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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Form 10-K**

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009**

**OR**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**For the transition period from     to**

**Commission File Number: 0-51357  
BUILDERS FIRSTSOURCE, INC.**  
*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**  
*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)*

**52-2084569**  
*(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)*

**2001 Bryan Street, Suite 1600  
Dallas, Texas**  
*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**75201**  
*(Zip Code)*

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(214) 880-3500**

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

**Title of Each Class**

**Name of Exchange on Which Registered**

Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share

NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Large accelerated filer       Accelerated filer       Non-accelerated filer       Smaller reporting company

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

The aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2009 was approximately \$72.1 million based on the closing price per share on that date of \$4.16 as reported on the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC.

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01, outstanding as of March 3, 2010 was 96,708,529.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement for its annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 24, 2010 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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Statements in this report which are not purely historical facts or which necessarily depend upon future events, including statements regarding our anticipations, beliefs, expectations, hopes, intentions or strategies for the future, may be forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All forward-looking statements in this report are based upon information available to us on the date of this report. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. Any forward-looking statements made in this report involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from the events or results described in the forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. In addition, oral statements made by our directors, officers and employees to the investment community, media representatives and others, depending upon their nature, may also constitute forward-looking statements. As with the forward-looking statements included in this report, these forward-looking statements are by nature inherently uncertain, and actual results may differ materially as a result of many factors. Further information regarding the risk factors that could affect our financial and other results are included as Item 1A of this annual report on Form 10-K.

**OVERVIEW**

Builders FirstSource, Inc. is a leading supplier and manufacturer of structural and related building products for residential new construction. We have operations principally in the southern and eastern United States with 55 distribution centers and 51 manufacturing facilities, many of which are located on the same premises as our distribution centers. We have successfully acquired and integrated 27 companies since our formation and are currently managed as three regional operating groups Atlantic, Southeast and Central with centralized financial and operational oversight. In this annual report, references to the company, we, our, ours or us refer to Builders FirstSource, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires.

Builders FirstSource, Inc. is a Delaware corporation formed in 1998, as BSL Holdings, Inc. On October 13, 1999, the company's name changed to Builders FirstSource, Inc. Publicly held since 2005, our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC under the ticker symbol BLDR.

**OUR INDUSTRY**

We compete in the professional segment ( Pro Segment ) of the U.S. residential new construction building products supply market. According to the National Association of Home Builders ( NAHB ), the single family residential construction market was an estimated \$106.4 billion in 2009. The Pro Segment of this market consists predominantly of small, privately owned companies including framing and shell construction contractors, local and regional materials distributors, single or multi-site lumberyards, and truss manufacturing and millwork operations. Because of the predominance of smaller privately owned companies and the overall size and diversity of the target customer market, the Pro Segment remains fragmented. There were only five building product suppliers in the Pro Segment that generated \$1 billion in sales according to *ProSales* magazine's 2008 ProSales 100 list. On this list, we were the fifth largest building product supplier in 2008.

Our industry is driven primarily by the residential new construction market, which is in turn dependent upon a number of factors, including demographic trends, interest rates, employment levels, supply and demand for housing stock, availability of credit, foreclosure rates, consumer confidence and the economy in general. The homebuilding industry is undergoing a significant and sustained downturn due to negative trends in many of the factors listed above. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, actual single family housing starts in the U.S. during 2009 declined 28.4% from 2008, and declined 40.5% during 2008 from 2007. Many homebuilders have significantly decreased their starts because of lower demand and an excess of both existing and new home inventory. The weakness in the homebuilding industry has resulted in a substantial reduction in the demand for our products and services during 2008 and 2009. However, the NAHB is predicting that U.S. housing starts will increase in 2010 to approximately 560,000 single family housing starts. This level for 2010 would represent a 25.8% increase from 2009 actual housing starts.

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Adding to the pressure on the housing industry are the severe limitations on credit availability for smaller homebuilders and homebuyers. During 2007, the mortgage markets experienced substantial disruption due to increased defaults, primarily as a result of credit quality deterioration. This disruption precipitated evolving changes in the regulatory environment and reduced availability of mortgages for potential homebuyers due to an illiquid credit market and more restrictive standards to qualify for mortgages. During 2008, credit markets and the financial services industry experienced a significant crisis characterized by the bankruptcy and failure of various financial institutions and severe limitations on credit availability. These difficulties in the credit markets continued in 2009. As a result, the credit markets have continued to be highly illiquid as financial and lending institutions have limited credit to conserve cash and protect their balance sheets. Because of the more restrictive standards on mortgages and the credit crisis, both potential homeowners and smaller homebuilders have limited access to credit which is adding to the severity of the downturn in our industry. However, we believe there are several meaningful trends that indicate U.S. housing demand will likely recover in the long term. These trends include relatively low interest rates, the aging of housing stock, and normal population growth due to birthrate exceeding death rate.

### **OUR CUSTOMERS**

We serve a broad customer base ranging from production homebuilders to small custom homebuilders. We believe we have a diverse geographic footprint as we serve 32 markets in 9 states. According to 2009 U.S. Census data, we have operations in 17 of the top 50 U.S. Metropolitan Statistical Areas, as ranked by single family housing permits in 2009. In addition, approximately 44% of U.S. housing permits in 2009 were issued in states in which we operate. Recently, we expanded into the multi-family and light commercial business in certain of our regions. Our Shelby, Alabama location, which we acquired in 2007, gives us the ability to manufacture steel roof trusses often used in multi-family and light commercial construction. This location also gives us a knowledge base in these types of construction. We plan on continuing to grow this business to further diversify our customer base and offset some of the declines in single family starts.

Our customer mix is a balance of large national homebuilders, regional homebuilders, and local builders. Our customer base is highly diversified. For the year ended December 31, 2009, our top 10 customers accounted for approximately 21.8% of sales, and no single customer accounted for more than 6% of sales. Our top 10 customers are comprised primarily of the largest production homebuilders, including publicly traded companies such as Beazer Homes USA, D.R. Horton, Inc., KB Home, Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc., Pulte Homes, Inc. (including Centex Corp.), and The Ryland Group, Inc.

In addition to the largest production homebuilders, we also service and supply regional and local custom homebuilders. Custom homebuilders require high levels of service; our sales team must work very closely with the designers on a day-to-day basis in order to ensure the appropriate products are produced and delivered to the building site. To account for these increased service costs, pricing in the industry is generally commensurate with the level of service provided and the volumes purchased.

### **OUR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

We offer an integrated solution to our customers providing manufacturing, supply, and installation of a full range of structural and related building products. We distribute a wide variety of building products and services directly to homebuilder customers. In addition, we manufacture floor trusses, roof trusses, wall panels, stairs, millwork, windows, and doors. In addition to our full range of construction services, we offer a comprehensive offering of products that includes approximately 65,000 stock keeping units ( SKUs ). We believe our broad product and service offering combined with our scale and experienced sales force have driven market share gains, particularly with production homebuilders, and will help us to maintain our customer base during the downturn in the housing industry.

We group our building products and services into five product categories: prefabricated components, windows & doors, lumber & lumber sheet goods, millwork, and other building products & services. Since 2004, the combined sales of our prefabricated components, windows & doors and millwork product categories have increased from 47.1% to 54.0% of our total sales. Each of these categories includes both manufactured and distributed products. Products in these categories typically carry a higher margin and provide us with opportunities to cross-sell other products and services, thereby increasing customer penetration. Sales by product category for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 can be found under the caption Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and

Results of Operations contained in Item 7 of this annual report on Form 10-K.

*Prefabricated Components.* Prefabricated components are factory-built substitutes for job site-framing and include floor trusses, roof trusses, wall panels, stairs, and engineered wood that we design and cut for each home. Our manufactured prefabricated components allow builders to build higher quality homes more efficiently. Roof trusses, floor trusses, wall panels and stair units are built in an indoor, factory controlled environment. Engineered floors and beams are cut to the required size and packaged for the given application at many of our locations. Without prefabricated components, builders construct these items on site, where weather and

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variable labor quality can negatively impact construction cost, quality and installation time. In addition, engineered wood beams have greater structural strength than conventional framing materials, allowing builders to frame houses with more open space creating a wider variety of house designs. Engineered wood floors are stronger and straighter than conventionally framed floors.

Prior to the current housing downturn, homebuilders were increasingly using prefabricated components in order to realize increased efficiency and improved quality. Shortening cycle time from start to completion was a key imperative of the homebuilders during periods of strong consumer demand. With the current housing downturn, that trend has decelerated as cycle time has less relevance. Customers who traditionally used prefabricated components, for the most part still do. However, the conversion of customers to this product offering has slowed. We expect this trend to continue at least for the duration of this downturn. In response, we have reduced our manufacturing capacity and delayed plans to open new facilities.

*Windows & Doors.* The windows & doors category comprises the manufacturing, assembly and distribution of windows, and the assembly and distribution of interior and exterior door units. We manufacture aluminum and vinyl windows in our plant in Houston, Texas which allows us to supply builders, primarily in the Texas market, with an adequate supply of cost-competitive products. Our pre-hung interior and exterior doors consist of a door slab with hinges and door jambs attached, reducing on-site installation time and providing higher quality finished door units than those constructed on site. These products typically require a high degree of product knowledge and training to sell. As we continue to emphasize higher margin product lines, we expect value-added goods like windows & doors to increasingly contribute to our sales and overall profitability.

*Lumber & Lumber Sheet Goods.* Lumber & lumber sheet goods include dimensional lumber, plywood and oriented strand board ( OSB ) products used in on-site house framing. This product line has declined as a percentage of our total sales over the last six years, as demonstrated by the fact that it represented 24.3% of total sales for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to 39.6% of total sales in 2004. This change in product mix is due in part to a shift in builder demand toward prefabricated components for their framing needs. Despite this shift in product mix, we believe we have grown our market share for lumber & lumber sheet goods over this time period. We expect the lumber & lumber sheet goods business to remain a stable revenue source in the future, but to grow over the long-term at a slower rate than our other business lines.

*Millwork.* Millwork includes interior trim, exterior trim, columns and posts that we distribute, as well as custom exterior features that we manufacture under the Synboard™ brand name. Synboard is produced from extruded PVC and offers several advantages over traditional wood features, such as greater durability and no ongoing maintenance such as periodic caulking and painting.

*Other Building Products & Services.* Other building products & services consist of various products, including cabinets, gypsum, roofing and insulation. This category also includes services such as turn-key framing, shell construction, design assistance and professional installation of products spanning all our product categories. We provide professional installation and turn-key services as a solution for our homebuilder customers. Through our installation services program, we help homebuilders realize efficiencies through improved scheduling, resulting in reduced cycle time and better cost controls. We believe these services require scale, capital and sophistication that smaller competitors do not possess.

**MANUFACTURING**

Our manufacturing facilities utilize the latest technology and the highest quality materials to improve product quality, increase efficiency, reduce lead times and minimize production errors. As a result, we believe we incur significantly lower engineering and set-up costs than do our competitors, contributing to improved margins and customer satisfaction. We manufacture products within three of our product categories: prefabricated components, millwork, and windows and doors.

*Prefabricated Components Trusses and Wall Panels.* Truss and wall panel production has two steps design and fabrication. Each house requires its own set of designed shop drawings, which vary by builder type: non-custom versus custom builders. Non-custom builders use prototype house plans as they replicate houses. These house plans may be minimally modified to suit individual customer demand. The number of changes made to a given prototype house, and the number of prototype houses used, varies by builder and their construction and sales philosophy. We



maintain an electronic master file of trusses and wall panels for each builder's prototype houses. There are three primary benefits to master filing. First, master filing is cost effective as the electronic master file is used rather than designing the components individually each time the prototype house is built. Second, it improves design quality as a house's design is based on the proven prototype except for any minor builder modifications. Third, master filing allows us to change one file and update all related prototype house designs automatically as we improve the design over time or as the builder modifies the

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base prototype house. We do not maintain a master file for custom builders who do not replicate houses, as it is not cost effective. For these builders, the components are designed individually for each house.

After we design shop drawings for a given house, we download the shop drawings into a proprietary software system to review the design for potential errors and to schedule the job for production. The fabrication process begins by cutting individual pieces of lumber to required lengths in accordance with the shop drawings. We download the shop drawings from our design department to computerized saws. We assemble the cut lumber to form roof trusses, floor trusses or wall panels, and store the finished components by house awaiting shipment to the job site.

We generate fabrication time standards for each component during the design step. We use these standards to measure efficiency by comparing actual production time with the calculated standard. Each plant's performance is benchmarked by comparing efficiency across plants.

*Prefabricated Components Engineered Wood.* As with trusses and wall panels, engineered wood components have a design and fabrication step. We design engineered wood floors using a master filing system similar to the truss and wall panel system. Engineered wood beams are designed to ensure the beam will be structurally sound in the given application. After the design phase, a printed layout is generated. We use this layout to cut the engineered wood to the required length and assemble all of the components into a house package. We then install the components on the job site. We design and fabricate engineered wood at the majority of our distribution locations.

*Prefabricated Components Stairs.* We manufacture box stairs at several of our locations. After a house is framed, our salesman takes measurements at the job site prior to manufacturing to account for any variation between the blueprints and the actual framed house. We fabricate box stairs based on these measurements.

*Custom Millwork.* Our manufactured custom millwork consists primarily of synthetic exterior trim, custom windows, features and box columns that we sell under our Synboard brand name. Synboard products are sold throughout our company and are manufactured at three locations.

We sand, cut, and shape sheets of 4 foot by 18 or 20 foot Celuka-blown, extruded PVC ( Synboard ) to produce the desired product. We produce exterior trim boards by cutting the Synboard into the same industry-standard dimensions used for wood-based exterior trim boards. We form exterior features by assembling pieces of Synboard and other PVC-based moldings that have been cut, heated and bent over forms to achieve the desired shape. For custom windows, we build the frame from Synboard and glaze the glass into place. We fabricate box columns from sections of PVC that are cut on a 45 degree angle and mitered together.

*Windows.* We manufacture a full line of traditional aluminum and vinyl windows at an approximately 200,000 square foot manufacturing facility located in Houston, Texas. The process begins by purchasing aluminum and vinyl lineal extrusions. We cut these extrusions to size and join them together to form the window frame and sash. We then purchase sheet glass and cut it to size. We combine two pieces of identically shaped glass with a sealing compound to create a glass unit with improved insulating capability. We then insert the sealed glass unit and glaze it into the window frame and sash. The unit is completed when we install a balance to operate the window and add a lock to secure the window in a closed position.

*Pre-hung Doors.* We pre-hang interior and exterior doors at many of our locations. We insert door slabs and pre-cut door jambs into a door machine, which bores holes into the doors for the door hardware and applies the jambs and hinges to the door slab. We then apply the casing that frames interior doors at a separate station. Exterior doors do not have a casing, and instead may have sidelights applied to the sides of the door, a transom attached over the top of the door unit and a door sill applied to the threshold.

**OUR STRATEGY**

Our long-term strategy is to leverage our competitive strengths to grow sales, earnings, and cash flow and remain a preferred supplier to the homebuilding industry. We have modified our strategy in response to the declining macroeconomic factors that affect our industry. Our strategy during the housing downturn is to maximize financial performance without impairing our ability to compete and create value in the long term. We plan to implement this strategy through generating new business, focusing on cost, working capital and operating improvements, and most importantly conserving cash.

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*Expand Current Customer Base.* In recent years, the homebuilding industry has undergone significant consolidation, with the larger homebuilders substantially increasing their market share. In accordance with this trend, our customer base has increasingly shifted to production homebuilders. We intend to leverage our business model, geographic breadth and scale to continue to grow our sales to the production homebuilders as they continue to gain market share. We have increased sales to our 10 largest production homebuilders from 18.7% of our net sales for the year ended December 31, 2008 to 21.8% of our net sales for the year ended December 31, 2009. However, during 2009 sales to our top 10 production homebuilders declined 20.2% compared to our net sales to these same customers in 2008. We expect that our ability to maintain strong relationships with the largest builders will be vital to our ability to grow and expand into new markets as well as maintain our current market share thorough the downturn. Additionally, during the downturn, we plan to prudently expand our presence in the custom homebuilder base while still adhering to our tight credit standards.

*Expand into Multi-Family and Light Commercial Business.* We believe we can diversify our customer base and grow our sales by expanding into multi-family and light commercial business. While we primarily serve the single family new home construction market, we have entered the multi-family and/or light commercial market in certain regions. Our Shelby, Alabama location gives us the ability to manufacture steel roof trusses often used in multi-family and light commercial construction.

*Focus on Cost, Working Capital and Operating Improvements.* We are extremely focused on expenses and working capital to remain a low cost supplier. We maintain a continuous improvement, best practices operating philosophy and regularly implement new initiatives to reduce costs, increase efficiency and reduce working capital. For example, we have linked our computer system to those of some customers to streamline the administrative aspects of the quoting, invoicing and billing processes. We also analyze our workforce productivity to determine the optimal labor mix that minimizes cost, and examine our logistics function to reduce the cost of inbound freight. Our focus on cost controls, working capital and operating improvements is particularly important during this downturn. Our largest controllable cost is our salaries and wages. Since the beginning of the housing downturn in March 2006, we have reduced our average full time equivalent headcount, excluding discontinued operations, by 59.4%. We have been thoughtful in reducing our headcount as a number of the reductions were the result of identifying and implementing operating efficiencies. We were also able to reduce office general and administrative expenses by \$9.0 million for 2009, among other reductions. We expect single family housing starts to continue to stabilize and potentially show a slight improvement in 2010. We will continue to focus on flexing our variable costs with the change in housing starts. Although our working capital percentage has experienced an increase since December 2007, we are diligently focused on the controllable aspects of working capital, including days sales outstanding, inventory turns and accounts payable days outstanding.

*Conserve Cash.* During a downturn, we realize the importance of acting quickly to conserve capital. We have pulled back our capital expenditures in 2009 and 2008 to maintenance capital levels. We also manage our credit tightly, especially in these conditions. As industry conditions deteriorate, we know it is important to extend credit prudently for a higher probability of collection on our accounts receivable. Our bad debt expense decreased \$1.7 million in 2009 compared to 2008, as a result of our tighter credit policies. Additionally, in response to the unstable conditions within the financial markets, in September of 2008 we borrowed \$60 million under our revolving credit facility. We initiated the borrowings in response to this instability to make certain we would have ample cash liquidity for our long-term needs. We paid back \$20 million of the borrowed funds in the fourth quarter of 2008. We paid back an additional \$20 million of the borrowed funds in the second quarter of 2009 leaving us with a cash balance of \$84.1 million at the end of December 2009.

*Pursue Strategic Acquisitions.* The highly fragmented nature of the Pro Segment of the U.S. residential new construction building products supply market presents substantial acquisition opportunities. Our acquisition strategy centers on the continued growth of our prefabricated components business and on the potential for geographic expansion. First, we will selectively seek to acquire companies that manufacture prefabricated components such as roof and floor trusses, wall panels, stairs, and engineered wood, as well as other building products such as millwork. We will also seek to acquire companies that present an opportunity to add manufacturing capabilities in a relatively short period of time. Second, there are a number of attractive homebuilding markets where we do not currently

operate. We believe that our proven operating model can be successfully adapted to these markets and that the homebuilders in these markets, many of whom we currently serve elsewhere, would value our broad product and service offering, professional expertise, and superior customer service. When entering a new market, our strategy is to acquire market-leading distributors and subsequently expand their product offerings and/or add manufacturing facilities while integrating their operations into our centralized platform. This strategy allows us to quickly achieve the scale required to maximize profitability and leverage existing customer relationships in the local market. Our senior management team has the experience and ability to identify acquisition candidates and integrate acquisitions, having acquired and integrated 27 companies since 1998. There may be opportunities for industry consolidation in 2010 and we would like to be at the forefront of this trend. However, liquidity is our primary area of focus in 2010 and 2011. Therefore, we will review potential acquisitions in light of our projected liquidity needs.

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### **SALES AND MARKETING**

We seek to attract and retain customers through exceptional customer service, leading product quality, broad product and service offerings, and competitive pricing. This strategy is centered on building and maintaining strong customer relationships rather than traditional marketing and advertising. We strive to add value for the homebuilders through shorter lead times, lower material costs, faster project completion and higher quality. By executing this strategy, we believe we will continue to generate new business.

Our experienced locally focused sales force is at the core of our sales effort. This sales effort involves deploying salespeople who are skilled in housing construction to meet with a homebuilder's construction superintendent, local purchasing agent, or local executive with the goal of becoming the primary product supplier. If selected by the homebuilder, the salesperson and his or her team of experts review blueprints for the contracted homes and advise the homebuilder in areas such as opportunities for cost reduction and regional aesthetic preferences. Next, the team determines the specific package of our products that are needed to complete the project and schedules a sequence of site deliveries. Our large delivery fleet and comprehensive inventory management system enable us to provide just-in-time product delivery, ensuring a smoother and faster production cycle for the homebuilder. Throughout the construction process, the salesperson makes frequent site visits to ensure timely delivery and proper installation and to make suggestions for efficiency improvements. We believe this level of service is highly valued by our customers and generates significant customer loyalty. At December 31, 2009, we employed approximately 341 outside sales representatives, who are typically paid a commission based on gross margin dollars collected and work with approximately 186 internal sales coordinators and product specialists.

### **BACKLOG**

Due to the nature of our business, backlog information is not meaningful. While our customers may provide an estimate of their future needs, we generally do not receive a firm order from them until just prior to the anticipated delivery dates. Accordingly, in many cases the time frame from receipt of a firm order and shipment generally does not exceed a few days.

### **MATERIALS AND SUPPLIER RELATIONSHIPS**

We purchase inventory primarily for distribution, some of which is also utilized in our manufacturing plants. The key materials we purchase include dimensional lumber, OSB, engineered wood, windows, doors, and millwork. Our largest suppliers are national lumber and wood products producers and distributors such as BlueLinx Holdings Inc., Boise Cascade Company, Great Southern Wood Preserve, U.S. Lumber and Weyerhaeuser Company and building products manufacturers such as Masonite International Corporation, M I Windows and Doors and Ply Gem Windows. We believe there is sufficient supply in the marketplace to competitively source most of our requirements without reliance on any particular supplier and that our diversity of suppliers affords us purchasing flexibility. Due to our centralized oversight of purchasing and our large lumber and OSB purchasing volumes, we believe we are better able to maximize the advantages of both our and our suppliers' national footprints and negotiate purchases in multiple markets to achieve more favorable contracts with respect to price, terms of sale, and supply than our regional competitors. Additionally, for certain customers, we institute purchasing programs on raw materials such as OSB to align portions of our procurement costs with our pricing commitments. We balance our lumber and OSB purchases with a mix of contract and spot market purchases to ensure consistent quantities of product necessary to fulfill customer contracts, to source products at the lowest possible cost, and to minimize our exposure to the volatility of commodity lumber prices.

We currently source products from approximately 3,400 suppliers in order to reduce our dependence on any single company and to maximize purchasing leverage. Although no materials purchases from any single supplier represented more than 8% of our total materials purchases in 2009, we believe we are one of the largest customers for many suppliers, and therefore have significant purchasing leverage. We have found that using multiple suppliers ensures a stable source of products and the best purchasing terms as the suppliers compete to gain and maintain our business.

We maintain strong relationships with our suppliers, and we believe opportunities exist to improve purchasing terms in the future, including inventory storage or just-in-time delivery to reduce our inventory carrying costs. We believe we can obtain additional procurement cost savings and purchasing synergies which would further enhance our margins and cash flow.



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### **COMPETITION**

Due to the decline in housing starts, we have and will continue to experience increased competition for homebuilder business. However, we believe we have a competitive advantage in our markets, especially in a housing downturn, as many of our competitors in the Pro Segment market are predominantly small, privately owned companies, including framing and shell construction contractors, local and regional materials distributors, single or multi-site lumberyards, and truss manufacturing and millwork operations. Most of these companies have limited access to capital and lack sophisticated information technology systems and large-scale procurement capabilities. Our largest competitors in our markets are 84 Lumber Co. (a privately held company), Stock Building Supply (a privately held company, majority owned by Gores Group) and Pro-Build Holdings, Inc. (a privately held company, formerly Strober Organization).

We compete in the Pro Segment of the U.S. residential new construction building products supply market. We focus on a distinctly different target market than the home center retailers such as The Home Depot and Lowes, who currently primarily serve do-it-yourself and professional remodeling customers. By contrast, our customers consist of professional homebuilders and those that provide construction services to them, with whom we develop strong relationships. The principal methods of competition in the Pro Segment are the development of long-term relationships with professional builders and retaining such customers by delivering a full range of high-quality products on time and offering trade credit, competitive pricing, flexibility in transaction processing, and integrated service and product packages, such as turn-key framing and shell construction, as well as prefabricated components and installation. Though some of our competitors may have access to greater resources than we do, we believe our geographic scope and the breadth of our product and service offerings position us well to meet the needs of our customers and retain an advantage over such competitors. In addition, our leading market positions in the highly competitive Pro Segment create economies of scale that allow us to cost-effectively supply our customers, which both enhances profitability and reduces the risk of losing customers to competitors.

Due in part to our long-standing customer relationships, local market knowledge and competitive pricing, we believe we have substantial competitive advantages over the small, privately owned companies with which we primarily compete. According to 2009 U.S. Census data, we have operations in 17 of the top 50 U.S. Metropolitan Statistical Areas, as ranked by single family housing permits, and approximately 44% of U.S. housing permits in 2009 were issued in states in which we operate.

### **EMPLOYEES**

At December 31, 2009, we had approximately 2,700 full-time equivalent employees, none of whom were represented by a union. We believe that we have good relations with our employees.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS**

Our primary enterprise resource planning ( ERP ) system, which we use for operations representing approximately 96% of our sales, is a proprietary system that has been highly customized by our computer programmers. The system has been designed to operate our businesses in a highly efficient manner. The materials required for thousands of standard builder plans are stored by the system for rapid quoting or order entry. Hundreds of price lists are maintained on thousands of SKUs, facilitating rapid price changes in changing product cost environments. A customer's order can be tracked at each stage of the process and billing can be customized to reduce a customer's administrative costs and speed payment.

We have a single financial reporting system that has been highly customized for our business. Consolidated financial, sales and workforce reporting is integrated using Hyperion Business Intelligence system, which aggregates data from our ERP systems along with workforce information from our third-party payroll administrator. This technology platform provides management with robust corporate and location level performance management by leveraging standardized metrics and analytics allowing us to plan, track and report performance and compensation measures.

We have developed a proprietary program for use in our component plants. This software reviews product designs for errors, schedules the plants and provides the data used to measure plant efficiency. In addition, we have purchased several software products that have been integrated with our primary ERP system. These programs assist in analyzing blueprints to generate material lists, configure kitchen cabinet orders to submit to manufacturers and purchase lumber

products at the lowest cost.



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### **SEASONALITY AND OTHER FACTORS**

Our first and fourth quarters have historically been, and are expected to continue to be, adversely affected by weather patterns in some of our markets, causing reduced construction activity. In addition, quarterly results historically have reflected, and are expected to continue to reflect, fluctuations from period to period arising from the following:

The volatility of lumber prices;

The cyclical nature of the homebuilding industry;

General economic conditions in the markets in which we compete;

The pricing policies of our competitors;

The production schedules of our customers; and

The effects of weather.

The composition and level of working capital typically change during periods of increasing sales as we carry more inventory and receivables. Working capital levels typically increase in the second and third quarters of the year due to higher sales during the peak residential construction season. These increases have in the past resulted in negative operating cash flows during this peak season, which generally have been financed through available cash. Collection of receivables and reduction in inventory levels following the peak building and construction season have in the past helped to partially offset this negative cash flow. We have also from time to time utilized our credit facility to cover working capital needs if needed.

### **AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and in accordance therewith, we file reports, proxy and information statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ). Our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, proxy and information statements and other information and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are available through the investor relations section of our Web site under the links to SEC Filings. Our Internet address is [www.blldr.com](http://www.blldr.com). Reports are available free of charge as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file them with, or furnish them to, the SEC. In addition, our officers and directors file with the SEC initial statements of beneficial ownership and statements of change in beneficial ownership of our securities, which are also available on our Web site at the same location. We are not including this or any other information on our Web site as a part of, nor incorporating it by reference into, this Form 10-K or any of our other SEC filings.

In addition to our Web site, you may read and copy public reports we file with or furnish to the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains our reports, proxy and information statements, and other information that we electronically file with, or furnish to, the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

*Floyd F. Sherman, Chief Executive Officer, President and Director, age 70.* Mr. Sherman has been our Chief Executive Officer and a director since 2001, when he joined the company. He served as President of the company from 2001 until October 2006 and from February 2008 to the present. Prior to joining the company, he spent 28 years at Triangle Pacific/Armstrong Flooring, the last nine of which he served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Sherman is currently a director of PGT, Inc. and C.H.I. Overhead Doors, Inc. Mr. Sherman has over 40 years of experience in the building products industry. A native of Kerhonkson, New York and a veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Sherman is a graduate of the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University. He also holds an M.B.A. degree from Georgia State University.

