

MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS INC

Form 10-Q

October 29, 2008

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**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, 2008

OR

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

For the transition period from

to

Commission File Number 1-12744

MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina

56-1848578

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2710 Wycliff Road, Raleigh, NC

27607-3033

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 919-781-4550

Former name: None

Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changes since last report.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

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

Class

Outstanding as of October 24, 2008

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

41,425,359

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Item 1. Financial Statements.

MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| | September 30, 2008 <i>(Unaudited)</i> | December 31, 2007 <i>(Audited)</i> | September 30, 2007 <i>(Unaudited)</i> |
|---|--|---|--|
| | <i>(Dollars in Thousands, Except Per Share Data)</i> | | |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current Assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 13,896 | \$ 20,038 | \$ 26,417 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 300,416 | 245,838 | 312,265 |
| Inventories, net | 305,550 | 286,885 | 285,252 |
| Current portion of notes receivable, net | 1,354 | 2,078 | 1,912 |
| Current deferred income tax benefits | 29,347 | 44,285 | 42,118 |
| Other current assets | 23,098 | 26,886 | 22,896 |
| Total Current Assets | 673,661 | 626,010 | 690,860 |
| | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 3,315,558 | 2,978,361 | 2,924,336 |
| Allowances for depreciation, depletion and amortization | (1,597,112) | (1,544,808) | (1,518,620) |
| Net property, plant and equipment | 1,718,446 | 1,433,553 | 1,405,716 |
| | | | |
| Goodwill | 613,634 | 574,667 | 574,667 |
| Other intangibles, net | 14,339 | 9,426 | 9,850 |
| Noncurrent notes receivable | 7,594 | 8,457 | 8,801 |
| Other noncurrent assets | 35,958 | 31,692 | 32,056 |
| | | | |
| Total Assets | \$ 3,063,632 | \$ 2,683,805 | \$ 2,721,950 |
| | | | |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY | | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | | |
| Bank overdraft | \$ 5,670 | \$ 6,351 | \$ 120 |
| Accounts payable | 97,247 | 86,868 | 92,151 |
| Accrued salaries, benefits and payroll taxes | 18,809 | 21,262 | 22,853 |
| Pension and postretirement benefits | 3,135 | 9,120 | 9,285 |
| Accrued insurance and other taxes | 37,005 | 25,123 | 38,578 |
| Income taxes | 11,418 | | 11,247 |
| Current maturities of long-term debt and commercial paper | 203,517 | 276,136 | 78,069 |
| Accrued interest | 32,041 | 10,805 | 24,168 |
| Settlement for repurchases of common stock | | 24,017 | |
| Other current liabilities | 15,714 | 46,934 | 40,160 |

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|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total Current Liabilities | 424,556 | 506,616 | 316,631 |
| Long-term debt | 1,152,715 | 848,186 | 1,050,705 |
| Pension, postretirement and postemployment benefits | 100,437 | 103,518 | 95,287 |
| Noncurrent deferred income taxes | 189,237 | 160,902 | 155,376 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 121,472 | 118,592 | 116,668 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,988,417 | 1,737,814 | 1,734,667 |
| Shareholders' Equity: | | | |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 414 | 412 | 418 |
| Preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share | | | |
| Additional paid-in capital | 74,809 | 50,955 | 53,314 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (36,952) | (37,032) | (30,071) |
| Retained earnings | 1,036,944 | 931,656 | 963,622 |
| Total Shareholders' Equity | 1,075,215 | 945,991 | 987,283 |
| Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity | \$ 3,063,632 | \$ 2,683,805 | \$ 2,721,950 |

See accompanying condensed notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|--|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | <i>(In Thousands, Except Per Share Data)</i> | | | |
| | <i>(Unaudited)</i> | | | |
| Net Sales | \$ 526,151 | \$ 544,389 | \$ 1,448,865 | \$ 1,483,952 |
| Freight and delivery revenues | 73,059 | 70,993 | 199,732 | 178,357 |
| Total revenues | 599,210 | 615,382 | 1,648,597 | 1,662,309 |
| Cost of sales | 374,535 | 377,075 | 1,082,654 | 1,044,861 |
| Freight and delivery costs | 73,059 | 70,993 | 199,732 | 178,357 |
| Total cost of revenues | 447,594 | 448,068 | 1,282,386 | 1,223,218 |
| Gross Profit | 151,616 | 167,314 | 366,211 | 439,091 |
| Selling, general & administrative expenses | 37,734 | 36,439 | 117,470 | 119,021 |
| Research and development | 145 | 170 | 457 | 559 |
| Other operating (income) and expenses, net | (1,220) | (6,176) | (14,403) | (11,494) |
| Earnings from Operations | 114,957 | 136,881 | 262,687 | 331,005 |
| Interest expense | 19,498 | 17,240 | 54,636 | 45,142 |
| Other nonoperating (income) and expenses, net | 2,834 | (1,248) | 2,936 | (5,082) |
| Earnings from continuing operations before income tax expense | 92,625 | 120,889 | 205,115 | 290,945 |
| Income tax expense | 26,113 | 31,048 | 59,196 | 86,062 |
| Earnings from continuing operations | 66,512 | 89,841 | 145,919 | 204,883 |
| (Loss) Gain on discontinued operations, net of related tax expense of \$1,781, \$464, \$5,395 and \$1,051, respectively | (186) | 425 | 5,076 | 1,325 |
| Net Earnings | \$ 66,326 | \$ 90,266 | \$ 150,995 | \$ 206,208 |
| Net Earnings Per Common Share: | | | | |
| Basic from continuing operations | \$ 1.60 | \$ 2.15 | \$ 3.53 | \$ 4.77 |
| Discontinued operations | | 0.01 | 0.12 | 0.03 |
| | \$ 1.60 | \$ 2.16 | \$ 3.65 | \$ 4.80 |

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|---|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Diluted from continuing operations | \$ 1.58 | \$ 2.12 | \$ 3.48 | \$ 4.70 |
| Discontinued operations | | 0.01 | 0.12 | 0.03 |
| | \$ 1.58 | \$ 2.13 | \$ 3.60 | \$ 4.73 |
| Cash Dividends Per Common Share | \$ 0.400 | \$ 0.345 | \$ 1.09 | \$ 0.895 |
| Reconciliation of denominators for basic and diluted earnings per share computations: | | | | |
| Basic weighted average number of common shares | 41,385 | 41,817 | 41,347 | 42,931 |
| Effect of dilutive employee and director awards | 530 | 658 | 562 | 702 |
| Diluted weighted average number of common shares and assumed conversions | 41,915 | 42,475 | 41,909 | 43,633 |

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i> | |
| | <i>(Unaudited)</i> | |
| Net earnings | \$ 150,995 | \$ 206,208 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization | 125,659 | 111,087 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 17,635 | 16,363 |
| Gains on divestitures and sales of assets | (29,363) | (9,192) |
| Deferred income taxes | 26,045 | 1,691 |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation transactions | (3,776) | (20,153) |
| Other items, net | 1,051 | (2,648) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions and divestitures: | | |
| Accounts receivable, net | (53,378) | (70,292) |
| Inventories, net | (12,713) | (29,842) |
| Accounts payable | 10,452 | 6,824 |
| Other assets and liabilities, net | 38,392 | 62,727 |
| | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 270,999 | 272,773 |
| | | |
| Investing activities: | | |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment | (223,777) | (196,939) |
| Acquisitions, net | (218,426) | (12,195) |
| Proceeds from divestitures and sales of assets | 19,341 | 17,026 |
| Railcar construction advances | (7,286) | |
| Repayments of railcar construction advances | 7,286 | |
| | | |
| Net cash used for investing activities | (422,862) | (192,108) |
| | | |
| Financing activities: | | |
| Borrowings of long-term debt | 297,837 | 471,990 |
| Repayments of long-term debt and capital lease obligations | (4,125) | (125,489) |
| Net (repayments) borrowings of commercial paper and line of credit | (72,000) | 75,463 |
| Termination of interest rate swap agreements | (11,139) | |
| Debt issuance costs | (1,105) | (807) |
| Change in bank overdraft | (681) | (8,270) |
| Dividends paid | (45,707) | (38,972) |
| Repurchases of common stock | (24,017) | (495,160) |
| Issuances of common stock | 2,882 | 14,562 |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation transactions | 3,776 | 20,153 |

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities | 145,721 | (86,530) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (6,142) | (5,865) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 20,038 | 32,282 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ 13,896 | \$ 26,417 |
| Noncash investing and financing activities: | | |
| Issuance of notes payable for acquisition of land | \$ 11,500 | \$ 2,897 |
| Notes receivable issued in connection with divestiture | \$ 300 | \$ |
| Revisions in estimated cash flows of asset retirement obligations | \$ | \$ 15,000 |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: | | |
| Cash paid for interest | \$ 36,689 | \$ 33,677 |
| Cash paid for income taxes | \$ 18,491 | \$ 32,086 |
| See accompanying condensed notes to consolidated financial statements. | | |

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 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY
(Unaudited)

