

RELIANCE STEEL & ALUMINUM CO  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2010

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: 001-13122

**RELIANCE STEEL & ALUMINUM CO.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**95-1142616**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**350 South Grand Avenue, Suite 5100**

**Los Angeles, California 90071**

**(213) 687-7700**

(Address of principal executive offices and telephone number)

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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

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

As of October 29, 2010, 74,606,271 shares of the registrant's common stock, no par value, were outstanding.

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(In thousands, except share amounts)

	September 30, 2010 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2009
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 186,463	\$ 43,002
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$18,862 at September 30, 2010 and \$21,269 at December 31, 2009	761,955	533,871
Inventories	921,225	719,915
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	38,181	40,096
Income taxes receivable	13,333	54,020
Total current assets	1,921,157	1,390,904
Property, plant and equipment:		
Land	136,099	131,009
Buildings	574,708	543,590
Machinery and equipment	860,136	829,154
Accumulated depreciation	(585,583)	(522,494)
	985,360	981,259
Goodwill	1,082,256	1,081,324
Intangible assets, net	707,664	726,255
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies, net	88,013	92,860
Investments in unconsolidated entities	15,641	20,880
Other assets	17,432	13,295
Total assets	\$ 4,817,523	\$ 4,306,777
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 326,359	\$ 169,113
Accrued expenses	65,782	55,927
Accrued compensation and retirement costs	78,022	67,012
Accrued insurance costs	37,955	39,134
Current maturities of long-term debt and short-term borrowings	150,816	86,383
Total current liabilities	658,934	417,569
Long-term debt	944,231	849,375
Long-term retirement costs	71,572	69,277
Other long-term liabilities	28,307	26,537
Deferred income taxes	333,029	335,897
Commitments and contingencies		

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Equity:

Preferred stock, no par value:		
Authorized shares	5,000,000	
None issued or outstanding		
Common stock, no par value:		
Authorized shares	100,000,000	
Issued and outstanding shares	74,501,093 at September 30, 2010 and 73,750,771 at December 31, 2009,	
stated capital	616,300	587,612
Retained earnings	2,156,322	2,020,343
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	2,966	(1,523)
<b>Total Reliance shareholders equity</b>	<b>2,775,588</b>	<b>2,606,432</b>
Noncontrolling interests	5,862	1,690
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>2,781,450</b>	<b>2,608,122</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>\$ 4,817,523</b>	<b>\$ 4,306,777</b>

*See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.*

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	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Net sales	\$ 1,653,798	\$ 1,243,373	\$ 4,728,458	\$ 4,044,886
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of sales (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown below)	1,257,629	886,904	3,537,401	3,051,090
Warehouse, delivery, selling, general and administrative	278,135	251,761	819,596	776,270
Depreciation and amortization	29,847	30,425	88,902	89,852
	1,565,611	1,169,090	4,445,899	3,917,212
Operating income	88,187	74,283	282,559	127,674
Other income (expense):				
Interest	(15,276)	(15,916)	(46,006)	(51,930)
Other income (expense), net	513	3,144	(596)	6,900
Income before income taxes	73,424	61,511	235,957	82,644
Income tax provision	24,139	19,434	78,880	25,735
Net income	49,285	42,077	157,077	56,909
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	635	320	2,178	821
Net income attributable to Reliance	\$ 48,650	\$ 41,757	\$ 154,899	\$ 56,088
Earnings per share:				
Diluted earnings per common share attributable to Reliance shareholders	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.57	\$ 2.08	\$ 0.76
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	74,400,359	73,784,086	74,369,076	73,623,714
Basic earnings per common share attributable to Reliance shareholders	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.57	\$ 2.09	\$ 0.76
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	74,292,161	73,478,197	74,126,497	73,391,043
Cash dividends per share	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.30

*See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.*

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	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 157,077	\$ 56,909
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	88,902	89,852
Deferred income tax benefit	(2,906)	(14,120)
Loss on sales of property, plant and equipment	779	62
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities	(244)	(705)
Dividends received from unconsolidated entity	320	1,120
Share based compensation expense	12,715	11,456
Excess tax benefit from share based compensation	(3,316)	(303)
Net loss (gain) from life insurance policies	964	(5,219)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(227,156)	266,537
Inventories	(200,610)	497,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	38,498	18,464
Accounts payable and other liabilities	182,662	(113,849)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>47,685</b>	<b>807,204</b>
<b>Investing activities:</b>		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(65,784)	(55,044)
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	1,067	1,173
Net proceeds from redemption of life insurance policies	3,883	6,576
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(60,834)</b>	<b>(47,295)</b>
<b>Financing activities:</b>		
Net short-term debt borrowings (repayments)	3,906	(1,107)
Proceeds from long-term debt borrowings	427,000	352,000
Principal payments on long-term debt	(272,789)	(1,047,417)
Debt issuance costs		(6,841)
Payments to noncontrolling interest holder	(980)	(1,323)
Capital contributions from noncontrolling interests	142	
Dividends paid	(22,236)	(22,019)
Excess tax benefit from share based compensation	3,316	303
Exercise of stock options	17,434	4,059
Issuance of common stock		258
Noncontrolling interests purchased		(2,661)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>155,793</b>	<b>(724,748)</b>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	817	708
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>143,461</b>	<b>35,869</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	43,002	51,995

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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 186,463	\$ 87,864
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**Supplemental cash flow information:**

Interest paid during the period	\$ 33,026	\$ 46,832
Income taxes paid during the period	\$ 47,100	\$ 28,260

*See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.*



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The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions of Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation with respect to the interim financial statements, have been included. The results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results for the full year ending December 31, 2010. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2009, included in Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co. s ( We , Reliance or the Company ) Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and the disclosure of contingent amounts in the Company s consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Company s consolidated financial statements include the assets, liabilities and operating results of majority-owned subsidiaries. The ownership of the other interest holders of consolidated subsidiaries is reflected as noncontrolling interests. The Company s investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries are recorded under the equity method of accounting. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

**2. Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Guidance*****Accounting Guidance Recently Adopted***

On January 1, 2010, the Company adopted changes issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) for accounting for variable interest entities. These changes replaced the quantitative-based risks and rewards calculation for determining which reporting entity, if any, has a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity with an approach focused on identifying which reporting entity has the power to direct the activities of a variable interest entity that most significantly impact the entity s economic performance and (1) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity or (2) the right to receive benefits from the entity. The changes also require additional disclosures about a reporting entity s involvement in variable interest entities. The adoption of this guidance resulted in the consolidation of one of the Company s joint venture entities, which did not have a material impact on the Company s consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

**3. Goodwill**

The change in the carrying amount of goodwill for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 is as follows:

	<b>(In thousands)</b>
Balance as of December 31, 2009	\$ 1,081,324
Effect of foreign currency translation	781
Consolidation of a joint venture entity	151
Balance as of September 30, 2010	\$ 1,082,256

The Company had no accumulated impairment losses related to goodwill as of September 30, 2010.