*M. Chad Crow, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, age 42.* Mr. Crow joined the company in September 1999 as Assistant Controller. He served as Vice President Controller of the company from May 2000 and was promoted to Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in November 2009. Prior to joining the company, Mr. Crow served in a variety of positions at

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Pier One Imports, most recently as Director of Accounting. Mr. Crow also has five years of public accounting experience with PriceWaterhouse. Mr. Crow is a C.P.A. and received his B.B.A. degree from Texas Tech University.

*Donald F. McAleenan, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, age 55.* Mr. McAleenan has served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the company since 1998. Prior to joining the company, Mr. McAleenan served as Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of Fibreboard Corporation from 1992 to 1997. Mr. McAleenan was also Assistant General Counsel of AT&E Corporation and spent nine years as a securities lawyer at two New York City law firms. Mr. McAleenan has a B.S. from Georgetown University and a J.D. from New York University Law School.

*Morris E. Tolly, Senior Vice President Operations, age 67.* Mr. Tolly has served as Senior Vice President Operations of the company since January 25, 2007. Mr. Tolly has been with Builders FirstSource since 1998 when the company acquired Pelican Companies, Inc. ( Pelican ) and has over 40 years of experience in the building products industry. He served in a myriad of roles at Pelican, including sales, Sales Manager and General Manager. Mr. Tolly was an Area Vice President responsible for 12 locations at the time of Pelican s acquisition. In 2000, he was promoted to President of the company s Southeast Group, with responsibility for 48 locations.

*Frederick B. Schenkel, Vice President Manufacturing, age 60.* Mr. Schenkel joined the company in 1998 when the company acquired Builders Supply and Lumber ( BSL ) from Pulte Home Corporation. He became Vice President of the company in 1999 and was promoted to Vice President Manufacturing in 2002. Mr. Schenkel has more than 30 years of experience managing manufacturing facilities in the industry and, before joining BSL, held such positions as manufacturing manager for The Ryland Group, Inc., Vice President of Manufacturing for Diversified Homes Corporation of Maryland, and plant manager for Regional Building Systems, Inc. Mr. Schenkel holds a B.A. in accounting from Saint Bonaventure University.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

Risks associated with our business, an investment in our securities, and with achieving the forward-looking statements contained in this report or in our news releases, Web sites, public filings, investor and analyst conferences or elsewhere, include, but are not limited to, the risk factors described below. Any of the risk factors described below could cause our actual results to differ materially from expectations and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or operating results. We may not succeed in addressing these challenges and risks.

**The industry in which we operate is dependent upon the homebuilding industry, the economy, the credit markets, and other important factors.**

The building products industry is highly dependent on new home construction, which in turn is dependent upon a number of factors, including interest rates, consumer confidence, foreclosure rates, and the health of the economy and mortgage markets. Unfavorable changes in demographics, credit markets, consumer confidence, housing affordability, or inventory levels, or weakening of the national economy or of any regional or local economy in which we operate, could adversely affect consumer spending, result in decreased demand for homes, and adversely affect our business. Production of new homes may also decline because of shortages of qualified tradesmen, reliance on inadequately capitalized homebuilders and sub-contractors, and shortages of material. In addition, the homebuilding industry is subject to various local, state, and federal statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations concerning zoning, building design and safety, construction, and similar matters, including regulations that impose restrictive zoning and density requirements in order to limit the number of homes that can be built within the boundaries of a particular area. Increased regulatory restrictions could limit demand for new homes and could negatively affect our sales and earnings. Because we have substantial fixed costs, relatively modest declines in our customers production levels could continue to have a significant adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

The homebuilding industry is undergoing a significant and sustained downturn. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, actual single family housing starts in the U.S. during 2009 declined 28.4% from 2008 and were down 57.4% compared to 2007. We believe that the market downturn is attributable to a variety of factors including: an economic recession; limited credit availability; excess home inventories; a substantial reduction in speculative home investment; a decline in consumer confidence; higher unemployment; and an industry-wide softening of demand. The downturn in the homebuilding industry has resulted in a substantial reduction in demand for our products and services, which in turn had a significant adverse effect on our business and operating results during fiscal 2007, 2008, and 2009.



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In addition, beginning in 2007, the mortgage markets experienced substantial disruption due to increased defaults, primarily as a result of credit quality deterioration. The disruption has continued to date and has precipitated evolving changes in the regulatory environment and reduced availability of mortgages for potential homebuyers due to an illiquid credit market, substantial declines in housing prices, and more restrictive standards to qualify for mortgages. During 2008, the conditions in the credit markets worsened and the economy fell into a recession. In addition, the credit markets and the financial services industry experienced a significant crisis characterized by the bankruptcy or failure of various financial institutions and severe limitations on credit availability. As a result, the credit markets have become highly illiquid as financial and lending institutions have severely restricted lending in order to conserve cash and protect their balance sheets. Mortgage financing and commercial credit for smaller homebuilders continues to be severely constrained. As the housing industry is dependent upon the economy as well as potential homebuyers' access to mortgage financing and homebuilders' access to commercial credit, it is likely that the housing industry will not recover until conditions in the economy and the credit markets substantially improve.

We cannot predict the duration and magnitude of the current economic and market conditions, or the timing or strength of a future recovery of housing activity in our markets, if any. We also cannot provide any assurances that the homebuilding industry will not weaken further or that the operational strategies we have implemented to address the current market conditions will be successful. Continued weakness in the homebuilding industry would have a significant adverse effect on our business, financial condition and operating results.

**In view of the current housing downturn, we may be required to take additional impairment charges relating to our operations or close under-performing locations.**

During 2008, we recorded goodwill impairment charges of \$39.9 million in continuing operations related to our Florida reporting unit and \$4.0 million in discontinued operations, net of tax, related to our Ohio reporting unit. We also recorded in 2008 impairment charges related to long-lived assets, other than goodwill, of \$7.0 million in continuing operations and \$0.1 million in discontinued operations, net of tax. During 2009, we recorded an impairment charge of \$0.5 million in continuing operations to reduce the carrying value of a parcel of real estate being held for sale. If the current weakness in the homebuilding industry continues, we may need to take additional goodwill and/or asset impairment charges relating to certain of our reporting units. Any such non-cash charges would have an adverse effect on our financial results. In addition, in response to industry and market conditions, we may have to close certain facilities in under-performing markets, although we have no specific plans for additional facility closures at this time. Any such facility closures could have a significant adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows.

**Our level of indebtedness could adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations, limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or our industry, and prevent us from meeting our obligations under our debt instruments.**

As of the closing of our rights offering and debt exchange in January 2010, our funded debt was \$165.0 million, which consisted of \$20.0 million of outstanding borrowings under our senior secured revolving credit facility, \$139.7 of our Second Priority Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes due in 2016 ( 2016 notes ), and \$5.3 million of our remaining Floating Rate Notes due in 2012 ( 2012 notes ). In addition, we have significant obligations under ongoing operating leases that are not reflected in our balance sheet.

As of the closing of our rights offering and debt exchange, \$165.0 million of our debt was at a variable interest rate. If interest rates rise, our interest expense would increase. However, our interest rate swap contracts fix interest rates on primarily all of our outstanding long-term debt balances. Based on debt outstanding at the closing of our rights offering and debt exchange, a 1.0% increase in interest rates would result in approximately \$0.2 million of additional interest expense annually. In addition, the 2016 notes issued in the debt exchange in January 2010 bear interest at a significantly higher interest rate (3-month LIBOR (subject to a 3% floor) plus 10%) than the interest rate under the 2012 notes (3-month LIBOR plus 4.25%).

Our substantial debt could have important consequences to us, including:  
 increasing our vulnerability to general economic and industry conditions;

requiring a substantial portion of our cash flow used in operations to be dedicated to the payment of principal and interest on our indebtedness, therefore reducing our ability to use our cash flow to fund our operations, capital expenditures, and future business opportunities;

exposing us to the risk of increased interest rates, and corresponding increased interest expense, because a significant portion of our borrowings are at variable rates of interest;

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limiting our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, debt service requirements, acquisitions, and general corporate or other purposes; and

limiting our ability to adjust to changing market conditions and placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors who have less debt.

In addition, some of our debt instruments, including those governing our senior secured revolving credit facility and our notes, contain cross-default provisions that could result in our debt being declared immediately due and payable under a number of debt instruments, even if we default on only one debt instrument. In such event, it is unlikely that we would be able to satisfy our obligations under all of such accelerated indebtedness simultaneously.

Our financial condition and operating performance and that of our subsidiaries is also subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to certain financial, business, and other factors beyond our control. We cannot assure you that we will maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities sufficient to permit us to pay the principal, premium, and interest on our indebtedness.

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures, sell assets, seek additional capital, or restructure or refinance our indebtedness. These alternative measures may not be successful and may not permit us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations. In the absence of such operating results and resources, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to dispose of material assets or operations to meet our debt service and other obligations. The credit agreement governing our senior secured revolving credit facility and the indentures governing our 2016 notes restrict our ability to dispose of assets and use the proceeds from such disposition. We may not be able to consummate those dispositions or be able to obtain the proceeds that we could realize from them, and these proceeds may not be adequate to meet any debt service obligations then due.

**We may have future capital needs and may not be able to obtain additional financing on acceptable terms.**

We are substantially reliant on cash on hand and our \$250 million senior secured revolving credit facility to provide working capital and fund our operations. Our inability to renew or replace this facility when required or when business conditions warrant, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations. As of December 31, 2009, our outstanding borrowings under this facility were \$20 million, and our net available borrowing capacity in excess of our minimum liquidity covenant was \$0. Our inability to borrow additional funds under this facility to fund our working capital requirements and our operations could have a significant adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

Current economic conditions and conditions in the credit markets, and the economic climate affecting our industry, as well as other factors, may constrain our financing abilities. Our ability to secure additional financing, if available, and to satisfy our financial obligations under indebtedness outstanding from time to time will depend upon our future operating performance, the availability of credit generally, economic conditions, and financial, business, and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. The prolonged continuation or worsening of the current market and macroeconomic conditions that affect our industry could require us to seek additional capital and have a material adverse effect on our ability to secure such capital on favorable terms, if at all.

We may be unable to secure additional financing or financing on favorable terms or our operating cash flow may be insufficient to satisfy our financial obligations under indebtedness outstanding from time to time, including our 2012 notes, our 2016, and our senior secured revolving credit facility. The indenture governing the 2016 notes, moreover, restricts the amount of permitted indebtedness allowed the Company. In addition, if financing is not available when needed, or is available on unfavorable terms, we may be unable to take advantage of business opportunities or respond to competitive pressures, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations. If additional funds are raised through the issuance of additional equity or convertible debt securities, our stockholders may experience significant dilution.

**We may incur additional indebtedness.**

We may incur additional indebtedness under our senior secured revolving credit facility, which provides for up to \$250.0 million of revolving credit borrowings. Given the severe housing downturn, we are currently substantially reliant on our cash on hand and our credit facility to fund our operations. In addition, we may be able to incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future, including collateralized debt, subject to the restrictions contained in

the credit agreement governing our senior secured revolving credit facility and the indenture governing our 2016 notes. If new debt is added to our current debt levels, the related risks that we now face could intensify.



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### **Our debt instruments contain various covenants that limit our ability to operate our business.**

Our financing arrangements, including our senior secured revolving credit facility and the indentures governing our 2016 notes, contain various provisions that limit our ability to, among other things:

transfer or sell assets, including the equity interests of our restricted subsidiaries, or use asset sale proceeds;

incur additional debt;

pay dividends or distributions on our capital stock or repurchase our capital stock;

make certain restricted payments or investments;

create liens to secure debt;

enter into transactions with affiliates;

merge or consolidate with another company or continue to receive the benefits of these financing arrangements under a change in control scenario (as defined in those agreements); and

engage in unrelated business activities.

In addition, our senior secured revolving credit facility requires us to meet a specified financial ratio. This financial ratio is a fixed charge coverage ratio of 1:1 that is triggered if our available borrowing capacity, as determined under the borrowing base formula, is less than \$35 million. The fixed charge coverage ratio is defined as the ratio of earnings before interest expenses, income taxes, depreciation, and amortization expenses minus capital expenditures, cash taxes paid, dividends, distributions and share repurchases or redemptions to the sum of scheduled principal payments and interest expense on a trailing 12 month basis from the trigger date. These covenants may restrict our ability to expand or fully pursue our business strategies. Our ability to comply with these and other provisions of the indentures governing the senior secured revolving credit facility and our 2016 notes may be affected by changes in our operating and financial performance, changes in general business and economic conditions, adverse regulatory developments, a change in control or other events beyond our control. The breach of any of these covenants, including those contained in our senior secured revolving credit facility and the indentures governing our 2016 notes, could result in a default under our indebtedness, which could cause those and other obligations to become due and payable. If any of our indebtedness is accelerated, we may not be able to repay it.

At December 31, 2009, our net available borrowing capacity under our senior secured revolving credit facility in excess of the \$35 million liquidity covenant was zero. Approximately \$15.7 million of cash on hand at December 31, 2009 supported a short-fall in the calculation of the \$35 million minimum liquidity covenant contained in the credit agreement. This covenant calculates as eligible borrowing base less outstanding borrowings. The resulting amount must equal or exceed \$35 million or we are required to meet a fixed charge coverage ratio of 1:1, which we currently would not meet. Based on our 2010 forecast, we will not meet the fixed charge coverage ratio, but we anticipate that we will not fall below the \$35 million minimum liquidity covenant in 2010 and therefore, will not trigger the fixed charge coverage ratio requirement. The calculation allows cash on deposit with the agent to be included as eligible borrowing base. Absent the use of cash in the calculation, we would have been forced to repay \$15.7 million in borrowings to comply with the covenant. Further declines in our borrowing base, if any, could compel us to either repay outstanding borrowings under the senior secured revolving credit facility or increase cash on deposit with the agent.

### **We occupy most of our facilities under long-term non-cancelable leases. We may be unable to renew leases at the end of their terms. If we close a facility, we are still obligated under the applicable lease.**

Most of our facilities are located in leased premises. Many of our current leases are non-cancelable and typically have initial terms ranging from 5 to 15 years and most provide options to renew for specified periods of time. We believe that leases we enter into in the future will likely be long-term and non-cancelable and have similar renewal

options. If we close or idle a facility, we generally remain committed to perform our obligations under the applicable lease, which would include, among other things, payment of the base rent, insurance, taxes, and other expenses on the leased property for the balance of the lease term. During 2007, 2008, and 2009, we closed or idled a number of facilities for which we remain liable on the lease obligations. Our obligation to continue making rental payments in respect of leases for closed or idled facilities could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

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Alternatively, at the end of the lease term and any renewal period for a facility, we may be unable to renew the lease without substantial additional cost, if at all. If we are unable to renew our facility leases, we may close or relocate a facility, which could subject us to construction and other costs and risks, and could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. For example, closing a facility, even during the time of relocation, will reduce the sales that the facility would have contributed to our revenues. Additionally, the revenue and profit, if any, generated at a relocated facility may not equal the revenue and profit generated at the existing one.

### **We are a holding company and conduct all of our operations through our subsidiaries.**

We are a holding company that derives all of our operating income from our subsidiaries. All of our assets are held by our direct and indirect subsidiaries. We rely on the earnings and cash flows of our subsidiaries, which are paid to us by our subsidiaries in the form of dividends and other payments or distributions, to meet our debt service obligations. The ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends or make other payments or distributions to us will depend on their respective operating results and may be restricted by, among other things, the laws of their jurisdiction of organization (which may limit the amount of funds available for the payment of dividends and other distributions to us), the terms of existing and future indebtedness and other agreements of our subsidiaries, the senior secured revolving credit facility, the terms of the indenture governing our 2016 notes, and the covenants of any future outstanding indebtedness we or our subsidiaries incur.

### **The building supply industry is cyclical and seasonal.**

The building products supply industry is subject to cyclical market pressures. Prices of building products are subject to fluctuations arising from changes in supply and demand, national and international economic conditions, labor costs, competition, market speculation, government regulation, and trade policies, as well as from periodic delays in the delivery of lumber and other products. For example, prices of wood products, including lumber and panel products, are subject to significant volatility and directly affect our sales and earnings. In particular, low market prices for wood products over a sustained period can adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows. For the year ended December 31, 2009, average prices for lumber and lumber sheet goods were 10.9% lower than the prior year. The current housing downturn has resulted in a prolonged period of relatively low market prices for wood products. Our lumber and lumber sheet goods product category represented 24.3% of total sales for the year ended December 31, 2009. We have no ability to control the timing and amount of pricing changes for building products. In addition, the supply of building products fluctuates based on available manufacturing capacity. A shortage of capacity or excess capacity in the industry can result in significant increases or declines in market prices for those products, often within a short period of time. Such price fluctuations can adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

In addition, although weather patterns affect our operating results throughout the year, adverse weather historically has reduced construction activity in the first and fourth quarters in our markets. To the extent that hurricanes, severe storms, floods, other natural disasters or similar events occur in the markets in which we operate, our business may be adversely affected. We anticipate that fluctuations from period to period will continue in the future.

### **The loss of any of our significant customers could affect our financial health.**

Our 10 largest customers generated approximately 18.7% and 21.8% of our sales for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009, respectively. We cannot guarantee that we will maintain or improve our relationships with these customers or that we will continue to supply these customers at historical levels. Due to the current housing downturn, many of our homebuilder customers have substantially reduced construction activity. Some homebuilder customers have exited or severely curtailed building activity in certain of our markets. This trend is likely to continue until there is a housing recovery in our markets. A prolonged housing downturn could have a significant adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

In addition to these factors, production homebuilders and other customers may: (1) seek to purchase some of the products that we currently sell directly from manufacturers, (2) elect to establish their own building products manufacturing and distribution facilities, or (3) give advantages to manufacturing or distribution intermediaries in which they have an economic stake. In addition, continued consolidation among production homebuilders could also result in a loss of some of our present customers to our competitors. The loss of one or more of our significant customers or deterioration in our relations with any of them could significantly affect our financial condition,

operating results and cash flows. Furthermore, our customers are not required to purchase any minimum amount of products from us. The contracts into which we have entered with most of our professional customers typically provide that we supply particular products or services for a certain period of time when and if ordered by the customer. Should our customers purchase our

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products in significantly lower quantities than they have in the past, such decreased purchases could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows.

**Our industry is highly fragmented and competitive, and increased competitive pressure may adversely affect our results.**

The building products supply industry is highly fragmented and competitive. We face significant competition from local and regional building materials chains, as well as from privately-owned single site enterprises. Any of these competitors may (1) foresee the course of market development more accurately than do we, (2) develop products that are superior to our products, (3) have the ability to produce similar products at a lower cost, (4) develop stronger relationships with local homebuilders, (5) adapt more quickly to new technologies or evolving customer requirements than do we, or (6) have access to financing on more favorable terms that we can obtain in the market. As a result, we may not be able to compete successfully with them. In addition, home center retailers, which have historically concentrated their sales efforts on retail consumers and small contractors, may in the future intensify their marketing efforts to professional homebuilders. Furthermore, certain product manufacturers sell and distribute their products directly to production homebuilders. The volume of such direct sales could increase in the future. Additionally, manufacturers of products distributed by us may elect to sell and distribute directly to homebuilders in the future or enter into exclusive supplier arrangements with other distributors. Consolidation of production homebuilders may result in increased competition for their business. Finally, we may not be able to maintain our operating costs or product prices at a level sufficiently low for us to compete effectively. If we are unable to compete effectively, our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows may be adversely affected.

**We are subject to competitive pricing pressure from our customers.**

Production homebuilders historically have exerted significant pressure on their outside suppliers to keep prices low because of their market share and their ability to leverage such market share in the highly fragmented building products supply industry. The current housing industry downturn has resulted in significantly increased pricing pressures from production homebuilders and other customers. In addition, continued consolidation among production homebuilders, and changes in production homebuilders purchasing policies or payment practices, could result in additional pricing pressure. If we are unable to generate sufficient cost savings to offset any price reductions, our financial condition, operating results and cash flows may be adversely affected. In addition, as a result of the housing downturn, several of our homebuilder customers have defaulted on amounts owed to us or their payable days have become extended as a result of their financial condition. Such payment failures or delays may significantly adversely affect our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows.

**The ownership position of affiliates of JLL Partners Inc. and Warburg Pincus LLC limits other stockholders ability to influence corporate matters.**

JLL Partners Inc. ( JLL ) and Warburg Pincus LLC ( Warburg Pincus ) control Building Products, LLC, which owns approximately 51% of our outstanding common stock. Six of our ten directors hold positions with affiliates of either JLL or Warburg Pincus. Accordingly, JLL and Warburg Pincus have significant influence over our management and affairs and over all matters requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors and significant corporate transactions, such as a merger or other sale of our company or its assets. This concentrated ownership position limits other stockholders ability to influence corporate matters and, as a result, we may take actions that some of our stockholders do not view as beneficial. Additionally, JLL and Warburg Pincus are in the business of making investments in companies and may, from time to time, acquire and hold interests in businesses that compete directly or indirectly with us. These entities may also pursue, for their own accounts, acquisition opportunities that may be complementary to our business, and, as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us. Further, certain provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws may limit your ability to influence corporate matters, and, as a result, we may take actions that some of our stockholders do not view as beneficial.

**Our continued success will depend on our ability to retain our key employees and to attract and retain new qualified employees.**

Our success depends in part on our ability to attract, hire, train, and retain qualified managerial, sales, and marketing personnel. We face significant competition for these types of employees in our industry and from other

industries. We may be unsuccessful in attracting and retaining the personnel we require to conduct and expand our operations successfully. In addition, key personnel may leave us and compete against us. Our success also depends to a significant extent on the continued service of our senior management team. We may be unsuccessful in replacing key managers who either quit or retire. The loss of any member of our senior management team or other experienced, senior employees could impair our ability to execute our business plan, cause us to lose customers and reduce our net sales, or lead to employee morale problems and/or the loss of other key employees. In any such event, our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows could be adversely affected.

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### **The nature of our business exposes us to product liability and warranty claims and other legal proceedings.**

We are involved in product liability and product warranty claims relating to the products we manufacture and distribute that, if adversely determined, could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows. We rely on manufacturers and other suppliers to provide us with many of the products we sell and distribute. Because we do not have direct control over the quality of such products manufactured or supplied by such third-party suppliers, we are exposed to risks relating to the quality of such products. In addition, we are exposed to potential claims arising from the conduct of homebuilders and their subcontractors, for which we may be contractually liable. Although we currently maintain what we believe to be suitable and adequate insurance in excess of our self-insured amounts, there can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain such insurance on acceptable terms or that such insurance will provide adequate protection against potential liabilities. Product liability claims can be expensive to defend and can divert the attention of management and other personnel for significant periods, regardless of the ultimate outcome. Claims of this nature could also have a negative impact on customer confidence in our products and our company. In addition, we are involved on an ongoing basis in other types of legal proceedings. We cannot assure you that any current or future claims will not adversely affect our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows.

### **Product shortages, loss of key suppliers, and our dependence on third-party suppliers and manufacturers could affect our financial health.**

Our ability to offer a wide variety of products to our customers is dependent upon our ability to obtain adequate product supply from manufacturers and other suppliers. Generally, our products are obtainable from various sources and in sufficient quantities. However, the loss of, or a substantial decrease in the availability of, products from our suppliers or the loss of key supplier arrangements could adversely impact our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows.

Although in many instances we have agreements with our suppliers, these agreements are generally terminable by either party on limited notice. Failure by our suppliers to continue to supply us with products on commercially reasonable terms, or at all, could put pressure on our operating margins or have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows. Short-term changes in the cost of these materials, some of which are subject to significant fluctuations, are sometimes, but not always passed on to our customers. Our delayed ability to pass on material price increases to our customers could adversely impact our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows.

### **A range of factors may make our quarterly revenues and earnings variable.**

We have historically experienced, and in the future will continue to experience, variability in revenues and earnings on a quarterly basis. The factors expected to contribute to this variability include, among others: (1) the volatility of prices of lumber and wood products, (2) the cyclical nature of the homebuilding industry, (3) general economic conditions in the various local markets in which we compete, (4) the pricing policies of our competitors, (5) the production schedules of our customers, and (6) the effects of the weather. These factors, among others, make it difficult to project our operating results on a consistent basis, which may affect the price of our stock.

### **We may be adversely affected by any disruption in our information technology systems.**

Our operations are dependent upon our information technology systems, which encompass all of our major business functions. Our primary ERP system, which we use for operations representing approximately 96% of our sales, is a proprietary system that has been highly customized by our computer programmers. Our centralized financial reporting system currently draws data from our ERP systems. We rely upon such information technology systems to manage and replenish inventory, to fill and ship customer orders on a timely basis, and to coordinate our sales activities across all of our products and services. A substantial disruption in our information technology systems for any prolonged time period (arising from, for example, system capacity limits from unexpected increases in our volume of business, outages, or delays in our service) could result in delays in receiving inventory and supplies or filling customer orders and adversely affect our customer service and relationships. Our systems might be damaged or interrupted by natural or man-made events or by computer viruses, physical or electronic break-ins, or similar disruptions affecting the global Internet. As part of our continuing integration of our computer systems, we plan to integrate our ERPs into a single system. This integration may divert management's attention from our core businesses.

In addition, we may experience delays in such integration or problems with the functionality of the integrated system, which could increase the expected cost of the integration. There can be no assurance that such delays, problems, or costs will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.



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### **We may be adversely affected by any natural or man-made disruptions to our distribution and manufacturing facilities.**

We currently maintain a broad network of distribution and manufacturing facilities throughout the southern and eastern U.S. Any serious disruption to our facilities resulting from fire, earthquake, weather-related events, an act of terrorism, or any other cause could damage a significant portion of our inventory and could materially impair our ability to distribute our products to customers. Moreover, we could incur significantly higher costs and longer lead times associated with distributing our products to our customers during the time that it takes for us to reopen or replace a damaged facility. In addition, any shortages of fuel or significant fuel cost increases could seriously disrupt our ability to distribute products to our customers. If any of these events were to occur, our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows could be materially adversely affected.

### **We may be unable to successfully implement our growth strategy, which includes increasing sales of our prefabricated components and other value-added products, pursuing strategic acquisitions and opening new facilities.**

Our strategy depends in part on growing our sales of prefabricated components and other value-added products and increasing our market share. If any of these initiatives are not successful, or require extensive investment, our growth may be limited, and we may be unable to achieve or maintain expected levels of growth and profitability.

Our long-term business plan also provides for continued growth through strategic acquisitions and organic growth through the construction of new facilities or the expansion of existing facilities. Failure to identify and acquire suitable acquisition candidates on appropriate terms could have a material adverse effect on our growth strategy. Moreover, a significant change in our business, the economy, or the housing market, an unexpected decrease in our cash flow for any reason, or the requirements of our senior secured revolving credit facility or the indenture governing our 2016 notes, could result in an inability to obtain the capital required to effect new acquisitions or expansions of existing facilities. Our failure to make successful acquisitions or to build or expand facilities, including manufacturing facilities, produce saleable product, or meet customer demand in a timely manner could result in damage to or loss of customer relationships, which could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows. In addition, although we have been successful in the past in integrating 27 acquisitions, we may not be able to integrate the operations of future acquired businesses with our own in an efficient and cost-effective manner or without significant disruption to our existing operations. Acquisitions, moreover, involve significant risks and uncertainties, including difficulties integrating acquired personnel and corporate cultures into our business, the potential loss of key employees, customers or suppliers, difficulties in integrating different computer and accounting systems, exposure to unforeseen liabilities of acquired companies, and the diversion of management attention and resources from existing operations. We may be unable to successfully complete potential acquisitions due to multiple factors, such as issues related to regulatory review of the proposed transactions. We may also be required to incur additional debt in order to consummate acquisitions in the future, which debt may be substantial and may limit our flexibility in using our cash flow from operations. Our failure to integrate future acquired businesses effectively or to manage other consequences of our acquisitions, including increased indebtedness, could prevent us from remaining competitive and, ultimately, could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows.

### **Federal, state, local and other regulations could impose substantial costs and/or restrictions on our operations that would reduce our net income.**

We are subject to various federal, state, local, and other regulations, including, among other things, regulations promulgated by the Department of Transportation and applicable to our fleet of delivery trucks, work safety regulations promulgated by the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration, employment regulations promulgated by the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, accounting standards issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board or similar entities, and state and local zoning restrictions and building codes. More burdensome regulatory requirements in these or other areas may increase our general and administrative costs and adversely affect our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows. Moreover, failure to comply with the regulatory requirements applicable to our business could expose us to substantial penalties that could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

### **We are subject to potential exposure to environmental liabilities and are subject to environmental regulation.**

We are subject to various federal, state, and local environmental laws, ordinances, and regulations. Although we believe that our facilities are in material compliance with such laws, ordinances, and regulations, as owners and lessees of real property, we can be held liable for the investigation or remediation of contamination on such properties, in some circumstances, without regard to whether we knew of or were responsible for such contamination. No assurance can be provided that remediation may not be required in the future as a result of spills or releases of petroleum products or hazardous substances, the discovery of unknown environmental conditions, more stringent standards regarding existing residual contamination, or changes in legislation, laws, rules or regulations. More burdensome environmental regulatory requirements may increase our general and administrative costs and adversely affect our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows.

