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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004

OR

o 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 1-9753

GEORGIA GULF CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

400 Perimeter Center Terrace, Suite 595, Atlanta, Georgia (Address of principal executive offices) 58-1563799

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

30346 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (770) 395-4500

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 ý No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ý No o

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 April 27, 2004
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	33,002,770

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

Item 1. Financial Statements.

GEORGIA GULF CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	N	March 31, 2004		cember 31, 2003
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	8,835	\$	1,965
Receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4,450 in 2004 a	nd			
2003		146,737		86,914
Inventories		128,914		124,616
Prepaid expenses		6,520		7,043
Deferred income taxes		8,369		8,368
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Total current assets		299,375		228,906
Property, plant and equipment, net		452,094		460,808
Goodwill		77,720		77,720
Other assets		89,801		89,351
Total assets	\$	918,990	\$	856,785
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	800	\$	1,000
Accounts payable		169,535		135,680
Interest payable		5,564		1,812
Income taxes payable		11,123		
Accrued compensation		8,806		15,058
Other accrued liabilities		9,439		9,614
Table comment lighting		205.267		162.164
Total current liabilities		205,267		163,164
Long-term debt Deferred income taxes		426,672		426,872
		122,495		122,617
Other non-current liabilities		10,116		7,693
Stockholders' equity		154,440		136,439
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	918,990	\$	856,785
Common shares outstanding		32,893		32,736

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements. \\

GEORGIA GULF CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(In thousands, except per share data)

(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended
March 31,

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	2004		2003	
Net sales	\$ 496,6	587 \$	364,010	
Operating costs and expenses:				
Cost of sales	445,7	87	342,826	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	14,7	71	13,907	
Total operating costs and expenses	460,5	558	356,733	
Operating income	36,1	29	7,277	
Interest expense, net	(6,2	268)	(9,892)	
Income (loss) before income taxes	29,8	361	(2,615)	
Provision (benefit) for (from) income taxes	11,1	.23	(941)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 18,7	738 \$	(1,674)	
Earnings (loss) per share:				
Basic	\$ 0	.57 \$	(0.05)	
Diluted	\$ 0	.57 \$	(0.05)	
Weighted average common shares:				
Basic	32,6	509	32,210	
Diluted	32,9	26	32,210	

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

GEORGIA GULF CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended March 31,

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		2004		2003
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	\$	18,738	\$	(1,674)
Depreciation and amortization		15,772		16,193
Benefit from deferred income taxes		(122)		(857)
Tax benefit related to stock plans				179
Stock based compensation		1,296		300
Change in operating assets, liabilities and other		(21,105)		(37,279)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		14,579		(23,138)
Cash flows used in investing activities:				
Capital expenditures		(5,480)		(5,122)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Net change in revolving line of credit				26,850
Payments of long-term debt		(400)		(150)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock		1,206		8
Purchase and retirement of common stock		(406)		(96)
Dividends paid		(2,629)		(2,594)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities		(2,229)		24,018
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		6,870		(4,242)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		1,965		8,019
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	8,835	\$	3,777

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

NOTE 1: BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. The accompanying financial statements do reflect all the adjustments that, in the opinion of management, are necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods reported. Such adjustments are of a normal, recurring nature. Certain reclassifications of prior periods amounts have been made to conform to current period presentations. Our operating results for the period ended March 31, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2004.

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes to consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003. There have been no material changes in the accounting policies followed by us during fiscal year 2004.

NOTE 2: NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In December 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued revised Statement of Financial Standards (SFAS) No. 132 "Employers' Disclosures about Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits." This Statement retains the disclosures required by SFAS No. 132, which standardized the disclosure requirements for pensions and other postretirement benefits to the extent practicable and required additional information on changes in the benefit obligations and fair values of plan assets. Under revised SFAS No. 132, additional disclosures of the types of plan assets, investment strategy, measurement dates, plan obligations, cash flows, and components of net periodic benefit cost recognized during interim periods are required. This Statement is effective for financial statements with fiscal years ending after December 15, 2003. We have adopted revised SFAS No. 132 and included the additional disclosures in note 9 to our condensed consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 3: INVENTORIES

The major classes of inventories were as follows:

M	Iarch 31, 2004	D	ecember 31, 2003
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\$	50,099 78,815	\$	42,851 81,765
\$	128,914	\$	124,616
	\$	\$ 50,099 78,815	\$ 50,099 \$ 78,815

NOTE 4: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Legal Proceedings. We are a party to numerous individual and several class-action lawsuits filed against the company, among other parties, arising out of an incident that occurred in September 1996 in which workers were exposed to a chemical substance on our premises in Plaquemine, Louisiana. The substance was later identified to be a form of mustard agent, which occurred as a result of an unforeseen chemical reaction. All of the actions claim one or more forms of compensable damages, including past and future wages, past and future physical and emotional pain and suffering. The lawsuits were originally filed in Louisiana state court in Iberville Parish.