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Shares of Common Stock | Common Stock | Additional Paid-in Capital ⁽¹⁾ | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Retained Earnings | Total Shareholders Equity |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|---|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2007 | 41,318 | \$ 412 | \$ 50,955 | \$ (37,032) | \$ 931,656 | \$ 945,991 |
| Net earnings | | | | | 150,995 | 150,995 |
| Amortization of unrecognized actuarial losses, prior service costs and settlement expenses related to pension and postretirement benefits, net of tax effect of \$2,207 | | | | 3,200 | | 3,200 |
| Foreign currency translation loss | | | | (1,004) | | (1,004) |
| Change in fair value of forward starting interest rate swap agreements, net of tax benefit of \$1,385 | | | | (2,116) | | (2,116) |
| Comprehensive earnings | | | | | | 151,075 |
| Dividends declared | | | | | (45,707) | (45,707) |
| Issuances of common stock for stock award plans | 107 | 2 | 6,219 | | | 6,221 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | | | 17,635 | | | 17,635 |
| Balance at September 30, 2008 | 41,425 | \$ 414 | \$ 74,809 | \$ (36,952) | \$ 1,036,944 | \$ 1,075,215 |

⁽¹⁾ *Additional
paid-in-capital
September 30,*

*2008 represents
issuances of
common stock,
the pool of
excess tax
benefits and
stock-based
compensation
expense.*

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CONDENSED NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. (the Corporation) have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and to Article 10 of Regulation S-X. The Corporation has continued to follow the accounting policies set forth in the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto included in the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2008. In the opinion of management, the interim financial information provided herein reflects all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, necessary for a fair presentation of the results of operations, financial position and cash flows for the interim periods. The results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 are not indicative of the results expected for other interim periods or the full year.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Corporation manages its cash and cash equivalents to ensure that short-term operating cash needs are met and that excess funds are managed efficiently. The Corporation subsidizes shortages in operating cash through short-term borrowings on its available line of credit. The Corporation typically invests excess funds in Eurodollar time deposit accounts, which are exposed to bank solvency risk and are not FDIC insured. Funds not yet available in lockboxes generally exceed the \$250,000 FDIC insurance limit. Cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2008 were \$13,896,000. Of this amount, approximately \$4,300,000 was deposited in an overnight bank time deposit account. The remaining cash and cash equivalents represent deposits in transit to the Corporation's lockbox accounts and deposits held at local banks.

Comprehensive Earnings

Comprehensive earnings consist of net earnings, amortization of unrecognized amounts related to pension and postretirement benefits, foreign currency translation adjustments and changes in the fair value of forward starting interest rate swap agreements. Comprehensive earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$68,306,000 and \$151,075,000, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, comprehensive earnings were \$89,769,000 and \$212,188,000, respectively,

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1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Accounting Changes

Effective January 1, 2008, the Corporation partially adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* (FAS 157). FAS 157 does not require any new fair value measurements; rather, it establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, clarifies the definition of fair value within that framework and expands disclosures about the use of fair value measurements. FAS 157 applies to all accounting pronouncements that require fair value measurements, except for the measurement of share-based payments. Additionally, in February 2008, the Corporation adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Staff Position No. FAS 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157* (FSP 157-2). FSP 157-2 delays the effective date of FAS 157 for all nonrecurring fair value measurements of nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities until fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. At September 30, 2008, the categories of assets and liabilities to which the Corporation did not apply FAS 157 include: nonfinancial assets and liabilities initially measured at fair value in a business combination; reporting units measured at fair value in the first step of goodwill impairment testing; indefinite-lived intangible assets and nonfinancial long-lived assets measured at fair value for impairment assessment and asset retirement obligations.

Reclassifications

Certain 2007 amounts included on the consolidated balance sheets have been reclassified to conform to the 2008 presentation. The reclassifications had no impact on previously reported financial position.

2. Business Combinations and Divestitures

Business Combinations

On April 11, 2008, the Corporation entered into a swap transaction with Vulcan Materials Company (Vulcan), pursuant to which it acquired six quarry locations in North Georgia and Tennessee. The newly acquired locations significantly expand the Corporation's presence in high-growth areas of Georgia and Tennessee, particularly south and west of Atlanta. The Corporation also acquired a land parcel previously leased from Vulcan at the Corporation's Three Rivers Quarry near Paducah, Kentucky. For the year ended December 31, 2007, the Corporation's newly acquired locations shipped nearly 4.5 million tons of aggregates and have aggregates reserves that exceed 300 million tons. The operating results of the acquired quarries have been included with those of the Corporation since the date of acquisition and are being reported through the Corporation's Southeast Group in the financial statements.

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2. Business Combinations and Divestitures (continued)

In addition to a \$192,000,000 cash payment and normal closing adjustments related to working capital, the Corporation divested to Vulcan its only California quarry located in Oroville, an idle facility north of San Antonio, Texas, and land in Henderson, North Carolina, formerly leased to Vulcan. Furthermore, the Corporation recognized goodwill in the amount of \$46,017,000. The preliminary fair values of the assets acquired from Vulcan were allocated as follows (dollars in thousands):

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Inventories | \$ 6,559 |
| Mineral reserves | \$ 113,685 |
| Land | \$ 22,260 |
| Machinery and equipment | \$ 41,919 |
| Other intangibles | \$ 3,260 |

Discontinued Operations

During 2008, the Corporation disposed of or permanently shut down certain operations, including its Oroville, California quarry, which was included in the West Group and divested as part of the Vulcan swap transaction. These divestitures represent discontinued operations, and, therefore, the results of their operations through the dates of disposal and any gain or loss on disposals are included in discontinued operations on the consolidated statements of earnings.

The discontinued operations included the following net sales, pretax loss on operations, pretax gain on disposals, income tax expense and overall net earnings or loss:

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i> | | | |
| Net sales | \$ 616 | \$ 4,619 | \$ 3,892 | \$ 14,393 |
| Pretax loss on operations | \$ (166) | \$ (71) | \$ (142) | \$ (182) |
| Pretax gain on disposals | 1,761 | 960 | 10,613 | 2,558 |
| Pretax gain | 1,595 | 889 | 10,471 | 2,376 |
| Income tax expense | 1,781 | 464 | 5,395 | 1,051 |
| Net (loss) earnings | \$ (186) | \$ 425 | \$ 5,076 | \$ 1,325 |

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3. Inventories

| | September 30, 2008 | December 31, 2007 | September 30, 2007 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i> | | |
| Finished products | \$ 262,189 | \$ 244,568 | \$ 239,879 |
| Products in process and raw materials | 15,638 | 18,642 | 18,559 |
| Supplies and expendable parts | 47,875 | 42,811 | 42,350 |
| | 325,702 | 306,021 | 300,788 |
| Less allowances | (20,152) | (19,136) | (15,536) |
| Total | \$ 305,550 | \$ 286,885 | \$ 285,252 |

4. Intangible Assets

The following table shows changes in goodwill, all of which relate to the Aggregates business, by reportable segment and in total (dollars in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|
| | Mideast Group | Southeast Group | West Group | Total |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ 118,257 | \$ 97,127 | \$ 399,016 | \$ 614,400 |
| Acquisitions | | | | |
| Divestitures | | (96) | (825) | (921) |
| Adjustments to purchase price allocations | | 155 | | 155 |
| Balance at end of period | \$ 118,257 | \$ 97,186 | \$ 398,191 | \$ 613,634 |
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 | | | |
| | Mideast Group | Southeast Group | West Group | Total |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ 115,986 | \$ 51,265 | \$ 407,416 | \$ 574,667 |
| Acquisitions | 3,780 | 45,862 | | 49,642 |
| Divestitures | | (96) | (9,225) | (9,321) |
| Adjustments to purchase price allocations | (1,509) | 155 | | (1,354) |
| Balance at end of period | \$ 118,257 | \$ 97,186 | \$ 398,191 | \$ 613,634 |

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4. Intangible Assets (continued)

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Corporation acquired \$6,350,000 of other intangibles, consisting of the following amortizable intangible assets by segment:

| | Aggregates | | Specialty | Weighted-average amortization period |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|--|
| | Business | Products | Total | |
| | <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i> | | | |
| Noncompetition agreements | \$ 240 | \$285 | \$ 525 | 5.9 years |
| Customer relationships | 3,260 | | 3,260 | 7 years |
| Total | \$3,500 | \$285 | \$3,785 | 6.8 years |

The Corporation also acquired a \$2,565,000 trade name related to the ElastoMag® product during 2008. The trade name, which is recorded within the Specialty Products segment, is deemed to have an indefinite life and is not being amortized.

5. Long-Term Debt

| | September 30, 2008 | December 31, 2007 | September 30, 2007 |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i> | | |
| 6.875% Notes, due 2011 | \$ 249,884 | \$ 249,860 | \$ 249,852 |
| 5.875% Notes, due 2008 | 200,380 | 202,066 | 202,614 |
| 7% Debentures, due 2025 | 124,345 | 124,331 | 124,326 |
| 6.25% Senior Notes, due 2037 | 247,815 | 247,795 | 247,788 |
| Floating Rate Senior Notes, due 2010 | 224,584 | 224,388 | 224,322 |
| 6.6% Senior Notes, due 2018 | 297,907 | | |
| Commercial paper | | 72,000 | 76,000 |
| Acquisition notes, interest rate of 8.00% | 635 | 662 | 668 |
| Other notes | 10,682 | 3,220 | 3,204 |
| | 1,356,232 | 1,124,322 | 1,128,774 |
| Less current maturities | (203,517) | (276,136) | (78,069) |
| Total | \$ 1,152,715 | \$ 848,186 | \$ 1,050,705 |

On April 10, 2008, the Corporation amended its unsecured \$250,000,000 Credit Agreement to add another class of loan commitments, which had the effect of increasing the borrowing base under the agreement by \$75,000,000 (hereinafter, the Credit Agreement). Borrowings under the Credit Agreement are unsecured and may be used for general corporate purposes, including to support the Corporation's commercial paper program if the commercial paper market stabilizes and to the extent it is available to the Corporation. The Credit Agreement expires on June 30, 2012.