**Table of Contents****We may be adversely affected by uncertainty in the economy and financial markets, including as a result of terrorism and the war in the Middle East.**

Instability in the economy and financial markets, including as a result of terrorism and the war in the Middle East and Afghanistan, may result in a decrease in housing starts, which would adversely affect our business. In addition, the war, related setbacks or adverse developments, including a retaliatory military strike or terrorist attack, may cause unpredictable or unfavorable economic conditions and could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows. In addition, any shortages of fuel or significant fuel cost increases related to geopolitical conditions could seriously disrupt our ability to distribute products to our customers. Terrorist attacks similar to the ones committed on September 11, 2001, may directly affect our ability to keep our operations and services functioning properly and could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results, and cash flows.

**Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

None.

**Item 2. Properties**

We have a broad network of distribution and manufacturing facilities in 9 states throughout the southern and eastern U.S. We have 55 distribution facilities and 51 manufacturing facilities, many of which are co-located in the following markets:

**Alabama**

Auburn  
Central Alabama

**Florida**

Bunnell  
Emerald Coast  
Jacksonville  
Orlando  
South Florida  
Tampa

**Georgia**

Atlanta  
Central Georgia  
Northern Georgia

**Maryland/Virginia**

Baltimore/Washington  
Northeast Maryland

**North Carolina**

Charlotte  
Fayetteville  
High Point  
Raleigh  
Washington  
Western North Carolina  
Wilmington

**South Carolina**

Anderson/Seneca  
Charleston  
Columbia  
Florence  
Grand Strand  
Greenville  
Southeast South Carolina

**Tennessee**

Eastern Tennessee  
Knoxville  
Nashville

**Texas**

Dallas/Fort Worth  
San Antonio

Distribution centers typically include 15 to 25 acres of outside storage, a 60,000 square foot warehouse, 10,000 square feet of office space, and 30,000 square feet of covered storage. The outside area provides space for lumber storage and a staging area for delivery while the warehouse stores millwork, windows and doors. The distribution centers are generally located in industrial areas with low cost real estate and easy access to freeways to maximize distribution efficiency and convenience. A majority of the distribution centers are situated on rail lines for efficient receipt of goods.

Our manufacturing facilities produce trusses, wall panels, engineered wood, stairs, windows, pre-hung doors and custom millwork. They are generally located on the same premises as our distribution facilities. Truss and panel manufacturing facilities vary in size from 30,000 square feet to 60,000 square feet with 8 to 10 acres of outside storage for lumber and for finished goods. Our window manufacturing facility in Houston, Texas has approximately 200,000 square feet.

We lease 56 facilities and own 20 facilities. These leases generally have an initial operating lease term of 5 to 15 years and most provide options to renew for specified periods of time. A majority of our leases provide for fixed annual rentals. Certain of our leases include provisions for escalating rent, generally based on changes in the consumer

price index. Most of the leases require us to pay taxes, insurance and common area maintenance expenses associated with the properties.

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We operate a fleet of approximately 1,100 trucks to deliver products from our distribution and manufacturing centers to job sites. Through our emphasis on local market flexibility and strategically placed locations, we minimize shipping and freight costs while maintaining a high degree of local market expertise. Through knowledge of local homebuilder needs, customer coordination and rapid restocking ability, we reduce working capital requirements and guard against out-of-stock products. We believe that this reliability is highly valued by our customers and reinforces customer relationships.

**Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

We are involved in various claims and lawsuits incidental to the conduct of our business in the ordinary course. We carry insurance coverage in such amounts in excess of our self-insured retention as we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances and that may or may not cover any or all of our liabilities in respect of claims and lawsuits. We do not believe that the ultimate resolution of these matters will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, cash flows or operating results.

Although our business and facilities are subject to federal, state and local environmental regulation, environmental regulation does not have a material effect on our operations. We believe that our facilities are in material compliance with such laws and regulations. As owners and lessees of real property, we can be held liable for the investigation or remediation of contamination on such properties, in some circumstances without regard to whether we knew of or were responsible for such contamination. Our current expenditures with respect to environmental investigation and remediation at our facilities are minimal, although no assurance can be provided that more significant remediation may not be required in the future as a result of spills or releases of petroleum products or hazardous substances or the discovery of unknown environmental conditions, or changes in legislation, laws, rules or regulations.

**Item 4. Reserved****PART II****Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

Our common stock has been traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC under the symbol **BLDR** since June 22, 2005. On March 3, 2010, the closing price of our common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC was \$3.04. The approximate number of stockholders of record of our common stock on that date was 119, although we believe that the number of beneficial owners of our common stock is substantially greater.

The table below sets forth the high and low sales prices of our common stock for the periods indicated:

|                | <b>High</b> | <b>Low</b> |
|----------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>2009</b>    |             |            |
| First quarter  | \$ 2.72     | \$ 0.88    |
| Second quarter | \$ 5.16     | \$ 1.89    |
| Third quarter  | \$ 8.60     | \$ 3.78    |
| Fourth quarter | \$ 5.30     | \$ 3.50    |
| <b>2008</b>    |             |            |
| First quarter  | \$ 8.18     | \$ 5.72    |
| Second quarter | \$ 7.73     | \$ 5.05    |
| Third quarter  | \$ 6.50     | \$ 3.86    |
| Fourth quarter | \$ 6.29     | \$ 0.82    |

We have not paid regular dividends in the past. Any future determination relating to dividend policy will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on a number of factors, including restrictions in our debt instruments, as well as our future earnings, capital requirements, financial condition, prospects and other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant. The terms of our \$250 million senior credit facility and the indenture governing our notes currently restrict our ability to pay dividends. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources contained in Item 7 of this annual report on Form 10-K.



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The following graph demonstrates the performance of the cumulative total return to the stockholders of our common stock during the 54-month period in comparison to the cumulative total returns of the Russell 2000 index and the S&P Building Products index. The graph tracks the performance of a \$100 investment in our common stock and in each of the indexes (with the reinvestment of all dividends) from June 30, 2005 to December 31, 2009. We became a public company on June 22, 2005.

**COMPARISON OF 54 MONTH CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN\***

Among Builders FirstSource, Inc., The Russell 2000 Index  
And The S&P Building Products Index

\* \$100 invested  
on 6/22/05 in  
stock or 5/31/05  
in index,  
including  
reinvestment of  
dividends.  
Fiscal year  
ending  
December 31.

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|       | <b>Builders<br/>FirstSource,<br/>Inc.</b> | <b>Russell<br/>2000</b> | <b>S&amp;P<br/>Building<br/>Products</b> |
|-------|---|-------------------------|--|
| 6/05  | \$ 100                                    | \$ 100                  | \$ 100                                   |
| 6/05  | 105                                       | 104                     | 99                                       |
| 7/05  | 130                                       | 110                     | 105                                      |
| 8/05  | 131                                       | 108                     | 100                                      |
| 9/05  | 145                                       | 109                     | 101                                      |
| 10/05 | 127                                       | 105                     | 90                                       |
| 11/05 | 129                                       | 110                     | 92                                       |
| 12/05 | 138                                       | 110                     | 95                                       |
| 1/06  | 162                                       | 120                     | 91                                       |
| 2/06  | 154                                       | 119                     | 97                                       |
| 3/06  | 147                                       | 125                     | 103                                      |
| 4/06  | 140                                       | 125                     | 102                                      |
| 5/06  | 134                                       | 118                     | 100                                      |
| 6/06  | 132                                       | 119                     | 98                                       |
| 7/06  | 113                                       | 115                     | 88                                       |
| 8/06  | 98  | 119                     | 93                                       |
| 9/06  | 99  | 120                     | 93                                       |
| 10/06 | 102                                       | 126                     | 96                                       |
| 11/06 | 108                                       | 130                     | 98                                       |
| 12/06 | 115                                       | 130                     | 102                                      |
| 1/07  | 117                                       | 132                     | 110                                      |
| 2/07  | 117                                       | 131                     | 109                                      |
| 3/07  | 104                                       | 133                     | 104                                      |
| 4/07  | 104                                       | 135                     | 106                                      |
| 5/07  | 108                                       | 141                     | 116                                      |
| 6/07  | 104                                       | 139                     | 112                                      |
| 7/07  | 95  | 129                     | 105                                      |
| 8/07  | 85  | 132                     | 101                                      |
| 9/07  | 70  | 134                     | 93                                       |
| 10/07 | 47  | 138                     | 98                                       |
| 11/07 | 45  | 128                     | 94                                       |
| 12/07 | 47  | 128                     | 103                                      |
| 1/08  | 52  | 119                     | 104                                      |
| 2/08  | 43  | 115                     | 95                                       |
| 3/08  | 47  | 115                     | 98                                       |
| 4/08  | 43  | 120                     | 96                                       |
| 5/08  | 47  | 126                     | 97                                       |
| 6/08  | 34  | 116                     | 83                                       |
| 7/08  | 28  | 120                     | 89                                       |
| 8/08  | 33  | 125                     | 103                                      |
| 9/08  | 39  | 115                     | 97                                       |
| 10/08 | 25  | 91                      | 55                                       |
| 11/08 | 8   | 80                      | 52                                       |
| 12/08 | 10  | 85                      | 61                                       |



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|       |    |     |    |
|-------|----|-----|----|
| 1/09  | 8  | 75  | 44 |
| 2/09  | 12 | 66  | 29 |
| 3/09  | 13 | 72  | 39 |
| 4/09  | 21 | 83  | 50 |
| 5/09  | 27 | 86  | 58 |
| 6/09  | 27 | 87  | 54 |
| 7/09  | 38 | 95  | 79 |
| 8/09  | 50 | 98  | 82 |
| 9/09  | 28 | 104 | 74 |
| 10/09 | 25 | 97  | 67 |
| 11/09 | 25 | 100 | 78 |
| 12/09 | 25 | 108 | 79 |

**Table of Contents****Item 6. Selected Financial Data**

The following selected consolidated financial data for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 and as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 were derived from our consolidated financial statements that have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants, and are included as Item 8 of this annual report on Form 10-K. Selected consolidated financial data as of December 31, 2007 and as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 were derived from our consolidated financial statements that have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, but are not included herein.

The following data should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in Item 7 of this annual report on Form 10-K and with our consolidated financial statements and related notes included as Item 8 of this annual report on Form 10-K.

|   | <b>Year Ended December 31,</b>                  |             |              |              |              |
|---|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | <b>2009</b>                                     | <b>2008</b> | <b>2007</b>  | <b>2006</b>  | <b>2005</b>  |
|   | <b>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</b> |             |              |              |              |
| <b>Statement of operations data:</b>                              |   |             |              |              |              |
| Sales   | \$ 677,886                                      | \$ 992,014  | \$ 1,468,428 | \$ 2,063,466 | \$ 2,138,068 |
| Gross margin  | 142,406   | 215,541     | 363,161      | 544,814      | 543,355      |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses(1)                   | 201,403   | 280,010     | 341,941      | 401,536      | 424,134      |
| Asset impairments   | 470   | 46,948      | 350          |              |              |
| Facility closure costs  | 1,200   | 1,192       | 101          |              |              |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations(2)                       | (56,889)  | (120,583)   | (2,607)      | 71,233       | 45,044       |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations per share- basic(3)(4)   | \$ (1.45)                                       | \$ (3.10)   | \$ (0.07)    | \$ 1.92      | \$ 1.42      |
| (Loss) income from continuing operations per share- diluted(3)(4) | \$ (1.45)                                       | \$ (3.10)   | \$ (0.07)    | \$ 1.81      | \$ 1.32      |
| <b>Balance sheet data (end of period):</b>                        |   |             |              |              |              |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 84,098                                       | \$ 106,891  | \$ 97,574    | \$ 93,258    | \$ 30,736    |
| Total assets  | 434,951   | 521,140     | 647,423      | 748,515      | 724,407      |
| Total debt (including current portion)                            | 299,183   | 319,226     | 279,266      | 319,200      | 315,000      |
| Stockholders' equity  | 46,947  | 102,474     | 241,547      | 256,864      | 171,135      |
| <b>Other financial data:</b>                                      |   |             |              |              |              |
| Depreciation and amortization (excluding discontinued operations) | \$ 17,915                                       | \$ 20,833   | \$ 22,447    | \$ 20,410    | \$ 16,910    |

(1) The year ended December 31, 2005 includes a cash payment (including applicable payroll taxes) of \$35.5 million made to stock option holders in lieu of

adjusting  
exercise prices  
in conjunction  
with our  
refinancing  
transaction.  
There were no  
similar  
payments for  
the years ended  
December 31,  
2009, 2008,  
2007 and 2006.

- (2) (Loss) income from continuing operations included a valuation allowance of \$3.9 million and \$31.6 million against primarily all of our deferred tax assets for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, as discussed in Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8 of this annual report on Form 10-K.
- (3) Reflects the impact of the 1-for-10 reverse stock split that occurred in May 2005.
- (4) Reflects an increase to the number of weighted average

common shares by an adjustment factor of 1.09 related to the bonus element created in connection with our common stock rights offering. Also, reflects the impact of the adoption of the FASB guidance requiring that unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends be considered participating securities and be included in the computation of basic earnings per share using the two-class method. See Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8 of this annual report on Form 10-K.

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**Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the selected financial data and the consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in Item 6. Selected Financial Data and Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of this annual report on Form 10-K, respectively. See Risk Factors contained in Item 1A. Risk Factors of this annual report on Form 10-K and Cautionary Statement contained in Item 1. Business of this annual report on Form 10-K for a discussion of the uncertainties, risks and assumptions associated with these statements.

**OVERVIEW**

We are a leading supplier and manufacturer of structural and related building products for residential new construction in the U.S. We offer an integrated solution to our customers providing manufacturing, supply and installation of a full range of structural and related building products. Our manufactured products include our factory-built roof and floor trusses, wall panels and stairs, aluminum and vinyl windows, custom millwork and trim, as well as engineered wood that we design and cut for each home. We also assemble interior and exterior doors into pre-hung units. Additionally, we supply our customers with a broad offering of professional grade building products not manufactured by us, such as dimensional lumber and lumber sheet goods, various window, door and millwork lines, as well as cabinets, roofing and gypsum wallboard. Our full range of construction-related services includes professional installation, turn-key framing and shell construction, and spans all our product categories.

We group our building products into five product categories:

*Prefabricated Components.* Our prefabricated components consist of wood floor and roof trusses, steel roof trusses, wall panels, stairs, and engineered wood.

*Windows & Doors.* Our windows & doors category is comprised of the manufacturing, assembly, and distribution of windows and the assembly and distribution of interior and exterior door units.

*Lumber & Lumber Sheet Goods.* Lumber & lumber sheet goods include dimensional lumber, plywood, and OSB products used in on-site house framing.

*Millwork.* Millwork includes interior trim, exterior trim, columns and posts that we distribute, as well as custom exterior features that we manufacture under the Synboard brand name.

*Other building products & services.* Other building products & services are comprised of products such as cabinets, gypsum, roofing and insulation and services such as turn-key framing, shell construction, design assistance, and professional installation spanning all of our product categories.

Our operating results are dependent on the following trends, events and uncertainties, some of which are beyond our control:

*Homebuilding Industry.* Our business is driven primarily by the residential new construction market, which is in turn dependent upon a number of factors, including interest rates, consumer confidence, foreclosure rates, and the health of the economy and mortgage markets. Over the past few years, many homebuilders significantly decreased their starts because of lower demand and an excess of home inventory. Due to the decline in housing starts and increased competition for homebuilder business, we have and will continue to experience increasing pressure on our margins. The decline in housing starts continues to be widespread but we expect to see some improvement in 2010. We also still believe there are several meaningful trends that indicate U.S. housing demand will likely recover in the long term and that the current downturn in the housing industry is likely a trough in the cyclical nature of the residential construction industry. These trends include relatively low interest rates, the aging of housing stock, and normal population growth due to birthrate exceeding death rate.

*Targeting Large Production Homebuilders.* In recent years, the homebuilding industry has undergone significant consolidation, with the larger homebuilders substantially increasing their market share. We expect

that trend to accelerate during this housing correction due to the better liquidity positions of the larger homebuilders relative to the smaller, less capitalized homebuilders. Our focus is on maintaining relationships and market share with these customers while balancing the competitive pressures we are facing in our markets with certain profitability expectations. Our sales to the Builder 100, the country's largest 100 homebuilders, fell 23.6% during 2009, which is slightly less than the overall decline in housing

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activity in the United States. We expect that our ability to maintain strong relationships with the largest builders will be vital to our ability to grow and expand into new markets as well as maintain our current market share through the downturn. Additionally, during the downturn, we plan to prudently expand our custom homebuilder base while maintaining our tight credit standards.

*Expand into Multi-Family and Light Commercial Business.* We believe we can diversify our customer base and grow our sales by further expanding into multi-family and light commercial business. While we primarily serve the single family new home construction market, we have entered the multi-family and/or light commercial market in certain regions. Our Shelby, Alabama location gives us the ability to manufacture steel roof trusses often used in multi-family and light commercial construction.

*Use of Prefabricated Components.* Prior to the current housing downturn, homebuilders were increasingly using prefabricated components in order to realize increased efficiency and improved quality. Shortening cycle time from start to completion was a key imperative of the homebuilders during periods of strong consumer demand. With the current housing downturn, that trend has decelerated as cycle time has less relevance. Customers who traditionally used prefabricated components, for the most part, still do. However, the conversion of customers to this product offering has slowed. We expect this trend to continue at least for the duration of this downturn. In response, we have reduced our manufacturing capacity and delayed plans to open new facilities.

*Economic Conditions.* Economic changes both nationally and locally in our markets impact our financial performance. The building products supply industry is highly dependent upon new home construction and subject to cyclical market changes. Our operations are subject to fluctuations arising from changes in supply and demand, national economic conditions, labor costs, competition, government regulation, trade policies and other factors that affect the homebuilding industry such as demographic trends, interest rates, single-family housing starts, employment levels, consumer confidence, and the availability of credit to homebuilders, contractors, and homeowners. During 2007, the mortgage markets experienced substantial disruption due to increased defaults, primarily as a result of credit quality deterioration. The disruption has continued and precipitated evolving changes in the regulatory environment and reduced availability of mortgages for potential homebuyers due to an illiquid credit market and more restrictive standards to qualify for mortgages. During 2008, the conditions in the credit markets and the economy worsened and the economy fell into a recession. The credit markets and financial services industry experienced a significant crisis characterized by the bankruptcy or failure of various financial institutions and severe limitations on credit availability. As a result, the credit markets have become highly illiquid as financial and lending institutions have limited credit to conserve cash and protect their balance sheets. As the housing industry is dependent upon potential homebuyers' access to mortgage financing and homebuilders' access to commercial credit, it is likely that the housing industry will not recover until conditions in the credit markets substantially improve.

*Cost of Materials.* Prices of wood products, which are subject to cyclical market fluctuations, may adversely impact operating income when prices rapidly rise or fall within a relatively short period of time. We purchase certain materials, including lumber products, which are then sold to customers as well as used as direct production inputs for our manufactured and prefabricated products. Short-term changes in the cost of these materials, some of which are subject to significant fluctuations, are sometimes passed on to our customers, but our pricing quotation periods may limit our ability to pass on such price changes. We may also be limited in our ability to pass on increases on in-bound freight costs on our products due to the price of fuel. Our inability to pass on material price increases to our customers could adversely impact our operating income.

*Controlling Expenses.* Another important aspect of our strategy is controlling costs and enhancing our status as a low-cost building materials supplier in the markets we serve. We pay close attention to managing our working capital and operating expenses. We have a best practices operating philosophy, which encourages increasing efficiency, lowering costs, improving working capital, and maximizing profitability and cash flow.

We constantly analyze our workforce productivity to achieve the optimum, cost-efficient labor mix for our facilities. Further, we pay careful attention to our logistics function and its effect on our shipping and handling costs.



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**CURRENT OPERATING CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK**

The deterioration of the housing industry continued throughout 2009. For the year, actual single-family housing starts in the U.S. were 445,200, down from 622,000 last year, a 28.4% decline. An already weak housing industry was further damaged in 2009 by the financial crisis which limited the availability of credit to smaller homebuilders and potential homebuyers, and the general decline in the economy, among other factors. We felt the impact of these difficult conditions on our 2009 results although we were able to limit the impact through execution of our strategy. Our strategy principally consisted of generating new business, implementing cost containment programs which included reducing physical capacity and adjusting staffing levels, managing credit tightly and, most importantly, conserving cash. Overall, we feel these efforts were successful. We lowered our average full time equivalent headcount, excluding discontinued operations, by almost 1,500, a decrease of 33.0%, from 2008. The reductions in payroll costs coupled with other cost reductions allowed us to reduce our selling, general and administrative expenses by 28.1%. Our bad debt expense in 2009 decreased \$1.7 million from 2008 despite the difficult economic conditions our customers faced. Because of these measures and others, we ended the year with \$84.1 million in cash. We believe these efforts will not only benefit us in the short-term but will allow us to be a more efficient organization in the long-term.

We expect the housing industry to stabilize and potentially show a slight improvement in 2010. In fact, the NAHB is forecasting 560,000 single-family housing starts for 2010, a 25.8% increase from 2009. We believe our strategy remains relevant in these conditions and allows us to focus on conserving liquidity while maintaining a viable operating platform. We have aggressively but prudently cut costs during this downturn, and these efforts will continue in 2010. In addition, we believe we can continue to partially offset the low level of housing starts by expanding our presence in the light commercial and multi-family segments, as well as increasing penetration with our top customers. Finally, we will continue to focus on working capital, to diligently control credit to our customers and also work with our vendors to improve our payment terms and pricing on our products.

We still believe that the long-term outlook for the housing industry is positive due to growth in the underlying demographics. At this point, it is unclear if housing activity has hit bottom, but we believe our market leadership, financial strength and operating efficiencies afford us the ability to manage through the downturn. We will continue to work diligently to achieve the appropriate balance of short-term cost reductions while maintaining the expertise to grow the business when market conditions improve. We want to create long-term shareholder value and avoid taking steps that will limit our ability to compete.

**SEASONALITY AND OTHER FACTORS**

Our first and fourth quarters have historically been, and are expected to continue to be, adversely affected by weather patterns in some of our markets, causing reduced construction activity. In addition, quarterly results historically have reflected, and are expected to continue to reflect, fluctuations from period to period arising from the following:

The volatility of lumber prices;

The cyclical nature of the homebuilding industry;

General economic conditions in the markets in which we compete;

The pricing policies of our competitors;

The production schedules of our customers; and

The effects of weather.

The composition and level of working capital typically change during periods of increasing sales as we carry more inventory and receivables. Working capital levels typically increase in the second and third quarters of the year due to higher sales during the peak residential construction season. These increases have in the past resulted in negative operating cash flows during this peak season, which generally have been financed through available cash. Collection of receivables and reduction in inventory levels following the peak building and construction season have in the past

helped to partially offset this negative cash flow. We have also from time to time utilized our credit facility to cover working capital needs if needed.

**Table of Contents****RECENT DEVELOPMENTS*****Valuation Allowance***

We evaluate our deferred tax assets on a quarterly basis to determine whether a valuation allowance is required. We assess whether a valuation allowance should be established based on our determination of whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. In light of the continued downturn in the housing market and the uncertainty as to its length and magnitude and the additional asset impairments recorded during 2008, we were in a three-year cumulative loss position. Cumulative losses in recent years represent significant negative evidence in considering whether deferred tax assets are realizable, and also generally preclude relying on projections of future taxable income to support the recovery of deferred tax assets. Therefore, during 2008, we recorded a valuation allowance totaling \$41.2 million against primarily all of our net deferred tax assets, of which \$31.6 million related to our continuing operations, \$3.0 million related to other comprehensive (loss) income and \$6.6 million related to our discontinued operations. We excluded the deferred tax liabilities related to certain indefinite lived intangibles when calculating the amount of valuation allowance needed as these liabilities cannot be considered as a source of income when determining the realizability of the net deferred tax assets. The valuation allowance was recorded as a reduction to income tax benefit. During 2009, we recorded an additional valuation allowance of approximately \$3.9 million related to our continuing operations. We reduced the valuation allowance related to other comprehensive (loss) income and discontinued operations by approximately \$1.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

The deferred tax assets for which there is no valuation allowance relate to amounts that can be realized through future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences or through the generation of sufficient taxable income. To the extent we generate sufficient taxable income in the future to fully utilize the tax benefits of the net deferred tax assets on which a valuation allowance was recorded, our effective tax rate may decrease as the valuation allowance is reversed.

***Discontinued Operations, net of tax***

In 2007, the specific business climate related to our New Jersey operations continued to decline as housing activity softened. Due to the continued decline, we recorded a \$10.6 million impairment of goodwill and \$0.7 million in asset impairments related to our New Jersey operations. As of December 31, 2007, we had no goodwill remaining in our New Jersey reporting unit. In October 2008, we announced our intent to exit the New Jersey market based upon several factors, including the unfavorable conditions that affect our industry and a poor competitive position which prevented us from generating profitable results. We completed our exit plan prior to December 31, 2008 and will have no further significant continuing involvement in these operations. The cessation of operations in this market has been treated as a discontinued operation as it had distinguishable cash flow and operations that have been eliminated from our operations. As a result, the operating results of the New Jersey market for the current and prior periods have been aggregated and reclassified as discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007. The goodwill and asset impairment charges recorded in 2007 are included in loss from discontinued operations, net of tax.

In 2007, the specific business climate related to our Ohio operations declined as housing activity softened and our competitors gained market share. Accordingly, we recognized goodwill impairment charges of \$16.9 million in 2007. We took certain actions including changing our operational management, reducing head count and targeting new customers in order to improve our operational performance in our Ohio market. Despite these efforts, the housing activity and operating results for this reporting unit declined further in 2008. As such, we recorded an additional \$4.0 million goodwill impairment charge and a \$0.1 million long-lived asset impairment charge relating to our Ohio operations in the second quarter of 2008. As of December 31, 2008, we had no goodwill remaining in our Ohio reporting unit. In September 2008, we also closed two facilities in Ohio as part of our continued efforts to reduce operating costs and return the market to profitability.

In the second quarter of 2009, we announced our intent to exit the entire Ohio market based upon several factors, including the unfavorable conditions that affect our industry and a poor competitive position which prevented us from generating profitable results. We completed our exit plan in the second quarter of 2009 and will have no further significant continuing involvement in these operations. The cessation of operations in this market has been treated as a

discontinued operation as it had distinguishable cash flow and operations that have been eliminated from our ongoing operations. As a result, the operating results of the Ohio market for the current and prior years have been aggregated and reclassified as discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007. The goodwill impairment charges recorded in 2008 and 2007 and the asset impairment charges recorded in 2008 are included in loss from discontinued operations, net of tax, in their respective years.

**Table of Contents****Acquisitions**

On December 21, 2007, we acquired certain assets of a distribution facility located in Chelsea, Alabama as a complement to our Bama Truss and Components, Inc. acquisition for cash consideration of \$1.7 million. Of this amount, \$0.1 million was allocated to customer relationships.

On July 31, 2007, we acquired the common stock of Bama Truss and Components, Inc. ( Bama ) for cash consideration of \$17.8 million (including certain adjustments). During 2008, we received \$0.7 million in cash related to the guarantee of acquired accounts receivable and a net tangible asset adjustment. Of the net \$17.1 million cash consideration, \$2.6 million was allocated to customer relationships and \$1.1 million to non-compete agreements, which are being amortized over nine years and two to five years, respectively. In addition, \$7.9 million was allocated to goodwill. Based in Shelby, Alabama, Bama is a market leader in multi-family and light commercial manufactured structural components. Its products include wood roof and floor trusses, wood panels, steel roof trusses and related building materials and services.

On November 3, 2006, we acquired the common stock of Waid Home Center, Inc. ( Waid ) for cash consideration of \$8.8 million (including certain adjustments). During 2007, we received \$1.2 million in cash related to the guarantee of acquired accounts receivable.

These acquisitions were accounted for by the purchase method, and accordingly the operating results are included in our consolidated financial statements from the acquisition date. Under this method, the purchase price was allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on estimated fair values at the acquisition date. The excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair value of the net assets acquired and liabilities assumed was recorded as goodwill. Pro forma results of operations are not presented as these acquisitions are not material. We did not have any acquisitions in 2009 or 2008.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following table sets forth the percentage relationship to sales of certain costs, expenses and income items for the years ended December 31:

|   | <b>2009</b> | <b>2008</b> | <b>2007</b> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sales   | 100.0%      | 100.0%      | 100.0%      |
| Cost of sales                                 | 79.0%       | 78.3%       | 75.3%       |
| Gross margin                                  | 21.0%       | 21.7%       | 24.7%       |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses  | 29.7%       | 28.2%       | 23.3%       |
| Asset impairments                             | 0.1%        | 4.8%        | %           |
| Facility closure costs                        | 0.1%        | 0.1%        | %           |
| (Loss) income from operations                 | (8.9)%      | (11.4)%     | 1.4%        |
| Interest expense, net                         | 4.0%        | 2.6%        | 1.9%        |
| Income tax benefit                            | (4.5)%      | (1.8)%      | (0.3)%      |
| Loss from continuing operations               | (8.4)%      | (12.2)%     | (0.2)%      |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax | (0.7)%      | (1.9)%      | (1.4)%      |
| Net loss                                      | (9.1)%      | (14.1)%     | (1.6)%      |

**2009 Compared with 2008**

Macroeconomic factors continued to decline sharply in 2009 as both housing starts and commodity lumber and lumber sheet goods prices were down year-over-year. Single-family housing starts in our markets decreased approximately 28.3% while market prices for lumber and lumber sheet goods were on average approximately 10.9% lower than 2008. Single-family houses under construction in our markets decreased approximately 37.7% from 2008.

