partially offset by eliminating the lower margin divested businesses.

Selling, general and administrative expenses in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 were \$48.0 million compared to \$64.7 million in the prior year period. These expenses declined \$11.0 million related to the divested businesses and \$4.7 million of primarily volume-related cost savings. The nine months ended June 30, 2010 included gains totaling \$4.5 million from the sale of divested businesses. The nine months ended June 30, 2009 included a \$3.5 million gain from the sale of a building.

In the nine months ended June 30, 2009, we recorded impairment and restructuring charges of \$95.6 million.

Corporate

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$26.0 million in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$27.5 million in the prior year period. This decrease was primarily due to \$1.2 million of one-time fees related to the conversion of Series B common stock into Series A common stock in the prior year period.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We had cash and cash equivalents of \$77.1 million at June 30, 2010. Our available borrowing capacity under the revolving credit facility component of our 2007 Credit Agreement was \$162.1 million at June 30, 2010.

We expect cash provided by operating activities to be positive in the three months ending September 30, 2010. Cash flows from operating activities are categorized below.

	Nine months ended 2010 2 (in millions)		
Cash activity:			
Collections from customers	\$ 980.4	\$	1,130.2
Disbursements, other than interest and income taxes	(916.6)		(991.3)
Interest payments, net	(54.9)		(57.6)
Income tax refunds (payments), net	26.8		(13.0)
	\$ 35.7	\$	68.3

Collections of receivables were lower in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 compared to the prior year period primarily due to lower year-over-year shipment volumes, prices and the divestiture of two Anvil businesses.

Disbursements, other than interest and income taxes, in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 were lower compared to the prior year period due to timing differences and lower volumes of material, labor and overhead purchased.

Capital expenditures were \$21.4 million in the nine months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$22.7 million in the prior year period and were \$39.7 million in fiscal 2009. Total capital expenditures in fiscal 2010 are expected to be between \$39 million and \$41 million.

An analysis of the funded status of our U.S. pension plan as of January 1, 2010 will be performed for purposes of determining funding thresholds under provisions of the Pension Protection Act. A significant portion of the assets invested in our defined benefit pension plans is invested in equity securities. If we lower our estimated rate of return on these assets, this would cause pension expense to increase and require higher levels of Company contributions to these plans. We currently estimate contributing a total of approximately \$23 million to our pension plans during the year ending September 30, 2010.

We anticipate that our existing cash, cash equivalents and borrowing capacity combined with our expected net positive operating cash flows will be sufficient to meet our anticipated operating expenses, capital expenditures, pension contributions and scheduled debt service obligations as they become due for at least the next twelve months. However, our ability to make scheduled payments of principal, to pay interest or to refinance our debt and to satisfy our other debt obligations will depend upon our future operating performance, which will be affected by general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory, business and other factors beyond our control.

2007 Credit Agreement

The 2007 Credit Agreement includes Term Loan A, Term Loan B and a revolving credit facility. Borrowings under the 2007 Credit Agreement bear interest at a floating rate equal to LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 500 to 600 basis points depending on our consolidated senior secured first lien leverage ratio, as defined in the 2007 Credit Agreement. Term Loan A had a balance of \$52.8 million at June 30, 2010 and is payable \$1.8 million per quarter with the balance due May 2012. Term Loan B had a balance of \$218.1 million at June 30, 2010 and is payable \$0.7 million per quarter with the balance due May 2014. The revolving credit facility provides for borrowings of up to \$200 million, including letters of credit, and terminates in May 2012. At June 30, 2010, letters of credit outstanding under the revolving credit facility were \$37.9 million. The margin on borrowings under the 2007 Credit Agreement was 500 basis points at June 30, 2010.

We pay a commitment fee on the unused portion of the revolving credit facility. This fee is payable quarterly in arrears and upon the maturity or termination of the revolving credit facility. The fee is subject to adjustment based on the consolidated senior secured first lien leverage ratio. The fee was 50 basis points at June 30, 2010.

The 2007 Credit Agreement is subject to mandatory prepayments with excess cash flow, as defined in the 2007 Credit Agreement, and net cash proceeds from debt and equity issuances and from the sale or other disposition of property or assets, subject to permitted reinvestments and other specified exceptions.