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The following table summarizes the Company's intangible assets, net:

	September 30, 2010		December 31, 2009	
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
(In thousands)				
Intangible assets subject to amortization:				
Covenants not to compete	\$ 6,853	\$ (6,687)	\$ 6,853	\$ (6,558)
Loan fees	23,868	(13,194)	23,868	(10,592)
Customer lists/relationships	346,703	(76,888)	345,035	(58,749)
Software - internal use	8,100	(3,645)	8,100	(3,038)
Other	4,933	(1,629)	4,949	(1,297)
	390,457	(102,043)	388,805	(80,234)
Intangible assets not subject to amortization:				
Trade names	419,250		417,684	
	\$ 809,707	\$ (102,043)	\$ 806,489	\$ (80,234)

The Company recognized amortization expense for intangible assets of approximately \$21.7 million and \$22.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Other changes in intangible assets during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 are due to foreign currency translation gains of \$1.0 million and a \$2.1 million increase from consolidation of a joint venture entity.

Based on the current amount of intangibles subject to amortization, the estimated amortization expense for the remaining three months of 2010 and each of the succeeding five years is as follows:

	(In thousands)
2010	\$ 7,212
2011	28,670
2012	28,130
2013	25,449
2014	23,449
2015	21,886

**5. Income Taxes**

The Company's effective tax rates for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were 33.4% and 31.1%, respectively. For the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 the Company's effective tax rates were 32.9% and 31.6%, respectively. The fluctuations in the Company's effective tax rates are mainly because of varying income levels over these periods. Permanent items that impacted the Company's

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effective tax rates as compared to the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35% were not materially different in amounts during these periods and relate mainly to company-owned life insurance policies and domestic production activities deductions.

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Debt consists of the following:

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
	(In thousands)	
Unsecured revolving credit facility due November 9, 2012	\$ 270,000	\$ 115,000
Senior unsecured notes due October 15, 2010	78,000	78,000
Senior unsecured notes due from July 1, 2011 to July 2, 2013	135,000	135,000
Senior unsecured notes due November 15, 2016	350,000	350,000
Senior unsecured notes due November 15, 2036	250,000	250,000
Other notes and revolving credit facilities	13,865	9,684
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>1,096,865</b>	<b>937,684</b>
Less unamortized discount	(1,818)	(1,926)
Less amounts due within one year and short-term borrowings	(150,816)	(86,383)
<b>Total long-term debt</b>	<b>\$ 944,231</b>	<b>\$ 849,375</b>

**Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility**

The Company's \$1.1 billion unsecured revolving credit facility has 16 banks as lenders. On September 28, 2009, the Company amended its syndicated credit agreement to adjust certain financial ratio requirements (primarily related to minimum interest coverage ratio and maximum leverage ratio) until June 30, 2010 at which time these ratios adjusted back to the pre-amendment levels. With the amendment, the pricing on the revolving credit facility was adjusted to market rates in effect at that time and restrictions were placed on certain uses of cash until June 30, 2010 for acquisitions, dividends, investments, and stock repurchases. On June 30, 2010, these financial ratio requirements were adjusted back to pre-amendment levels and the restrictions placed on cash were removed. Also, with the amendment, the Company extended the maturity date of \$1.02 billion of commitments with 14 extending lenders through November 9, 2012, while the maturity date for \$80.0 million of commitments with non-extending lenders remains at November 9, 2011. Interest on borrowings from extending lenders is at variable rates based on LIBOR plus 3.50% or the bank prime rate plus 2.50% as of September 30, 2010. Interest on borrowings from non-extending lenders is at variable rates based on LIBOR plus 0.45% or the bank prime rate as of September 30, 2010. The revolving credit facility includes a commitment fee on the unused portion, at an annual rate of 0.40% and 0.10% for extending and non-extending lenders, respectively, as of September 30, 2010. The applicable margin over LIBOR rate and base rate borrowings along with commitment fees are subject to adjustment every quarter based on the Company's leverage ratio.

Weighted average rates on borrowings outstanding on the revolving credit facility were 3.65% and 3.51% as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

As of September 30, 2010, the Company had \$44.9 million of letters of credit outstanding under the revolving credit facility with availability to issue an additional \$80.1 million of letters of credit.

**Revolving Credit Facilities Foreign Operations**

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The Company also had two separate revolving credit facilities for operations in Canada with a combined credit limit of CAD\$35.0 million as of December 31, 2009. In January 2010, the Canadian credit facilities were combined into one unsecured facility with a reduced credit limit of CAD\$5.0 million. There were no borrowings outstanding on these revolving credit facilities as of September 30, 2010 or December 31, 2009.

Various other separate revolving credit facilities with a combined credit limit of approximately \$22.6 million are in place for operations in Asia and Europe with combined outstanding balances of \$12.6 million and \$8.1 million as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

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**(UNAUDITED)**

***Senior Unsecured Notes Private Placements***

The Company also has \$213.0 million of outstanding senior unsecured notes issued in private placements of debt as of September 30, 2010. At September 30, 2010, the outstanding senior notes bear interest at a weighted average fixed rate of 5.7% and have a weighted average remaining life of 1.2 years, maturing from October 2010 to July 2013. On October 15, 2010, we repaid \$78.0 million of the notes that matured on that date.

***Senior Unsecured Notes Publicly Traded***

On November 20, 2006, the Company entered into an Indenture (the Indenture), for the issuance of \$600 million of unsecured debt securities. The total debt issued was comprised of two tranches, (a) \$350 million aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes bearing interest at the rate of 6.20% per annum, maturing on November 15, 2016 and (b) \$250 million aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes bearing interest at the rate of 6.85% per annum, maturing on November 15, 2036. The notes are senior unsecured obligations of Reliance and rank equally with all other existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of Reliance. The senior unsecured notes include provisions that, in the event of a change in control and a downgrade of the Company's credit rating, require the Company to make an offer to repurchase the notes at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount plus accrued interest.

***Covenants***

The \$1.1 billion revolving credit facility and the senior unsecured note agreements collectively require the Company to maintain a minimum net worth and interest coverage ratio and a maximum leverage ratio and include a change of control provision, among other things. On June 30, 2010, the minimum interest coverage ratio and maximum leverage ratio requirements adjusted from amended levels of 2.0 times and 50%, respectively, back to the pre-amendment levels of 3.0 times and 60%, respectively. The Company's interest coverage ratio for the twelve-month period ended September 30, 2010 was approximately 6.6 times compared to the debt covenant minimum requirement of 3.0 times (interest coverage ratio is calculated as net income attributable to Reliance plus interest expense and provision for income taxes and plus or minus any non-operating non-recurring loss or gain, respectively, divided by interest expense). The Company's leverage ratio as of September 30, 2010 calculated in accordance with the terms of the revolving credit facility was 29.2% compared to the financial covenant maximum amount of 60% (leverage ratio is calculated as total debt, inclusive of capital lease obligations and outstanding letters of credit, divided by Reliance shareholders equity plus total debt). The minimum net worth requirement as of September 30, 2010 was \$950.6 million compared to Reliance shareholders equity balance of \$2.78 billion as of September 30, 2010.