*Sales.* Sales for the year ended December 31, 2009 were \$677.9 million, a 31.7% decrease from sales of \$992.0 million for 2008. The decline in our sales was primarily due to the decline in single family housing starts in our markets. During 2009, we further tightened our credit policies. As the housing industry continued to decline, it became even more important for us to extend credit prudently in order to avoid taking any unnecessary credit risks. This also contributed to our sales decline. Although these tighter credit standards reduce our growth potential, they also limit our exposure to large write-offs of uncollectible receivable balances in the future. Our installed product sales were down less than the overall decline in housing starts as we continued to expand into the multi-family and light commercial market. Additionally, we believe that we were able to slightly increase share with our Builder 100 customers.

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The following table shows sales classified by major product category (dollars in millions):

|                                    | 2009     |            | 2008     |            | % Change |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
|                                    | Sales    | % of Sales | Sales    | % of Sales |          |
| Prefabricated components           | \$ 129.8 | 19.1%      | \$ 194.2 | 19.6%      | (33.2)%  |
| Windows & doors                    | 164.0    | 24.2%      | 248.5    | 25.1%      | (34.0)%  |
| Lumber & lumber sheet goods        | 164.6    | 24.3%      | 238.7    | 24.1%      | (31.0)%  |
| Millwork                           | 72.8     | 10.7%      | 102.8    | 10.4%      | (29.2)%  |
| Other building products & services | 146.7    | 21.7%      | 207.8    | 20.8%      | (29.4)%  |
| Total sales                        | \$ 677.9 | 100.0%     | \$ 992.0 | 100.0%     | (31.7)%  |

We have felt the negative effect of decreased housing starts across all our product categories primarily due to volume declines. For the lumber & lumber sheet goods category, our unit volume accounted for 84% of our sales decline in this product category while our prices accounted for 16% of the decline. This equates to \$62.0 million and \$12.1 million in sales declines due to volume and price, respectively.

Our sales mix continued to shift toward other building products and services during the year. This category grew as a percentage of sales due to expansion of our installation services in the multi-family and light commercial market. We believe our installation business and our value-added products and services give us a competitive advantage helping us to attract new business during the down cycle.

*Gross Margin.* Gross margin decreased \$73.1 million to \$142.4 million. The gross margin percentage decreased from 21.7% in 2008 to 21.0% in 2009, a 0.7 percentage point decline. Our gross margin percentage decreased 0.6 percentage points due to volume (as a result of fixed costs within cost of goods sold) and 0.3 percentage points due to a shift in sales mix toward installed product sales, which carry a lower gross margin percentage. Our gross margin percentage increased by 0.2 percentage points due to price. We experienced margin compression across most product categories due to competition and lower sales volumes against fixed costs in our manufacturing facilities. If economic conditions continue to deteriorate, we could see further margin compression.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.* Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased \$78.6 million, or 28.1%. Average full-time equivalent employee headcount, excluding discontinued operations, decreased 33.0% compared to 2008, while our salaries and benefits, excluding stock compensation, decreased \$45.1 million, or 28.8%, compared to a 28.9% decline in sales volume. We will continue to consider in-market consolidations and facility closures based on specific market conditions. Additionally, delivery expenses decreased \$13.9 million, stock compensation expense decreased \$5.6 million, our office general and administrative expense decreased \$9.0 million, and occupancy expenses decreased \$3.7 million from 2008.

As a percent of sales, selling, general and administrative expenses increased from 28.2% in 2008 to 29.7% in 2009. Salaries and benefit expense as a percentage of sales increased 0.7%, occupancy by 0.5% due to the fixed nature of the category, and delivery costs by 0.4%. Stock compensation expense as a percentage of sales decreased 0.5%. We continue to monitor our operating cost structure closely and make adjustments as necessary.

*Asset Impairments.* Asset impairments was \$0.5 million in 2009 compared to \$46.9 million in 2008. In 2009, we recorded an asset impairment charge of \$0.5 million related to land we have held for sale. During 2008, the continued decline in the macroeconomic factors that drive our business and the unfavorable economic factors that existed caused us to revise our expectations and assess the recoverability of our long-lived assets. Based upon the results of our assessments, we determined the carrying amounts of certain assets exceeded their estimated fair values. We recorded goodwill impairment charges of \$39.9 million related to our Florida reporting unit and recorded other asset impairment charges of \$7.0 million, which consisted of \$4.4 million of other intangible assets, \$2.2 million of fixed assets and \$0.4 million related to land held for sale.

*Interest Expense, net.* Interest expense was \$27.0 million in 2009, an increase of \$1.4 million. The increase was primarily due to the write-off of \$1.2 million in debt issue costs related to the reduction of our revolving credit facility

from \$350 million to \$250 million in 2009 and \$1.6 million in expense recorded related to the settlement of one of our swaps. These increases were partially offset by lower average interest rates in 2009.



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*Income Tax (Benefit) Expense.* We recorded an income tax benefit of \$30.8 million during 2009 compared to a tax benefit of \$17.7 million during 2008. Our benefit was reduced by an after tax, non-cash valuation allowance of \$3.9 million and \$31.6 million related to our net deferred tax assets for 2009 and 2008, respectively. In 2009, we recognized a \$2.1 million income tax benefit in continuing operations related to losses generated by our discontinued operations due to recently enacted tax legislation that allowed for an extended carryback of net operating losses generated in 2009. Excluding the valuation allowance and the impact of this change in tax law for 2009, as well as the non-deductible portion of the goodwill impairment for 2008, our effective tax rate would have been 37.2 percent and 38.0 percent for 2009 and 2008, respectively.

**2008 Compared with 2007**

Macroeconomic factors continued to decline sharply in 2008 as both housing starts, and commodity lumber and lumber sheet goods prices, were down year-over-year. Housing starts in our markets decreased approximately 42.7%, while market prices for lumber and lumber sheet goods were on average approximately 8.4% lower than 2007.

*Sales.* Sales for the year ended December 31, 2008 were \$992.0 million, a 32.4% decrease from sales of \$1,468.4 million for 2007. The decline in our sales was primarily due to the decline in single family housing starts in our markets. We were able to mitigate some of the decline by expanding into the multi-family and light commercial market. Additionally, we were able to largely hold our share with our Builder 100 customers. Both of these items contributed to an approximate 10% market share growth in 2008. However, we were limited in growing our market share with custom builders due to our tight credit standards. Although these tight credit standards reduce our growth potential, they also limit our exposure to large write-offs in future quarters.

The following table shows sales classified by major product category (dollars in millions):

|                                    | 2008     |            | 2007       |            |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|
|                                    | Sales    | % of Sales | Sales      | % of Sales | % Change |
| Prefabricated components           | \$ 194.2 | 19.6%      | \$ 301.5   | 20.5%      | (35.6)%  |
| Windows & doors                    | 248.5    | 25.1%      | 347.8      | 23.7%      | (28.5)%  |
| Lumber & lumber sheet goods        | 238.7    | 24.1%      | 393.0      | 26.8%      | (39.3)%  |
| Millwork                           | 102.8    | 10.4%      | 145.0      | 9.9%       | (29.1)%  |
| Other building products & services | 207.8    | 20.8%      | 281.1      | 19.1%      | (26.1)%  |
| Total sales                        | \$ 992.0 | 100.0%     | \$ 1,468.4 | 100.0%     | (32.4)%  |

We have felt the negative effect of decreased housing starts across all our product categories primarily due to volume declines. For the lumber & lumber sheet goods category, our unit volume accounted for 81% of our sales decline in this product category while our prices accounted for 19% of the decline. This equates to \$125.0 million and \$29.3 million in sales declines due to volume and price, respectively.

Our sales mix continued to shift toward manufactured and value added products and away from lumber & lumber sheet goods, which have fewer barriers to entry and therefore is more competitive. Other building products and services has continued to increase as a percentage of total sales. This category grew as a percentage of sales due to expansion of our installation services in the multi-family and light commercial market. We believe our installation business and our value-added products and services give us a competitive advantage helping us to attract new business during the down cycle.

*Gross Margin.* Gross margin decreased \$147.6 million to \$215.5 million. The gross margin percentage decreased from 24.7% in 2007 to 21.7% in 2008, a 3.0 percentage point decline. Our gross margin percentage decreased by 1.9 percentage points due to price, 0.9 percentage points due to volume (as a result of fixed costs within cost of goods sold) and 0.2 percentage points due to a shift in sales mix toward installed product sales, which carry a lower gross margin percentage. We experienced margin compression across all product categories due to competition and lower sales volumes against fixed costs in our manufacturing facilities; however, gross margins started to stabilize as the year progressed.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.* Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased \$61.9 million, or 18.1%. Average full-time equivalent employee headcount decreased 22.3% compared to 2007, while our salaries and benefits, excluding stock compensation, decreased \$46.6 million, or 23.0%, compared to a 30.4% decline in sales volume. We will continue to consider in-market consolidations and facility closures based on specific market conditions. Additionally, our office general and administrative expense decreased \$10.9 million, which included a \$2.0 million decrease in professional services fees. As an offset to these declines, our stock compensation expense increased \$1.5 million, transaction costs associated with cancelled acquisitions increased \$1.7 million, and our bad debt expense increased \$1.3 million, as our customers were affected by the continued decline in housing starts

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and the limited availability of credit in the financial markets. We have responded to the increase in bad debt expense by continuing to tighten our credit standards, lowering credit limits, and in some cases requiring collateral.

As a percent of sales, selling, general and administrative expenses increased from 23.3% in 2007 to 28.2% in 2008. Salaries and benefit expense as a percentage of sales increased 1.9%, stock compensation expense increased 0.4%, occupancy by 0.8% due to the fixed nature of the category, and delivery costs by 1.3% due to higher fuel costs. We continue to monitor our operating cost structure closely and make adjustments as necessary.

*Asset Impairments.* Asset impairments was \$46.9 million in 2008 compared to \$0.4 million in 2007. During 2008, the continued decline in the macroeconomic factors that drive our business and the unfavorable economic factors that existed caused us to revise our expectations and assess the recoverability of our long-lived assets. Based upon the results of our assessments, we determined the carrying amounts of certain assets exceeded their estimated fair values. We recorded goodwill impairment charges of \$39.9 million related to our Florida reporting unit and recorded other asset impairment charges of \$7.0 million, which consisted of \$4.4 million of other intangible assets, \$2.2 million of fixed assets and \$0.4 million related to land held for sale. In 2007, we recorded an asset impairment charge of \$0.4 million related to land we have held for sale.

*Interest Expense, net.* Interest expense was \$25.6 million in 2008, a decrease of \$2.1 million. The decrease was due to a combination of lower debt balances in 2008 and lower interest rates. Additionally, we wrote off approximately \$1.6 million of unamortized deferred debt issuance costs related to the repayment of a term loan and cancellation of the \$110 million revolving credit facility and \$15 million pre-funded letter of credit facility in 2007. These decreases to interest expense were partially offset by decreased interest income primarily due to lower interest rates in 2008.

*Income Tax (Benefit) Expense.* We recognized an income tax benefit of \$17.7 million, or a 12.8% tax benefit rate, and \$4.3 million, or a 62.4% tax benefit rate, for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The income tax benefit rate in 2008 was affected by a non-cash valuation allowance on continuing operations of \$31.6 million recorded as a reserve against primarily all of our net deferred tax assets. Excluding the effect of the valuation allowance, the effective tax rate for 2008 was 35.6% compared to an effective tax rate of 62.4% for 2007. During the second quarter of 2007, tax legislation was enacted in one of our filing jurisdictions that increased the tax rate at which loss carryforwards can be utilized in the future. We increased the value of our deferred tax asset related to these loss carryforwards by approximately \$1.4 million based on the provisions outlined in the legislation. The adjustment was recorded as an increase to income tax benefit for the year ended December 31, 2007.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

Our primary capital requirements are to fund working capital needs and operating expenses, meet required interest and principal payments, fund capital expenditures and acquisitions, and pay dividends, if any, on our common stock. In the past, our capital resources have primarily consisted of cash flows from operations and borrowings under our credit facility. The homebuilding industry, and therefore our industry, has been in a severe and significant downturn for almost four years. We expect the housing industry to stabilize and potentially show a slight improvement in 2010. Beyond 2010, it is difficult for us to predict what will happen in our industry as a number of factors will be involved, including national economic conditions, employment levels, the availability of credit for homebuilders and potential home buyers, the level of foreclosures, existing home inventory, and interest rates. With the sustained downturn in macroeconomic conditions, our operations are no longer providing positive cash flows, and we are not expecting our cash flows from operations to be positive in the near term.

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Availability under our \$250 million senior secured revolving credit facility is determined by a borrowing base. The following table shows our borrowing base, excess availability, borrowing availability and fixed charge ratio as of December 31 (in millions):

|                                       | <b>2009</b> | <b>2008</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Accounts Receivable Availability      | \$ 42.3     | \$ 53.9     |
| Inventory Availability                | 18.7        | 30.0        |
| Equipment Availability                | 4.1         | 5.2         |
| Gross Availability                    | 65.1        | 89.1        |
| Plus:                                 |             |             |
| Qualified Cash                        | 15.7        | 12.9        |
| Less:                                 |             |             |
| Agent Reserves                        | (8.5)       | (10.4)      |
| Borrowing Base                        | 72.3        | 91.6        |
| Less:                                 |             |             |
| Outstanding Borrowings                | (20.0)      | (40.0)      |
| Letters of Credit                     | (17.3)      | (16.6)      |
| Excess Availability                   | \$ 35.0     | \$ 35.0     |
| Borrowing Availability                | \$ 0.0      | \$ 0.0      |
| Actual Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio    | -1.68x      | -1.96x      |
| Required Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio* | 1.00x       | 1.00x       |

\* Required to be met only if excess availability falls below \$35 million.

Our borrowing base consists of trade accounts receivable, inventory and fixed assets, which meet specific criteria contained within the credit agreement. Our net borrowing base availability at December 31, 2009 was \$19.3 million, excluding cash on deposit with the agent. Cash on deposit with the agent at December 31, 2009, was \$43.0 million, of which \$15.7 million was needed to meet the \$35 million excess availability requirement contained within the revolving senior secured credit agreement. Excess availability is the sum of borrowing base plus qualified cash, defined as cash on deposit with the agent subject to a control agreement, minus agent specified reserves, outstanding borrowings and letters of credit. This amount must equal or exceed \$35 million at the monthly reporting dates or we are required to meet a fixed charge coverage ratio of 1 to 1, which we currently would not meet.

In lieu of depositing cash with the agent, we could have repaid \$15.7 million of borrowings at December 31, 2009 to meet the excess availability requirement. Further declines in our borrowing base, if any, could compel us to either repay outstanding borrowings under the senior secured revolving credit facility or increase cash on deposit with the

agent. At December 31, 2009, we had \$68.4 million of unencumbered cash that can be used to either repay the \$37.3 million currently funded under the facility, which consists of \$20.0 million of outstanding borrowings and \$17.3 million of letters of credit, or support any shortfall in the net borrowing base availability. At December 31, 2009, we were not in violation of any covenants or restrictions imposed by any of our debt agreements.

Based upon current housing conditions, we expect to use \$60-70 million of cash over the next twelve months, excluding the \$65 million net proceeds from the rights offering and our \$33.8 million expected income tax refund, to fund cash operating losses, capital expenditures, and cash interest expense. We do not expect working capital or our credit facility to be a significant source of funds for the next twelve months. Our projected cash use is subject to change, and will be influenced by actual housing activity over the next twelve months as well as customer and supplier responses to our changing liquidity position. Since the beginning of the housing downturn, a primary focus has been on protecting our liquidity. We have implemented an action plan consisting of generating new business, reducing physical capacity, adjusting staffing levels, implementing cost containment programs, managing credit tightly, and most importantly, conserving cash. Although we felt the impact of the difficult conditions, we were able to limit their effect through this action plan. We will continue to execute this strategy in 2010.

*Rights Offering and Debt Exchange*

On September 1, 2009, we announced that we had received a proposal from our two largest stockholders, JLL Partners Inc. and Warburg Pincus for a common stock rights offering and debt exchange. Our Board of Directors formed a special committee of

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independent directors to review and respond to this proposal. Following negotiations among JLL, Warburg Pincus and the special committee, on October 23, 2009, we announced a revised proposal from JLL and Warburg Pincus providing for a \$205 million common stock rights offering and debt exchange for our Second Priority Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes due 2012. These transactions closed in January 2010. We raised \$180.1 million of new equity capital through the issuance of 51,459,184 shares of common stock in the rights offering at a subscription price of \$3.50 per share. We will use \$75 million of the proceeds from the rights offering for general corporate purposes and to pay the expenses of the rights offering and the debt exchange. The remaining \$105.1 million of proceeds was used to repurchase a portion of the 2012 notes in the debt exchange.

In the debt exchange, holders of the 2012 notes exchanged, at par, \$269.8 million aggregate principal amount of 2012 notes for (i) \$139.7 million aggregate principal amount of new notes that will mature in 2016, (ii) \$105.1 million in cash and (iii) 7,112,244 shares of our common stock. As a result of the debt exchange, we reduced our indebtedness by \$130.0 million and extended the maturity of \$139.7 million of indebtedness until 2016.

Upon closing of the rights offering and debt exchange, our funded debt was \$165.0 million, which consisted of \$20.0 million of outstanding borrowings under our senior secured revolving credit facility, \$139.7 million of 2016 notes, and \$5.3 million of our remaining 2012 notes.

Our continued strategy is aimed at protecting our liquidity. Combining our \$68.4 million in available cash at December 31, 2009 with our approximately \$65 million of net proceeds received from the rights offering completed in January 2010 and \$33.8 million in expected income tax refunds in 2010, we believe we will have sufficient capital to meet our anticipated short-term needs, including capital expenditures and debt obligations for 2010. Should housing conditions continue to deteriorate or other assumptions prove to be incorrect, our action plans will expand to include further facility closures, attempts to renegotiate leases, increased headcount reductions and the potential divestiture of non-core businesses.

***Consolidated Cash Flows***

Cash used in operating activities decreased \$26.1 million in 2009 compared to 2008. In 2009, we received a federal income tax refund of approximately \$31.8 million related to the carryback of losses generated in 2008. In 2008, we received federal income tax refunds of \$14.0 million. Excluding these federal income tax refunds, our cash used in operations for 2009 actually decreased \$8.4 million. This decrease in cash used for operations was primarily due to changes in working capital. We continue to aggressively manage working capital. We have seen a decrease in the number of days outstanding for our accounts receivable as we were successful in collecting older accounts and reducing our overall delinquency rate. We also experienced an increase in our inventory turns. Our average accounts payable days have decreased slightly, although we continue to work with our vendors to extend our payment terms. Our major suppliers continue to work with us on extending payment terms, and in general, are very supportive of the company and our liquidity needs. We maintain good relationships with our major suppliers and pay them in accordance with the agreed upon terms. We expect to face similar asset management challenges in 2010, but we will continue to aggressively manage working capital. We do not expect the monetization of working capital to be a significant source of cash in 2010.

Cash used in operating activities in 2008 was \$28.9 million compared to cash provided by operating activities in 2007 of \$71.5 million. The decline was essentially due to an increase in operating loss primarily as a result of the decrease in our sales and profitability. This decrease in operating cash provided by operating activities was also affected by changes in working capital. Although we continued to aggressively manage working capital, we saw an increase in the number of days outstanding for our accounts receivable. This increase was directly related to the downturn in the homebuilding industry and the limited access to credit for our homebuilding customers. Our inventory turns decreased due to rapidly declining housing starts and increased difficulty matching our order quantities to obtain the best price with the much lower sales volumes in 2008. Our accounts payable days increased slightly as we continued to work with our vendors to extend our payment terms.

Cash used for investing activities decreased \$2.2 million in 2009 compared to 2008. The decrease was primarily due to a \$6.1 million decrease in capital expenditures as we strive to conserve capital in the current operating environment. Partially offsetting our decreased capital expenditures is a decrease of \$3.2 million of proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment primarily due to the sale of real estate from closed facilities in 2008.

Cash used for investing activities decreased \$24.0 million in 2008 compared to 2007. The decrease was partially due to a \$1.9 million decrease in capital expenditures to a maintenance level to conserve capital. Additionally, we had an increase of \$3.2 million of proceeds from the sale of real estate from closed facilities and excess equipment as we reduced our fleet in response to the decline in

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demand. We also used \$18.3 million in cash to purchase a supplier of multi-family and light commercial manufactured structural components and a distribution facility in 2007 and made no acquisitions in 2008.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$19.9 million in 2009 compared to net cash provided by financing activities of \$40.5 million in 2008. The primary use of cash in 2009 was \$20.0 million of payments under our revolving credit facility. The primary source of funds in 2008 was \$40.0 million in net borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$40.5 million in 2008 compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$40.9 million in 2007. The primary source of funds in 2008 was \$40.0 million in net borrowings under our revolving credit facility. The primary uses of cash in 2007 were the permanent retirement of the remaining balance of the term loan and payment of deferred loan costs related to the \$350 million revolving credit facility.

***Capital Resources***

In December 2007, we entered into a \$350 million revolving credit facility (the Facility) with a consortium of banks led by Wachovia Bank, N.A. Also participating in the facility are UBS Securities LLC and General Electric Capital Corporation. The Facility provides for a \$350 million revolving credit line which is available for working capital and general corporate purposes. The available borrowing capacity, or borrowing base, is derived primarily from a percentage of the Company's eligible accounts receivable and inventory, as defined by the agreement. The Facility is scheduled to mature five years from the date of execution. During the first quarter of 2009, we reduced our borrowing capacity under the Facility from \$350 million to \$250 million as allowed by the revolving credit facility agreement. Our available borrowing capacity at December 31, 2009 would not have been affected by this reduction as eligible accounts receivable and inventory balances, which are used to calculate the available borrowing capacity, would not have supported borrowings of \$250 million. We do not anticipate that our borrowing base will support borrowings in excess of \$250 million at any point during the remaining life of the credit facility. This reduction allowed us to reduce our interest expense related to commitment fees. In the first quarter of 2009, we expensed \$1.2 million in unamortized debt issuance costs related to the reduction in the Facility.

Interest rates under the Facility are based on a base rate plus an applicable margin. The base rate is the larger of the rate determined by the administrative agent (typically their prime rate) or the Federal Funds Rate plus one-half percent, as each term is defined by the agreement. A variable commitment fee, currently 0.425%, is charged on the unused amount of the revolver and is based on our most recent previous quarterly average excess availability. We had \$20.0 million in outstanding borrowings under the Facility at December 31, 2009. The weighted average interest rate on the borrowings outstanding under the Facility was 3.75% at December 31, 2009.

Loans are collateralized by substantially all of our assets, primarily accounts receivable and inventory, and are guaranteed by us and certain of our subsidiaries. The Facility has certain restrictive covenants, which, among other things, relate to the payment of dividends, incurrence of indebtedness, and asset sales. We were not in violation of any of these covenants as of December 31, 2009. The Facility also has a fixed charge coverage ratio of 1:1 that is triggered if our available borrowing capacity, as determined under the borrowing base formula, is less than \$35 million. At December 31, 2009, our net available borrowing capacity in excess of the \$35 million minimum liquidity covenant was zero. Approximately \$15.7 million of cash on hand at year-end supported a short-fall in the calculation of the \$35 million minimum liquidity covenant. The covenant calculates as eligible borrowing base less outstanding borrowings. The calculation also allows cash on deposit with the agent to be included as eligible borrowing base. At December 31, 2009, we had cash on deposit with the agent to support the shortfall in the available borrowing capacity; therefore, the minimum liquidity covenant was not triggered. If the \$35 million minimum liquidity covenant would have been triggered, we would not have been able to meet the fixed charge coverage ratio in 2009. Based on our 2010 forecast, we will not meet the fixed charge coverage ratio, but we anticipate that we will not fall below the \$35 million minimum liquidity covenant in 2010; therefore, we will not trigger the fixed charge coverage ratio requirement.

As of December 31, 2009, we had \$275.0 million in aggregate principal amount of floating rate notes outstanding which are due in 2012. Interest accrues on the floating rate notes at a rate of LIBOR plus 4.25% and is payable quarterly in arrears. The LIBOR rate is reset at the beginning of each quarterly period. At any time, we can redeem some or all of the notes at par. In the event of a change in control (as defined in the indenture), we may be required to offer to purchase the notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The



notes are registered under the Securities Act.

Prior to the closing of the rights offering and debt exchange in January 2010, the floating rate notes were jointly and severally guaranteed by all of our subsidiaries and collateralized by (1) a pledge of the common stock of certain of our subsidiaries and (2) a

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security interest in substantially all tangible and intangible property and proceeds thereof now owned or hereafter acquired by us and substantially all our subsidiaries. All of the subsidiaries are wholly-owned and domiciled in the United States. The parent company has no independent assets or operations, and the guarantees were full and unconditional. The indenture governing the floating rate notes contained covenants that limited our ability and the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to, among other things: incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends or make other distributions, incur liens, enter into certain types of transactions with affiliates, encounter a change of control, create restrictions on the payment of dividends or other amounts to us by our restricted subsidiaries and sell all or substantially all of our assets or merge with or into other companies. In conjunction with the rights offering and debt exchange, we amended the indenture under which the 2012 notes were issued to eliminate substantially all of the restrictive covenants, certain conditions to defeasance, and certain events of default and to release the liens on the collateral securing the 2012 notes. As a result of the debt exchange, holders of the 2012 notes exchanged \$269.8 million aggregate principal amount of 2012 notes for (i) \$139.7 million aggregate principal amount of new notes, (ii) \$105.1 million in cash, and (iii) 7,112,244 shares of our common stock.

The \$139.7 million in aggregate principal amount of new second priority senior secured floating rate notes mature on February 15, 2016. Interest accrues on the floating rate notes at a rate of 3-month LIBOR (subject to a 3.0% floor) plus 10.0%. LIBOR is reset at the beginning of each quarterly period. Interest on the floating rate notes is payable quarterly in arrears. At any time we can redeem some or all of the notes at a redemption price equal to par plus a specified premium that declines ratably to par. In the event of a change in control, we may be required to offer to purchase the notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The resale of the notes is registered under the Securities Act.

The notes are jointly and severally guaranteed by all of the company's subsidiaries and collateralized by a pledge of common stock of certain of our subsidiaries and by a second priority lien on substantially all tangible and intangible property and interests in property and proceeds thereof now owned or hereafter acquired by us and substantially all of our subsidiaries. All of the subsidiaries are wholly-owned and domiciled in the United States. The parent company has no independent assets or operations, and the guarantees are full and unconditional. The indenture covering the notes contains certain restrictive covenants, which, among other things, relate to the payment of dividends, incurrence of indebtedness, repurchase of common stock or other distributions, asset sales and investments.

In 2005, we entered into two interest rate swap agreements in order to obtain a fixed rate with respect to \$200.0 million of our outstanding floating rate debt and thereby reduce our exposure to interest rate volatility. The interest rate swaps qualified as fully effective, cash-flow hedging instruments. Therefore, all changes in fair value of the qualifying cash flow hedges were reported in other comprehensive (loss) income and reclassified into earnings in the same period in which the hedge transactions affect earnings. In January 2008, we cancelled one of the two interest rate swap agreements. The settlement fees related to the cancellation of this interest rate swap agreement were minimal. The second swap agreement matured on May 15, 2008.

In the first quarter of 2008, we entered into three new interest rate swap agreements with notional amounts of \$100.0 million, \$50.0 million, and \$50.0 million, respectively. The swap agreements are three-year swaps that fix \$200.0 million of our outstanding floating rate notes at a weighted average interest rate of 7.41%, including an applicable margin. We are paying a fixed rate at 3.25%, 3.17% and 2.99%, respectively, on the swaps and receive a variable rate at 90 day LIBOR. The swaps were effective on May 15, 2008.

The interest rate swaps qualified as fully effective, cash-flow hedging instruments. Therefore, all changes in fair value of the qualifying cash flow hedges were reported in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income and reclassified into earnings in the same period in which the hedge transactions affected earnings. At December 31, 2009, the fair value of the interest rate swaps was a liability of \$5.3 million. The weighted-average interest rate at December 31, 2009 for the floating rate notes was 6.13%, including the effect of the interest rate swaps.