All of our material direct and indirect U.S. subsidiaries are guarantors of the 2007 Credit Agreement. Our obligations under the 2007 Credit Agreement are secured by:

a first priority perfected lien on substantially all of our existing and after-acquired personal property, a pledge of all of the stock or membership interest of all of our existing or future U.S. subsidiaries (including of each guarantor) and a pledge of all intercompany indebtedness in favor of us or any guarantor;

first-priority perfected liens on all of our material existing and after-acquired real property, subject to customary permitted liens described in the 2007 Credit Agreement; and

restrictions on the sale of our assets.

The 2007 Credit Agreement contains customary negative covenants and restrictions on our ability to engage in specified activities, contains financial covenants requiring us to maintain a specified consolidated leverage ratio, consolidated senior secured first lien leverage ratio and consolidated interest charge coverage ratio and limits our capital expenditures. Borrowings under the revolving credit facility are subject to significant conditions, including compliance with the financial ratios included in the 2007 Credit Agreement and the absence of any material adverse change.

Senior Subordinated Notes

We owed \$420.0 million of principal of 7 3/8% Senior Subordinated Notes (Notes) at June 30, 2010. Interest on the Notes is payable semi-annually and the principal is due June 2017. We may redeem any portion of the Notes after May 2012 at specified redemption prices. Upon the occurrence of a change in control, we must offer to repurchase the Notes at 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The Notes are secured by the guarantees of essentially all of our U.S. subsidiaries, but are subordinate to the borrowings under the 2007 Credit Agreement.

Financial Ratio Covenants

The consolidated leverage ratio compares consolidated funded indebtedness at any date of determination to consolidated EBITDA, all as defined in the 2007 Credit Agreement. Consolidated funded indebtedness is defined generally as the sum of the outstanding principal amount of all obligations for borrowed money and capital leases. For financial covenant ratio purposes, consolidated EBITDA is defined generally as the sum, for the trailing four fiscal quarter period most recently reported, of (a) consolidated net income plus (b) net interest expense for the period plus (c) income tax expense for the period plus (d) depreciation and amortization expenses for the period plus (e) cash restructuring expense up to a specified maximum amount plus (f) other non-cash expenses less other non-cash gains.

The consolidated interest charge coverage ratio compares consolidated EBITDA to the trailing four fiscal quarter period consolidated cash interest charges, as defined in the 2007 Credit Agreement, at the close of each fiscal quarter. Consolidated cash interest charges are defined generally as net interest expense during the period, excluding any prepayment or similar premiums paid in connection with any prepayment, repurchase or redemption of outstanding debt and the amortization of deferred financing fees.

The consolidated senior secured first lien leverage ratio compares consolidated senior secured first lien indebtedness at any date of determination to consolidated EBITDA. Consolidated senior secured first lien indebtedness is defined generally as all consolidated funded indebtedness secured by a first priority lien on any asset or property.

The threshold ratios permitted under the 2007 Credit Agreement at June 30, 2010 for the subsequent four quarters and our actual ratios at June 30, 2010 are presented below.

	Consolidated Leverage Ratio	Consolidated Interest Charge Coverage Ratio	Consolidated Senior Secured First Lien Leverage Ratio
Actual ratios at June 30, 2010	6.27:1.00	1.71:1.00	2.45:1.00
Threshold ratios for fiscal quarters ending:	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
June 30, 2010	7.75:1.00	1.45:1.00	4.50:1.00
September 30, 2010	7.25:1.00	1.55:1.00	4.00:1.00
December 31, 2010	7.00:1.00	1.60:1.00	4.00:1.00
March 31, 2011	6.50:1.00	1.70:1.00	3.50:1.00
June 30, 2011	6.25:1.00	1.80:1.00	3.50:1.00

We were in compliance with these financial covenants at June 30, 2010.

Our credit ratings issued by Moody s and Standard & Poor s were as follows.

	June 30), 2010	September 30, 2009		
	Moody s	Standard & Poor s	Moody s	Standard & Poor s	
Corporate credit rating	B2	В	B2	В	
2007 Credit Agreement	Ba3	BB-	B1	BB-	
Notes	В3	B-	Caa1	B-	
Outlook	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable	

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. In addition, we do not have any undisclosed borrowings or debt or any derivative contracts other than those described in Item 3. Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosure About Market Risk or synthetic leases. Therefore, we are not materially exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in such relationships.