Additionally, all of our wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries, which constitute the substantial majority of our subsidiaries, guarantee the borrowings under the revolving credit facility, the Indenture and the private placement notes. The subsidiary guarantors, together with Reliance, are required collectively to account for at least 80% of the Company's consolidated EBITDA and 80% of consolidated tangible assets. Reliance and the subsidiary guarantors accounted for approximately 95% of our total consolidated EBITDA for the last twelve months and approximately 93% of total consolidated tangible assets as of September 30, 2010.

The Company was in compliance with all debt covenants as of September 30, 2010.

**7. Equity**

***Common Stock***

During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company issued 689,322 shares of common stock in connection with the exercise of stock options for total proceeds of approximately \$17.4 million.





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On July 26, 2010, the Company granted 61,000 shares of restricted stock to certain officers of the Company. The awards include dividend rights and vest 20% on August 1, 2011 and 20% on each August 1 thereafter through 2015. The fair value of the restricted stock granted was \$41.24 per share, determined based on the fair value of the Company's common stock on the grant date.

On May 19, 2010, pursuant to the Amended and Restated Directors' Stock Option Plan, which has been approved by the shareholders, 36,000 options to acquire the Company's common stock were automatically granted to the non-employee members of the Board of Directors with an exercise price equal to the fair market value as of the date of the grant. The stock options cliff vest after one year and expire ten years after the date of grant. The fair value of stock options granted was estimated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions: Expected life 5.5 years; Expected volatility 57.3%; Dividend yield 0.9%; Risk-free interest rate 2.1%; Exercise price \$44.99.

On February 23, 2010, the Company granted 1,003,400 options to acquire its common stock to key employees with an exercise price equal to the fair market value as of the date of the grant. The stock options vest ratably over a period of four years and expire seven years after the date of grant. The fair value of stock options granted was estimated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions: Expected life 4.8 years; Expected volatility 59.7%; Dividend yield 0.9%; Risk-free interest rate 2.4%; Exercise price \$42.81.

**Share Repurchase Program**

Under the Company's current stock repurchase program 7,883,033 shares of common stock remain authorized for repurchase as of September 30, 2010. No shares were repurchased in 2010 or 2009. Repurchased shares are redeemed and treated as authorized but unissued shares.

**Other Comprehensive Income**

Other comprehensive income included the following:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	(In thousands)			
Net income	\$ 49,285	\$ 42,077	\$ 157,077	\$ 56,909
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Foreign currency translation gain	5,453	10,689	4,443	19,848
Unrealized gain on investments, net of tax	75	131	38	371
Minimum pension liability, net of tax	3	1	8	(30)
Total other comprehensive income, net of tax	5,531	10,821	4,489	20,189
Comprehensive income	54,816	52,898	161,566	77,098
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(635)	(320)	(2,178)	(821)
Comprehensive income attributable to Reliance	\$ 54,181	\$ 52,578	\$ 159,388	\$ 76,277



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Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) included the following:

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
	(In thousands)	
Foreign currency translation gain	\$ 15,091	\$ 10,648
Unrealized loss on investments, net of tax	(410)	(448)
Minimum pension liability, net of tax	(11,715)	(11,723)
Total accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 2,966	\$ (1,523)

Foreign currency translation adjustments are not generally adjusted for income taxes as they relate to indefinite investments in foreign subsidiaries. Unrealized loss on investments and minimum pension liability are net of taxes of approximately \$0.3 million and \$7.3 million, respectively, as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009.

**8. Commitments and Contingencies**

The Company is currently involved with certain environmental remediation projects related to activities at manufacturing operations of Earle M. Jorgensen Company (EMJ), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, that were sold many years prior to Reliance's acquisition of EMJ in 2006. Although the potential cleanup costs could be significant, EMJ had insurance policies in place at the time they owned the manufacturing operations that are expected to cover the majority of the related costs. The Company does not expect that these obligations will have a material adverse impact on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**9. Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per share exclude any dilutive effects of options, restricted shares, warrants and convertible securities. Diluted earnings per share are calculated including the dilutive effects of options, restricted shares, warrants and convertible securities, if any.

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

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)</b>			
<b>Numerator:</b>				
Net income attributable to Reliance	\$ 48,650	\$ 41,757	\$ 154,899	\$ 56,088
<b>Denominator:</b>				
Denominator for basic earnings per share:				
Weighted average shares	74,292	73,478	74,126	73,391
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Stock options	108	306	243	233
Denominator for diluted earnings per share:				
Adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversions	74,400	73,784	74,369	73,624
Net income per share attributable to Reliance shareholders diluted	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.57	\$ 2.08	\$ 0.76
Net income per share attributable to Reliance shareholders basic	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.57	\$ 2.09	\$ 0.76

The computations of earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 do not include 3,954,200 and 2,759,308 weighted average shares reserved for issuance upon exercise of stock options or vesting of restricted shares, respectively, because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 the computations of earnings per share exclude 3,032,425 and 3,122,897 weighted average shares reserved for issuance upon exercise of stock options, respectively, because their inclusion would have also been anti-dilutive.

**10. Subsequent Events**

On October 1, 2010 the Company acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of Diamond Consolidated Industries, Inc. and affiliated companies. The operating entities consist of Diamond Manufacturing Company located in Wyoming, Pennsylvania and Diamond Manufacturing Midwest in Michigan City, Indiana that specialize in the manufacture and sale of specialty engineered perforated materials; Perforated Metals Plus, a distributor of perforated metals located in Charlotte, North Carolina; and Dependable Punch Corporation, a manufacturer of custom punches for tools and dies also located in Wyoming, Pennsylvania. The combined unaudited net sales of Diamond and its affiliated companies for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were approximately \$75 million. All the businesses will operate as divisions of Diamond Manufacturing Company, which will operate as a subsidiary of Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co.

**11. Condensed Consolidating Financial Statements**

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In November 2006, the Company issued senior unsecured notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$600 million at fixed interest rates that are guaranteed by its wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries. The accompanying consolidating financial information has been prepared and presented pursuant to Rule 3-10 of SEC Regulation S-X *Financial Statements of Guarantors and Issuers of Guaranteed Securities Registered or Being Registered*. The guarantees are full and unconditional and joint and several obligations of each of the guarantor subsidiaries. There are no significant restrictions on the ability of the Company to obtain funds from any of the guarantor subsidiaries by

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dividends or loans. The supplemental consolidating financial information has been presented in lieu of separate financial statements of the guarantors as such separate financial statements are not considered meaningful.