In December 2009, certain conditions of the proposed recapitalization plan were met which indicated that the transaction was considered probable of occurring. The recapitalization plan, as discussed in Note 20 to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8 of this annual report on Form 10-K, would reduce our outstanding floating rate notes to \$145.0 million causing a portion of the future cash flows being hedged by our \$200 million swaps to be deemed probable of not occurring. As a result, in December 2009 we cancelled and settled

our \$50 million swap with a fixed rate of 2.99% for \$1.7 million. Primarily all of this payment was expensed and is included as a component of interest expense, net in the consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2009. We also dedesignated the remaining \$150 million of our swaps. Amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income for \$5.0 million of the remaining swaps was reclassified to expense in 2009 as the cash flows being hedged were considered probable of not occurring. Amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income at December 31, 2009 related to the remaining \$145.0 million of swaps was frozen and will be amortized over the remaining terms of the swaps. Any subsequent changes in the fair value of these swaps will be recognized in interest expense, net, in the consolidated statement of operations.

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Long-term debt consisted of the following as of December 31:

|  | <b>2009</b>           | <b>2008</b> |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|
|  | <b>(In thousands)</b> |             |
| Revolving credit facility                        | \$ 20,000             | \$ 40,000   |
| Floating rate notes                              | 275,000               | 275,000     |
| Other long-term debt*                            | 4,183                 | 4,226       |
|  | 299,183               | 319,226     |
| Less: current portion of long-term debt          | 48                    | 44          |
| Total long-term debt, net of current maturities* | \$ 299,135            | \$ 319,182  |

\* We completed construction on a new multi-purpose facility during 2006. Other long-term debt represents an unfunded lease obligation for this facility. For accounting purposes, we are deemed the owner. As a result, the building and the offsetting long-term lease obligation are included on the consolidated balance sheet as a component of fixed assets and other debt, respectively. The building is being depreciated over its useful life, and the lease obligation is being amortized such that there

will be no gain  
or loss recorded  
if the lease is  
not extended at  
the end of the  
term.

### **Capital Expenditures**

Capital expenditures vary depending on prevailing business factors, including current and anticipated market conditions. Historically, capital expenditures have for the most part remained at relatively low levels in comparison to the operating cash flows generated during the corresponding periods. In response to the continued decline in market conditions in 2009, we limited our capital expenditures to \$2.1 million in our efforts to conserve capital. We expect our 2010 capital expenditures to be approximately \$5 to \$10 million which will primarily be related to currently utilized assets needed to support our operations in anticipation of a slight improvement in housing starts.

### **DISCLOSURES OF CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND COMMERCIAL COMMITMENTS**

The following summarizes the contractual obligations of the company as of December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

| <b>Contractual obligations</b>            | <b>Total</b>      | <b>Payments Due by Period</b> |                   |                  |                 |                          |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|   |                   | <b>Less than 1<br/>year</b>   | <b>1-3 years</b>  | <b>4 years</b>   | <b>5 years</b>  | <b>After 5<br/>years</b> |
| Long-term debt                            | \$ 299,183        | \$ 48                         | \$ 295,173        | \$ 69            | \$ 76           | \$ 3,817                 |
| Interest on long-term debt(1)             | 42,272            | 19,226                        | 20,641            | 363              | 357             | 1,685                    |
| Operating leases                          | 110,565           | 27,259                        | 47,550            | 10,899           | 8,268           | 16,589                   |
| Uncertain tax positions(2)                |                   |                               |                   |                  |                 |                          |
| <b>Total contractual cash obligations</b> | <b>\$ 452,020</b> | <b>\$ 46,533</b>              | <b>\$ 363,364</b> | <b>\$ 11,331</b> | <b>\$ 8,701</b> | <b>\$ 22,091</b>         |

(1) Interest based on LIBOR rate of 0.25% and Prime rate of 3.25% at February 19, 2010. Interest on long-term debt reflects interest rate swap agreements effective through May 2011. Actual interest may differ from the amounts presented above based on LIBOR fluctuations.

- (2) We have \$2.4 million of uncertain tax positions recorded in long-term liabilities or as a reduction to operating loss carryforwards. We also have \$0.3 million in interest and penalties accrued related to these uncertain tax positions. It is not reasonably possible to predict at this time when (or if) any of these amounts will be settled.

The amounts reflected in the table above for operating leases represent future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable operating leases with an initial or remaining term in excess of one year at December 31, 2009. Purchase orders entered into in the ordinary course of business are excluded from the above table because they are payable within one year. Amounts for which we are liable under purchase orders are reflected on our consolidated balance sheet as accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

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The following summarizes the revised contractual obligations for our long-term debt and related interest taking into consideration the closing of our rights offering and debt exchange in January 2010 using the same assumptions as noted in footnote (1) above (in thousands):

| <b>Contractual obligations</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Payments Due by Period</b> |                  |                |                |                      |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
|                                |              | <b>Less than 1 year</b>       | <b>1-3 years</b> | <b>4 years</b> | <b>5 years</b> | <b>After 5 years</b> |
| Long-term debt                 | \$ 169,150   | \$ 48                         | \$ 25,422        | \$ 69          | \$ 76          | \$ 143,535           |
| Interest on long-term debt     | 127,227      | 24,991                        | 61,233           | 18,527         | 18,520         | 3,956                |

**OTHER CASH OBLIGATIONS NOT REFLECTED IN THE BALANCE SHEET**

In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, commonly referred to as GAAP, our operating leases are not recorded in our balance sheet. In addition to the lease obligations included in the above table, we have residual value guarantees on certain equipment leases. Under these leases we have the option of (1) purchasing the equipment at the end of the lease term, (2) arranging for the sale of the equipment to a third party, or (3) returning the equipment to the lessor to sell the equipment. If the sales proceeds in either case are less than the residual value, then we are required to reimburse the lessor for the deficiency up to a specified level as stated in each lease agreement. The guarantees under these leases for the residual values of equipment at the end of the respective operating lease periods approximated \$5.2 million as of December 31, 2009.

Based upon the expectation that none of these leased assets will have a residual value at the end of the lease term that is materially less than the value specified in the related operating lease agreement or that we will purchase the equipment at the end of the lease term, we do not believe it is probable that we will be required to fund any amounts under the terms of these guarantee arrangements. Accordingly, no accruals have been recognized for these guarantees.

**CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

Critical accounting policies are those that both are important to the accurate portrayal of a company's financial condition and results, and require subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain.

In order to prepare financial statements that conform to GAAP, we make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in our financial statements and accompanying notes. Certain estimates are particularly sensitive due to their significance to the financial statements and the possibility that future events may be significantly different from our expectations.

We have identified the following accounting policies that require us to make the most subjective or complex judgments in order to fairly present our consolidated financial position and results of operations.

*Vendor Rebates.* Many of our arrangements with our vendors provide for us to receive a rebate of a specified amount payable to us when we achieve any of a number of measures, generally related to the volume of purchases from our vendors. We account for these rebates as a reduction of the prices of the vendor's products, which reduces inventory until we sell the product, at which time these rebates reduce cost of sales. Throughout the year, we estimate the amount of rebates based upon our historical level of purchases. We continually revise these estimates to reflect actual purchase levels.

If market conditions were to change, vendors may change the terms of some or all of these programs. Although these changes would not affect the amounts which we have recorded related to product already purchased, it may impact our gross margins on products we sell or sales earned in future periods.

*Allowance for Doubtful Accounts and Related Reserves.* We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses due to the failure of our customers to make required payments. We perform periodic credit evaluations of our customers and typically do not require collateral. However, as industry conditions have continued to decline, we have, in some cases, required customers to collateralize their debt to us. Consistent with industry practices, we generally require payment from most customers within 30 days. As our business is seasonal in certain regions, our customers' businesses are also seasonal. Sales are lowest in the winter months, and our past due accounts receivable balance as a percentage of total receivables generally increases during this time. Throughout the year, we record estimated reserves based upon our historical write-offs of uncollectible accounts, taking into consideration

certain factors, such as aging statistics and trends, customer payment history, independent credit reports, and discussions with customers.



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Periodically, we perform a specific analysis of all accounts past due and write off account balances when we have exhausted reasonable collection efforts and determined that the likelihood of collection is remote. We charge these write-offs against our allowance for doubtful accounts. Due to the continued decline in the macroeconomic factors that affected our customers' business, we have experienced higher than normal past due account balances and as a result have increased our allowance for doubtful accounts as a percentage of trade accounts receivable. We anticipate that until the macroeconomic factors that affect our customers' businesses stabilize and improve, we may continue to see an increase in our allowance for doubtful accounts. In response to these conditions, we have tightened our credit standards, lowered credit limits to some of our customers, and in some cases discontinued allowing credit or required collateral to support outstanding receivable balances.

*Impairment of Long-Lived Assets.* Long-lived assets, including property and equipment, are reviewed for possible impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. The carrying amount of a long-lived asset group is not recoverable if it exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset group. Our long-lived assets and liabilities are grouped at the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows are largely independent of the cash flows of other groups of assets and liabilities. Our asset groups consist of geographical markets, which are one level below our reporting units. Our judgment regarding the existence of impairment indicators is based on market and operational performance. Determining whether impairment has occurred typically requires various estimates and assumptions, including determining which cash flows are directly related to the potentially impaired asset, the useful life over which cash flows will occur, their amount, and the asset's residual value, if any. In turn, measurement of an impairment loss requires a determination of fair value, which is based on the best information available.

We use internal cash flow estimates, quoted market prices when available and independent appraisals, as appropriate, to determine fair value. We derive the required cash flow estimates from our historical experience and our internal business plans and apply an appropriate discount rate. These cash flow estimates are over the remaining useful lives of the assets within each market. Forecasted housing starts for each market are used to estimate future revenue. Historical trends are then used to project gross margins and operating expenses based upon various revenue levels. If these projected cash flows are less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognized based on the fair value of the asset group. Due to the uncertainties associated with these projections, actual results could differ from projected results, and further impairment of long-lived assets could be recorded. Future non-cash impairment of long-lived assets would have the effect of decreasing our earnings or increasing our losses in such period, but would not impact our current outstanding debt obligations or compliance with covenants contained in the related debt agreements.

In 2009, we recorded an asset impairment charge of \$0.5 million related to land we have held for sale. In 2008, we recorded a \$2.2 million charge related to leasehold improvements, a \$4.4 million charge related to customer relationship intangibles and a \$0.4 million charge related to land we have held for sale. We also recorded a \$0.4 million charge related to this land in 2007.

*Goodwill.* Goodwill represents the excess of the amount we paid to acquire businesses over the estimated fair value of tangible assets and identifiable intangible assets acquired, less liabilities assumed. At December 31, 2009, our goodwill balance was \$111.2 million, representing 25.6% of our total assets.

We test goodwill for impairment in the fourth quarter of each year or at any other time when impairment indicators exist by comparing the estimated implied value of a reporting unit's goodwill to its book value. Examples of such indicators that could cause us to test goodwill for impairment between annual tests include a significant change in the business climate, unexpected competition, significant deterioration in market share or a loss of key personnel. Our industry has been in a significant and severe downturn for almost four years. In this environment, we have closely monitored the trends in economic factors and their effects on operating results to determine if an impairment trigger was present that would warrant a reassessment of the recoverability of the carrying amount of goodwill prior to the required annual impairment test and performed interim impairment tests when warranted. The macroeconomic factors that affect our industry, primarily the continued decline in housing starts, have caused us to re-evaluate our expectations for a number of our reporting units. Housing starts are a significant sales driver for us. If there is a significant decline or an expected decline in housing starts, this could adversely affect our expectations for a reporting

unit and the value of that reporting unit. For our 2008 annual impairment test, we believe that the decline in market capitalization caused by the overall decline in the stock market was a contributing factor, but not the overriding factor in determining the need to recognize additional impairment. The overriding factor was the continued decline in the macroeconomic conditions that affect our industry, specifically housing starts in our markets which were down 42.7% from 2007 and 45.7% in the fourth quarter of 2008 compared to the fourth quarter of 2007. We recognized goodwill impairments of \$39.9 million which were included in asset impairments in our consolidated statements of operations. We did not have any goodwill impairments in continuing operations in 2009 or 2007.

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The process of evaluating goodwill for impairment involves the determination of fair value of our reporting units. Our reporting units: Atlantic, Raleigh, Southeast, Florida, Dallas and South Texas represent financially discrete, self-sustaining components of our three regional operating segments. We evaluate goodwill for impairment using a two-step process. The first step is to identify potential impairment by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit to the book value, including goodwill. If the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds the book value, goodwill is not impaired. If the book value exceeds the fair value, the second step of the process is performed to measure the amount of impairment. In step two, the estimated fair value of the reporting unit is allocated to all other assets and liabilities of that reporting unit based on their respective fair values. The excess of the fair value of the reporting unit over the amount allocated to its assets and liabilities is the implied fair value of goodwill. Goodwill impairment is measured as the excess of the carrying value over its implied fair value. The fair value of a reporting unit is estimated based upon the projected discounted cash flow expected to be generated from the reporting unit using a discounted cash flow methodology. Where available and appropriate, comparative market multiples are used to corroborate the results of the discounted cash flow.

We developed a range of fair values for our reporting units using a five-year discounted cash flow methodology. Inherent in such fair value determinations are estimates relating to future cash flows, including revenue growth, gross margins, operating expenses and long-term growth rates, and our interpretation of current economic indicators and market conditions and their impact on our strategic plans and operations. Due to the uncertainties associated with such estimates, interpretations and assumptions, actual results could differ from projected results, and further impairment of goodwill could be recorded. Future non-cash impairment of goodwill would have the effect of decreasing our earnings or increasing our losses in such period, but would not impact our current outstanding debt obligations or compliance with covenants contained in the related debt agreements.

Significant information and assumptions utilized in estimating future cash flows for our reporting units includes publicly available industry information on projected single-family housing starts and lumber commodity prices which are used to project revenue. Projected gross margins and operating expenses reflect the impact of recent headcount reductions and other cost reduction initiatives and are flexed in future years based upon historical trends at various revenue levels. Long-term growth was based upon terminal value earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) multiples of 5.5x for all reporting units to reflect the relevant expected acquisition price. A discount rate of 12.8% was used for all reporting units and is intended to reflect the weighted average cost of capital for a potential market participant and includes all risks of ownership and the associated risks of realizing the stream of projected future cash flows. Decreasing the long-term growth to an EBITDA multiple of 4.5x, or increasing the discount rate by 1.0% to 13.8%, would not have changed the results of our impairment testing.

At December 31, 2009, the excess (or cushion) of the implied fair value of goodwill over the carrying value of goodwill for each of our five reporting units which have remaining goodwill balances ranged from \$21.0 million to \$157.6 million. The cushion for two of our reporting units at December 31, 2009, was \$21.0 million and \$27.5 million. Moderate deviations from projected cash flows for these reporting units could result in future goodwill impairment. These reporting units had goodwill balances of \$11.0 million and \$3.3 million at December 31, 2009. Factors that could negatively impact estimated future cash flows and trigger additional impairment include, but are not limited to, unexpected competition, lower than expected housing starts, an increase in our weighted average cost of capital and significant changes in material or labor cost. Future non-cash impairment of goodwill would have the effect of decreasing our earnings or increasing our losses in such period, but would not impact our current outstanding debt obligations or compliance with covenants contained in the related debt agreements. At December 31, 2009, we reconciled to within a reasonable range, the estimated fair value of the Company as determined by the sum of the discounted cash flows of our reporting units to our market capitalization, using an estimated control premium of 30%.

*Deferred Income Taxes.* We assess whether it is more likely than not that some or all of our deferred tax assets will not be realized. We consider the reversal of existing deferred tax liabilities, future taxable income, and tax planning strategies in our assessment. We have certain state income tax carryforwards where we believe it is unlikely that we will realize the benefits associated with these tax carryforwards and have established a valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets. Changes in our estimates of future taxable income and tax planning strategies will affect our estimate of the realization of the tax benefits of these tax carryforwards. Additionally, in light of the continued

downturn in the housing market and the uncertainty as to its length and magnitude, and due to the additional asset impairments recorded during 2008, we were in a three-year cumulative loss position. Cumulative losses in recent years represent significant negative evidence in considering whether deferred tax assets are realizable, and also generally preclude relying on projections of future taxable income to support the recovery of deferred tax assets. Therefore, during 2008, we recorded a valuation allowance totaling \$41.2 million against primarily all of our net deferred tax assets, of which \$31.6 million related to our continuing operations, \$3.0 million related to other comprehensive (loss) income and \$6.6 million related to our discontinued operations. During 2009, we recorded an additional valuation allowance of approximately \$3.9 million related to our continuing operations. We reduced the valuation allowance related to other comprehensive (loss) income and discontinued operations by approximately \$1.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively. Further declines in housing activity could cause us to establish additional

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valuation allowances. To the extent we generate sufficient taxable income in the future to fully utilize the tax benefits of the related net deferred tax assets, we may reverse some or all of the valuation allowances.

*Insurance Deductible Reserve.* We have large deductibles for general liability, auto liability and workers compensation insurance. The expected liability for unpaid claims falling within our deductible, including incurred but not reported losses, is determined using the assistance of a third-party actuary. This amount is reflected on our balance sheet as an accrued liability. Our accounting policy includes an internal evaluation and adjustment of our reserve for all insurance-related liabilities on a quarterly basis. At least on an annual basis, we engage an external actuarial professional to independently assess and estimate the total liability outstanding, which is compared to the actual reserve balance at that time and adjusted accordingly.

*Stock-Based Compensation.* Calculating stock-based compensation expense requires the input of subjective assumptions. We determine the fair value of each option grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with assumptions based primarily on historical data. Specific inputs to the model include: the expected life of the stock-based awards, stock price volatility, dividend yield and risk-free rate.

The expected life represents the period of time the options are expected to be outstanding. We consider the contractual term, the vesting period and the expected lives used by a peer group with similar option terms in determining the expected life assumption. We supplement our own historical volatility with the volatility of a peer group over a recent historical period equal to the expected life of the option. The expected dividend yield is based on our history of not paying regular dividends in the past and our current intention to not pay regular dividends in the foreseeable future. The risk-free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant and has a term equal to the expected life of the options. We record expense for the unvested portion of grants over the requisite service (i.e., vesting) periods.

**RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued guidance under the *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ( Codification ), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. We adopted these provisions on January 1, 2008, as required for our financial assets and financial liabilities. However, the FASB deferred the effective date of certain provisions for one year as it relates to fair value measurement requirements for non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities that are not recognized or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis. We adopted these remaining provisions on January 1, 2009. The adoption of these provisions did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements (See Note 9).

In December 2007, the FASB issued guidance under the *Business Combinations* topic of the Codification which addresses the recognition and accounting for identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed and non-controlling interests in business combinations. This guidance also establishes expanded disclosure requirements for business combinations. This guidance was effective for us on January 1, 2009 and we will apply these provisions prospectively to all business combinations subsequent to the effective date.

In March 2008, the FASB issued guidance under the *Derivatives and Hedging* topic of the Codification which requires entities that use derivative instruments to provide qualitative disclosures about their objectives and strategies for using such instruments, as well as any details of credit-risk-related contingent features contained within derivatives. This guidance also requires entities to disclose additional information about the amounts and location of derivatives located within the financial statements, how the provisions have been applied and the impact that hedges have on an entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. We adopted these provisions effective January 1, 2009. See Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements for our disclosures about derivative instruments and hedging activities.

In June 2008, the FASB issued guidance under the *Earnings per Share* topic of the Codification requiring that unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents be considered participating securities and be included in the computation of basic earnings per share ( EPS ) using the two-class method. This guidance, which we adopted January 1, 2009, requires retrospective application. The application of this guidance did not have a material impact on the computation of our EPS as discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements.

In April 2009, the FASB issued guidance under the *Financial Instruments* topic of the Codification which requires fair value disclosures in both interim as well as annual financial statements in order to provide more timely information about the effects of current market conditions on financial instruments. This guidance was effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. We adopted these provisions during the second quarter and it resulted in additional disclosures (See Note 9).

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In June 2009, the FASB issued guidance under the *Subsequent Events* topic of the Codification which requires entities to disclose the date through which they have evaluated subsequent events and whether the date corresponds with the release of their financial statements. This guidance was effective for all interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. In February 2010, the FASB issued updated guidance which stated that SEC filers must still evaluate subsequent events through the issuance date of their financial statements, however, they are not required to disclose that date in their financial statements. The adoption of these provisions did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2009, the FASB announced that the Codification was the new source of authoritative U.S. GAAP recognized by the FASB for nongovernmental entities. On the effective date of this guidance, the Codification superseded all existing non-SEC accounting and reporting standards. This guidance became effective for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. The adoption of these provisions during 2009 did not have an impact on our financial position or results of operations.

**Item 7A. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk***

We experience changes in interest expense when market interest rates change. Changes in our debt could also increase these risks. We utilize interest rate swap contracts to fix interest rates on a portion of our outstanding long-term debt balances. Based on debt outstanding and interest rate swap contracts in place at December 31, 2009, a 1.0% increase in interest rates would result in approximately \$1.5 million of additional interest expense annually.

We purchase certain materials, including lumber products, which are then sold to customers as well as used as direct production inputs for our manufactured products that we deliver. Short-term changes in the cost of these materials and the related in-bound freight costs, some of which are subject to significant fluctuations, are sometimes, but not always, passed on to our customers. Our delayed ability to pass on material price increases to our customers can adversely effect our operating income.

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**Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data***

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of Builders FirstSource, Inc.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Builders FirstSource, Inc. and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting appearing under Item 9A. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As discussed in Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed the manner in which it accounts for uncertain tax positions in 2007.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Dallas, Texas

March 4, 2010

Table of Contents**BUILDERS FIRSTSOURCE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

|  | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b>                 |              |              |
|--|---|--------------|--------------|
|  | <b>2009</b>                                     | <b>2008</b>  | <b>2007</b>  |
|  | <b>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</b> |              |              |
| Sales  | \$ 677,886                                      | \$ 992,014   | \$ 1,468,428 |
| Cost of sales  | 535,480   | 776,473      | 1,105,267    |
| Gross margin   | 142,406   | 215,541      | 363,161      |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses   | 201,403   | 280,010      | 341,941      |
| Asset impairments  | 470   | 46,948       | 350          |
| Facility closure costs   | 1,200   | 1,192        | 101          |
| (Loss) income from operations  | (60,667)  | (112,609)    | 20,769       |
| Interest expense, net  | 27,045  | 25,644       | 27,707       |
| Loss from continuing operations before income taxes  | (87,712)  | (138,253)    | (6,938)      |
| Income tax benefit   | (30,823)  | (17,670)     | (4,331)      |
| Loss from continuing operations  | (56,889)  | (120,583)    | (2,607)      |
| Loss from discontinued operations (net of income tax benefit of \$0, \$1,200, and \$12,519 in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively) | (4,965)   | (18,911)     | (21,145)     |
| Net loss   | \$ (61,854)                                     | \$ (139,494) | \$ (23,752)  |
| <i>Basic and diluted net loss per share:</i>   |   |              |              |
| Loss from continuing operations  | \$ (1.45)                                       | \$ (3.10)    | \$ (0.07)    |
| Loss from discontinued operations  | (0.13)  | (0.49)       | (0.55)       |
| Net loss   | \$ (1.58)                                       | \$ (3.59)    | \$ (0.62)    |
| <i>Weighted average common shares outstanding:</i>   |   |              |              |
| Basic and diluted  | 39,164  | 38,842       | 38,045       |

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

**Table of Contents****BUILDERS FIRSTSOURCE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

|  | December 31,                             |            |
|--|--|------------|
|  | 2009                                     | 2008       |
|  | (In thousands, except per share amounts) |            |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |  |            |
| Current assets:  |  |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 84,098                                | \$ 106,891 |
| Trade accounts receivable, less allowances of \$4,883 and \$6,194 for 2009 and 2008, respectively  | 60,723                                   | 84,984     |
| Other receivables  | 39,758                                   | 41,516     |
| Inventories  | 48,022                                   | 68,868     |
| Other current assets   | 7,741                                    | 8,358      |
| Total current assets   | 240,342                                  | 310,617    |
| Property, plant and equipment, net   | 64,025                                   | 80,374     |
| Goodwill   | 111,193                                  | 111,193    |
| Intangible assets, net   | 2,748                                    | 4,040      |
| Other assets, net  | 16,643                                   | 14,916     |
| Total assets   | \$ 434,951                               | \$ 521,140 |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>   |  |            |
| Current liabilities:   |  |            |
| Accounts payable   | \$ 39,570                                | \$ 35,414  |
| Accrued liabilities  | 28,923                                   | 37,794     |
| Current maturities of long-term debt   | 48                                       | 44         |
| Total current liabilities  | 68,541                                   | 73,252     |
| Long-term debt, net of current maturities  | 299,135                                  | 319,182    |
| Deferred income taxes  | 5,058                                    | 4,669      |
| Other long-term liabilities  | 15,270                                   | 21,563     |
| Total liabilities  | 388,004                                  | 418,666    |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 14)  |  |            |
| Stockholders' equity:  |  |            |
| Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 10,000 shares authorized; zero shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2009 and 2008                          |  |            |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 200,000 shares authorized; 36,347 and 36,128 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively | 363                                      | 357        |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 150,240                                  | 146,650    |
| Accumulated deficit  | (98,973)                                 | (37,119)   |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss   | (4,683)                                  | (7,414)    |
| Total stockholders' equity   | 46,947                                   | 102,474    |

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|  |            |            |
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| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 434,951 | \$ 521,140 |
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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**Table of Contents****BUILDERS FIRSTSOURCE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

|   | <b>Years Ended December 31,</b> |              |             |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2009</b>                     | <b>2008</b>  | <b>2007</b> |
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b>           |              |             |
| Cash flows from operating activities:   |                                 |              |             |
| Net loss  | \$ (61,854)                     | \$ (139,494) | \$ (23,752) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities: |                                 |              |             |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 17,915                          | 20,833       | 22,447      |
| Asset impairments   | 470                             | 46,948       | 350         |
| Amortization of deferred loan costs   | 3,763                           | 2,835        | 4,206       |
| Deferred income taxes   | 411                             | 18,996       | (3,846)     |
| Bad debt expense  | 2,711                           | 4,435        | 3,133       |
| Net non-cash expense from discontinued operations   | 724                             | 4,653        | 20,989      |
| Stock compensation expense  | 2,861                           | 8,474        | 6,970       |
| Net gain on sales of assets   | (601)                           | (1,443)      | (758)       |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:  |                                 |              |             |
| Receivables   | 23,030                          | 16,830       | 48,186      |
| Inventories   | 20,846                          | 26,170       | 28,851      |
| Other current assets  | 617                             | 915          | 966         |
| Other assets and liabilities  | (3,555)                         | 2,619        | (3,007)     |
| Accounts payable  | 4,156                           | (30,397)     | (20,789)    |
| Accrued liabilities   | (14,240)                        | (11,251)     | (12,449)    |
| Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities                                       | (2,746)                         | (28,877)     | 71,497      |
| Cash flows from investing activities:   |                                 |              |             |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment  | (2,103)                         | (8,193)      | (10,053)    |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment                                       | 1,986                           | 5,209        | 2,015       |
| Acquisitions, net of cash acquired  |                                 | 701          | (18,288)    |
| Net cash used in investing activities   | (117)                           | (2,283)      | (26,326)    |
| Cash flows from financing activities:   |                                 |              |             |
| Net (payments) borrowings under revolving credit facility                                 | (20,000)                        | 40,000       |             |
| Payments on long-term debt  | (43)                            | (40)         | (39,934)    |
| Deferred loan costs   |                                 | (380)        | (4,423)     |
| Payment of recapitalization costs   | (620)                           |              |             |
| Exercise of stock options   | 859                             | 1,313        | 4,224       |
| Repurchase of common stock  | (126)                           | (416)        | (722)       |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities                                       | (19,930)                        | 40,477       | (40,855)    |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents                                      | (22,793)                        | 9,317        | 4,316       |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period  | 106,891                         | 97,574       | 93,258      |

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|  |           |            |           |
|--|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 84,098 | \$ 106,891 | \$ 97,574 |
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**BUILDERS FIRSTSOURCE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**

|  | Common Stock |        | Additional            | Accumulated                       | Accumulated                                | Total      |
|--|--------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------|
|  | Shares       | Amount | Paid<br>in<br>Capital | (Deficit)<br>Retained<br>Earnings | Other<br>Comprehensive<br>(Loss)<br>Income |            |
| (In thousands, except share amounts)   |              |        |                       |                                   |  |            |
| Balance at<br>December 31, 2006  | 34,832,084   | \$ 345 | \$ 127,630            | \$ 126,974                        | \$ 1,915                                   | \$ 256,864 |
| Issuance of restricted<br>stock, net of forfeitures  | 363,926      |        |                       |                                   |  |            |
| Vesting of restricted<br>stock   |              | 1      | (1)                   |                                   |  |            |
| Stock compensation<br>expense  |              |        | 7,779                 |                                   |  | 7,779      |
| Exercise of stock<br>options, including tax<br>benefit associated with<br>the exercise of stock<br>options | 558,614      | 6      | 3,789                 |                                   |  | 3,795      |
| Repurchase of common<br>stock  | (53,633)     | (1)    | (721)                 |                                   |  | (722)      |
| Adoption of accounting<br>for uncertainty in<br>income taxes   |              |        |                       | (847)                             |  | (847)      |
| Comprehensive loss:<br>Net loss  |              |        |                       | (23,752)                          |  | (23,752)   |
| Change in fair value of<br>interest rate swaps, net<br>of related tax effect                               |              |        |                       |                                   | (1,570)                                    | (1,570)    |
| Total comprehensive<br>loss  |              |        |                       |                                   |  | (25,322)   |
| Balance at<br>December 31, 2007  | 35,700,991   | 351    | 138,476               | 102,375                           | 345  | 241,547    |
| Issuance of restricted<br>stock, net of forfeitures  | 43,811       |        |                       |                                   |  |            |
| Vesting of restricted<br>stock   |              | 2      | (2)                   |                                   |  |            |
| Stock compensation<br>expense  |              |        | 8,479                 |                                   |  | 8,479      |
| Exercise of stock<br>options, including tax<br>benefit associated with<br>the exercise of stock<br>options | 446,589      | 5      | 112                   |                                   |  | 117        |

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|  |            |        |            |             |            |           |
|--|------------|--------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| Repurchase of common stock   | (63,857)   | (1)    | (415)      |             |            | (416)     |
| Comprehensive loss:  |            |        |            |             |            |           |
| Net loss   |            |        |            | (139,494)   |            | (139,494) |
| Change in fair value of interest rate swaps, net of related tax effect |            |        |            |             | (7,759)    | (7,759)   |
| Total comprehensive loss   |            |        |            |             |            | (147,253) |
| Balance at December 31, 2008   | 36,127,534 | 357    | 146,650    | (37,119)    | (7,414)    | 102,474   |
| Issuance of restricted stock, net of forfeitures                       | 9,162      |        |            |             |            |           |
| Vesting of restricted stock  |            | 4      | (4)        |             |            |           |
| Stock compensation expense   |            |        | 2,863      |             |            | 2,863     |
| Exercise of stock options  | 272,608    | 3      | 856        |             |            | 859       |
| Repurchase of common stock   | (61,814)   | (1)    | (125)      |             |            | (126)     |
| Comprehensive loss:  |            |        |            |             |            |           |
| Net loss   |            |        |            | (61,854)    |            | (61,854)  |
| Change in fair value of interest rate swaps                            |            |        |            |             | 2,731      | 2,731     |
| Total comprehensive loss   |            |        |            |             |            | (59,123)  |
| Balance at December 31, 2009   | 36,347,490 | \$ 363 | \$ 150,240 | \$ (98,973) | \$ (4,683) | \$ 46,947 |

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



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**BUILDERS FIRSTSOURCE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Description of the Business**

Builders FirstSource, Inc., a Delaware corporation formed in 1998, is a leading supplier and manufacturer of structural and related building products for residential new construction in the United States. In this annual report, references to the company, we, our, ours or us refer to Builders FirstSource, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires.