We use letters of credit and surety bonds in the ordinary course of business to ensure our performance of contractual obligations. At June 30, 2010, we had \$37.9 million of letters of credit and \$23.5 million of surety bonds outstanding.

Seasonality

Our water infrastructure business is dependent upon the construction industry, which is seasonal due to the impact of cold weather conditions. Net sales and operating income have historically been lowest in the three-month periods ending December 31 and March 31 when the northern United States and all of Canada generally face weather conditions that restrict significant levels of construction activity.

ITEM 3. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK Interest Rate Swap Contracts

We used interest rate swap contracts with a cumulative total notional amount of \$175 million in force at June 30, 2010 to hedge against cash flow variability arising from changes in LIBOR in conjunction with our LIBOR-indexed variable rate borrowings that expire at various dates through September 2012. We also have a \$100 million total notional amount forward-starting swap contract that will hedge against cash flow variability beginning with the forward starting date. These swap contracts fix the interest rates on a portion of our borrowings to rates ranging from 4.8% to 5.0%. All of these swap contracts were accounted for as effective hedges. In connection with these swap contracts, we recorded after tax-losses of \$0.4 million and \$0.7 million in the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2010, respectively, which were reported as components of accumulated other comprehensive loss. Interest expense associated with these swap contracts was \$2.5 million and \$7.2 million in the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2010, respectively, and \$3.4 million and \$7.3 million in the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2009, respectively. These interest rate swap contracts had a liability fair value of \$13.4 million at June 30, 2010, which was included in other noncurrent liabilities.

Natural Gas Swap Contracts

We used natural gas swap contracts with a cumulative total notional amount of 122,000 MMBtu at June 30, 2010 to hedge against cash flow variability arising from changes in natural gas prices in conjunction with our anticipated monthly purchases of natural gas through September 2010. These swap contracts fix the rates on portions of our natural gas purchases to rates ranging from \$5.60 per MMBtu to \$6.05 per MMBtu. These natural gas swap contracts were accounted for as effective hedges, although we did record losses related to hedge ineffectiveness as a component of cost of sales of \$0.2 million and \$0.6 million in the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2010, respectively. Additional cost of sales associated with settlements under these natural gas swap contracts was immaterial in the three months ended June 30, 2010 and \$0.2 million in the nine months ended June 30, 2010. These natural gas swap contracts had a liability fair value of \$0.1 million at June 30, 2010, which was included in other current liabilities.

Foreign Currency Forward Contracts

We used a foreign currency forward contract to reduce exposure to currency fluctuations from a Canadian dollar-denominated intercompany loan. This foreign currency forward contract was terminated and the intercompany loan repaid in January 2010. Gains and losses on this currency forward contract were included in selling, general and administrative expenses. In the nine months ended June 30, 2010, we recorded a net loss of \$1.0 million associated with this currency forward contract. In the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2009, we recorded a net loss of \$1.8 million and a net gain of \$2.2 million, respectively.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls can prevent all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. There are inherent limitations in all control systems, including the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of one or more persons. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and, while our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to be effective under circumstances where they should reasonably be expected to operate effectively, there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Because of the inherent limitations in any control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based on this evaluation, those officers have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at June 30, 2010.

There have been no significant changes in our internal procedures that significantly affected, or are reasonably likely to affect, our disclosure controls during the three months ended June 30, 2010.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Refer to the information provided in Note 13 to the notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements presented in Item 1 of Part I of this report.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2009, all of which could materially affect our business, financial condition or operating results. These described risks are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or operating results.

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

During the three months ended June 30, 2010, we repurchased shares of our Series A common stock as follows.

Period	Total number of shares purchased (1)	Aver price per s	paid	Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs	Maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs
April 1-30, 2010		\$			
May 1-31, 2010	2,577	•	4.82		
June 1-30, 2010					
Total	2,577	\$	4.82		

⁽¹⁾ The total number of shares purchased consists of shares surrendered to us to pay the tax withholding obligations of employees in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units issued to them.

Item 6. Exhibits

(a) Exhibits

Exhibit

No. 10.20	Document Employment Agreement, dated August 9, 2010, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Paul Ciolino.
10.21	Executive Change-in-Control Severance Agreement, dated August 9, 2010, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Paul Ciolino
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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.

MUELLER WATER PRODUCTS, INC.

By: /s/ Evan L. Hart

Date: August 9, 2010

Evan L. Hart

Chief Financial Officer

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