**Condensed Unaudited Consolidating Balance Sheet****As of September 30, 2010****(In thousands)**

	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Eliminations &amp; Reclassifications</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 131,576	\$ 16,648	\$ 38,239	\$	\$ 186,463
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts	64,245	642,504	55,206		761,955
Inventories	43,105	823,070	55,050		921,225
Intercompany receivables	321	12,061	147	(12,529)	
Income taxes receivable	47,502			(34,169)	13,333
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	4,160	27,031	6,990		38,181
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>290,909</b>	<b>1,521,314</b>	<b>155,632</b>	<b>(46,698)</b>	<b>1,921,157</b>
Investments in subsidiaries	1,763,964	190,002		(1,953,966)	
Property, plant and equipment, net	91,509	836,812	57,039		985,360
Goodwill	23,780	1,002,775	55,701		1,082,256
Intangible assets, net	10,507	633,134	64,023		707,664
Intercompany receivables	1,938,812			(1,938,812)	
Other assets	3,762	115,294	2,030		121,086
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,123,243</b>	<b>\$ 4,299,331</b>	<b>\$ 334,425</b>	<b>\$ (3,939,476)</b>	<b>\$ 4,817,523</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 34,952	\$ 272,932	\$ 31,004	\$ (12,529)	\$ 326,359
Accrued compensation and retirement costs	14,154	59,370	4,498		78,022
Other current liabilities	51,263	79,502	7,141	(34,169)	103,737
Current maturities of long-term debt and short-term borrowings	138,250		12,566		150,816
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>238,619</b>	<b>411,804</b>	<b>55,209</b>	<b>(46,698)</b>	<b>658,934</b>
Long-term debt	944,078	153			944,231
Intercompany borrowings		1,912,271	26,541	(1,938,812)	
Deferred taxes and other long-term liabilities	164,958	265,229	2,721		432,908
Total Reliance shareholders' equity	2,775,588	1,706,348	247,618	(1,953,966)	2,775,588
Noncontrolling interests		3,526	2,336		5,862

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Total equity	2,775,588	1,709,874	249,954	(1,953,966)	2,781,450
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 4,123,243	\$ 4,299,331	\$ 334,425	\$ (3,939,476)	\$ 4,817,523

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	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,968	\$ 6,890	\$ 27,144	\$	\$ 43,002
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts	48,344	451,234	34,293		533,871
Inventories	27,791	646,343	45,781		719,915
Intercompany receivables	300	15,845	1,940	(18,085)	
Income taxes receivable	52,021		1,999		54,020
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	6,500	30,544	3,052		40,096
Total current assets	143,924	1,150,856	114,209	(18,085)	1,390,904
Investments in subsidiaries	1,642,191	155,039	612	(1,797,842)	
Property, plant and equipment, net	92,706	840,606	47,947		981,259
Goodwill	23,780	1,002,775	54,769		1,081,324
Intangible assets, net	13,276	650,784	62,195		726,255
Intercompany receivables	1,857,443			(1,857,443)	
Other assets	4,282	121,883	870		127,035
Total assets	\$ 3,777,602	\$ 3,921,943	\$ 280,602	\$ (3,673,370)	\$ 4,306,777
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 16,853	\$ 156,994	\$ 13,351	\$ (18,085)	\$ 169,113
Accrued compensation and retirement costs	11,557	51,588	3,867		67,012
Other current liabilities	49,109	41,829	4,123		95,061
Current maturities of long-term debt and short-term borrowings	78,250		8,133		86,383
Total current liabilities	155,769	250,411	29,474	(18,085)	417,569
Long-term debt	849,220	155			849,375
Intercompany borrowings		1,832,229	25,214	(1,857,443)	
Deferred taxes and other long-term liabilities	166,181	263,050	2,480		431,711
Total Reliance shareholders' equity	2,606,432	1,575,184	222,658	(1,797,842)	2,606,432
Noncontrolling interests		914	776		1,690
Total equity	2,606,432	1,576,098	223,434	(1,797,842)	2,608,122



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Total liabilities and equity	\$ 3,777,602	\$ 3,921,943	\$ 280,602	\$ (3,673,370)	\$ 4,306,777
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	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Net sales	\$ 155,005	\$ 1,449,264	\$ 89,278	\$ (39,749)	\$ 1,653,798
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of sales (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown below)	119,006	1,119,381	59,012	(39,770)	1,257,629
Warehouse, delivery, selling, general and administrative	26,607	248,186	17,768	(14,426)	278,135
Depreciation and amortization	3,275	24,840	1,732		29,847
	148,888	1,392,407	78,512	(54,196)	1,565,611
Operating income	6,117	56,857	10,766	14,447	88,187
Other income (expense):					
Interest	(15,612)	(4,367)	(198)	4,901	(15,276)
Other (expense) income, net	(28,899)	48,214	546	(19,348)	513
(Loss) income before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and income taxes	(38,394)	100,704	11,114		73,424
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	63,466	4,997		(68,463)	
Income before income taxes	25,072	105,701	11,114	(68,463)	73,424
Income tax (benefit) provision	(23,578)	45,225	2,492		24,139
Net income	48,650	60,476	8,622	(68,463)	49,285
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests		773	(138)		635
Net income attributable to Reliance	\$ 48,650	\$ 59,703	\$ 8,760	\$ (68,463)	\$ 48,650

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	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Net sales	\$ 121,561	\$ 1,103,210	\$ 50,436	\$ (31,834)	\$ 1,243,373
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of sales (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown below)	85,999	794,481	38,279	(31,855)	886,904
Warehouse, delivery, selling, general and administrative	21,113	231,651	13,064	(14,067)	251,761
Depreciation and amortization	4,289	24,969	1,167		30,425
	111,401	1,051,101	52,510	(45,922)	1,169,090
Operating income (loss)	10,160	52,109	(2,074)	14,088	74,283
Other income (expense):					
Interest	(16,022)	(8,632)	(125)	8,863	(15,916)
Other income, net	23,221	1,843	1,031	(22,951)	3,144
Income (loss) before equity in earnings (losses) of subsidiaries and income taxes	17,359	45,320	(1,168)		61,511
Equity in earnings (losses) of subsidiaries	19,883	(580)		(19,303)	
Income (loss) before income taxes	37,242	44,740	(1,168)	(19,303)	61,511
Income tax (benefit) provision	(4,515)	25,107	(1,158)		19,434
Net income (loss)	41,757	19,633	(10)	(19,303)	42,077
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		301	19		320
Net income (loss) attributable to Reliance	\$ 41,757	\$ 19,332	\$ (29)	\$ (19,303)	\$ 41,757