We manage our business as three regional operating groups Atlantic, Southeast and Central. We serve 32 markets in 9 states, principally in the southern and eastern United States. We have 55 distribution centers and 51 manufacturing facilities, many of which are located on the same premises as our distribution centers. We serve a broad customer base ranging from production homebuilders to small custom homebuilders.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Principles of Consolidation***

The consolidated financial statements present the results of operations, financial position, and cash flows of Builders FirstSource, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

***Accounting Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ) in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could materially differ from those estimates.

Estimates are used when accounting for items such as revenue, vendor rebates, allowance for returns, discounts and doubtful accounts, employee compensation programs, depreciation and amortization periods, income taxes, inventory values, insurance programs, goodwill, other intangible assets and long-lived assets.

***Sales Recognition***

We recognize sales of building products upon delivery to the customer. For contracts with service elements, sales are generally recognized on the completed contract method as these contracts are usually completed within 30 days. Contract costs include all direct material and labor, equipment costs and those indirect costs related to contract performance. Provisions for estimated losses on uncompleted contracts are recognized in the period in which such losses are determined. Prepayments for materials or services are deferred until such materials have been delivered or services have been provided. All sales recognized are net of allowances for discounts and estimated returns, based on historical experience. We present all sales tax on a net basis in our consolidated financial statements.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and all highly liquid investments with an original maturity date of three months or less.

***Financial Instruments***

We use financial instruments in the normal course of business as a tool to manage our assets and liabilities. We do not hold or issue financial instruments for trading purposes.

We utilize interest rate swaps in order to mitigate a portion of the interest rate risk that we are exposed to in the normal course of business on our floating rate notes. We measure our interest rate swaps at fair value on a recurring basis as discussed in Note 9.

**Table of Contents****Accounts Receivable**

We extend credit to qualified professional homebuilders and contractors, generally on a non-collateralized basis. The allowance for doubtful accounts is based on management's assessment of the amount which may become uncollectible in the future and is estimated using specific review of problem accounts, overall portfolio quality, current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to pay, and historical experience. Accounts receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible.

Accounts receivable consisted of the following at December 31:

|   | <b>2009</b>           | <b>2008</b> |
|---|-----------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b> |             |
| Trade receivables                                 | \$ 65,606             | \$ 91,178   |
| Less: allowance for returns and doubtful accounts | 4,883                 | 6,194       |
| Trade accounts receivable, net                    | 60,723                | 84,984      |
| Income tax receivables                            | 33,819                | 35,268      |
| Other   | 5,939                 | 6,248       |
| Other receivables                                 | 39,758                | 41,516      |
| Accounts receivable, net                          | \$ 100,481            | \$ 126,500  |

The following table shows the changes in our allowance for doubtful accounts:

|  | <b>2009</b>           | <b>2008</b> | <b>2007</b> |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | <b>(In thousands)</b> |             |             |
| Balance at January 1,                      | \$ 5,286              | \$ 5,806    | \$ 4,521    |
| Additions charged to expense:              |                       |             |             |
| Continuing operations                      | 2,711                 | 4,435       | 3,133       |
| Discontinued operations                    | 278                   | 303         | 101         |
| Additions recorded in goodwill             |                       |             | 550         |
| Deductions (write-offs, net of recoveries) | (4,054)               | (5,258)     | (2,499)     |
| Balance at December 31,                    | \$ 4,221              | \$ 5,286    | \$ 5,806    |

We also establish reserves for credit memos and customer returns. The reserve balance was \$662, \$908, and \$1,403 at December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively. The activity in this reserve was not significant for each year presented.

**Inventories**

Inventories consist principally of materials purchased for resale, including lumber, sheet goods, windows, doors and millwork, as well as certain manufactured products and are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined using the weighted average method, the use of which approximates the first-in, first-out method. We accrue for shrink based on the actual historical shrink results of our most recent physical inventories adjusted, if necessary, for current economic conditions. These estimates are compared with actual results as physical inventory counts are taken and reconciled to the general ledger.

During the year, we monitor our inventory levels by market and record provisions for excess inventories based on slower moving inventory. We define potential excess inventory as the amount of inventory on hand in excess of the historical usage, excluding special order items purchased in the last three months. We then apply our judgment as to

forecasted demand and other factors, including liquidation value, to determine the required adjustments to net realizable value. Our inventories are generally not susceptible to technological obsolescence.

Our arrangements with vendors provide for rebates of a specified amount of consideration, payable when certain measures, generally related to a stipulated level of purchases, have been achieved. We account for estimated rebates as a reduction of the prices of the vendor's inventory until the product is sold, at which time such rebates reduce cost of sales in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Throughout the year we estimate the amount of the rebates based upon the expected level of purchases. We continually revise these estimates based on actual purchase levels.

**Table of Contents*****Shipping and Handling Costs***

Handling costs incurred in manufacturing activities are included in cost of sales. All other shipping and handling costs are included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and aggregated \$47.5 million, \$66.6 million and \$82.4 million in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

***Income Taxes***

We account for income taxes utilizing the liability method described in the *Income Taxes* topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ( Codification ). Deferred income taxes are recorded to reflect consequences on future years of differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their financial reporting amounts at each year-end based on enacted tax laws and statutory tax rates applicable to the periods in which differences are expected to affect taxable earnings. We record a valuation allowance to reduce deferred tax assets if it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. We recorded a valuation allowance of \$3.9 million and \$31.6 million in continuing operations in 2009 and 2008, respectively.

***Warranty Expense***

We have warranty obligations with respect to most manufactured products; however, the liability for the warranty obligations is not significant as a result of third-party inspection and acceptance processes.

***Deferred Loan Costs***

Loan costs are capitalized upon the issuance of long-term debt and amortized over the life of the related debt using the straight-line method for our revolving credit facility and non-amortizing floating rate notes. Amortization of deferred loan costs is included in interest expense. Upon changes to our debt structure, we evaluate debt issuance costs in accordance with the *Debt* topic of the Codification. We adjust debt issuance costs as necessary based on the results of this evaluation.

***Property, Plant and Equipment***

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The estimated lives of the various classes of assets are as follows:

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Buildings and improvements | 20 to 40 years   |
| Machinery and equipment    | 3 to 10 years  |
| Furniture and fixtures     | 3 to 5 years   |
| Leasehold improvements     | The shorter of the estimated useful life or the remaining lease term |

Major additions and improvements are capitalized, while maintenance and repairs that do not extend the useful life of the property are charged to expense as incurred. Gains or losses from dispositions of property, plant and equipment are recorded in the period incurred.

We periodically evaluate the commercial and strategic operation of the land, related buildings and improvements of our facilities. In connection with these evaluations, some facilities may be consolidated, and others may be sold or leased. Net gains or losses related to the sale of real estate and equipment are recorded as selling, general and administrative expenses.

We capitalize certain costs of computer software developed or obtained for internal use, including interest, provided that those costs are not research and development, and certain other criteria are met. The net carrying value of internal use software costs was \$0.4 million and \$1.1 million as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. These costs are included in furniture and fixtures in Note 3 and are amortized on a straight-line basis over a period of three years.

***Long-Lived Assets***

We evaluate our long-lived assets, other than goodwill, for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate, in our judgment, that the carrying value of such assets may not be recoverable. The determination of whether impairment has occurred is based on our estimate of undiscounted future cash flows before interest attributable to the assets as compared to the net carrying value of the assets. If impairment has occurred, the amount of the impairment recognized is determined by estimating the fair value of the



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assets based on estimated discounted future cash flows and recording a provision for loss if the carrying value is greater than estimated fair value. The net carrying value of assets identified to be disposed of in the future is compared to their estimated fair value, generally the quoted market price obtained from an independent third-party less the cost to sell, to determine if impairment exists. Until the assets are disposed of, an estimate of the fair value is reassessed when related events or circumstances change. For the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, we recorded asset impairment charges of \$0.5 million, \$2.6 million and \$0.4 million, respectively. These charges were included in asset impairments in the consolidated statements of operations in their respective years.

**Insurance**

We have established insurance programs to cover certain insurable risks consisting primarily of physical loss to property, business interruptions resulting from such loss, workers' compensation, employee healthcare, and comprehensive general and auto liability. Third party insurance coverage is obtained for exposures above predetermined deductibles as well as for those risks required to be insured by law or contract. Provisions for losses are developed from valuations that rely upon our past claims experience, which considers both the frequency and settlement of claims. We discount our workers' compensation liability based upon estimated future payment streams at our risk-free rate.

**Net Loss per Common Share**

Net loss per common share, or earnings per share (EPS), is calculated in accordance with the *Earnings per Share* topic of the Codification which requires the presentation of basic and diluted EPS. Basic EPS is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period, plus the dilutive effect of potential common shares.

The table below presents a reconciliation of weighted average common shares used in the calculation of basic and diluted EPS for the years ended December 31:

|   | 2009           | 2008   | 2007   |
|---|----------------|--------|--------|
|   | (In thousands) |        |        |
| Weighted average shares for basic EPS   | 39,164         | 38,842 | 38,045 |
| Dilutive effect of options              |                |        |        |
| Weighted average shares for diluted EPS | 39,164         | 38,842 | 38,045 |

In connection with our common stock rights offering, as discussed in Note 20, we offered all shareholders the right to purchase additional shares at an offering price of \$3.50 per share. At the inception of our rights offering the offering price was lower than the fair value of our common stock, thus creating a bonus element which requires us to retroactively adjust the weighted average shares for basic EPS for all periods presented. Therefore, we increased the number of weighted average common shares used in computing basic and diluted EPS using an adjustment factor of 1.09.

Our restricted stock shares include rights to receive dividends that are not subject to the risk of forfeiture even if the underlying restricted stock shares on which the dividends were paid do not vest. In accordance with the *Earnings Per Share* topic of the Codification, unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends are deemed participating securities and should be considered in the calculation of basic EPS. Since the restricted stock shares do not include an obligation to share in losses, they will be included in our basic EPS calculation in periods of net income and excluded from our basic EPS calculation in periods of net loss. Accordingly, there were 61,000, 389,000 and 589,000 restricted stock shares excluded from the computation of basic EPS in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, because we generated a net loss. Options to purchase 2,284,000, 2,853,000, and 2,975,000 shares of common stock were not included in the computations of diluted EPS in 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively, because their effect was anti-dilutive.

**Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets**

*Intangibles subject to amortization*

We recognize an acquired intangible asset apart from goodwill whenever the intangible asset arises from contractual or other legal rights, or whenever it can be separated or divided from the acquired entity and sold, transferred, licensed, rented, or exchanged, either individually or in combination with a related contract, asset or liability. Impairment losses are recognized if the carrying value of an intangible asset subject to amortization is not recoverable from expected future cash flows and its carrying amount exceeds its

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estimated fair value. We recorded impairments on intangibles subject to amortization of \$4.4 million in 2008 (See Note 7). This impairment was included in asset impairments in the consolidated statements of operations. We did not record any impairments on intangibles subject to amortization in 2009 or 2007.

**Goodwill**

We recognize goodwill as the excess cost of an acquired entity over the net amount assigned to assets acquired and liabilities assumed. Goodwill is tested for impairment on an annual basis and between annual tests whenever impairment is indicated. This annual test takes place as of December 31 each year. Impairment losses are recognized whenever the implied fair value of goodwill is less than its carrying value (See Note 6). For the year ended December 31, 2008, we recorded \$39.9 million in goodwill impairment charges. This goodwill impairment was included in asset impairments in the consolidated statements of operations. We had no goodwill impairment charges for continuing operations for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2007.

**Stock-based Compensation**

We have three stock-based employee compensation plans, which are described more fully in Note 10. We issue new common stock shares upon exercises of stock options and grants of restricted stock.

The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions for the years ended December 31:

|                         | <b>2008</b> | <b>2007</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Expected life           | 5.0 years   | 4.4 years   |
| Expected volatility     | 42.3%       | 35.2%       |
| Expected dividend yield | 0.00%       | 0.00%       |
| Risk-free rate          | 2.89%       | 4.47%       |

The expected life represents the period of time the options are expected to be outstanding. We consider the contractual term, the vesting period and the expected lives used by a peer group with similar option terms in determining the expected life assumption. We supplement our own historical volatility with the volatility of a peer group over a recent historical period equal to the expected life of the option. The expected dividend yield is based on our history of not paying regular dividends in the past and our current intention to not pay regular dividends in the foreseeable future. The risk-free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant and has a term equal to the expected life of the options. We did not grant any stock option awards in 2009.

**Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued guidance under the *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* topic of the Codification which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. We adopted these provisions on January 1, 2008, as required for our financial assets and financial liabilities. However, the FASB deferred the effective date of certain provisions for one year as it relates to fair value measurement requirements for non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities that are not recognized or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis. We adopted these remaining provisions on January 1, 2009. The adoption of these provisions did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements (See Note 9).

In December 2007, the FASB issued guidance under the *Business Combinations* topic of the Codification which addresses the recognition and accounting for identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and non-controlling interests in business combinations. This guidance also establishes expanded disclosure requirements for business combinations. This guidance was effective for us on January 1, 2009, and we will apply these provisions prospectively to all business combinations subsequent to the effective date.

In March 2008, the FASB issued guidance under the *Derivatives and Hedging* topic of the Codification which requires entities that use derivative instruments to provide qualitative disclosures about their objectives and strategies for using such instruments, as well as any details of credit-risk-related contingent features contained within derivatives. This guidance also requires entities to disclose additional information about the amounts and location of derivatives located within the financial statements, how the provisions have been applied, and the impact that hedges have on an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. We adopted these provisions effective



January 1, 2009. See Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements for our disclosures about derivative instruments and hedging activities.

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In June 2008, the FASB issued guidance under the *Earnings per Share* topic of the Codification requiring that unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents be considered participating securities and be included in the computation of basic earnings per share using the two-class method. This guidance, which we adopted January 1, 2009, requires retrospective application. The application of this guidance did not have a material impact on the computation of our EPS as discussed elsewhere in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements.

In April 2009, the FASB issued guidance under the *Financial Instruments* topic of the Codification which requires fair value disclosures in both interim as well as annual financial statements in order to provide more timely information about the effects of current market conditions on financial instruments. This guidance was effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. We adopted these provisions during the second quarter and it resulted in additional disclosures (See Note 9).

In June 2009, the FASB issued guidance under the *Subsequent Events* topic of the Codification which requires entities to disclose the date through which they have evaluated subsequent events and whether the date corresponds with the release of their financial statements. This guidance was effective for all interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. In February 2010, the FASB issued updated guidance which stated that SEC filers must still evaluate subsequent events through the issuance date of their financial statements, however, they are not required to disclose that date in their financial statements. The adoption of these provisions did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2009, the FASB announced that the Codification was the new source of authoritative U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ) recognized by the FASB for nongovernmental entities. On the effective date of this guidance, the Codification superseded all existing non-SEC accounting and reporting standards. This guidance became effective for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. The adoption of these provisions during 2009 did not have an impact on our financial position or results of operations.

**Comprehensive (Loss) Income**

Comprehensive (loss) income is defined as the change in equity (net assets) of a business enterprise during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources. It consists of net (loss) income and other gains and losses affecting stockholders' equity that, under GAAP, are excluded from net income. The change in fair value of interest rate swaps is the only item impacting our accumulated other comprehensive loss of \$(4.7) million and \$(7.4) million (net of income taxes of zero) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

**Reclassifications**

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

**3. Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment consisted of the following at December 31:

|                                    | 2009           | 2008      |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
|                                    | (In thousands) |           |
| Land                               | \$ 14,007      | \$ 13,915 |
| Buildings and improvements         | 63,606         | 68,246    |
| Machinery and equipment            | 86,687         | 97,044    |
| Furniture and fixtures             | 19,608         | 25,620    |
| Construction in progress           | 432            | 936       |
| Property, plant and equipment      | 184,340        | 205,761   |
| Less: accumulated depreciation     | 120,315        | 125,387   |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | \$ 64,025      | \$ 80,374 |

Depreciation expense was \$16.6 million, \$18.8 million and \$20.3 million, of which \$6.8 million, \$7.9 million and \$8.1 million was included in cost of sales, in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.



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On December 21, 2007, we acquired certain assets of a distribution facility located in Chelsea, Alabama, as a complement to our Bama Truss and Components, Inc. acquisition for cash consideration of \$1.7 million. Of this amount, \$0.1 million was allocated to customer relationships.

On July 31, 2007, we acquired the common stock of Bama Truss and Components, Inc. ( Bama ) for cash consideration of \$17.8 million (including certain adjustments). During 2008, we received \$0.7 million in cash related to the guarantee of acquired accounts receivable and a net tangible asset adjustment. Of the \$17.1 million net cash consideration, \$2.6 million was allocated to customer relationships and \$1.1 million to non-compete agreements, which are being amortized over nine years and two to five years, respectively. In addition, \$7.9 million was allocated to goodwill. Based in Shelby, Alabama, Bama is a market leader in multi-family and light commercial manufactured structural components. Its products include wood roof and floor trusses, wood panels, steel roof trusses and related building materials and services.

On November 3, 2006, we acquired the common stock of Waid Home Center, Inc. ( Waid ) for cash consideration of \$8.8 million (including certain adjustments). During 2007, we received \$1.2 million in cash related to the guarantee of acquired accounts receivable.

These acquisitions were accounted for by the purchase method, and accordingly the results of operations are included in our consolidated financial statements from the acquisition date. Under this method, the purchase price was allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on estimated fair values at the acquisition date. The excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair value of the net assets acquired and liabilities assumed was recorded as goodwill. Pro forma results of operations are not presented as these acquisitions are not material. We did not have any acquisitions in 2009 or 2008.

**5. Discontinued Operations**

In 2007, the specific business climate related to our New Jersey operations continued to decline as housing activity softened. Due to the continued decline, we recorded a \$10.6 million impairment of goodwill and \$0.7 million in asset impairments related to our New Jersey operations. As of December 31, 2007, we had no goodwill remaining in our New Jersey reporting unit. In October 2008, we announced our intent to exit the New Jersey market based upon several factors, including the unfavorable conditions that affect our industry and a poor competitive position which prevented us from generating profitable results. We completed our exit plan prior to December 31, 2008 and will have no further significant continuing involvement in these operations. The cessation of operations in this market has been treated as a discontinued operation as it had distinguishable cash flow and operations that have been eliminated from our ongoing operations. As a result, the operating results of the New Jersey market for the current and prior periods have been aggregated and reclassified as discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007. The goodwill and asset impairment charges recorded in 2007 are included in loss from discontinued operations, net of tax.

In 2007, the specific business climate related to our Ohio operations declined as housing activity softened and our competitors gained market share. Accordingly, we recognized goodwill impairment charges of \$16.9 million in 2007. We took certain actions including changing our operational management, reducing head count and targeting new customers in order to improve our operational performance in our Ohio market. Despite these efforts, the housing activity and operating results for this reporting unit declined further in 2008. As such, we recorded an additional \$4.0 million goodwill impairment charge and a \$0.1 million long-lived asset impairment charge relating to our Ohio operations in the second quarter of 2008. As of December 31, 2008, we had no goodwill remaining in our Ohio reporting unit. In September 2008, we also closed two facilities in Ohio as part of our continued efforts to reduce operating costs and return the market to profitability.

In the second quarter of 2009, we announced our intent to exit the entire Ohio market based upon several factors, including the unfavorable conditions that affect our industry and a poor competitive position which prevented us from generating profitable results. We completed our exit plan in the second quarter of 2009 and will have no further significant continuing involvement in these operations. The cessation of operations in this market has been treated as a discontinued operation as it had distinguishable cash flow and operations that have been eliminated from our ongoing operations. As a result, the operating results of the Ohio market for the current and prior years have been aggregated

and reclassified as discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007. The goodwill impairment charges recorded in 2008 and 2007 and the asset impairment charges recorded in 2008 are included in loss from discontinued operations, net of tax, in their respective years.

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In 2009, we recognized \$2.4 million in expense, which was primarily related to future minimum lease obligations on closed facilities, net of estimated sub-rental lease income, and employee severance. We also sold inventory, machinery and equipment with a net book value of approximately \$1.0 million for cash proceeds of \$0.6 million, resulting in a loss on the sale of these assets of \$0.4 million. During 2009, we negotiated lease terminations on certain Ohio and New Jersey locations. We paid approximately \$2.1 million under the terms of the agreements to release us from the remaining obligations under these leases. As a result, we recorded adjustments to our facility closure reserve in the current year of approximately \$1.8 million. These amounts are included in loss from discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2009.

An analysis of our facility closure reserves related to our discontinued operations for the periods reflected is as follows:

|   | 2007           | Additions | Payments | 2008     | Additions | Payments   | Adjustments | 2009     |
|---|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|
|   | (In thousands) |           |          |          |           |            |             |          |
| Facility and other exit costs, net of estimated sub-lease rental income | \$             | \$ 6,819  | \$ (232) | \$ 6,587 | \$ 1,632  | \$ (3,757) | \$ (1,772)  | \$ 2,690 |
| Employee severance and termination benefits                             |                | 627       | (208)    | 419      | 799       | (1,218)    |             |          |
| Total facility closure reserve  | \$             | \$ 7,446  | \$ (440) | \$ 7,006 | \$ 2,431  | \$ (4,975) | \$ (1,772)  | \$ 2,690 |

The facility and other exit cost reserves related to our discontinued operations in Ohio and New Jersey of \$2.7 million at December 31, 2009, of which \$2.1 million is recorded as other long-term liabilities, are primarily related to future minimum lease payments on vacated facilities.

Sales and loss before income taxes attributable to the Ohio and New Jersey operations, which are reported as discontinued operations, were as follows for the years ended December 31:

|                          | 2009           | 2008        | 2007        |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
|                          | (In thousands) |             |             |
| Sales                    | \$ 6,573       | \$ 80,271   | \$ 124,034  |
| Loss before income taxes | \$ (4,965)     | \$ (20,111) | \$ (33,664) |

**6. Goodwill**

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill were as follows:

|   | 2009           | 2008       |
|---|----------------|------------|
|   | (In thousands) |            |
| Balance as of January 1, Goodwill                 | \$ 172,084     | \$ 189,911 |
| Accumulated impairment losses                     | (60,891)       | (34,323)   |
|   | 111,193        | 155,588    |
| Acquisitions and other purchase price adjustments |                | (422)      |
| Impairment losses continuing operations           |                | (39,943)   |

|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| Impairment losses – discontinued operations            |            | (4,030)    |
| Goodwill related to exited market                      | (20,948)   | (17,405)   |
| Accumulated impairment losses related to exited market | 20,948     | 17,405     |
|  |            |            |
| Balance as of December 31,                             |            |            |
| Goodwill   | \$ 151,136 | \$ 172,084 |
| Accumulated impairment losses                          | (39,943)   | (60,891)   |
|  | \$ 111,193 | \$ 111,193 |

Since December 31, 2007, we closely monitored trends in economic factors and their effects on operating results to determine if an impairment trigger was present that would warrant a reassessment of the recoverability of the carrying amount of goodwill prior to the required annual impairment test in accordance with the *Intangibles – Goodwill and Other* topic of the Codification. During the second quarter of 2008, the macroeconomic factors that drive our business declined further prompting us to revise our expectations and perform an interim impairment test related to our Florida reporting unit which was significantly underperforming original expectations and which also had a smaller valuation surplus compared to our other reporting units. Based on the results of this interim testing, we determined that the carrying value of goodwill for our Florida reporting unit exceeded its estimated fair value and recorded a \$3.5 million pre-tax impairment charge included in asset impairments. We performed our annual impairment test in the fourth quarter of

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2008 and as a result of a further decline in the macroeconomic factors that drive our business and in the valuation surplus for this reporting unit, we recorded an additional \$36.4 million pre-tax impairment charge for our Florida reporting unit. As of December 31, 2008, we had no further goodwill value on the balance sheet for our Florida reporting unit. We recorded no goodwill impairment charges in continuing operations in 2009 and 2007.

The process of evaluating goodwill for impairment involves the determination of fair value of our reporting units. Inherent in such fair value determinations are certain judgments and estimates relating to future cash flows, including our interpretation of current economic indicators and market valuations and assumptions about our strategic plans with regard to our operations. Due to the uncertainties associated with such estimates, actual results could differ from such estimates resulting in further impairment of goodwill.

In performing our impairment analysis, we developed a range of fair values for our reporting units using a discounted cash flow methodology. The discounted cash flow methodology establishes fair value by estimating the present value of the projected future cash flows to be generated from the reporting unit. The discount rate applied to the projected future cash flows to arrive at the present value is intended to reflect all risks of ownership and the associated risks of realizing the stream of projected future cash flows. The discounted cash flow methodology uses our projections of financial performance for a five-year period. The most significant assumptions used in the discounted cash flow methodology are the discount rate, the terminal value and the expected future revenues, gross margins and operating margins, which vary among reporting units. Significant assumptions used in our financial projections include housing starts, lumber commodity prices, and market share gains.

We exited the New Jersey and Ohio markets in 2008 and 2009, respectively. In 2008 and 2007, we recorded \$4.0 million and \$27.5 million, respectively in goodwill impairments for our New Jersey and Ohio operations which are now included in loss from discontinued operations, net of tax as discussed in Note 5.