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5. Long-Term Debt (continued)

On April 21, 2008, the Corporation completed the issuance of \$300,000,000 of 6.6% Senior Notes due in 2018 (the 6.6% Senior Notes). The 6.6% Senior Notes, which are unsecured, may be redeemed in whole or in part prior to their maturity at a make whole redemption price. Upon a change of control repurchase event and a below investment grade credit rating, the Corporation will be required to make an offer to repurchase all outstanding 6.6% Senior Notes at a price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount of the 6.6% Senior Notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the purchase date.

In connection with the issuance of the 6.6% Senior Notes, on April 16, 2008, the Corporation unwound its two forward starting interest rate swap agreements with a total notional amount of \$150,000,000 (the Swap Agreements). The Corporation made a cash payment of \$11,139,000, which represented the fair value of the Swap Agreements on the date of termination. The accumulated other comprehensive loss at the date of termination will be recognized in earnings over the life of the 6.6% Senior Notes. For the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Corporation recognized \$196,000 and \$362,000, respectively, of the accumulated other comprehensive loss as additional interest expense. At December 31, 2007 and September 30, 2007, the fair value of the Swap Agreements was a liability of \$7,277,000 and \$1,006,000, respectively. These fair values represented the estimated amount, using Level 2 observable market inputs for similar assets/liabilities, the Corporation would have expected to pay to terminate the Swap Agreements at those dates.

The carrying values of the Notes due in 2008 included \$402,000, \$2,187,000 and \$2,766,000 at September 30, 2008, December 31, 2007 and September 30, 2007, respectively, for the unamortized value of terminated interest rate swaps. No commercial paper borrowings were outstanding at September 30, 2008. Borrowings of \$72,000,000 and \$76,000,000 were outstanding under the commercial paper program at December 31, 2007 and September 30, 2007, respectively.

The Corporation's Credit Agreement contains a leverage ratio covenant that requires the Corporation's ratio of consolidated debt to consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, depletion and amortization (EBITDA), as defined, for the trailing twelve months (the Ratio) to not exceed 2.75 to 1.00 as of the end of any fiscal quarter. Furthermore, the covenant allows the Ratio to exclude debt incurred in connection with an acquisition for a period of 180 days, provided that the Ratio does not exceed 3.25 to 1.00. The Corporation was in compliance with the Ratio at September 30, 2008. The Corporation amended the leverage covenant on October 24, 2008 (see Note 11).

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6. Income Taxes

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| Estimated effective income tax rate: | | |
| Continuing operations | 28.9% | 29.6% |
| Discontinued operations | 51.5% | 44.2% |
| Overall | 30.0% | 29.7% |

The Corporation's effective income tax rate reflects the effect of state income taxes and the impact of differences in book and tax accounting arising from the net permanent benefits associated with the depletion allowances for mineral reserves, the domestic production deduction and the tax effect of nondeductibility of goodwill related to asset sales. The effective income tax rates for discontinued operations reflect the tax effects of individual operations' transactions and are not indicative of the Corporation's overall effective income tax rate.

The overall estimated effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 includes the following discrete items, which had an immaterial effect on net earnings: effective settlement of agreed upon issues from the Internal Revenue Service examination that covered the 2004 and 2005 tax years and the true-up of the 2007 provision estimates to actual taxes paid as a result of filing the related tax returns during the period.

The change in the year-to-date estimated overall effective income tax rate during the third quarter of 2007, when compared with the year-to-date estimated overall effective income tax rate as of June 30, 2007, is primarily due to discrete tax events. During the quarter ended September 30, 2007, discrete tax events, primarily the reversal of 2003 tax reserves for which the statute of limitations expired and the true-up of the 2006 provision estimates to actual as a result of filing the related tax returns during the period, reduced income tax expense and increased net earnings by \$5,120,000, or \$0.12 per diluted share.

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7. Pension and Postretirement Benefits

The following presents the estimated components of the recorded net periodic benefit cost for pension and postretirement benefits (dollars in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| | Pension | | Postretirement Benefits | |
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Service cost | \$ 2,674 | \$ 3,085 | \$ 145 | \$ 160 |
| Interest cost | 5,036 | 4,926 | 693 | 701 |
| Expected return on assets | (5,247) | (5,608) | | |
| Amortization of: | | | | |
| Prior service cost (credit) | 160 | 169 | (372) | (324) |
| Actuarial loss (gain) | 998 | 1,116 | (17) | (24) |
| Settlement charge | 2,576 | | | |
| Total net periodic benefit cost | \$ 6,197 | \$ 3,688 | \$ 449 | \$ 513 |

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| | Pension | | Postretirement Benefits | |
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Service cost | \$ 8,607 | \$ 9,266 | \$ 436 | \$ 479 |
| Interest cost | 16,209 | 14,796 | 2,080 | 2,103 |
| Expected return on assets | (16,888) | (16,845) | | |
| Amortization of: | | | | |
| Prior service cost (credit) | 513 | 509 | (1,117) | (971) |
| Actuarial loss (gain) | 3,214 | 3,353 | (52) | (72) |
| Settlement charge | 2,849 | | | |
| Total net periodic benefit cost | \$ 14,504 | \$ 11,079 | \$ 1,347 | \$ 1,539 |

The Corporation made a \$12,000,000 voluntary contribution to its pension plan in the third quarter of 2008. The contribution was deductible for tax purposes for the 2007 tax year. No additional contributions are expected during the remainder of the year.

8. Contingencies

In the opinion of management and counsel, it is unlikely that the outcome of litigation and other proceedings, including those pertaining to environmental matters, relating to the Corporation and its subsidiaries, will have a material adverse effect on the results of the Corporation's operations, financial position or cash flows.

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9. Business Segments

The Corporation conducts its aggregates operations through three reportable business segments: Mideast Group, Southeast Group and West Group. The operating results and assets of the quarries acquired in connection with the Vulcan transaction are being reported in the Southeast Group. The Corporation also has a Specialty Products segment that includes magnesia chemicals, dolomitic lime and targeted activity in structural composites.

The following tables display selected financial data for the Corporation's reportable business segments. Corporate loss from operations primarily includes depreciation on capitalized interest, expenses for corporate administrative functions, unallocated corporate expenses and other nonrecurring and/or non-operational adjustments.

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i> | | | |
| Total revenues: | | | | |
| Mideast Group | \$ 180,947 | \$ 207,687 | \$ 485,530 | \$ 559,326 |
| Southeast Group | 147,056 | 139,001 | 422,645 | 401,047 |
| West Group | 219,178 | 224,006 | 590,404 | 571,390 |
| | | | | |
| Total Aggregates Business | 547,181 | 570,694 | 1,498,579 | 1,531,763 |
| Specialty Products | 52,029 | 44,688 | 150,018 | 130,546 |
| | | | | |
| Total | \$ 599,210 | \$ 615,382 | \$ 1,648,597 | \$ 1,662,309 |
| | | | | |
| Net sales: | | | | |
| Mideast Group | \$ 167,722 | \$ 193,299 | \$ 455,294 | \$ 524,665 |
| Southeast Group | 119,071 | 117,385 | 343,880 | 346,810 |
| West Group | 193,015 | 194,469 | 515,247 | 494,985 |
| | | | | |
| Total Aggregates Business | 479,808 | 505,153 | 1,314,421 | 1,366,460 |
| Specialty Products | 46,343 | 39,236 | 134,444 | 117,492 |
| | | | | |
| Total | \$ 526,151 | \$ 544,389 | \$ 1,448,865 | \$ 1,483,952 |
| | | | | |
| Earnings (Loss) from Operations: | | | | |
| Mideast Group | \$ 60,943 | \$ 68,594 | \$ 154,476 | \$ 188,901 |
| Southeast Group | 13,067 | 19,877 | 36,058 | 68,824 |
| West Group | 38,391 | 45,642 | 72,186 | 75,415 |
| | | | | |
| Total Aggregates Business | 112,401 | 134,113 | 262,720 | 333,140 |
| Specialty Products | 8,632 | 8,966 | 27,453 | 24,458 |
| Corporate | (6,076) | (6,198) | (27,486) | (26,593) |

| | | | | |
|-------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total | \$ 114,957 | \$ 136,881 | \$ 262,687 | \$ 331,005 |
|-------|------------|------------|------------|------------|

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9. Business Segments (continued)

Assets employed for the Southeast Group increased significantly since prior year as a result of assets acquired in connection with the Vulcan exchange transaction (see also Note 2).

| | September 30, 2008 | December 31, 2007 | September 30, 2007 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i> | | |
| Assets employed: | | | |
| Mideast Group | \$ 869,096 | \$ 780,074 | \$ 798,539 |
| Southeast Group | 819,204 | 519,681 | 524,138 |
| West Group | 1,096,944 | 1,072,808 | 1,091,830 |
| Total Aggregates Business | 2,785,244 | 2,372,563 | 2,414,507 |
| Specialty Products | 111,375 | 98,718 | 99,562 |
| Corporate | 167,013 | 212,524 | 207,881 |
| Total | \$ 3,063,632 | \$ 2,683,805 | \$ 2,721,950 |

The asphalt, ready mixed concrete, road paving and other product lines are considered internal customers of the core aggregates business. Net sales by product line are as follows:

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i> | | | |
| Aggregates | \$ 452,613 | \$ 475,408 | \$ 1,237,715 | \$ 1,285,942 |
| Asphalt | 11,834 | 14,183 | 35,282 | 35,129 |
| Ready Mixed Concrete | 9,508 | 10,654 | 28,938 | 30,771 |
| Road Paving | 4,667 | 4,267 | 9,171 | 10,700 |
| Other | 1,186 | 641 | 3,315 | 3,918 |
| Total Aggregates Business | 479,808 | 505,153 | 1,314,421 | 1,366,460 |
| Specialty Products | 46,343 | 39,236 | 134,444 | 117,492 |
| Total | \$ 526,151 | \$ 544,389 | \$ 1,448,865 | \$ 1,483,952 |

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10. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

The following table presents the components of the change in other assets and liabilities, net:

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i> | |
| Other current and noncurrent assets | \$ (3,170) | \$ (3,534) |
| Notes receivable | (366) | 323 |
| Accrued salaries, benefits and payroll taxes | (2,890) | (2,157) |
| Accrued insurance and other taxes | 11,883 | 6,281 |
| Accrued income taxes | 42,832 | 33,868 |
| Accrued pension, postretirement and postemployment benefits | (9,067) | (7,941) |
| Other current and noncurrent liabilities | (830) | 35,887 |
| | \$ 38,392 | \$ 62,727 |

11. Subsequent Events

On October 24, 2008, the Corporation amended its Credit Agreement to provide for an increased leverage covenant. As amended, the Corporation's ratio of consolidated debt to consolidated EBTIDA, as defined, for the trailing twelve months may not exceed 3.25 to 1.00 as of the end of any fiscal quarter and may exclude debt incurred in connection with an acquisition for a period of 180 days provided that the ratio does not exceed 3.50 to 1.00. In exchange for the covenant modification, the Corporation agreed to an increase in the drawn facility fee under a pricing grid tied to its long-term debt rating, currently LIBOR plus 225 basis points.

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

OVERVIEW Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. (the Corporation), conducts its operations through four reportable business segments: Mideast Group, Southeast Group, West Group (collectively, the Aggregates business) and Specialty Products. The Corporation's net sales and earnings are predominately derived from its Aggregates business, which processes and sells granite, limestone, and other aggregates products from a network of 289 quarries, distribution facilities and plants to customers in 31 states, Canada, the Bahamas and the Caribbean Islands. The Aggregates business products are used primarily by commercial customers principally in domestic construction of highways and other infrastructure projects and for commercial and residential buildings. The Specialty Products segment produces magnesia-based chemicals products used in industrial, agricultural and environmental applications; dolomitic lime sold primarily to customers in the steel industry; and structural composite products.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES The Corporation outlined its critical accounting policies in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2008. The following presents an update to the Property, Plant and Equipment critical accounting policy: The Corporation begins capitalizing quarry development costs at a point when reserves are determined to be proven or probable, economically mineable and when demand supports investment in the market. Capitalization of these costs ceases when production commences. Quarry development costs are classified as land improvements.

There is diversity within the mining industry regarding the accounting treatment used to record pre-production stripping costs. At existing quarries, new pits may be developed to access additional reserves. Some companies within the industry expense pre-production stripping costs associated with new pits within a quarry. In making its determination as to the appropriateness of capitalizing or expensing pre-production stripping costs, management reviews the facts and circumstances of each situation when additional pits are developed within an existing quarry. If the additional pit operates in a separate and distinct area of a quarry, the costs are capitalized as quarry development costs and depreciated over the life of the uncovered reserves. Further, a separate asset retirement obligation is created for additional pits when the liability is incurred. Once a pit enters the production phase, all post-production stripping costs are expensed as incurred as periodic inventory production costs. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Corporation capitalized \$2.4 million of quarry development costs for a new pit being created at its Three Rivers quarry in Smithland, Kentucky.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Except as indicated, the following comparative analysis in the Results of Operations section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations reflects results from continuing operations and is based on net sales and cost of sales.

Gross margin as a percentage of net sales and operating margin as a percentage of net sales represent non-GAAP measures. The Corporation presents these ratios calculated based on net sales, as it is consistent with the basis by which management reviews the Corporation's operating results. Further, management believes it is consistent with the basis by which investors analyze the Corporation's operating results given that freight and delivery revenues and costs represent pass-throughs and have no profit mark-up. Gross margin and operating margin calculated as percentages of total revenues represent the most directly comparable financial measures calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The following tables present the calculations of gross margin and operating margin for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 in accordance with GAAP and reconciliations of the ratios as percentages of total revenues to percentages of net sales (dollars in thousands):

Gross Margin in Accordance with GAAP

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|----------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Gross profit | \$ 151,616 | \$ 167,314 | \$ 366,211 | \$ 439,091 |
| Total revenues | \$ 599,210 | \$ 615,382 | \$ 1,648,597 | \$ 1,662,309 |
| Gross margin | 25.3% | 27.2% | 22.2% | 26.4% |

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Gross Margin Excluding Freight and Delivery Revenues

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Gross profit | \$ 151,616 | \$ 167,314 | \$ 366,211 | \$ 439,091 |
| Total revenues | \$ 599,210 | \$ 615,382 | \$ 1,648,597 | \$ 1,662,309 |
| Less: Freight and delivery revenues | (73,059) | (70,993) | (199,732) | (178,357) |
| Net sales | \$ 526,151 | \$ 544,389 | \$ 1,448,865 | \$ 1,483,952 |
| Gross margin excluding freight and delivery revenues | 28.8% | 30.7% | 25.3% | 29.6% |

Operating Margin in Accordance with GAAP

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Earnings from operations | \$ 114,957 | \$ 136,881 | \$ 262,687 | \$ 331,005 |
| Total revenues | \$ 599,210 | \$ 615,382 | \$ 1,648,597 | \$ 1,662,309 |
| Operating margin | 19.2% | 22.2% | 15.9% | 19.9% |

Operating Margin Excluding Freight and Delivery Revenues

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Earnings from operations | \$ 114,957 | \$ 136,881 | \$ 262,687 | \$ 331,005 |
| Total revenues | \$ 599,210 | \$ 615,382 | \$ 1,648,597 | \$ 1,662,309 |
| Less: Freight and delivery revenues | (73,059) | (70,993) | (199,732) | (178,357) |
| Net sales | \$ 526,151 | \$ 544,389 | \$ 1,448,865 | \$ 1,483,952 |

| | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Operating margin excluding freight and delivery revenues | 21.8% | 25.1% | 18.1% | 22.3% |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|

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Quarter Ended September 30

Notable items for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 included:

- Earnings per diluted share of \$1.58 compared with \$2.13 for the prior-year quarter
- Cost of petroleum-based products increased \$16 million, reducing earnings per diluted share by \$0.23
- Heritage aggregates product line pricing up 7.5%, volume down 13.3%
- Consolidated net sales of \$526.2 million, down 3% compared with the prior-year quarter
- Record Specialty Products net sales, up 18% from the prior-year quarter

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The following table presents net sales, gross profit, selling, general and administrative expenses and earnings (loss) from operations data for the Corporation and its reportable segments for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007. In each case, the data is stated as a percentage of net sales of the Corporation or the relevant segment, as the case may be.

Earnings from operations include research and development expense and other operating income and expenses, net. Research and development expense for the Corporation was \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Consolidated other operating income and expenses, net, was income of \$1.2 million and \$6.2 million for the quarters ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 | % of Net Sales <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i> | 2007 | % of Net Sales |
|--|--|---|------------|-------------------|
| Net sales: | | | | |
| Mideast Group | \$ 167,722 | | \$ 193,299 | |
| Southeast Group | 119,071 | | 117,385 | |
| West Group | 193,015 | | 194,469 | |
| Total Aggregates Business | 479,808 | 100.0 | 505,153 | 100.0 |
| Specialty Products | 46,343 | 100.0 | 39,236 | 100.0 |
| Total | \$ 526,151 | 100.0 | \$ 544,389 | 100.0 |
| Gross profit: | | | | |
| Mideast Group | \$ 70,918 | | \$ 79,099 | |
| Southeast Group | 21,960 | | 25,323 | |
| West Group | 49,249 | | 51,245 | |
| Total Aggregates Business | 142,127 | 29.6 | 155,667 | 30.8 |
| Specialty Products | 10,923 | 23.6 | 11,690 | 29.8 |
| Corporate | (1,434) | | (43) | |
| Total | \$ 151,616 | 28.8 | \$ 167,314 | 30.7 |
| Selling, general & administrative expenses: | | | | |
| Mideast Group | \$ 11,070 | | \$ 10,887 | |
| Southeast Group | 6,417 | | 6,347 | |
| West Group | 11,065 | | 11,520 | |

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| | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|
| Total Aggregates Business | 28,552 | 6.0 | 28,754 | 5.7 |
| Specialty Products | 2,501 | 5.4 | 2,592 | 6.6 |
| Corporate | 6,681 | | 5,093 | |
| Total | \$ 37,734 | 7.2 | \$ 36,439 | 6.7 |

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| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | 2007 | % of Net Sales |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| | 2008 | Amount | | |
| | Amount | % of Net Sales | Amount | % of Net Sales |
| | <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i> | | | |
| Earnings (Loss) from operations: | | | | |
| Mideast Group | \$ 60,943 | | \$ 68,594 | |
| Southeast Group | 13,067 | | 19,877 | |
| West Group | 38,391 | | 45,642 | |
| | | | | |
| Total Aggregates Business | 112,401 | 23.4 | 134,113 | 26.5 |
| Specialty Products | 8,632 | 18.6 | 8,966 | 22.9 |
| Corporate | (6,076) | | (6,198) | |
| | | | | |
| Total | \$ 114,957 | 21.8 | \$ 136,881 | 25.1 |

Third-quarter results highlight the Corporation's ability to adapt its business to successfully address the most challenging economic times in its history. Aggregates volumes declined for the tenth consecutive quarter, diesel fuel and natural gas costs escalated 47% during the quarter, and adverse weather conditions in the wake of Tropical Storm Fay and Hurricanes Gustav, Hannah and Ike had a negative impact on operations not only in the Gulf Coast region, but also in the Southeast and Central United States as the storm systems moved inland. Nevertheless, the Corporation's management team and employees again balanced the productive capacity of its operations to market demand and aggressively addressed controllable costs.