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	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Net sales	\$ 448,010	\$ 4,164,465	\$ 244,444	\$ (128,461)	\$ 4,728,458
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of sales (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown below)	339,500	3,159,487	166,937	(128,523)	3,537,401
Warehouse, delivery, selling, general and administrative	75,142	744,917	51,904	(52,367)	819,596
Depreciation and amortization	9,605	74,724	4,573		88,902
	424,247	3,979,128	223,414	(180,890)	4,445,899
Operating income	23,763	185,337	21,030	52,429	282,559
Other income (expense):					
Interest	(46,889)	(26,152)	(579)	27,614	(46,006)
Other income (expense), net	31,330	47,684	433	(80,043)	(596)
Income before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and income taxes	8,204	206,869	20,884		235,957
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	113,593	9,557		(123,150)	
Income before income taxes	121,797	216,426	20,884	(123,150)	235,957
Income tax (benefit) provision	(33,102)	107,886	4,096		78,880
Net income	154,899	108,540	16,788	(123,150)	157,077
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests		2,223	(45)		2,178
Net income attributable to Reliance	\$ 154,899	\$ 106,317	\$ 16,833	\$ (123,150)	\$ 154,899

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	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Net sales	\$ 381,585	\$ 3,606,808	\$ 157,791	\$ (101,298)	\$ 4,044,886
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of sales (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown below)	275,181	2,757,160	120,109	(101,360)	3,051,090
Warehouse, delivery, selling, general and administrative	70,714	714,718	39,705	(48,867)	776,270
Depreciation and amortization	9,927	76,590	3,335		89,852
	355,822	3,548,468	163,149	(150,227)	3,917,212
Operating income (loss)	25,763	58,340	(5,358)	48,929	127,674
Other income (expense):					
Interest	(52,819)	(30,854)	(407)	32,150	(51,930)
Other income, net	81,480	3,701	2,798	(81,079)	6,900
Income (loss) before equity in losses of subsidiaries and income taxes	54,424	31,187	(2,967)		82,644
Equity in losses of subsidiaries	(12,371)	(2,663)		15,034	
Income (loss) before income taxes	42,053	28,524	(2,967)	15,034	82,644
Income tax (benefit) provision	(14,035)	41,401	(1,631)		25,735
Net income (loss)	56,088	(12,877)	(1,336)	15,034	56,909
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests		863	(42)		821
Net income (loss) attributable to Reliance	\$ 56,088	\$ (13,740)	\$ (1,294)	\$ 15,034	\$ 56,088

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	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
<b>Operating activities:</b>					
Net income	\$ 154,899	\$ 108,540	\$ 16,788	\$ (123,150)	\$ 157,077
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	(113,593)	(9,801)		123,150	(244)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by (used in) operating activities	21,289	(118,847)	(11,590)		(109,148)
<b>Cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>62,595</b>	<b>(20,108)</b>	<b>5,198</b>		<b>47,685</b>
<b>Investing activities:</b>					
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(6,847)	(53,500)	(5,437)		(65,784)
Net advances to subsidiaries	(81,369)			81,369	
Other investing activities, net	(5,035)	4,843	92	5,050	4,950
<b>Cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(93,251)</b>	<b>(48,657)</b>	<b>(5,345)</b>	<b>86,419</b>	<b>(60,834)</b>
<b>Financing activities:</b>					
Net borrowings (repayments) of debt	154,750	(539)	3,906		158,117
Dividends paid	(22,236)				(22,236)
Net intercompany borrowings		80,042	1,327	(81,369)	
Other financing activities, net	20,750	(980)	5,192	(5,050)	19,912
<b>Cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>153,264</b>	<b>78,523</b>	<b>10,425</b>	<b>(86,419)</b>	<b>155,793</b>
<b>Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents</b>			<b>817</b>		<b>817</b>
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>122,608</b>	<b>9,758</b>	<b>11,095</b>		<b>143,461</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	<b>8,968</b>	<b>6,890</b>	<b>27,144</b>		<b>43,002</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 131,576</b>	<b>\$ 16,648</b>	<b>\$ 38,239</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 186,463</b>

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	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
<b>Operating activities:</b>					
Net income (loss)	\$ 56,088	\$ (12,877)	\$ (1,336)	\$ 15,034	\$ 56,909
Equity in losses of subsidiaries	12,371	2,663		(15,034)	
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to cash provided by operating activities	128	732,103	18,064		750,295
<b>Cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>68,587</b>	<b>721,889</b>	<b>16,728</b>		<b>807,204</b>
<b>Investing activities:</b>					
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(3,932)	(45,729)	(5,383)		(55,044)
Net advances from subsidiaries	689,541			(689,541)	
Other investing activities, net	77	7,450	222		7,749
<b>Cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>685,686</b>	<b>(38,279)</b>	<b>(5,161)</b>	<b>(689,541)</b>	<b>(47,295)</b>
<b>Financing activities:</b>					
Net repayments of debt	(694,501)	(916)	(1,107)		(696,524)
Dividends paid	(22,019)				(22,019)
Net intercompany (repayments) borrowings		(691,120)	1,579	689,541	
Other financing activities, net	(2,221)	(1,323)	(2,661)		(6,205)
<b>Cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(718,741)</b>	<b>(693,359)</b>	<b>(2,189)</b>	<b>689,541</b>	<b>(724,748)</b>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents			708		708
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>35,532</b>	<b>(9,749)</b>	<b>10,086</b>		<b>35,869</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	<b>21,263</b>	<b>19,201</b>	<b>11,531</b>		<b>51,995</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 56,795</b>	<b>\$ 9,452</b>	<b>\$ 21,617</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 87,864</b>

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*This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q may contain forward-looking statements relating to future financial results. Actual results may differ materially as a result of factors over which Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co. has no control. These risk factors and additional information are included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.*

**2010 Acquisition**

On October 1, 2010 we acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of Diamond Consolidated Industries, Inc. and affiliated companies. The operating entities consist of Diamond Manufacturing Company located in Wyoming, Pennsylvania and Diamond Manufacturing Midwest in Michigan City, Indiana that specialize in the manufacture and sale of specialty engineered perforated materials; Perforated Metals Plus, a distributor of perforated metals located in Charlotte, North Carolina; and Dependable Punch Corporation, a manufacturer of custom punches for tools and dies also located in Wyoming, Pennsylvania. The combined unaudited net sales of Diamond and its affiliated companies for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were approximately \$75 million.