**7. Intangible Assets**

The following table presents intangible assets as of December 31:

|                         | 2009                  |                          | 2008                  |                          |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|                         | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization |
|                         | (In thousands)        |                          |                       |                          |
| Customer relationships  | \$ 3,458              | \$ (1,033)               | \$ 3,458              | \$ (627)                 |
| Non-compete agreements  | 712                   | (389)                    | 2,537                 | (1,328)                  |
| Total intangible assets | \$ 4,170              | \$ (1,422)               | \$ 5,995              | \$ (1,955)               |

During 2009, we had three non-compete agreements expire. We had two non-compete agreements expire in 2008. Additionally in 2008, we recorded a \$4.4 million charge to fully impair customer relationship intangibles as their carrying values were not expected to be recovered from future cash flows. During the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, we recorded amortization expense in relation to the above-listed intangible assets of \$1.3 million, \$2.1 million, and \$2.2 million, respectively. The following table presents the estimated amortization expense for these intangible assets for the years ending December 31 (in thousands):

|      |        |
|------|--------|
| 2010 | \$ 548 |
| 2011 | 542    |
| 2012 | 449    |
| 2013 | 381    |
| 2014 | 373    |



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Accrued liabilities consisted of the following at December 31:

|   | <b>2009</b>           | <b>2008</b>      |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b> |                  |
| Accrued payroll and other employee related expenses | \$ 2,237              | \$ 8,217         |
| Accrued taxes                                       | 4,798                 | 7,388            |
| Insurance self-retention reserves                   | 7,031                 | 9,591            |
| Accrued interest                                    | 1,726                 | 2,435            |
| Advances from customers                             | 1,023                 | 1,569            |
| Facility closure reserves                           | 1,335                 | 3,270            |
| Accrued professional fees                           | 7,731                 | 1,910            |
| Other   | 3,042                 | 3,414            |
| <b>Total accrued liabilities</b>                    | <b>\$ 28,923</b>      | <b>\$ 37,794</b> |

**9. Long-Term Debt**

Long-term debt consisted of the following at December 31:

|  | <b>2009</b>           | <b>2008</b>       |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|
|  | <b>(In thousands)</b> |                   |
| Revolving credit facility                              | \$ 20,000             | \$ 40,000         |
| Floating rate notes                                    | 275,000               | 275,000           |
| Other long-term debt                                   | 4,183                 | 4,226             |
|  | 299,183               | 319,226           |
| Less: current portion of long-term debt                | 48                    | 44                |
| <b>Total long-term debt, net of current maturities</b> | <b>\$ 299,135</b>     | <b>\$ 319,182</b> |

**2007 Senior Secured Credit Agreement**

In 2007, we entered into a \$350 million revolving credit facility (the 2007 Agreement ) with a consortium of banks. The available borrowing capacity, or borrowing base, under the \$350 million revolving credit line is derived primarily from a percentage of our eligible accounts receivable and inventory, as defined by the agreement. During 2009, we reduced the 2007 Agreement from \$350 million to \$250 million as allowed by the 2007 Agreement. We did not anticipate that our borrowing base would support borrowings in excess of \$250 million at any point during the remaining life of the credit facility. This reduction allowed us to reduce our interest expense related to commitment fees. In the first quarter of 2009, we expensed approximately \$1.2 million of deferred financing costs related to this reduction.

Interest rates under the 2007 Agreement are based on a base rate plus an applicable margin. The base rate is the larger of the rate determined by the administrative agent (typically their prime rate) or the Federal Funds Rate plus one-half percent, as each term is defined by the agreement. A variable commitment fee, currently 0.425%, is charged on the unused amount of the revolver and is based on our quarterly average excess availability. The weighted-average interest rate at December 31, 2009 for borrowings outstanding under the 2007 Agreement was 3.75%. At December 31, 2009, we had outstanding letters of credit of approximately \$17.3 million.

Loans are collateralized by substantially all of our assets, primarily accounts receivable and inventory, and are guaranteed by us and certain of our subsidiaries. Our net borrowing availability in excess of the \$35 million liquidity covenant at December 31, 2009 was zero. The 2007 Agreement has certain restrictive covenants, which, among other things, relate to the payment of dividends, incurrence of indebtedness, and asset sales. We were not in violation of any

of these covenants as of December 31, 2009. The 2007 Agreement also has a fixed charge coverage ratio of 1:1 that is triggered if our available borrowing capacity, as determined under the borrowing base formula, is less than \$35 million. The calculation allows cash on deposit with the agent to be included as eligible borrowing base. Approximately \$15.7 million of cash on hand at December 31, 2009 supported a short-fall in the calculation of the \$35 million minimum liquidity covenant. Absent the use of cash in the calculation, we would have been forced to repay \$15.7 million in borrowings to comply with the covenant. If the \$35 million minimum liquidity covenant was triggered in 2009, we would not have met the fixed charge coverage ratio. Based on our 2010 forecast, we will not meet the fixed charge coverage ratio, but we anticipate that we will not fall below the \$35 million minimum liquidity covenant in 2010; therefore, we will not trigger the fixed charge coverage ratio requirement. The fixed charge coverage ratio is defined as the ratio of earnings before interest expenses, income taxes,

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depreciation and amortization expenses minus capital expenditures, cash taxes paid, dividends, distributions and share repurchases or redemptions to the sum of scheduled principal payments and interest expense on a trailing twelve month basis from the trigger date.

The 2007 Agreement is scheduled to mature five years from the execution of the agreement and replaced a long-term revolver and a pre-funded letter of credit facility. Included in interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2007 was a \$1.6 million write-off of deferred financing fees related to our previous credit facility. We capitalized \$4.8 million in deferred loan costs related to the 2007 Agreement which are being amortized over the term of the 2007 Agreement. Additionally, \$0.7 million of unamortized deferred financing costs related to our previous credit facility remained capitalized as a component of other assets, net and are being amortized over the term of the 2007 Agreement.

***Floating Rate Notes due 2012***

We have \$275.0 million in aggregate principal amount of floating rate notes outstanding. The floating rate notes mature on February 15, 2012. Interest accrues at a rate of LIBOR plus 4.25%. LIBOR is reset at the beginning of each quarterly period. Interest on the floating rate notes is payable quarterly in arrears. At any time, we can redeem some or all of the notes at par. In the event of a change in control, we may be required to offer to purchase the notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The notes are registered under the Securities Act.

Prior to the closing of the rights offering and debt exchange (See Note 20) in January 2010, the notes were jointly and severally guaranteed by all of the company's subsidiaries and collateralized by a pledge of common stock of certain of our subsidiaries and by a second priority lien on substantially all tangible and intangible property and interests in property and proceeds thereof now owned or hereafter acquired by us and substantially all of our subsidiaries. All of the subsidiaries are wholly-owned and domiciled in the United States. The parent company has no independent assets or operations, and the guarantees are full and unconditional. The indenture covering the notes contained certain restrictive covenants, which, among other things, relate to the payment of dividends, incurrence of indebtedness, repurchase of common stock or other distributions, asset sales and investments. We were not in violation of any of these covenants as of December 31, 2009. In conjunction with the rights offering and debt exchange, we amended the indenture under which the 2012 notes were issued to eliminate substantially all of the restrictive covenants, certain conditions to defeasance, and certain events of default and to release the liens on the collateral securing the 2012 notes. As a result of the debt exchange, holders of the 2012 notes exchanged \$269.8 million aggregate principal amount of 2012 notes for (i) \$139.7 million aggregate principal amount of new notes that will mature in 2016, (ii) \$105.1 million in cash, and (iii) 7,112,244 shares of our common stock as discussed in Note 20.

In 2005, we entered into two interest rate swap agreements in order to obtain a fixed rate with respect to \$200.0 million of our outstanding floating rate debt and thereby reduce our exposure to interest rate volatility. In April 2005, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement to fix \$100.0 million of our outstanding floating rate notes at an effective interest rate of 8.37%, including applicable margin. The interest rate swap agreement was for three years starting July 1, 2005 whereby we paid a fixed rate of 4.12% and received a variable rate at 90 day LIBOR. In June 2005, we entered into another interest rate swap agreement to fix \$100.0 million of our outstanding floating rate notes at an effective interest rate of 8.27%, including applicable margin. The interest rate swap agreement was for three years starting June 10, 2005 whereby we paid a fixed rate of 4.02% and received a variable rate at 90 day LIBOR.

In January 2008, we cancelled the interest rate swap agreement that started July 1, 2005. The settlement fees related to the cancellation of this interest rate swap agreement were minimal. The second swap matured on May 15, 2008. In the first quarter of 2008, we entered into three new interest rate swap agreements with notional amounts of \$100.0 million, \$50.0 million and \$50.0 million, respectively, to replace the swap agreements that were to expire in 2008. The swap agreements are three year swaps that fix \$200.0 million of our outstanding floating rate notes at a weighted average interest rate of 7.41%, including an applicable margin. We are paying a fixed rate of 3.25%, 3.17% and 2.99%, respectively, on the swaps and receive a variable rate at 90 day LIBOR. The swaps were effective on May 15, 2008. The weighted-average interest rate at December 31, 2009 for the floating rate notes was 6.13%,

including the effect of interest rate swap agreements.

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We utilize interest rate swaps in order to mitigate a portion of the interest rate risk that we are exposed to in the normal course of business on our floating rate notes. Our three swaps were designated and qualified as fully effective cash flow hedges. All changes in fair value were recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (OCI) and subsequently reclassified into earnings when the related interest expense on the underlying borrowing was recognized. The table below presents the effect of our interest rate swap derivatives on the consolidated statements of operations for the years ended December 31:

| Derivatives Designated as<br>Hedging Instruments | Amount of Loss<br>Recognized in OCI<br>(In thousands) |            | Location of<br>Loss<br>Reclassified<br>from OCI<br>into Income<br>Interest expense,<br>net | Amount of Loss<br>Reclassified from<br>OCI<br>Into Income<br>(In thousands) |          |
|--|---|------------|--|---|----------|
|  | 2009  | 2008       |  | 2009  | 2008     |
| Interest rate swaps                              | \$ (3,357)  | \$ (8,597) |  | \$ (6,088)  | \$ (838) |

When our interest rate swap agreements are in a net asset position, we are exposed to credit losses in the event of non-performance by counterparties. The amount of such credit exposure is limited to the unrealized gains on our swaps. We have not experienced any credit loss as a result of counterparty nonperformance in the past. To manage credit risks, we generally select counterparties who are part of our banking syndicate and settle on a net basis. We perform a quarterly assessment of our counterparty credit risk, including a review of credit ratings, credit default swap rates, and potential nonperformance of the counterparty. Since the counterparty is part of the bank syndicate, we also would have the ability to net amounts owed to us against any outstanding borrowings under the 2007 Agreement, thereby reducing the credit risk.

When interest rate swap agreements are in a net liability position, we are required to establish a reserve against our borrowing base equal to 110% of the fair value of the interest rate swaps on the last day of the month. This reserve effectively reduces our available borrowing capacity under the 2007 Agreement. At December 31, 2009, the reserve for the swaps was \$5.3 million. The swaps are also collateralized in a manner similar to the loans under the 2007 Agreement. In the event of default, or if we or the counterparty fail to be part of the 2007 Agreement, an early termination event would be triggered which could require us to settle the swaps on the termination date at the then fair market value.

In December 2009, certain conditions of the proposed recapitalization plan were met, which indicated that the transaction was considered probable of occurring. The recapitalization plan, as discussed in Note 20, would reduce our outstanding floating rate notes to \$145.0 million causing a portion of the future cash flows being hedged by our \$200 million swaps to be deemed probable of not occurring. As a result, in December 2009 we cancelled and settled our \$50 million swap with a fixed rate of 2.99% for \$1.7 million. Primarily all of this payment was expensed and is included as a component of interest expense, net in the consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2009. We also dedesignated the remaining \$150 million of our swaps. The amounts related to the dedesignation were not significant during the year. Amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income for \$5.0 million of the remaining swaps was reclassified to expense in 2009 as the cash flows being hedged were considered probable of not occurring. Amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income at December 31, 2009 related to the remaining \$145.0 million of swaps was frozen and will be amortized over the remaining terms of the swaps. Any subsequent changes in the fair value of these swaps will be recognized in interest expense, net, in the consolidated statement of operations.

**Fair Value**

The *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* topic of the Codification provides a framework for measuring the fair value of assets and liabilities and establishes a fair value hierarchy that requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The fair value hierarchy can be summarized as follows:

Level 1 unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets accessible by us

Level 2 inputs that are observable in the marketplace other than those inputs classified as Level 1

Level 3 inputs that are unobservable in the marketplace and significant to the valuation

If a financial instrument uses inputs that fall in different levels of the hierarchy, the instrument will be categorized based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value calculation.

The only financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis are our interest rate swaps. The interest rate swaps are valued in the market using discounted cash flow techniques. These techniques incorporate Level 1 and Level 2 inputs. These market

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inputs are utilized in the discounted cash flow calculation considering the term, notional amount, discount rate, yield curve and credit risk of the financial instrument. Significant inputs to the derivative valuation for interest rate swaps are observable in the active markets and are classified as Level 2 in the hierarchy.

The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about the Company's financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant other observable inputs (Level 2) (in thousands):

|   | <b>Carrying<br/>Value<br/>As of<br/>December 31,<br/>2009</b> | <b>Fair Value<br/>Measurement<br/>as of<br/>December 31,<br/>2009</b> | <b>Carrying<br/>Value<br/>As of<br/>December 31,<br/>2008</b> | <b>Fair Value<br/>Measurement<br/>as of<br/>December 31,<br/>2008</b> |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Interest rate swaps (included in Other long-term liabilities) | \$ 5,314  | \$ 5,314  | \$ 7,667  | \$ 7,667  |

We have elected to continue to report the value of our floating rate notes at amortized cost. The floating rate notes are registered and publicly traded. The fair value of the floating rate notes at December 31, 2009, based on the most recent trade price, was approximately \$253.0 million. The carrying value of amounts outstanding under the revolving credit facility approximate fair value.

**Other Long-Term Debt**

In 2006, we completed construction on a new multi-purpose facility. Based on the evaluation of the construction project in accordance with the *Leases* topic of the Codification, the company was deemed the owner of the facility during the construction period. Effectively, a sale and leaseback of the facility occurred when construction was completed and the lease term began. This transaction did not qualify for sale-leaseback accounting. As a result, the building and the offsetting long-term lease obligation are included on the consolidated balance sheet as a component of fixed assets and other long-term debt, respectively. The building is being depreciated over its useful life, and the lease obligation is being amortized such that there will be no gain or loss recorded if the lease is not extended at the end of the term.

Future maturities of long-term debt as of December 31, 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Year ending December 31,                         |            |
| 2010   | \$ 48      |
| 2011   | 52         |
| 2012   | 295,058    |
| 2013   | 63         |
| 2014   | 69         |
| Thereafter                                       | 3,893      |
| Total long-term debt (including current portion) | \$ 299,183 |

**10. Employee Stock-Based Compensation****2007 Incentive Plan**

Under our 2007 Incentive Plan ( 2007 Plan ), the Company is authorized to grant awards in the form of incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options, restricted stock, other common stock-based awards and cash-based awards. At December 31, 2009, the maximum number of common shares reserved for the grant of awards under the 2007 Plan was 2.5 million, subject to adjustment as provided by the 2007 Plan. At that time, no more than 2.5 million shares were available to be made subject to options or stock appreciation rights ( SARs ) granted under the 2007 Plan, and no more than 1.25 million shares were available to be made subject to stock-based awards other than options or SARs. Stock options and SARs granted under the 2007 Plan may not have a term exceeding 10 years from the date of grant.

The 2007 Plan also provides that all awards will become fully vested and/or exercisable upon a change in control (as defined in the 2007 Plan). Other specific terms for awards granted under the 2007 Plan shall be determined by our Compensation Committee (or the board of directors if so determined by the board of directors). As of December 31, 2009, 2.0 million shares were available for issuance under the 2007 Plan, 1.1 million of which may be made subject to stock-based awards other than options or SARs.



**Table of Contents****2005 Equity Incentive Plan**

Under our 2005 Equity Incentive Plan ( 2005 Plan ), we are authorized to grant stock-based awards in the form of incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options, restricted stock and other common stock-based awards. The maximum number of common shares reserved for the grant of awards under the 2005 Plan is 2.2 million, subject to adjustment as provided by the 2005 Plan. No more than 2.2 million shares may be made subject to options or SARs granted under the 2005 Plan, and no more than 1.1 million shares may be made subject to stock-based awards other than options or SARs. Stock options and SARs granted under the 2005 Plan may not have a term exceeding 10 years from the date of grant. The 2005 Plan also provides that all awards will become fully vested and/or exercisable upon a change in control (as defined in the 2005 Plan). Other specific terms for awards granted under the 2005 Plan shall be determined by our board of directors (or a committee of its members). Historically, awards granted under the 2005 Plan generally vest ratably over a three-year period. As of December 31, 2009, 840,000 shares were available for issuance under the 2005 Plan, 582,000 of which may be made subject to stock-based awards other than options or SARs.

**1998 Stock Incentive Plan**

Under the Builders FirstSource, Inc. 1998 Stock Incentive Plan ( 1998 Plan ), we were authorized to issue shares of common stock pursuant to awards granted in various forms, including incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options and other stock-based awards. The 1998 Plan also authorized the sale of common stock on terms determined by our board of directors.

Stock options granted under the 1998 Plan generally cliff vest after a period of seven to nine years with certain option grants subject to acceleration if certain financial targets were met. The expiration date is generally 10 years subsequent to date of issuance. As of January 1, 2005, no further grants will be made under the 1998 Plan.

On April 23, 2008, we filed a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO (the Exchange Offer ) with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Exchange Offer was an offer by us to certain optionholders to exchange their outstanding stock option grants, whether vested or unvested, to purchase shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, granted under the 2005 Plan with an exercise price per share greater than or equal to \$17.90 for new option grants to be granted under the 2005 Plan. The Exchange Offer was made to employees who, as of the date the Exchange Offer commenced, were actively employed by us and held eligible option grants. The Exchange Offer was approved by our shareholders at our annual meeting on May 22, 2008. We accepted for cancellation, eligible option grants to purchase an aggregate of 943,200 shares of our common stock, representing 100% of the total shares of common stock underlying options eligible for exchange in the Exchange Offer on May 22, 2008, the expiration date of the Exchange Offer. Contemporaneous with the cancellation, our board of directors granted an equivalent number of stock options to the eligible employees on May 22, 2008 with an exercise price of \$7.15, which was the closing price of our common stock on that date.

The exchange of original options for new option grants was treated as a modification of the original options. The remaining unamortized stock compensation expense related to the original options continues to be amortized over the original vesting period related to those options. The compensation expense for the incremental difference between the fair value of the new options and the fair value of the original options on the date of modification, reflecting the current facts and circumstances on the modification date, is being amortized over the vesting period of the new option grants which vest ratably over a term of approximately three years.

The following table summarizes our stock option activity:

|                                  | Options<br>(In<br>thousands) | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price | Weighted<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Years | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic<br>Value<br>(In<br>thousands) |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Outstanding at December 31, 2008 | 2,853                        | \$4.94                                   |   |  |

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|                                  |       |        |     |        |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------|-----|--------|
| Exercised                        | (273) | \$3.15 |     |        |
| Forfeited                        | (296) | \$4.79 |     |        |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2009 | 2,284 | \$5.17 | 5.8 | \$ 751 |
| Exercisable at December 31, 2009 | 1,557 | \$4.34 | 4.6 | \$ 747 |

The outstanding options at December 31, 2009 include options to purchase 355,000 shares granted under the 2007 Plan, 841,000 shares granted under the 2005 Plan and 1,088,000 shares under the 1998 Plan. As of December 31, 2009, options to purchase 118,000 shares under the 2007 Plan, 357,000 shares under the 2005 Plan and 1,082,000 shares under the 1998 Plan awards were exercisable. The weighted average grant date fair value of options granted during the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 was \$2.75

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(excluding options re-granted in the Exchange Offer) and \$6.50 per share, respectively. No option awards were granted during 2009. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$0.2 million, \$1.5 million and \$6.9 million, respectively. We realized no tax benefits for stock options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, and \$2.6 million in tax benefits for stock options exercised during the year ended December 31, 2007.

Outstanding and exercisable stock options at December 31, 2009 were as follows (shares in thousands):

| Range of Exercise Prices | Shares | Outstanding                     | Weighted                         | Exercisable | Weighted                        |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
|                          |        | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Weighted Average Remaining Years | Shares      | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| \$3.15                   | 1,088  | \$3.15                          | 3.0                              | 1,082       | \$3.15                          |
| \$6.70 - \$7.15          | 1,196  | \$7.02                          | 8.3                              | 475         | \$7.04                          |
| \$3.15 - \$7.15          | 2,284  | \$5.17                          | 5.8                              | 1,557       | \$4.34                          |

The following table summarizes restricted stock activity for the year ended December 31, 2009 (shares in thousands):

|                                | Shares | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value |
|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Nonvested at December 31, 2008 | 389    | \$ 14.84                               |
| Granted                        | 26     | \$ 5.86                                |
| Vested                         | (337)  | \$ 15.00                               |
| Forfeited                      | (17)   | \$ 11.12                               |
| Nonvested at December 31, 2009 | 61     | \$ 11.21                               |

Our results of operations included stock compensation expense of \$2.9 million (\$2.9 million net of taxes), \$8.5 million (\$8.5 million net of taxes) and \$7.0 million (\$4.3 million net of taxes) for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. As of December 31, 2009, there was \$1.1 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested share-based compensation arrangements granted under the Plans. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 0.9 years.

In January 2010, our shareholders approved an amendment to our 2007 Plan which increased the number of shares of common stock that may be granted pursuant to awards under the 2007 Plan from 2.5 million shares to 7.0 million shares. On February 3, 2010, our board of directors granted 3,945,000 stock options and 1,800,000 shares of restricted stock to employees under our 2007 Plan. All the awards vest at one-third on the second, third, and fourth anniversaries of the grant date. The grant date fair value for the restricted stock and the exercise price for the options was \$3.19 per share, which was the closing stock price on the grant date.

**11. Facility Closure Costs**

During 2009, we developed and executed a plan to close a distribution facility in Maryland and an administrative facility in South Carolina. In 2009, we recognized \$1.4 million in expense, which was primarily related to future minimum lease obligations on these vacated facilities, net of estimated sub-rental lease income, as well as lease termination costs and revisions to sub-rental income estimates. Of the \$1.4 million we recognized in expense during 2009, \$1.2 million was included in facility closure costs and \$0.2 million was included in interest expense, net in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations.

During 2008, we developed and executed a plan to close four facilities located in North Carolina, Georgia and Texas. The facility closures were primarily due to the continued decline in economic conditions that affected these locations as well as the consolidation of locations in certain markets in an attempt to reduce operating costs. In conjunction with this plan, we began disposing of assets and severing employees. We sold owned real estate related to closed facilities for approximately \$0.9 million resulting in an immaterial loss on the sale. We completed the exit plan prior to December 31, 2008. During 2008, we recognized approximately \$1.4 million in expense related to closed facilities, of which \$1.2 million was included in facility closure costs and \$0.2 million was included in interest expense, net in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations.

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An analysis of our facility closure reserves for the periods reflected is as follows:

|   | 2007           | Additions | Payments | 2008     | Additions | Payments   | 2009     |
|---|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|
|   | (In thousands) |           |          |          |           |            |          |
| Facility and other exit costs, net of estimated sub-lease rental income | \$ 2,122       | \$ 1,112  | \$ (756) | \$ 2,478 | \$ 1,394  | \$ (1,542) | \$ 2,330 |
| Employee severance and termination benefits                             |                | 272       | (134)    | 138      | 26        | (164)      |          |
| Total facility closure reserve  | \$ 2,122       | \$ 1,384  | \$ (890) | \$ 2,616 | \$ 1,420  | \$ (1,706) | \$ 2,330 |

The facility and other exit cost reserves of \$2.3 million at December 31, 2009, of which \$1.6 million is recorded as other long-term liabilities, are primarily related to future minimum lease payments on vacated facilities.

As plans to close facilities are developed and executed, assets that can be used at other facilities are transferred and assets to be abandoned or sold are written down to their net realizable value, including any long-lived assets. In situations where multiple facilities serve the same market we may temporarily close, or idle, facilities with plans to reopen these facilities once capacity returns to the market. At December 31, 2009, we had three idled facilities; one in Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina. In these situations, finite lived assets continue to be depreciated and assessed for impairment. Should conditions in these markets worsen, or recovery take significantly longer than forecasted, these facilities may be permanently closed, at which time asset impairment charges could be incurred. Future non-cash impairment charges would have the effect of decreasing our earnings or increasing our losses in such period, but would not impact our current outstanding debt obligations or compliance with covenants contained in the related debt agreements. We continuously monitor economic conditions in all our markets, and while at the present time there are no plans to close or idle additional facilities, changes in market conditions may warrant future closings or idling of facilities.

**12. Income Taxes**

The components of income tax benefit included in continuing operations were as follows for the years ended December 31:

|                    | 2009           | 2008        | 2007       |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
|                    | (In thousands) |             |            |
| Current:           |                |             |            |
| Federal            | \$ (31,736)    | \$ (36,240) | \$ (831)   |
| State              | 502            | (426)       | 346        |
|                    | (31,234)       | (36,666)    | (485)      |
| Deferred:          |                |             |            |
| Federal            | 378            | 19,364      | (1,175)    |
| State              | 33             | (368)       | (2,671)    |
|                    | 411            | 18,996      | (3,846)    |
| Income tax benefit | \$ (30,823)    | \$ (17,670) | \$ (4,331) |



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Temporary differences, which give rise to deferred tax assets and liabilities, were as follows as of December 31:

|   | <b>2009</b>           | <b>2008</b> |
|---|-----------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>(In thousands)</b> |             |
| Deferred tax assets related to:         |                       |             |
| Accrued expenses                        | \$ 337                | \$ 350      |
| Insurance reserves                      | 3,852                 | 4,999       |
| Facility closure reserves               | 1,944                 | 3,592       |
| Stock-based compensation expense        | 3,433                 | 4,061       |
| Accounts receivable                     | 1,620                 | 2,024       |
| Inventories                             | 1,249                 | 2,000       |
| Operating loss and credit carryforwards | 30,394                | 20,509      |
| Interest rate swap agreements           | 2,635                 | 3,038       |
| Goodwill                                | 6,464                 | 10,215      |
| Property, plant and equipment           | 4,299                 | 3,785       |
| Other                                   | 396                   | 374         |
|   | 56,623                | 54,947      |
| Valuation allowance                     | (52,839)              | (51,056)    |
| Total deferred tax assets               | 3,784                 | 3,891       |
| Deferred tax liabilities related to:    |                       |             |
| Prepaid expenses                        | 1,347                 | 1,447       |
| Goodwill                                | 6,137                 | 5,733       |
| Total deferred tax liabilities          | 7,484                 | 7,180       |
| Net deferred tax liability              | \$ (3,700)            | \$ (3,289)  |

A reconciliation of the statutory federal income tax rate to the company's effective rate for continuing operations is provided below for the years ended December 31:

|   | <b>2009</b> | <b>2008</b> | <b>2007</b> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Statutory federal income tax rate             | 35.0%       | 35.0%       | 35.0%       |
| State income taxes, net of federal income tax | 3.1%        | 2.6%        | 9.4%        |
| Effect of changes in tax law                  | 2.4%        | %           | 20.7%       |
| Valuation allowance                           | (4.4)%      | (22.8)%     | %           |
| Non-deductible goodwill impairment            | %           | (2.2)%      | %           |
| Other   | (1.0)%      | 0.2%        | (2.7)%      |
|   | 35.1%       | 12.8%       | 62.4%       |

We have \$388.5 million of state operating loss carryforwards and \$2.8 million of state tax credit carryforwards expiring at various dates through 2030. We also have \$25.3 million of federal net operating loss carryforwards that will expire at various dates through 2030. The federal and state operating loss carryforwards exclude approximately \$1.8 million of gross windfall tax benefits from stock option exercises that have not been recorded as of December 31, 2009. These deferred tax assets will be recorded as an increase to additional paid in capital when the related tax

benefits are realized. During the second quarter of 2007, tax legislation was enacted in one of our filing jurisdictions that increased the tax rate at which loss carryforwards can be utilized in the future. We increased the value of our deferred tax assets related to these loss carryforwards by approximately \$1.4 million based on the provisions outlined in the legislation. The adjustment was recorded as an increase to the income tax benefit.

We evaluate our deferred tax assets on a quarterly basis to determine whether a valuation allowance is required. We assess whether a valuation allowance should be established based on our determination of whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. In light of the continued downturn in the housing market and the uncertainty as to its length and magnitude and the additional asset impairments recorded during 2008, we were in a three-year cumulative loss position. Cumulative losses in recent years represent significant negative evidence in considering whether deferred tax assets are realizable, and also generally preclude relying on projections of future taxable income to support the recovery of deferred tax assets. Therefore, during 2008, we recorded a valuation allowance totaling approximately \$41.2 million against primarily all of our net deferred tax assets, of which \$31.6 million related to our continuing operations, \$3.0 million related to other comprehensive (loss) income, and \$6.6 million related to our discontinued operations. During 2009, we recorded an additional valuation allowance of approximately \$3.9 million related to our continuing operations. We reduced the valuation allowance related to other comprehensive (loss) income and discontinued operations by approximately \$1.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively. We excluded the deferred tax liabilities related to certain indefinite lived intangibles when calculating the amount of valuation allowance needed as these liabilities cannot be



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considered as a source of income when determining the realizability of the net deferred tax assets. The valuation allowance was recorded as a reduction to income tax benefit.

The deferred tax assets for which there is no valuation allowance relate to amounts that can be realized through future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences or through the generation of sufficient taxable income. To the extent we generate sufficient taxable income in the future to fully utilize the tax benefits of the net deferred tax assets on which a valuation allowance was recorded, our effective tax rate may decrease as the valuation allowance is reversed.