The Aggregates business continued to achieve sustainable pricing growth within all groups with heritage aggregates product line pricing up 7.5% for the quarter. With the exception of Iowa and Arkansas, the difficult economic environment caused aggregates volumes to fall in all of the business states with the overall volume in the heritage aggregates business declining 13.3%. The strong farm economy, coupled with increased alternative energy construction in Iowa and energy expansion projects in Arkansas, East Texas and Northwest Louisiana, supported volume growth in these areas. Infrastructure and commercial construction demand remains challenging, most notably from the lack of credit availability, which has stalled overall construction activity. The West Group experienced its first quarterly volume decline of the year, reflecting the impact of the hurricanes as well as weakness in construction activity. The Corporation estimates that the third-quarter hurricane season caused the West Group to reduce shipments by 0.8 million tons and, when coupled with lost sales and increased production costs from storms in the Mideast and Southeast Groups, adverse weather lowered profitability of the Aggregates business by \$5.6 million, or \$0.08 per diluted share.

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The following tables present volume and pricing data and shipments data for the aggregates product line. Heritage aggregates operations exclude volume and pricing data for acquisitions that were not included in prior-year operations for the comparable period and divestitures.

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 | |
|---|--|---|
| | Volume | Pricing |
| Volume/Pricing Variance ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Heritage Aggregates Product Line ⁽²⁾ : | | |
| Mideast Group | (21.1%) | 9.9% |
| Southeast Group | (14.6%) | 8.7% |
| West Group | (5.4%) | 6.7% |
| Heritage Aggregates Operations | (13.3%) | 7.5% |
| Aggregates Product Line ⁽³⁾ | (12.4%) | 7.8% |
| | | |
| | | Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 2007 <i>(tons in thousands)</i> |
| Shipments | | |
| Heritage Aggregates Product Line ⁽²⁾ : | | |
| Mideast Group | 15,185 | 19,254 |
| Southeast Group | 9,454 | 11,066 |
| West Group | 19,773 | 20,902 |
| Heritage Aggregates Operations | 44,412 | 51,222 |
| Acquisitions | 911 | |
| Divestitures ⁽⁴⁾ | 123 | 656 |
| Aggregates Product Line ⁽³⁾ | 45,446 | 51,878 |

(1) Volume/pricing variances reflect the percentage increase/(decrease) from the comparable period in the prior year.

(2) Heritage Aggregates Product

Line excludes volume and pricing data for acquisitions that have not been included in prior-year operations for the comparable period and divestitures.

(3) *Aggregates Product*

Line includes all acquisitions from the date of acquisition and divestitures through the date of disposal.

(4) *Divestitures include*

the tons related to divested aggregates product line operations up to the date of divestiture.

The Aggregates business is significantly affected by seasonal changes and other weather-related conditions. Aggregates production and shipment levels coincide with general construction activity levels, most of which occurs in the spring, summer and fall. Thus, production and shipment levels vary by quarter. Operations concentrated in the northern United States generally experience more severe winter weather conditions than operations in the Southeast and Southwest. Excessive rainfall, and conversely excessive drought, can also jeopardize shipments, production and profitability. Because of the potentially significant impact of weather on the Corporation's operations, third quarter results are not indicative of expected performance for other interim periods or the full year.

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The Specialty Products segment, which includes magnesia chemicals, dolomitic lime and targeted activity in structural composites, delivered record net sales of \$46.3 million for the 2008 third quarter, an increase of 18.1% compared with the prior-year quarter. The United States steel market has remained positive, leading to increased dolomitic lime demand. Similarly, the Corporation has experienced increased demand for magnesia-based chemicals products used in a number of environmental applications as well as for its heat resistant products. Earnings from operations of \$8.6 million decreased 3.7% compared with the prior-year quarter due to rising diesel fuel and natural gas costs. Although petroleum-based energy prices are beginning to decline, increased costs of petroleum-based products continued to have a negative impact on both costs and sales in the past quarter. Liquid asphalt, which is used in the production of asphalt paving products, increased 128% over the prior year with average prices approaching \$800 per ton at their peak. The Corporation's customers, and often times end users, cannot react quickly enough to these escalating costs and, when possible, have chosen to defer work in anticipation of future potential cost reductions. The rise in the cost of petroleum-based products resulted in additional production costs of \$16 million, or \$0.23 per diluted share, for the quarter.

Consolidated selling, general and administrative expenses of \$37.7 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 included a settlement charge of \$2.6 million for payment to retired employees of vested benefits provided by the Corporation's SERP (Supplemental Excess Retirement Plan). Selling, general and administrative expense, excluding this charge, were \$35.1 million as compared with \$36.4 million in the prior-year quarter, reflecting the Corporation's continued focus on cost management.

Among other items, other operating income and expenses, net, includes gains and losses on the sale of assets; gains and losses related to certain accounts receivable; rental, royalty and services income; and the accretion and depreciation expenses related to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 143, *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations*. For the third quarter, consolidated other operating income and expenses, net, was income of \$1.2 million in 2008 compared with \$6.2 million in 2007. Third quarter 2008 includes \$3 million in nonrecurring professional fees incurred in connection with the Corporation's evaluation of a number of strategic initiatives to enhance the business and create shareholder value. Third quarter 2007 includes a \$4.5 million gain on the sale of land for the West Group.

Consolidated interest expense was \$19.5 million for the third quarter 2008 as compared with \$17.2 million for the prior-year quarter. The increase primarily resulted from interest for the 6.6% Senior Notes issued in April 2008, as well as other short-term borrowings outstanding during the quarter.

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In addition to other offsetting amounts, other nonoperating income and expenses, net, are comprised generally of interest income, net equity earnings from nonconsolidated investments and eliminations of minority interests for consolidated non-wholly owned subsidiaries. Consolidated other nonoperating income and expenses, net, for the quarter ended September 30, was expense of \$2.8 million in 2008 compared with income of \$1.2 million in 2007, primarily as a result of higher earnings from consolidated subsidiaries which increased the expense for the elimination of minority interests in 2008. Additionally, 2008 equity earnings on nonconsolidated investments were lower as compared with 2007.

Nine Months Ended September 30

Notable items for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 included:

Earnings per diluted share of \$3.60 compared with \$4.73 for the prior-year period

Consolidated net sales of \$1.449 billion, down 2% compared with the prior-year period

Cost of petroleum-based products increased \$36 million, reducing earnings by \$0.53 per diluted share

Heritage aggregates product line pricing up 6.0%, volume down 10.5%

Specialty Products net sales and earnings from operations up 14.4% and 12.2%, respectively, from prior-year period

Acquisition and integration of six quarry acquisitions from Vulcan Materials Company, plus two other small acquisitions

Issuance of \$300 million of Senior Notes

The following table presents net sales, gross profit, selling, general and administrative expenses and earnings (loss) from operations data for the Corporation and its reportable segments for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007. In each case, the data is stated as a percentage of net sales of the Corporation or the relevant segment, as the case may be.

Earnings from operations include research and development expense and other operating income and expenses, net. Research and development expense for the Corporation was \$0.5 million and \$0.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Consolidated other operating income and expenses, net, was income of \$14.4 million and \$11.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

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| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | 2007 | % of Net Sales |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| | 2008 | Amount | | |
| | Amount | % of Net Sales | Amount | % of Net Sales |
| | <i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i> | | | |
| Net sales: | | | | |
| Mideast Group | \$ 455,294 | | \$ 524,665 | |
| Southeast Group | 343,880 | | 346,810 | |
| West Group | 515,247 | | 494,985 | |
| Total Aggregates Business | 1,314,421 | 100.0 | 1,366,460 | 100.0 |
| Specialty Products | 134,444 | 100.0 | 117,492 | 100.0 |
| Total | \$ 1,448,865 | 100.0 | \$ 1,483,952 | 100.0 |
| Gross profit: | | | | |
| Mideast Group | \$ 174,869 | | \$ 220,891 | |
| Southeast Group | 57,413 | | 86,059 | |
| West Group | 102,093 | | 100,991 | |
| Total Aggregates Business | 334,375 | 25.4 | 407,941 | 29.9 |
| Specialty Products | 35,069 | 26.1 | 32,823 | 27.9 |
| Corporate | (3,233) | | (1,673) | |
| Total | \$ 366,211 | 25.3 | \$ 439,091 | 29.6 |
| Selling, general & administrative expenses: | | | | |
| Mideast Group | \$ 34,176 | | \$ 34,213 | |
| Southeast Group | 19,603 | | 19,160 | |
| West Group | 33,538 | | 34,466 | |
| Total Aggregates Business | 87,317 | 6.6 | 87,839 | 6.4 |
| Specialty Products | 7,556 | 5.6 | 7,932 | 6.8 |
| Corporate | 22,597 | | 23,250 | |
| Total | \$ 117,470 | 8.1 | \$ 119,021 | 8.0 |

Earnings (Loss) from operations:

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------|------------|------|
| Mideast Group | \$ 154,476 | | \$ 188,901 | |
| Southeast Group | 36,058 | | 68,824 | |
| West Group | 72,186 | | 75,415 | |
| Total Aggregates Business | 262,720 | 20.0 | 333,140 | 24.4 |
| Specialty Products | 27,453 | 20.4 | 24,458 | 20.8 |
| Corporate | (27,486) | | (26,593) | |
| Total | \$ 262,687 | 18.1 | \$ 331,005 | 22.3 |

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Net sales for the Aggregates business for the nine months ended September 30 were \$1.314 billion in 2008, a 3.8% decline versus 2007 net sales of \$1.366 billion. Aggregates pricing at heritage locations was up 6.0%, while volume decreased 10.5%. Inclusive of acquisitions and divestitures, aggregates pricing for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 increased 6.2% and aggregates product line volume decreased 10.0%.