**Three Months and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 Compared to Three Months and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009**

The following table sets forth certain income statement data for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (dollars are shown in thousands and certain amounts may not calculate due to rounding):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2010		2009		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010		2009	
	\$	% of Net Sales	\$	% of Net Sales	\$	% of Net Sales	\$	% of Net Sales
<b>Net sales</b>	\$ 1,653,798	100.0%	\$ 1,243,373	100.0%	\$ 4,728,458	100.0%	\$ 4,044,886	100.0%
<b>Cost of sales (exclusive of depreciation and amortization expense shown below)</b>	1,257,629	76.0	886,904	71.3	3,537,401	74.8	3,051,090	75.4
<b>Gross profit <sup>(1)</sup></b>	396,169	24.0	356,469	28.7	1,191,057	25.2	993,796	24.6
<b>S,G&amp;A expenses</b>	278,135	16.8	251,761	20.2	819,596	17.3	776,270	19.2
<b>Depreciation expense</b>	22,559	1.4	21,888	1.8	67,158	1.4	67,259	1.7
<b>Amortization expense</b>	7,288	0.4	8,537	0.7	21,744	0.5	22,593	0.6
<b>Operating income</b>	\$ 88,187	5.3%	\$ 74,283	6.0%	\$ 282,559	6.0%	\$ 127,674	3.2%

<sup>(1)</sup> Gross profit, calculated as Net sales less Cost of sales, is a non-GAAP financial measure as it excludes depreciation and amortization expense associated with the corresponding sales. The majority of our orders are basic distribution with no processing services performed. For the remainder of our sales orders, we perform first-stage processing, which is generally not labor intensive as we are simply cutting the metal to size. Because of this, the amount of related labor and overhead, including depreciation and amortization, are not significant and are excluded from our Cost of sales. Therefore, our Cost of sales is primarily comprised of the cost of the material we sell. The Company uses Gross profit and Gross profit margin as shown above as measures of operating performance. Gross profit and Gross profit margin are important operating and financial measures, as fluctuations in Gross profit and Gross profit margin can have a significant impact on our earnings. Gross profit and Gross profit margin, as presented, are not necessarily comparable with similarly titled measures for other companies.



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*Net Sales.* In the three months ended September 30, 2010, our consolidated net sales increased 33.0% to \$1.65 billion from \$1.24 billion for the three months ended September 30, 2009. This includes a 10.8% increase in tons sold and a 19.8% increase in our average selling price per ton sold. Compared to the preceding quarter (2010 second quarter), sales increased 2%, with a 1% increase in tons sold and a 1% increase in average selling price. (Tons sold and average selling price per ton sold amounts exclude the toll processing sales of Precision Strip, Inc. and Feralloy Corporation.)

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In the nine months ended September 30, 2010, our consolidated net sales increased 16.9% to \$4.73 billion from \$4.04 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. This includes a 5.5% increase in tons sold and a 10.1% increase in our average selling price per ton sold.

In general, demand has been gradually improving since we reached our low in June 2009 as the general economy is slowly recovering and our customers are buying metal to meet their production needs. Business activity in most all of our markets is better than a year ago, with the exception of non-residential construction, which we believe represents about one-third of our revenues.

Most of the products we sell had higher average selling prices in 2010 compared to 2009 levels as a result of increased mill prices over this period. In the 2009 first half, mill prices for carbon steel products were declining rapidly and bottomed in the 2009 second quarter. In the 2009 third quarter there were modest increases in mill prices for certain products. In the 2010 first half, carbon steel prices began to climb steadily until late in the 2010 second quarter and then began to decline in the 2010 third quarter. Mill prices for stainless steel products also began to decline towards the end of the 2010 second quarter and continued to decline through the 2010 third quarter. Aluminum mill pricing softened late in the 2010 second quarter and early in the 2010 third quarter but then began to increase slightly for the remainder of the 2010 third quarter. Price increases were announced for stainless and aluminum products for the 2010 fourth quarter, as carbon steel prices remain weak. The 2010 mill price increases have primarily been due to raw material cost increases, not because of increased demand.

A change in our product mix towards a lower proportion of carbon steel products, which typically have lower selling prices than other products we sell, also contributed to the increase in our average selling price for the 2010 three- and nine-month periods compared to the same periods in 2009. Carbon steel products represented 52% of our total sales for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010, compared to 54% and 56% for the same three- and nine-month periods in 2009, respectively.

*Cost of Sales.* In the three months ended September 30, 2010, our cost of sales increased 41.8% to \$1.26 billion compared to \$886.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009. In the nine months ended September 30, 2010, our cost of sales increased 15.9% to \$3.54 billion from \$3.05 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The increases in cost of sales in the 2010 three- and nine-month periods are due to increases in tons sold as well as increased costs for most products we sell (see *Net Sales* above for trends in the costs of our products) from the same periods in 2009.

Our LIFO reserve adjustment, which is included in our cost of sales and, in effect, reflects cost of sales at current replacement costs, resulted in a charge, or expense, of \$9.8 million in the 2010 third quarter compared to a credit, or income, of \$67.5 million in the 2009 third quarter. Our LIFO reserve adjustment in the 2010 nine-month period resulted in a charge, or expense of \$24.8 million compared to a credit, or income, of \$217.5 million in the 2009 nine-month period.

We currently estimate our full year 2010 LIFO adjustment to be a charge, or expense, of \$33.0 million as we expect that both our quantities and our average cost of inventory at December 31, 2010 will be higher than at January 1, 2010. Through the first nine months of 2010, our actual LIFO calculation resulted in LIFO expense of \$36.8 million. Our estimate anticipates stable to slightly lower overall pricing as well as reduced inventory quantities from September 30, 2010 levels for many of our products through the end of the year.

*Gross Profit.* Our gross profit increased 11.1% to \$396.2 million for the 2010 third quarter, compared to \$356.5 million in the 2009 third quarter. Our gross profit as a percentage of sales in the 2010 third quarter was 24.0%, compared to 28.7% in the 2009 third quarter, and 25.7% in the 2010 second quarter. Total gross profit increased 19.8% to \$1.19 billion for the 2010 nine-month period compared to \$993.8 million in the 2009 nine-month period. Our gross profit as a percentage of sales in the 2010 nine-month period was 25.2% compared to 24.6% in the 2009 nine-month period.

During the first half of 2009, we were reducing our inventory levels to generate cash and selling high cost inventory into a declining market which adversely affected our gross profit margin. Our 2009 gross profit margin was positively impacted due to our large LIFO adjustments in that period resulting from the falling metal prices. In mid-2009 our inventory costs were better aligned with current replacement costs and demand and pricing had generally stabilized. This allowed us to improve our FIFO gross profit margins in the 2009 third quarter that, along with our LIFO adjustment, resulted in a higher than average gross profit margin of 28.7%.

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Although we were operating in a more stable environment in 2010, our 2010 third quarter gross profit margin narrowed. Our average selling price increased somewhat from the 2010 second quarter due to the mill price increases announced in that quarter and we were receiving the higher cost inventory during the third quarter that was ordered during the 2010 second quarter. However, the mills announced price reductions early in the 2010 third quarter that, along with the higher-cost inventory that we were receiving, pressured our selling prices resulting in lower gross profit margins than we experienced earlier in 2010. See also *Cost of Sales* above for discussion of our LIFO reserve adjustments.

*Expenses.* Our 2010 third quarter warehouse, delivery, selling, general and administrative (S,G&A) expenses increased \$26.4 million, or 10.5%, from the 2009 third quarter and were 16.8% as a percentage of sales, down from 20.2% in the 2009 third quarter, and consistent with the 2010 second quarter at 16.8%. Our 2010 nine-month period S,G&A expenses increased \$43.3 million, or 5.6%, from the 2009 nine-month period and were 17.3% as a percentage of sales, down from 19.2% in the 2009 nine-month period.