The following table shows the changes in our valuation allowance:

|   | <b>2009</b> | <b>2008</b>           | <b>2007</b> |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|   |             | <b>(In thousands)</b> |             |
| Balance at January 1,                         | \$ 51,056   | \$ 9,970              | \$ 8,033    |
| Additions charged to expense:                 |             |                       |             |
| Continuing operations                         | 3,883       | 31,601                |             |
| Discontinued operations                       |             | 6,562                 | 1,937       |
| Additions charged to other comprehensive loss |             | 3,038                 |             |
| Deductions                                    | (2,100)     | (115)                 |             |
| Balance at December 31,                       | \$ 52,839   | \$ 51,056             | \$ 9,970    |

On November 6, 2009, the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009 was enacted into law and extended the carryback period to up to five years for which current year losses can be offset against previously generated taxable income. Due to this recently enacted federal tax legislation, we are able to carry back losses generated in 2009 against taxable income generated in 2006, 2005, and 2004. As a result, we recorded an income tax receivable of approximately \$33.8 million in the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2009. We expect to receive the cash proceeds from the refund in the second quarter of 2010. We recognized an income tax benefit of \$2.1 million in continuing operations related to losses generated by our discontinued operations due to this change in tax law. No state in which we file has adopted the Act, and as such no state benefits will be realized from the extended carryback provision.

In July 2006, the FASB issued guidance that clarifies the accounting for income taxes by prescribing the minimum recognition threshold a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements and also provides guidance on derecognition measurement, classification, interest and penalties, and disclosure requirements. We adopted this guidance at the beginning of 2007 and the implementation did not have a significant impact on our financial position or results of operations. As a result of the adoption, we recognized a \$0.8 million increase to reserves for uncertain tax positions, which was accounted for as an adjustment to the beginning balance of retained earnings.

We accrue interest and penalties on our uncertain tax positions as a component of our provision for income taxes. We accrued interest and penalties of \$0.1 million, \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. We also reduced interest and penalties by \$0.5 million in 2008 and \$0.1 million in 2007 due to settlements with taxing authorities and the lapse of applicable statutes of limitations. We had a total of \$0.3 million accrued for interest and penalties for our uncertain tax positions as of December 31, 2009 and 2008.

The following table shows the changes in the amount of our uncertain tax positions (exclusive of the effect of interest and penalties):

|                                       | <b>2009</b> | <b>2008</b>           | <b>2007</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|                                       |             | <b>(In thousands)</b> |             |
| Balance at January 1,                 | \$ 1,291    | \$ 2,347              | \$ 2,364    |
| Tax positions taken in prior periods: |             |                       |             |
| Gross increases                       | 22          | 26                    | 321         |

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|   |          |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Gross decreases   |          | (63)     | (507)    |
| Tax positions taken in current period:                        |          |          |          |
| Gross increases   | 1,084    | 111      | 250      |
| Additions for tax positions acquired in business combinations |          |          | 161      |
| Settlements with taxing authorities                           |          | (705)    | (16)     |
| Lapse of applicable statute of limitations                    | (1)      | (425)    | (226)    |
| Balance at December 31,                                       | \$ 2,396 | \$ 1,291 | \$ 2,347 |

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If our uncertain tax positions were recognized, a benefit of \$0.9 million, net of any U.S. Federal tax benefit, would affect our effective income tax rate.

We are subject to U.S. federal income tax as well as income tax of multiple state jurisdictions. Based on completed examinations and the expiration of statutes of limitations, we have concluded all U.S. federal income tax matters for years through 2004. We report in 18 states with various years open to examination.

**13. Employee Benefit Plans**

We maintain one active defined contribution 401(k) plan. Our employees are eligible after completing six months of employment to participate in the Builders FirstSource, Inc. 401(k) Plan. Participants can contribute up to 15% of their annual compensation, subject to federally mandated maximums. Participants are immediately vested in their own contributions. We match 25 cents of each pre-tax dollar contributed by participating employees, up to 6% of employees' contributions and subject to IRS limitations. The Company's matching contributions are subject to a pro-rata five-year vesting schedule. We recognized expense of \$0.8 million, \$2.4 million and \$2.9 million in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, for contributions to the plan.

**14. Commitments and Contingencies**

We lease certain land, buildings and equipment used in operations. These leases are generally accounted for as operating leases with initial terms ranging from one to 20 years and generally contain renewal options. Certain operating leases are subject to contingent rentals based on various measures, primarily consumer price index increases. Total rent expense under operating leases was approximately \$31.6 million, \$34.8 million and \$35.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

In addition, we have residual value guarantees on certain equipment leases. Under these leases we have the option of (a) purchasing the equipment at the end of the lease term, (b) arranging for the sale of the equipment to a third party, or (c) returning the equipment to the lessor to sell the equipment. If the sales proceeds in any case are less than the residual value, we are required to reimburse the lessor for the deficiency up to a specified level as stated in each lease agreement. If the sales proceeds exceed the residual value, we are entitled to all of such excess amounts. The guarantees under these leases for the residual values of equipment at the end of the respective operating lease periods approximated \$5.2 million as of December 31, 2009. Based upon the expectation that none of these leased assets will have a residual value at the end of the lease term that is materially less than the value specified in the related operating lease agreement or that we will purchase the equipment at the end of the lease term, we do not believe it is probable that we will be required to fund any amounts under the terms of these guarantee arrangements. Accordingly, no accruals have been recognized for these guarantees.

Future minimum commitments for noncancelable operating leases with initial or remaining lease terms in excess of one year are as follows:

|                          | <b>Related<br/>Party</b> | <b>Total*</b>     |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|                          | <b>(In thousands)</b>    |                   |
| Year ending December 31, |                          |                   |
| 2010                     | \$ 1,272                 | \$ 27,259         |
| 2011                     | 1,200                    | 20,602            |
| 2012                     | 1,203                    | 14,459            |
| 2013                     | 943                      | 12,489            |
| 2014                     | 636                      | 10,899            |
| Thereafter               | 223                      | 24,857            |
|                          | <b>\$ 5,477</b>          | <b>\$ 110,565</b> |

\* *Includes related party future*

*minimum  
commitments for  
noncancelable  
operating  
leases.*

We have outstanding letters of credit totaling \$17.3 million that principally support our self-retention insurance programs.

In the third quarter of 2009, we were named as a nominal defendant, and our directors named as defendants, in a consolidated class and derivative action lawsuit and an additional derivative action lawsuit related to our initial recapitalization plans. The additional lawsuit was consolidated in October 2009 with the earlier filed lawsuits. In December 2009, we announced that the Delaware Court of Chancery approved the proposed settlement of this consolidated class and derivative action lawsuit. The terms of the settlement are set forth in the definitive Stipulation and Agreement of Compromise, Settlement, and Release as agreed to in November 2009. We

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paid \$2.4 million in December 2009 in accordance with the terms of the settlement. Based on an agreement with our insurance carrier this amount was expected to be reimbursed under our insurance policy and therefore, was included in other receivables in our consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2009. We also incurred additional legal fees and other administrative costs related to the lawsuit of approximately \$0.6 million which were expensed in the consolidated statement of operations in 2009. In February 2010, we were reimbursed under our insurance policy for the full amount of the settlement payment.

We are a party to various legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business. Although the ultimate disposition of these proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes the outcome of any claim that is pending or threatened, either individually or on a combined basis, will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, cash flows or results of operations. However, there can be no assurances that future costs would not be material to our results of operations or liquidity for a particular period.

**15. Segment and Product Information**

We have three regional operating segments Atlantic, Southeast and Central with centralized financial and operational oversight. We believe that these operating segments meet the aggregation criteria prescribed in the *Segment Reporting* topic of the Codification, and thus have one reportable segment.

Sales by product category were as follows for the years ended December 31:

|                                    | <b>2009</b> | <b>2008</b>           | <b>2007</b>  |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|
|                                    |             | <b>(In thousands)</b> |              |
| Prefabricated components           | \$ 129,781  | \$ 194,173            | \$ 301,499   |
| Windows & doors                    | 163,952     | 248,515               | 347,807      |
| Lumber & lumber sheet goods        | 164,627     | 238,719               | 393,022      |
| Millwork                           | 72,798      | 102,803               | 144,954      |
| Other building products & services | 146,728     | 207,804               | 281,146      |
| Total sales                        | \$ 677,886  | \$ 992,014            | \$ 1,468,428 |

**16. Related Party Transactions**

An affiliate of JLL Partners, Inc. is a principal beneficial owner of PGT, Inc. Floyd F. Sherman, our president and chief executive officer, serves on the board of directors for PGT, Inc. We purchased windows from PGT, Inc. totaling \$3.0 million, \$2.8 million and \$2.7 million in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. We had accounts payable to PGT, Inc. in the amounts of \$0.4 million and \$0.2 million as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

In 2009, 2008 and 2007, we paid approximately \$1.3 million, \$1.4 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, in rental expense to employees or our non-affiliate stockholders for leases of land and buildings.

As of December 31, 2009, JLL Partners, Inc. and Warburg Pincus indirectly owned \$97.8 million aggregate principal amount of our 2012 notes which were purchased during 2009 in the public market. Interest was paid on these notes during the year in accordance with the terms of the 2012 notes. In connection with the rights offering and debt exchange discussed in Note 20, JLL and Warburg Pincus each exercised rights to acquire 12.9 million shares of common stock at a subscription price of \$3.50 per share and exchanged their 2012 notes for \$80.1 million in cash and \$17.7 million of common stock, or 5.1 million shares. We also agreed to reimburse JLL Partners, Inc. and Warburg Pincus for all reasonable and actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the recapitalization transactions.

**17. Concentrations**

We maintain cash at financial institutions in excess of federally insured limits. Accounts receivable potentially expose us to concentrations of credit risk. We provide credit in the normal course of business to customers in the residential construction industry. We perform ongoing credit evaluations of our customers and maintain allowances for potential credit losses. Because customers are dispersed among our various markets, our credit risk to any one customer or state economy is not significant.

Our customer mix is a balance of large national homebuilders, regional homebuilders and local homebuilders. For the year ended December 31, 2009, our top 10 customers accounted for approximately 21.8% of our sales, and no single customer accounted for more than 6% of sales.

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We source products from a large number of suppliers. No materials purchases from any single supplier represented more than 8% of our total materials purchases in 2009.

**18. Supplemental Cash Flow Information**

Supplemental cash flow information was as follows for the years ended December 31:

|  | <b>2009</b> | <b>2008</b>           | <b>2007</b> |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|  |             | <b>(In thousands)</b> |             |
| Cash payments for interest               | \$ 23,648   | \$ 24,011             | \$28,780    |
| Cash (refunds) payments for income taxes | (32,758)    | (15,169)              | 1,168       |

**19. Unaudited Quarterly Financial Data**

The following tables summarize the consolidated quarterly results of operations for 2009 and 2008 (in thousands, except per share amounts):

|  | <b>2009</b>              |                           |                          |                           |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | <b>First<br/>Quarter</b> | <b>Second<br/>Quarter</b> | <b>Third<br/>Quarter</b> | <b>Fourth<br/>Quarter</b> |
| Net sales  | \$ 159,576               | \$ 175,482                | \$ 188,865               | \$ 153,963                |
| Gross margin   | 33,550                   | 39,173                    | 39,392                   | 30,291                    |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations               | (28,616)(1)              | (18,554)(2)               | (15,949)(3)              | 6,230(4)                  |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax | (1,962)                  | (4,050)                   | 703                      | 344                       |
| Net income (loss)                                      | (30,578)                 | (22,604)                  | (15,246)                 | 6,574                     |
| Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share          |                          |                           |                          |                           |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations               | \$ (0.73)(1)             | \$ (0.47)(2)              | \$ (0.41)(3)             | \$ 0.16(4)                |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations             | (0.05)                   | (0.11)                    | 0.02                     | 0.01                      |
| Net income (loss)                                      | \$ (0.78)                | \$ (0.58)                 | \$ (0.39)                | \$ 0.17                   |

|   | <b>2008</b>              |                           |                          |                           |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | <b>First<br/>Quarter</b> | <b>Second<br/>Quarter</b> | <b>Third<br/>Quarter</b> | <b>Fourth<br/>Quarter</b> |
| Net sales                                     | \$ 250,793               | \$ 282,314                | \$ 266,002               | \$ 192,905                |
| Gross margin                                  | 56,450                   | 61,212                    | 56,345                   | 41,534                    |
| Loss from continuing operations               | (14,208)                 | (42,564)(5)               | (15,612)(7)              | (48,199)(9)               |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax | (1,638)                  | (3,349)(6)                | (3,244)(8)               | (10,680)(10)              |
| Net loss                                      | (15,846)                 | (45,913)                  | (18,856)                 | (58,879)                  |
| Basic and diluted net loss per share          |                          |                           |                          |                           |
| Loss from continuing operations               | \$ (0.37)                | \$ (1.09)(5)              | \$ (0.40)(7)             | \$ (1.24)(9)              |
| Loss from discontinued operations             | (0.04)                   | (0.09)(6)                 | (0.09)(8)                | (0.27)(10)                |
| Net loss                                      | \$ (0.41)                | \$ (1.18)                 | \$ (0.49)                | \$ (1.51)                 |

- (1) Includes write-off of deferred financing costs of \$1.2 million as discussed in Note 9 and a valuation allowance of \$12.2 million as discussed in Note 12.
- (2) Includes asset impairment charge of \$0.5 million as discussed in Note 2, facility closure costs of \$0.7 million as discussed in Note 11, and a valuation allowance of \$6.6 million as discussed in Note 12.
- (3) Includes a valuation allowance of \$6.2 million as discussed in Note 12.
- (4) Includes a valuation allowance of (\$21.1) million as discussed in Note 12.
- (5) Includes goodwill impairment of \$3.5 million as discussed in Note 6, asset impairment charges of



\$2.2 million as discussed in Note 2, other intangible asset impairment charges of \$4.4 million as discussed in Note 7, and a valuation allowance of \$24.1 million as discussed in Note 12.

- (6) Includes goodwill impairment of \$4.0 million as discussed in Note 5.

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- (7) Includes facility closure costs of \$0.7 million as discussed in Note 11 and a valuation allowance of \$3.2 million as discussed in Note 12.
  
- (8) Includes facility closures costs of \$3.5 million as discussed in Note 5.
  
- (9) Includes goodwill impairment of \$36.4 million as discussed in Note 6, asset impairment charge of \$0.4 million as discussed in Note 2, facility closures costs of \$0.3 million as discussed in Note 11, and a valuation allowance of \$4.3 million as discussed in Note 12.
  
- (10) Includes facility closure costs of \$3.8 million as discussed in Note 5 and a valuation allowance of \$6.6 million as discussed in Note 12.

Earnings per share is computed independently for each of the quarters presented; therefore, the sum of the quarterly earnings per share may not equal the annual earnings per share.

**20. Subsequent Event**

On September 1, 2009, we announced that we had received a proposal from our two largest stockholders, JLL Partners Inc. and Warburg Pincus for a common stock rights offering and debt exchange. Our Board of Directors formed a special committee of independent directors to review and respond to this proposal. Following negotiations among JLL, Warburg Pincus and the special committee, on October 23, 2009, we announced a revised proposal from JLL and Warburg Pincus providing for a \$205 million common stock rights offering and debt exchange for our Second Priority Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes due 2012. These transactions closed in January 2010. The Company raised \$180.1 million of new equity capital through the issuance of 51,459,184 shares of common stock in the rights offering at a subscription price of \$3.50 per share. We will use \$75 million of the proceeds from the rights offering for general corporate purposes and to pay the expenses of the rights offering and the debt exchange. The remaining \$105.1 million of proceeds was used to repurchase a portion of the 2012 notes in the debt exchange.

In the debt exchange, holders of the 2012 notes exchanged, at par, \$269.8 million aggregate principal amount of 2012 notes for (i) \$139.7 million aggregate principal amount of new notes, (ii) \$105.1 million in cash from the proceeds of the rights offering, and (iii) 7,112,244 shares of our common stock. As a result of the debt exchange, we reduced our indebtedness by \$130.0 million and extended the maturity of \$139.7 million of indebtedness until 2016. Upon closing of the rights offering and debt exchange, our funded debt was \$165.0 million, which consisted of \$20.0 million of outstanding borrowings under our senior secured revolving credit facility, \$139.7 million of 2016 notes, and \$5.3 million of our remaining 2012 notes.

The \$139.7 million in aggregate principal amount of new second priority senior secured floating rate notes mature on February 15, 2016. Interest accrues on the floating rate notes at a rate of 3-month LIBOR (subject to a 3.0% floor) plus 10.0%. LIBOR is reset at the beginning of each quarterly period. Interest on the floating rate notes is payable quarterly in arrears. At any time we can redeem some or all of the notes at a redemption price equal to par plus a specified premium that declines ratably to par. In the event of a change in control, we may be required to offer to purchase the notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The resale of the notes is registered under the Securities Act.

The notes are jointly and severally guaranteed by all of the company's subsidiaries and collateralized by a pledge of common stock of certain of our subsidiaries and by a second priority lien on substantially all tangible and intangible property and interests in property and proceeds thereof now owned or hereafter acquired by us and substantially all of our subsidiaries. All of the subsidiaries are wholly-owned and domiciled in the United States. The parent company has no independent assets or operations, and the guarantees are full and unconditional. The indenture covering the 2016 notes contains certain restrictive covenants, which, among other things, relate to the payment of dividends, incurrence of indebtedness, repurchase of common stock or other distributions, asset sales and investments.

**Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

None.

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

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*Disclosure Controls Evaluation and Related CEO and CFO Certifications.* Our management, with the participation of our principal executive officer ( CEO ) and principal financial officer ( CFO ), conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this annual report. The controls evaluation was conducted by our Disclosure Committee, comprised of senior representatives from our finance, accounting, internal audit, and legal departments under the supervision of our CEO and CFO.

Certifications of our CEO and our CFO, which are required in accordance with Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ( Exchange Act ), are attached as exhibits to this annual report. This Controls and Procedures section includes the information concerning the controls evaluation referred to in the certifications, and it should be read in conjunction with the certifications for a more complete understanding of the topics presented.

*Limitations on the Effectiveness of Controls.* We do not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures will prevent all errors and all fraud. A system of controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the system are met. Because of the limitations in all such systems, no evaluation can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. Furthermore, the design of any system of controls and procedures is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions, regardless of how unlikely. Because of these inherent limitations in a cost-effective system of controls and procedures, misstatements or omissions due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

*Scope of the Controls Evaluation.* The evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures included a review of their objectives and design, the Company s implementation of the controls and procedures and the effect of the controls and procedures on the information generated for use in this annual report. In the course of the evaluation, we sought to identify whether we had any data errors, control problems or acts of fraud and to confirm that appropriate corrective action, including process improvements, were being undertaken if needed. This type of evaluation is performed on a quarterly basis so that conclusions concerning the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures can be reported in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. Many of the components of our disclosure controls and procedures are also evaluated by our internal audit department, our legal department and by personnel in our finance organization. The overall goals of these various evaluation activities are to monitor our disclosure controls and procedures on an ongoing basis, and to maintain them as dynamic systems that change as conditions warrant.

*Conclusions regarding Disclosure Controls.* Based on the required evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, our CEO and CFO have concluded that, as of December 31, 2009, we maintained disclosure controls and procedures that were effective in providing reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC s rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

*Management s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.* Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act. Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our CEO and CFO, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework set forth in Internal Control Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on our evaluation under the framework set forth in Internal Control Integrated Framework, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2009.

The effectiveness of the Company s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which appears herein.

*Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting.* During the quarter ended December 31, 2009, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation described

above that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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**Item 9B. *Other Information***

None.

**PART III**

**Item 10. *Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance***

The information required by this item appears in our definitive proxy statement for our annual meeting of stockholders to be held May 24, 2010 under the captions Proposal 1 Election of Directors, Continuing Directors, Information Regarding the Board and Its Committees, Corporate Governance, Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance, and Executive Officers of the Registrant, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

**Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

Builders FirstSource, Inc. and its subsidiaries endeavor to do business according to the highest ethical and legal standards, complying with both the letter and spirit of the law. Our board of directors has approved a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to our directors, officers (including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and controller) and employees. Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is administered by a Compliance Committee made up of representatives from our legal, human resources, finance and internal audit departments.

Our employees are encouraged to report any suspected violations of laws, regulations and the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, and all unethical business practices. We provide continuously monitored hotlines for anonymous reporting by employees.

Our board of directors has also approved a Supplemental Code of Ethics for the chief executive officer, president, and senior financial officers of Builders FirstSource, Inc., which is administered by our general counsel.

Both of these policies are listed as exhibits to this annual report on Form 10-K and can be found in the investors section of our corporate Web site at: [www.blldr.com](http://www.blldr.com).

Stockholders may request a free copy of these policies by contacting the Corporate Secretary, Builders FirstSource, Inc., 2001 Bryan Street, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75201, United States of America.

In addition, within five business days of:

Any amendment to a provision of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics or our Supplemental Code of Ethics for the chief executive officer, president and senior financial officers of Builders FirstSource, Inc. that applies to our chief executive officer, our chief financial officer or controller; or

The grant of any waiver, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of one of these policies to one of these officers that relates to one or more of the items set forth in Item 406(b) of Regulation S-K.

We will provide information regarding any such amendment or waiver (including the nature of any waiver, the name of the person to whom the waiver was granted and the date of the waiver) on our Web site at the Internet address above, and such information will be available on our Web site for at least a 12-month period. In addition, we will disclose any amendments and waivers to our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics or our Supplemental Code of Ethics as required by the listing standards of the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC.

**Table of Contents****Item 11. Executive Compensation**

The information required by this item appears in our definitive proxy statement for our annual meeting of stockholders to be held May 24, 2010 under the captions Executive Compensation and Other Information, Information Regarding the Board and its Committees Compensation of Directors, and Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters**

The information required by this item appears in our definitive proxy statement for our annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 24, 2010 under the caption Ownership of Securities and Equity Compensation Plan Information, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence**

The information required by this item appears in our definitive proxy statement for our annual meeting of stockholders to be held May 24, 2010 under the caption Election of Directors and Management Information, Information Regarding the Board and its Committees, and Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

The information required by this item appears in our definitive proxy statement for our annual meeting of stockholders to be held May 24, 2010 under the caption Proposal 2 Ratification of Selection of Auditors Fees Paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

**PART IV****Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

(a) (1) See the index to consolidated financial statements provided in Item 8 for a list of the financial statements filed as part of this report.

(2) Financial statement schedules are omitted because they are either not applicable or not material.

(3) The following documents are filed, furnished or incorporated by reference as exhibits to this report as required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

**Exhibit  
Number****Description**

- |     |  |
|-----|--|
| 3.1 | Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Builders FirstSource, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Amendment No. 4 to the Registration Statement of the Company on Form S-1, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 6, 2005, File Number 333-122788)  |
| 3.2 | Amended and Restated By-Laws of Builders FirstSource, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 5, 2007, File Number 0-51357)   |
| 4.1 | Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of January 21, 2010, among Builders FirstSource, Inc., JLL Partners Fund V, L.P., and Warburg Pincus Private Equity IX, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 22, 2010, File Number 0-51357)               |
| 4.2 | Indenture, dated as of February 11, 2005, among Builders FirstSource, Inc., the Guarantors party thereto, and Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement of the Company on Form S-1, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 27, 2005, File Number 333-122788) |

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| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|---------------------------|--|
| 4.3                       | Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 8, 2010, among Builders FirstSource, Inc., the Guarantors party thereto, and Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 14, 2010, File Number 0-51357)  |
| 4.4                       | Indenture, dated as of January 21, 2010, among Builders FirstSource, Inc., the Guarantors party thereto, and Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 22, 2010, File Number 0-51357)   |
| 10.1                      | Loan and Security Agreement, dated December 14, 2007, among Builders FirstSource, Inc., the Borrowers party thereto, the Guarantors party thereto, the Lenders party thereto, Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent and Collateral Trustee, UBS Securities LLC, as Syndication Agent, General Electric Capital Corporation, as Documentation Agent, and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC and UBS Securities LLC, as Joint Lead Bookrunners (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 31, 2009, File Number 0-51357) |
| 10.2                      | Collateral Trust Agreement, dated as of February 11, 2005, among Builders FirstSource, Inc., the other Pledgors party thereto, UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as Administrative Agent under the Credit Agreement, Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee under the Indenture, UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as Priority Collateral Trustee, and UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as Parity Collateral Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement of the Company on Form S-1, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 27, 2005, File Number 333-122788)  |
| 10.3                      | Confirmation of Reformation of Collateral Trust Agreement, dated as of December 14, 2007, among Builders FirstSource, Inc., the other Pledgors party thereto, UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as Administrative Agent under the Credit Agreement, Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee under the Indenture, UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as Priority Collateral Trustee, and UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as Parity Collateral Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 5, 2008, File Number 0-51357)  |
| 10.4                      | Second Lien Pledge and Security Agreement, dated as of January 21, 2010, by and among Builders FirstSource, Inc., the Guarantors party thereto, and Wilmington Trust Company, as Collateral Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 22, 2010, File Number 0-51357)  |
| 10.5                      | Investment Agreement, dated as of October 23, 2009, among Builders FirstSource, Inc., JLL Partners Fund V, L.P., and Warburg Pincus Private Equity IX, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement of the Company on Form S-3, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 3, 2009, File Number 333-162906)   |
| 10.6                      |  |



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Amendment No. 1 to Investment Agreement, dated as of December 2, 2009, among Builders FirstSource, Inc., JLL Partners Fund V, L.P., and Warburg Pincus Private Equity IX, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 3, 2009, File Number 0-51357)

- 10.7 Support Agreement, dated as of October 23, 2009, among Builders FirstSource, Inc. and certain holders of our Second Priority Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes Due 2012 party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 3, 2009, File Number 0-51357)
- 10.8 Amendment No. 1 to Support Agreement, dated as of December 2, 2009, among Builders FirstSource, Inc. and certain holders of our Second Priority Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes Due 2012 party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 3, 2009, File Number 0-51357)
- 10.9+ Builders FirstSource, Inc. 1998 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, effective March 1, 2004 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement of the Company on Form S-1, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 27, 2005, File Number 333-122788)

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(b) A list of exhibits filed, furnished or incorporated by reference with this Form 10-K is provided above under Item 15(a)(3) of this report. **Builders FirstSource, Inc. will furnish a copy of any exhibit listed above to any stockholder without charge upon**

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**written request to Donald F. McAleenan, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, 2001 Bryan Street, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75201.**

(c) Not applicable

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

March 4, 2010

**BUILDERS FIRSTSOURCE, INC.**

/s/ FLOYD F. SHERMAN

Floyd F. Sherman

President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

The undersigned hereby constitute and appoint Donald F. McAleenan and his substitutes our true and lawful attorneys-in-fact with full power to execute in our name and behalf in the capacities indicated below any and all amendments to this report and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and hereby ratify and confirm all that such attorney-in-fact or his substitutes shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <b>Signature</b>  | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Date</b>   |
|---|---|---------------|
| /s/ FLOYD F. SHERMAN<br>Floyd F. Sherman                  | President and Chief Executive<br>Officer<br>(Principal Executive Officer and<br>Director) | March 4, 2010 |
| /s/ M. CHAD CROW<br>M. Chad Crow                          | Senior Vice President and Chief<br>Financial Officer (Principal<br>Financial Officer)     | March 4, 2010 |
| /s/ BRAD A. LEIST<br>Brad A. Leist                        | Vice President and Controller<br>(Principal Accounting Officer)                           | March 4, 2010 |
| /s/ PAUL S. LEVY<br>Paul S. Levy                          | Chairman and Director   | March 4, 2010 |
| /s/ DAVID A. BARR<br>David A. Barr                        | Director  | March 4, 2010 |
| /s/ CLEVELAND A.<br>CHRISTOPHE<br>Cleveland A. Christophe | Director  | March 4, 2010 |
| /s/ RAMSEY A. FRANK                                       | Director  | March 4, 2010 |

Ramsey A. Frank

/s/ MICHAEL GRAFF

Director

March 4, 2010

Michael Graff

/s/ ROBERT C. GRIFFIN

Director

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Robert C. Griffin

/s/ KEVIN J. KRUSE

Director

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/s/ CRAIG A. STEINKE

Director

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| 3.2                       | Amended and Restated By-Laws of Builders FirstSource, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 5, 2007, File Number 0-51357)   |
| 4.1                       | Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of January 21, 2010, among Builders FirstSource, Inc., JLL Partners Fund V, L.P., and Warburg Pincus Private Equity IX, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 22, 2010, File Number 0-51357)   |
| 4.2                       | Indenture, dated as of February 11, 2005, among Builders FirstSource, Inc., the Guarantors party thereto, and Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement of the Company on Form S-1, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 27, 2005, File Number 333-122788)   |
| 4.3                       | Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 8, 2010, among Builders FirstSource, Inc., the Guarantors party thereto, and Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 14, 2010, File Number 0-51357)  |
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