The following tables present volume and pricing data and shipments data for the aggregates product line. Heritage aggregates operations exclude volume and pricing data for acquisitions that were not included in prior-year operations for the comparable period and divestitures.

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 | |
|---|---|---------|
| | Volume | Pricing |
| Volume/Pricing Variance ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Heritage Aggregates Product Line ⁽²⁾ : | | |
| Mideast Group | (22.2%) | 11.4% |
| Southeast Group | (11.8%) | 6.5% |
| West Group | 1.6% | 3.8% |
| Heritage Aggregates Operations | (10.5%) | 6.0% |
| Aggregates Product Line ⁽³⁾ | (10.0%) | 6.2% |
| | | |
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | <i>(tons in thousands)</i> | |
| Shipments | | |
| Heritage Aggregates Product Line ⁽²⁾ : | | |
| Mideast Group | 39,919 | 51,279 |
| Southeast Group | 28,568 | 32,382 |
| West Group | 53,394 | 52,543 |
| Heritage Aggregates Operations | 121,881 | 136,204 |
| Acquisitions | 1,841 | |
| Divestitures ⁽⁴⁾ | 589 | 1,995 |
| Aggregates Product Line ⁽³⁾ | 124,311 | 138,199 |

(1) Volume/pricing variances reflect the percentage increase/(decrease) from the comparable period

in the prior year.

(2) *Heritage*

Aggregates Product

Line excludes

volume and pricing

data for

acquisitions that

have not been

included in

prior-year

operations for the

comparable period

and divestitures.

(3) *Aggregates Product*

Line includes all

acquisitions from

the date of

acquisition and

divestitures through

the date of disposal.

(4) *Divestitures include*

the tons related to

divested aggregates

product line

operations up to the

date of divestiture.

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Specialty Products net sales were \$134.4 million for the first nine months of 2008 compared with \$117.5 million for the prior-year period. Earnings from operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$27.5 million compared with \$24.5 million in the year-earlier period. Increased demand for magnesia-based chemicals products and dolomitic lime contributed to these results.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$117.5 million versus \$119.0 million in the 2007 period. Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased 1.3% as the Corporation continued its focus on cost control to all aspects of the business.

For the nine months ended September 30, consolidated other operating income and expenses, net, was income of \$14.4 million in 2008 compared with \$11.5 million in 2007. The increase results primarily from a \$7.2 million gain on the disposals of an idle facility north of San Antonio, Texas (West Group), and land in Henderson, North Carolina (Mideast Group), in connection with the Vulcan exchange transaction and was partially offset by increased accretion and depreciation expenses related to asset retirement obligations.

Consolidated interest expense was \$54.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 as compared with \$45.1 million for the prior-year period. The increase primarily resulted from interest for the 6.6% Senior Notes issued in April 2008, as well as other short-term borrowings outstanding during the year.

The overall estimated effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 includes the following discrete items, which had an immaterial effect on net earnings: effective settlement of agreed upon issues from the Internal Revenue Service examination that covered the 2004 and 2005 tax years and the true-up of the 2007 provision estimates to actual taxes paid as a result of filing the related tax returns during the period.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES Net cash provided by operating activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$271.0 million compared with \$272.8 million in the comparable period of 2007. Operating cash flow is generally from net earnings, before deducting depreciation, depletion and amortization, offset by working capital requirements. Net cash provided by operating activities for the first nine months of 2008 as compared with the year-earlier period reflects lower net earnings before depreciation, depletion and amortization; lower cash taxes, resulting from lower pretax earnings and higher benefits from bonus depreciation deductions; a lower increase in accounts receivable as a result of lower net sales; a decline in the rate of inventory build as the Corporation managed production and inventory levels; and decreased tax benefits from stock option exercise activity.

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Depreciation, depletion and amortization was as follows (dollars in millions):

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| Depreciation | \$ 120.0 | \$ 105.5 |
| Depletion | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| Amortization | 2.4 | 2.2 |
| | \$ 125.7 | \$ 111.1 |

The seasonal nature of the construction aggregates business impacts quarterly operating cash flow when compared with the year. Full year 2007 net cash provided by operating activities was \$395.6 million, compared with \$272.8 million for the first nine months of 2007.

Full-year capital spending is expected to approximate \$255 million for 2008, including capital spending in connection with the Hunt Martin joint venture and exclusive of acquisitions. Comparable full-year capital expenditures were \$264.9 million in 2007. First nine months capital expenditures, exclusive of acquisitions, were \$223.8 million in 2008 and \$196.9 million in 2007. Capital expenditures during the first nine months of 2008 included work on several major plant expansion and efficiency projects, including \$54.5 million for its new production and distribution facilities in Augusta, Georgia. The new plant will begin operations in the fourth quarter of 2008 versus the prior forecast of second quarter 2009. The earlier completion of this project, which increases aggregates capacity from 2 million tons to 6 million tons annually, is expected to increase the Corporation's market share in high-growth markets in Georgia and Florida.

During the first nine months of 2008 and 2007, the Corporation paid \$218.4 million and \$12.2 million, respectively, for acquisitions. On April 11, 2008, the Corporation entered into a swap transaction with Vulcan, pursuant to which it acquired six quarry locations in North Georgia and Tennessee. In addition to a \$192.0 million cash payment plus normal closing adjustments for working capital, the Corporation divested to Vulcan its only California quarry located in Oroville, an idle facility north of San Antonio, Texas, and land in Henderson, North Carolina, formerly leased to Vulcan. As part of the transaction, the Corporation also acquired a land parcel previously leased from Vulcan at its Three Rivers Quarry near Paducah, Kentucky. During 2008, the Corporation also acquired certain assets of the Specialty Magnesia Division of Morton International, Inc. relating to the ElastoMag[®] product and a granite quarry near Asheboro, North Carolina that contains approximately 40 million tons of reserves.

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The Corporation can purchase its common stock through open-market purchases pursuant to authority granted by its Board of Directors. The Corporation did not repurchase any shares of common stock during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. However, \$24.0 million in cash was used during January 2008 to settle common stock repurchases made as of December 31, 2007. During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Corporation repurchased 3,585,000 shares at an aggregate cost of \$495.2 million. At September 30, 2008, 5,042,000 shares of common stock were remaining under the Corporation's repurchase authorization.

The Corporation manages its cash and cash equivalents to ensure that short-term operating cash needs are met and that excess funds are managed efficiently. The Corporation subsidizes shortages in operating cash through short-term borrowings on its available line of credit. The Corporation typically invests excess funds in Eurodollar time deposit accounts, which are exposed to bank solvency risk and are not FDIC insured. Funds not yet available in lockboxes generally exceed the \$250,000 FDIC insurance limit. Cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2008 were \$13.9 million. Of this amount, approximately \$4.3 million was deposited in an overnight bank time deposit account. The remaining cash and cash equivalents represent deposits in transit to the Corporation's lockbox accounts and deposits held at local banks.

The Corporation's five-year revolving credit agreement (the "Credit Agreement") contains a leverage ratio covenant that requires the Corporation's ratio of consolidated debt to consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, depletion and amortization (EBITDA), as defined, for the trailing twelve months (the "Ratio") to not exceed 2.75 to 1.00 as of the end of any fiscal quarter. Furthermore, the covenant allows the Ratio to exclude debt incurred in connection with an acquisition for a period of 180 days, provided that the Ratio does not exceed 3.25 to 1.00. On October 24, 2008, the Corporation amended its Credit Agreement to provide for an increased leverage covenant. As amended, the Corporation's Ratio may not exceed 3.25 to 1.00 as of the end of any fiscal quarter and may exclude debt incurred in connection with an acquisition for a period of 180 days provided that the ratio does not exceed 3.50 to 1.00. In exchange for the covenant modification, the Corporation agreed to an increase in the drawn facility fee under a pricing grid tied to its long-term debt rating, currently LIBOR plus 225 basis points.