Increases in variable compensation expenses along with moderate increases in certain warehouse and delivery expenses resulting from improved demand for our products accounts for most of the change in S,G&A expenses during the 2010 third quarter compared to the same 2009 period. Our cost structure is highly variable, with about 60% of our expenses personnel-related. In 2009, we reduced our headcount by over 1,700 employees, or 16% from 2008 year-end levels, with most reductions occurring in the first half of the year. Total compensation related expenses in 2009 were lower because of these personnel reductions as well as reduced bonus, commission, and incentive compensation due to lower gross profit and pre-tax income levels. Since employees throughout our workforce have a significant portion of compensation tied to profitability, and our gross profit margins and pre-tax profits improved significantly in the 2010 three- and nine-month periods, our bonus, commission, and incentive compensation increased from the 2009 levels and account for most of the change in S,G&A expenses during the 2010 nine-months compared to 2009.

*Operating Income.* Our 2010 third quarter operating income was \$88.2 million, resulting in an operating income margin of 5.3%, compared to \$74.3 million, or a 6.0% operating income margin in the 2009 third quarter. Our 2010 nine-month period operating income was \$282.6 million, resulting in an operating income margin of 6.0%, compared to \$127.7 million, or a 3.2% operating income margin in the same period of 2009. The higher gross profit generated on higher sales offset by only moderate increases in S,G&A expenses increased our operating income in 2010.

*Income Tax Rate.* Our effective tax rate in the 2010 third quarter was 32.9% compared to our 2009 third quarter rate of 31.6%. Our effective tax rate in the 2010 nine-month period was 33.4% compared to our 2009 nine-month rate of 31.1%. The fluctuations in our effective tax rate are mainly due to our varying income levels. Permanent items that impacted our effective tax rates as compared to the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35% were not materially different in amounts during the comparable periods and relate mainly to company-owned life insurance policies and domestic activities deductions.

*Net Income.* Net income attributable to Reliance increased \$6.9 million and \$98.8 million during the three- and nine-months ended September 30, 2010, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2009. The increase was primarily the result of a more stable demand and pricing environment for our products which has allowed us to generate increased gross profit dollars with relatively lower increases in our operating expenses.

### ***Liquidity and Capital Resources***

#### ***Operating Activities***

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$47.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to \$807.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. During the 2009 nine-month period we were focused on reducing our working capital as a result of declining demand and pricing for our products, generating a significant amount of cash flow from operations. Due to improving business conditions in the 2010 nine-month period, our working capital, primarily accounts receivable and inventories, has increased somewhat, mainly due to increased demand levels and higher mill prices from 2009 year-end levels. However, our improved profitability is generating cash from operations.

As demand and prices for our products were gradually improving during the 2010 nine-month period, we were aligning our working capital needs with current business levels. As a result, our receivables and FIFO inventories increased by \$227.2 million and \$225.4 million, respectively, from 2009 year-end levels, offset with an increase in our accounts payable balance of approximately \$157.2 million.



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To manage our working capital, we focus on our days sales outstanding to monitor accounts receivable and on our inventory turnover rate to monitor our inventory levels, as receivables and inventory are the two most significant elements of our working capital. As of September 30, 2010 our days sales outstanding improved to approximately 41 days compared to 42 1/2 days at December 31, 2009. (We calculate our days sales outstanding as an average of the most recent two-month period.) As such, our accounts receivable balance increased due to increased sales levels from December 31, 2009.

Our inventory turn rate during the 2010 nine-month period improved significantly to about 4.8 times (or 2.5 months on hand), compared to our 2009 rate for the same period of 3.5 times (or 3.4 months on hand). Our September 30, 2010 FIFO inventory levels increased from December 31, 2009 levels because of our higher shipment levels and higher metal costs, offset by improvement in our inventory turn rate.

### *Investing Activities*

Capital expenditures were \$65.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to \$55.0 million during the same period in 2009, with the majority used to purchase three of our existing warehouses that we previously leased and to build and expand facilities. Our 2010 capital expenditures were budgeted at approximately \$140.0 million and include many growth projects. We have executed many of these projects; however, at this point, we expect our full year 2010 capital expenditures to be below our budgeted amount. Certain of these projects will continue into 2011.

### *Financing Activities*

The increase in our working capital during the 2010 nine-month period was partially funded by net borrowings of \$158.1 million. We paid dividends to our shareholders of \$22.2 million during the 2010 nine-month period. On October 20, 2010, our Board of Directors declared the 2010 fourth quarter cash dividend of \$0.10 per share. We have paid regular quarterly dividends to our shareholders for 51 consecutive years.

Under our current stock repurchase program 7.9 million shares of common stock remain authorized for repurchase as of September 30, 2010. Repurchased shares are treated as authorized but unissued shares. No shares were repurchased in 2010 or 2009. Since initiating our Stock Repurchase Plan in 1994, we have repurchased approximately 15.2 million shares at an average cost of \$18.41 per share. We believe such purchases, given appropriate circumstances, enhance shareholder value and reflect our confidence in the long-term growth potential of our Company.

### *Liquidity*

Our primary sources of liquidity are generally our internally generated funds from operations and our \$1.1 billion revolving credit facility. In the 2010 nine-month period, we generated cash from operations of \$47.7 million, compared to generating \$807.2 million of cash from operations in the same period of 2009. Our outstanding debt at September 30, 2010 was \$1.10 billion, up from \$935.8 million at December 31, 2009. At September 30, 2010, we had \$270.0 million outstanding on our \$1.1 billion revolving credit facility, which included borrowings for our acquisition that closed on October 1, 2010. This also resulted in a higher than normal cash balance at September 30, 2010.

On September 28, 2009, we amended our \$1.1 billion revolving credit facility to adjust certain financial covenants and placed restrictions on certain uses of cash including cash used for acquisitions, dividends, investments and stock repurchases. Effective June 30, 2010, the interest coverage ratio and leverage ratio requirements automatically adjusted back to pre-amendment levels and the restrictions placed on cash were removed. Also, with the amendment, our pricing was adjusted to rates in effect at the time of the amendment and the maturity date of the revolving credit facility was extended by one year from November 2011 to November 2012 for \$1.02 billion of commitments.