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The Ratio is calculated as total long-term debt divided by consolidated EBITDA, as defined, for the trailing twelve months. Consolidated EBITDA is generally defined as earnings before interest expense, income tax expense, and depreciation, depletion and amortization expense for continuing operations. Additionally, stock-based compensation expense is added back and interest income is deducted in the calculation of consolidated EBITDA. Certain other nonrecurring items and noncash items, if they occur, can affect the calculation of consolidated EBITDA. At September 30, 2008, the Corporation's ratio of consolidated debt to consolidated EBITDA, as defined, for the trailing twelve month EBITDA was 2.49 and was calculated as follows (dollars in thousands):

| | Twelve Month Period October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 |
|--|--|
| Earnings from continuing operations | \$ 201,370 |
| Add back: | |
| Interest expense | 70,387 |
| Income tax expense | 89,207 |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense | 163,095 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 20,959 |
| Deduct: | |
| Interest income | (926) |
| Consolidated EBITDA, as defined | \$ 544,092 |
| Consolidated debt at September 30, 2008 | \$ 1,356,232 |
| Consolidated debt to consolidated EBITDA, as defined, at September 30, 2008 for the trailing twelve month EBITDA | 2.49 |

The management team and Board of Directors have focused on establishing prudent leverage targets that provide for value creation through strong operational performance, continued investment in internal growth opportunities, financial flexibility to support opportunistic and strategic acquisitions and a return of cash to shareholders through sustainable dividends and share repurchase programs while maintaining a solid investment grade rating. Given these parameters, in the ordinary course of business and absent any future debt incurred in connection with an acquisition, the Corporation expects to manage its leverage within a range of 2.0 to 2.5 times consolidated debt to consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, depletion and amortization (EBITDA), as defined by the underlying credit agreement.

On April 10, 2008, the Corporation amended its unsecured \$250 million Credit Agreement to add another class of loan commitments, which had the effect of increasing the borrowing base under the agreement by \$75 million. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement are unsecured and may be used for general corporate purposes, including to support the Corporation's commercial paper program if the commercial paper market stabilizes and to the extent it is available to the Corporation. The Credit Agreement expires on June 30, 2012.

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On April 21, 2008, the Corporation completed the issuance of \$300 million of 6.6% Senior Notes due in 2018 (the 6.6% Senior Notes). The 6.6% Senior Notes, which are unsecured, may be redeemed in whole or in part prior to their maturity at a make whole redemption price. Upon a change of control repurchase event and a below investment grade credit rating, the Corporation will be required to make an offer to repurchase all outstanding 6.6% Senior Notes at a price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount of the 6.6% Senior Notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the purchase date.

In connection with the issuance of \$300 million of 6.6% Senior Notes due in 2018, on April 16, 2008, the Corporation unwound its two forward starting interest rate swap agreements with a total notional amount of \$150 million (the Swap Agreements). The Corporation made a cash payment of \$11.1 million, which represented the fair value of the Swap Agreements on the date of termination. The accumulated other comprehensive loss at the date of termination will be recognized in earnings over the life of the new Notes.

In August 2008, the Board of Directors approved a 16% increase in the regular quarterly cash dividend to \$0.40 per share on the Corporation's common stock. This dividend represents a cash dividend of \$1.60 per share on an annualized basis.

The Corporation may be required to obtain financing in order to fund certain strategic acquisitions, if any such opportunities arise, or to refinance outstanding debt. Furthermore, the Corporation is exposed to risk from tightening credit markets, through the interest cost related to its \$225 million Floating Rate Senior Notes due in 2010 and the interest cost related to its commercial paper program, to the extent that it is available to the Corporation. On October 24, 2008, Moody's downgraded the Corporation's long-term rating to Baa3 from Baa1 and downgraded its commercial paper rating to P-3 from P-2 with a stable outlook. On October 29, 2008, Standard & Poor's (S&P) reaffirmed the Corporation's senior unsecured debt rating of BBB+ and downgraded the outlook to negative. The S&P commercial paper rating of A-2 remains unchanged. While management believes its credit ratings will remain at an investment-grade level, no assurance can be given that these ratings will remain at those levels.

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While management understands that the agencies are taking a cautious approach in gauging the effect of the current economic downturn on the Corporation's ability to generate sufficient cash flow, management is comfortable with the Corporation's leverage covenant and its liquidity available to refinance the \$200 million, 5.875% Senior Notes due December 1, 2008. In addition, based on discussions with the Corporation's bank group, the Corporation expects to have continued access to the public credit, although at a higher cost of debt when compared with its 5.9% weighted average interest rate at September 30, 2008. However, given the dynamic, unpredictable state of the credit markets, accessing the availability under its credit facility remains an option. Management continues to believe the Corporation has sufficient liquidity from the cash flows generated in the operation of the business, from its ability to reduce levels of capital expenditures, expected to be no more than \$185 million in 2009, and from its ability to execute against an aggressive cost-reduction plan.

Contractual Obligations

At September 30, 2008, the Corporation's contractual obligations related to its 6.6% Senior Notes issued in April 2008 were as follows:

| | Total | < 1 yr | 1-3 yrs. | 3-5 yrs. | > 5 yrs. |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Long-term debt | \$300,000 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$300,000 |
| Interest (off balance sheet) | 197,663 | 28,538 | 39,600 | 39,600 | 89,925 |
| Total | \$497,663 | \$28,538 | \$39,600 | \$39,600 | \$389,925 |

ACCOUNTING CHANGES As discussed in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, effective January 1, 2008, the Corporation partially adopted FAS 157.

TRENDS AND RISKS The Corporation outlined the risks associated with its business in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2008. Management continues to evaluate its exposure to all operating risks on an ongoing basis.

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The state of Florida recently launched the Accelerate Florida initiative aimed at advancing start dates on \$1.4 billion in road construction funding to create jobs and stimulate the state's weakening construction economy. The Florida Department of Transportation announced that these projects will employ 39,000 people and generate \$7.84 billion in economic benefits, a \$5.60 return on each state dollar invested. The Corporation is uniquely positioned to provide high-quality granite construction aggregates into the Florida infrastructure market from its offshore quarry in Nova Scotia and interior fall line quarries in Georgia and South Carolina. The Corporation's new plant in Augusta, Georgia, will begin operations in the fourth quarter of 2008 versus the prior forecast of second quarter 2009. The earlier completion of this project, which increases aggregates capacity from 2 million tons to 6 million tons annually, is enabling the Corporation to engage in marketing discussions with major Florida customers in advance of the infrastructure acceleration.

OUTLOOK 2008 Over the past 45 to 60 days, the lack of available business credit has stalled construction activity and further affected demand for the Corporation's products. Construction projects underway have had credit effectively pulled and new projects are subject to increasingly tighter lending standards. The unpredictable state of the economy, energy inflation, credit market uncertainty and lagging construction demand make forecasting increasingly difficult. That said, pricing continues to remain positive, even in this challenging climate. Accordingly, management reaffirms its 6% to 8% range for the rate of heritage aggregates price increases in 2008. However, with the pressure on volume, management now expects aggregates shipments to be down 11% to 12% for the year. The Specialty Products segment is expected to deliver record levels of net sales and pretax earnings of \$36 million to \$38 million. Based on these factors, 2008 net earnings per diluted share is expected to range from \$4.25 to \$4.65.

The Corporation is beginning to develop its preliminary views on 2009 as management completes its regional operating plans and would characterize the upcoming year as a period of stabilization with the first half subject to continued aggregates volume pressure. Management currently expects modest price increases, stabilizing aggregates demand and a deflationary cost environment, as it relates to energy costs. While management is taking a very conservative view in its 2009 planning, it is becoming more likely that the federal government will create a new economic stimulus package, and it appears that both federal and state governments will look toward making increased investment in road construction and other infrastructure as a jobs-creation tool. Management will provide its full guidance for 2009 when annual earnings for 2008 are released early next year and it has more information about government spending on infrastructure projects.

The 2008 estimated earnings range includes management's assessment of the likelihood of certain risk factors that will affect performance within the range. The most significant risk to 2008 earnings, whether within or outside current earnings expectations, continues to be the performance of the United States economy, the uncertainty and availability of credit markets and the effect on construction activity.

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Risks to the earnings range are primarily volume-related and include a greater-than-expected drop in demand as a result of the continued decline in residential construction, continued decline in commercial construction, delays in infrastructure projects, or some combination thereof. Further, increased highway construction funding pressures as a result of either federal or state issues can affect profitability. Currently, North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, and South Carolina are experiencing state-level funding pressures, and these states may disproportionately affect profitability. The price of liquid asphalt is a significant cost component in the production of hot mix asphalt products and can cause road builders and commercial contractors to delay or defer work in anticipation of liquid asphalt cost changes. The level of aggregates demand in the Corporation's end-use markets, production levels and the management of production costs will affect the operating leverage of the Aggregates business and, therefore, profitability. Production costs in the aggregates business are also sensitive to energy prices, the costs of repair and supply parts, and the start-up expenses for large-scale plant projects. The continued rising cost of diesel and other fuels increases production costs, either directly through consumption or indirectly through the higher cost of energy-related consumables, namely steel, explosives, tires and conveyor belts. Sustained periods of diesel fuel cost at the current level will continue to have a negative impact on profitability. The Aggregates business is also subject to weather-related risks that can significantly affect production schedules and profitability. Hurricane activity in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf Coast generally is most active during the third and fourth quarters. Opportunities to reach the upper end of the earnings range depend on the aggregates product line demand exceeding expectations, triggered by a significant reduction in liquid asphalt prices and/or increased credit availability, and continued decline in energy-related costs

Risks to earnings outside of the range include a change in volume beyond current expectations as a result of economic events outside of the Corporation's control. In addition to the impact of residential and commercial construction, the Corporation is exposed to risk in its earnings expectations from tightening credit markets and the availability of and interest cost related to its short- and intermediate-term financing. The Corporation's commercial paper program is rated A-2 by Standards & Poor's and P-3 by Moody's. The P-3 rating by Moody's limits the Corporation's access to the commercial paper markets as a source of capital in the current credit environment.

OTHER MATTERS If you are interested in Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. stock, management recommends that, at a minimum, you read the Corporation's current Annual Report and Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K reports to the SEC over the past year. The Corporation's recent proxy statement for the annual meeting of shareholders also contains important information. These and other materials that have been filed with the SEC are accessible through the Corporation's web site at www.martinmarietta.com and are also available at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. You may also write or call the Corporation's Corporate Secretary, who will provide copies of such reports.

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Investors are cautioned that all statements in this Quarterly Report that relate to the future involve risks and uncertainties, and are based on assumptions that the Corporation believes in good faith are reasonable but which may be materially different from actual results. Forward-looking statements give the investor our expectations or forecasts of future events. You can identify these statements by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. They may use words such as anticipate, estimate, expect, project, intend, plan, believe, and other words of meaning in connection with future events or future operating or financial performance. Any or all of our forward-looking statements here and in other publications may turn out to be wrong.

Factors that the Corporation currently believes could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q include, but are not limited to, the level and timing of federal and state transportation funding, particularly in North Carolina, Texas and Georgia, three of the Corporation's largest and most profitable states, and in South Carolina, the Corporation's fifth largest state as measured by 2007 Aggregates business net sales; levels of construction spending in the markets the Corporation serves; the severity and duration of a continued decline in the residential construction market; the impact of limited credit availability on commercial construction; unfavorable weather conditions, including hurricane activity; the ability to recognize quantifiable savings from internal expansion projects; the ability to successfully integrate acquisitions quickly and in a cost-effective manner; the volatility of fuel costs, most notably diesel fuel, liquid asphalt and natural gas; continued increases in the cost of repair and supply parts; logistical issues and costs, notably barge availability on the Mississippi River system and the availability of railcars and locomotive power to move trains to supply the Corporation's Texas and Gulf Coast markets; continued strength in the steel industry markets served by the Corporation's dolomitic lime products; availability of funds for financing and increases in interest costs; the impact of the Corporation's credit ratings on capital structure and financing availability and costs; and other risk factors listed from time to time found in the Corporation's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Other factors besides those listed here may also adversely affect the Corporation and may be material to the Corporation. The Corporation assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

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INVESTOR ACCESS TO COMPANY FILINGS Shareholders may obtain, without charge, a copy of Martin Marietta Materials' Annual Report on Form 10-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, by writing to:

Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.

Attn: Corporate Secretary

2710 Wycliff Road

Raleigh, North Carolina 27607-3033

Additionally, Martin Marietta Materials' Annual Report, press releases and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Forms 10-K, 10-Q, 8-K and 11-K, can generally be accessed via the Corporation's web site. Filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission accessed via the web site are available through a link with the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval (EDGAR) system. Accordingly, access to such filings is available upon EDGAR placing the related document in its database. Investor relations contact information is as follows:

Telephone: (919) 783-4540

Web site address: www.martinmarietta.com

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

The Corporation's operations are highly dependent upon the interest rate-sensitive construction and steelmaking industries. Consequently, these marketplaces could experience lower levels of economic activity in an environment of rising interest rates or escalating costs.

The current credit environment has negatively affected the economy and management has considered the potential impact to the Corporation's business. Demand for aggregates products, particularly in the commercial and residential construction markets, could continue to decline if companies and consumers are unable to obtain financing for construction projects or if the economic slowdown causes delays or cancellations to capital projects.

On October 24, 2008, Moody's downgraded the Corporation's commercial paper rating to P-3. The P-3 rating by Moody's limits the Corporation's access to the commercial paper markets as a source of capital in the current credit environment. On October 29, 2008, Standard & Poor's reaffirmed the Corporation's commercial paper rating of A-2 and downgraded the outlook to negative. The negative outlook and downgrade in credit ratings will increase the cost of debt.

Demand in the residential construction market is affected by interest rates. Since December 31, 2007, in response to the current overall economic crisis, including a deepening of the housing contraction, the Federal Reserve Board cut the federal funds rate by 275 basis points to 1.5% in October, 2008. The residential construction market accounted for approximately 12% of the Corporation's aggregates product line shipments in 2007.

Aside from these inherent risks from within its operations, the Corporation's earnings are affected also by changes in short-term interest rates, as a result of any temporary cash investments, including money market funds and overnight investments in Eurodollars; any outstanding credit facility borrowings; Floating Rate Senior Notes; defined benefit pension plans; and petroleum-based product costs. The Corporation has no counterparty risk.

Credit Facility. The Corporation has a \$325 million credit facility in which borrowings bear interest at a variable rate. At September 30, 2008, there were no borrowings outstanding. As borrowings bear interest at a variable rate, the Corporation has interest rate risk when such borrowings are outstanding.

Floating Rate Senior Notes. The Corporation has \$225 million of Floating Rate Senior Notes that bear interest at a rate equal to the three-month LIBOR plus 0.15%. As the Floating Rate Senior Notes bear interest at a variable rate, the Corporation has interest rate risk. The effect of a hypothetical 100 basis point increase in interest rates on borrowings of \$225 million would increase interest expense by \$2.3 million on an annual basis.

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Pension Expense. The Corporation's results of operations are affected by its pension expense. Assumptions that affect this expense include the discount rate and the expected long-term rate of return on assets. Therefore, the Corporation has interest rate risk associated with these factors. The impact of hypothetical changes in these assumptions on the Corporation's annual pension expense is discussed in the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2008.

The Corporation's pension expense and funding requirements are affected by the fair value of its pension plan assets, which consist of listed stocks, bonds and cash equivalents. Declines in pension assets can reduce the funded status of the pension plan and may result in required contributions to the plan beginning as early as 2009. Declines in the fair value of these assets can also increase the succeeding year's annual pension expense. The measurement of the Corporation's pension liability is affected by yields on highly-rated, long corporate bonds, which serve as the basis for setting the discount rate used to present value the pension obligation. Increases in the yields on highly-rated, long corporate bonds generally increase the discount rate and therefore, decrease the pension obligation.

Petroleum-Based Product Costs. Petroleum-based product costs, including diesel fuel, natural gas and liquid asphalt, represent significant production costs for the Corporation. Increases in these costs generally are tied to energy sector inflation. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, increases in these costs lowered net earnings by \$0.53 per diluted share when compared with 2007.

Aggregate Risk for Interest Rates and Petroleum-Based Product Sector Inflation. The pension expense for 2008 is calculated based on assumptions selected at December 31, 2007. Therefore, interest rate risk in 2008 is limited to the potential effect related to borrowings under the Corporation's credit facility, none of which is currently outstanding, and the Corporation's Floating Rate Senior Notes. Assuming outstanding Floating Rate Senior Notes of \$225 million, the impact of a hypothetical 100 basis point increase in interest rates would increase interest expense and decrease pretax earnings by \$2.3 million. Additionally, increases in petroleum-based product costs have already had a significant impact on year-to-date 2008 pretax earnings.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

As of September 30, 2008, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Corporation's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and the operation of the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, the Corporation's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, concluded that the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2008. There have been no significant changes in the Corporation's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect the internal controls subsequent to September 30, 2008.

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PART II-OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

Reference is made to *Part I. Item 3. Legal Proceedings* of the Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Reference is made to *Part I. Item 1A. Risk Factors and Forward-Looking Statements* of the Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

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

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| July 1, 2008 July 31, 2008 | | \$ | | 5,041,871 |
| August 1, 2008 August 31, 2008 | | \$ | | 5,041,871 |
| September 1, 2008 September 30, 2008 | | \$ | | 5,041,871 |
| Total | | \$ | | 5,041,871 |

The Corporation's initial stock repurchase program, which authorized the repurchase of 2.5 million shares of common stock, was announced in a press release dated May 6, 1994, and has been updated as appropriate. The program does not have an expiration date.

Item 5. Other Information.

On October 24, 2008, the Corporation amended its \$325,000,000 credit agreement (the Credit Agreement) with the bank parties thereto, syndicated with JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, to provide for an increased leverage covenant. As amended, the Corporation's ratio of consolidated debt to consolidated EBITDA, as defined, for the trailing twelve months may not exceed 3.25 to 1.00 as of the end of any fiscal quarter and may exclude debt incurred in connection with an acquisition for a period of 180 days provided that the ratio does not exceed 3.50 to 1.00. In exchange for the covenant modification, the Corporation agreed to an increase in the drawn facility fee under a pricing grid tied to its long-term debt rating, currently LIBOR plus 225 basis points. The Credit Agreement expires in June 2012.

The amended Credit Agreement is filed as Exhibit 10.01.

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Item 6. Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Document |
|----------------|--|
| 10.01 | \$325,000,000 Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 24, 2008 among Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., the bank parties thereto and JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent |
| 31.01 | Certification dated October 29, 2008 of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 rule 13a-14 as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 31.02 | Certification dated October 29, 2008 of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 rule 13a-14 as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 32.01 | Written Statement dated October 29, 2008 of Chief Executive Officer required by 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 32.02 | Written Statement dated October 29, 2008 of Chief Financial Officer required by 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |

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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.

MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: October 29, 2008

By: /s/ Anne H. Lloyd

Anne H. Lloyd
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
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