We also had two separate revolving credit facilities for operations in Canada with a combined credit limit of CAD\$35.0 million as of December 31, 2009. In January 2010, the Canadian credit facilities were combined into one unsecured facility with a credit limit of CAD\$5.0 million. There were no borrowings outstanding on these revolving credit facilities as of September 30, 2010 or December 31, 2009. Various other separate revolving credit facilities are in place for our operations in Asia and Europe with total combined outstanding balances of \$12.6 million and \$8.1 million at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

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### *Capital Resources*

On November 20, 2006 we entered into an Indenture (the "Indenture"), for the issuance of \$600 million of unsecured debt securities which are guaranteed by all of our direct and indirect, wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries and any entities that become such subsidiaries during the term of the Indenture (collectively, the "Subsidiary Guarantors"). None of our foreign subsidiaries or our non-wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries is a guarantor. The total debt issued was comprised of two tranches, (a) \$350 million aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes bearing interest at the rate of 6.20% per annum, maturing on November 15, 2016 and (b) \$250 million aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes bearing interest at the rate of 6.85% per annum, maturing on November 15, 2036. The notes are senior unsecured obligations and rank equally with all of our other existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations. In April 2007, these notes were exchanged for publicly traded notes registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

At September 30, 2010, we also had \$213.0 million of outstanding senior unsecured notes issued in private placements of debt. The outstanding senior notes bear interest at an average fixed rate of 5.7% and have an average remaining life of 1.2 years, maturing from October 2010 to July 2013. We repaid \$78.0 million of the notes that matured on October 15, 2010.

Our net debt-to-total capital ratio was 24.7% at September 30, 2010; down slightly from our 2009 year-end rate of 25.6% (net debt-to-total capital is calculated as total debt, net of cash, divided by Reliance shareholders' equity plus total debt, net of cash).

We have \$151.3 million of debt obligations coming due before our credit facility expires in November 2012. We are comfortable that we will have adequate cash flow and capacity on our revolving credit facility to fund our debt obligations as well as our working capital, capital expenditure, growth and other needs. We expect to continue our acquisition and other growth activities in the future and anticipate that we will be able to fund such activities with borrowings under our revolving credit facility or by accessing the capital markets.

### *Covenants*

Our \$1.1 billion syndicated credit facility and senior notes collectively require that we maintain a minimum net worth and interest coverage ratio, and a maximum leverage ratio and include change of control provisions, among other things. On June 30, 2010, the minimum interest coverage ratio and maximum leverage ratio requirements adjusted from amended levels of 2.0 times and 50%, respectively, back to the pre-amendment levels. The interest coverage ratio for the twelve month period ended September 30, 2010 was approximately 6.6 times compared to the debt covenant minimum requirement of 3.0 times (interest coverage ratio is calculated as net income attributable to Reliance plus interest expense and provision for income taxes and plus or minus any non-operating non-recurring loss or gain, respectively, divided by interest expense). The leverage ratio at September 30, 2010, calculated in accordance with the terms of the credit agreement, was 29.2% compared to the debt covenant maximum amount of 60% (leverage ratio is calculated as total debt, inclusive of capital lease obligations and outstanding letters of credit, divided by Reliance shareholders' equity plus total debt). The minimum net worth requirement at September 30, 2010 was \$950.6 million compared to the Reliance shareholders' equity balance of \$2.78 billion at September 30, 2010.

Additionally, all of our wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries, which constitute the substantial majority of our subsidiaries, guarantee the borrowings under the revolving credit facility, the Indenture and the private placement notes. The Subsidiary Guarantors, together with Reliance, are required collectively to account for at least 80% of the Company's consolidated EBITDA and 80% of consolidated tangible assets. Reliance and the Subsidiary Guarantors accounted for approximately 95% of our total consolidated EBITDA for the last twelve months and approximately 93% of total consolidated tangible assets as of September 30, 2010.

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

### *Off-Balance-Sheet Arrangements*

We had no material changes in commitments for capital expenditures, operating lease obligations or purchase obligations as of September 30, 2010, as compared to those disclosed in our table of contractual obligations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

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### ***Inflation***

Our operations have not been, and we do not expect them to be, materially affected by general inflation. Historically, we have been successful in adjusting prices to our customers to reflect changes in metal prices.

### ***Seasonality***

Some of our customers may be in seasonal businesses, especially customers in the construction industry. As a result of our geographic, product and customer diversity, our operations have not shown any material seasonal trends except that revenues in the months of July, November and December traditionally have been lower than in other months because of a reduced number of working days for shipments of our products, resulting from vacation and holiday closures at some of our customers. We cannot assure you that period-to-period fluctuations will not occur in the future. The results of any one or more quarters are therefore not necessarily indicative of annual results.

### ***Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets***

Goodwill, which represents the excess of cost over the fair value of net assets acquired, amounted to \$1.08 billion at September 30, 2010, or approximately 22.5% of total assets, or 39.0% of Reliance shareholders' equity. Additionally, other intangible assets, net amounted to \$707.7 million at September 30, 2010, or approximately 14.7% of total assets, or 25.5% of Reliance shareholders' equity. We review the recoverability of goodwill and other intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives annually or whenever significant events or changes occur which might impair the recovery of recorded amounts. Our most recently completed annual impairment tests of goodwill were performed as of November 1, 2009 and it was determined that the recorded amounts for goodwill are recoverable and that no impairment existed. Our 2010 annual impairment tests of goodwill will be performed as of November 1, 2010 or more frequently, as appropriate. Other intangible assets with finite useful lives continue to be amortized over their useful lives. We review the recoverability of our long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable.

Impairment assessment inherently involves judgment as to assumptions about expected future cash flows and the impact of market conditions on those assumptions. Future events and the current changing market conditions may impact our assumptions as to commodity prices, demand and future growth rates or other factors that may result in changes in our estimates of future cash flows. Although we believe the assumptions used in testing for impairment are reasonable, significant changes in any one of our assumptions could produce a significantly different result. Furthermore, significant declines in the market conditions for our products as well as significant decreases in the price of our common stock could also impact our impairment analysis. However, as of September 30, 2010, we have noted no indications of impairment.

### ***Critical Accounting Policies***

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations discusses our unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. When we prepare these financial statements, we are required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates and judgments, including those related to accounts receivable, inventories, deferred tax assets, goodwill and intangible assets and long-lived assets. We base our estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various other factors that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for our judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

For further information regarding the accounting policies that we believe to be critical accounting policies and that affect our more significant judgments and estimates used in preparing our consolidated financial statements see our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. We do not believe that any of the new accounting guidance implemented during 2010 changed our critical accounting policies.

### ***New Accounting Guidance***

See Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements for disclosure on new accounting guidance issued or implemented.





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**Item 3. Quantitative And Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

In the ordinary course of business, we are exposed to various market risk factors, including fluctuations in interest rates, changes in general economic conditions, domestic and foreign competition, foreign currency exchange rates, metals pricing, demand and availability. There have been no significant changes in our market risk factors since December 31, 2009. Please refer to Item 7A Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk, contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 for further discussion on quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk.

**Item 4. Controls And Procedures**

Under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Company carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to and as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) under the Securities Act of 1934, as amended. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of the end of the period covered in this report, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2010, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

There have been no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
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**SIGNATURES**

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

RELIANCE STEEL & ALUMINUM CO.

Dated: November 5, 2010

By: */s/* DAVID H. HANNAH  
**David H. Hannah**  
**Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**

By: */s/* KARLA LEWIS  
**Karla Lewis**  
**Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

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