In September 1998, the state court trial judge granted the plaintiffs' motion permitting the filing of amended petitions that added the additional allegations that we had engaged in intentional conduct against the plaintiffs. Amended petitions making such allegations were filed. Our two insurers notified us that they were reserving their rights to deny coverage to the extent liability could be established due to such intentional conduct in accordance with their insurance policies. We disputed the insurers' reservation of rights. In December 1998, as required by the terms of the insurance policies, each insurer demanded arbitration of the issue of the insurers' duties relating to the intentional conduct allegations. As a result of the arbitrations relating to the insurance issue, as permitted by federal statute, the insurers removed the cases to United States District Court in December 1998.

Following the above removal of these actions and unsuccessful attempts by plaintiffs to remand the cases, in 1999 we were able to settle the claims of all but two worker plaintiffs (and their collaterals) who had filed suit prior to removal. These settlements included the vast majority of those claimants believed to be the most seriously injured. No further legal proceedings are required relating to these settled cases. Negotiations regarding the remaining claims of the two worker plaintiffs are ongoing.

Following these settlements, we were sued by approximately 400 additional plaintiff workers (and their collaterals) who claim that they were injured as a result of the incident. In 2001 after negotiation, including a mediation, we reached an agreement for the settlement of these additional claims. This settlement, which is on a class basis, will resolve the claims of all workers who claim to have been exposed and injured as a result of the incident other than those workers who opt out of the class settlement. We are aware of two worker plaintiffs and several collaterals who have filed suit in state court who have opted not to participate in the class settlement, as well as the two worker plaintiffs whose claims are pending in federal court (see discussion above). Based on the present status of the proceedings, we believe the liability ultimately imposed on us will not have a material effect on our financial position or results of operations.

Many of the workers injured in this accident were employed by contractors we hired to perform various services on our site. Under the contracts for services, the contractors agreed to hold us harmless and indemnify us for amounts we were required to pay for personal injuries to their workers. During the course of this litigation, we had made demands for the contractors to reimburse us for damage amounts we had paid to their employees. In August 2003, we recovered \$3.1 million as reimbursement for amounts paid by us to one contractor's employees. We continue to pursue additional repayments from other contractors, but we do not believe any future recoveries will be material.

We are currently negotiating with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to reach a global settlement that combines several pending enforcement matters relating to the operation of its production facilities in Lake Charles and Plaquemine, Louisiana. These proceedings allege violations due to unauthorized episodic releases, exceedences of permitted emission rates, exceedences of authorized emissions limitations, and allege violation of leak detection and repair requirements. We believe that if a global settlement is reached, the total penalty for the pending matters described above, when grouped together, will exceed \$100,000, but will not have a material effect on our financial position or on our results of operations.

In addition, we are subject to other claims and legal actions that may arise in the ordinary course of business. We believe that the ultimate liability, if any, with respect to these other claims and legal actions will not have a material effect on our financial position or results of operations.

Environmental Regulation. Our operations are subject to increasingly stringent federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to environmental quality. These regulations, which are enforced principally by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and comparable state agencies, govern the management of solid hazardous waste, emissions into the air and discharges into surface and underground waters, and the manufacture of chemical substances. See our annual report on

Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 for further information regarding our environmental issues.

At our Lake Charles vinyl chloride monomer facility, the former owner CONDEA Vista Company (now Sasol North America, Inc.) will continue to conduct the ongoing remediation at its expense until November 12, 2009. After November 12, 2009, we will be responsible for remediation costs up to about \$150,000 of expense per year, as well as costs in any year in excess of this annual amount up to an aggregate one-time amount of about \$2.3 million. During April 2004 as part of our ongoing assessment of our environmental contingencies, we determined these remediation costs to be probable and estimatable and therefore recorded a \$2.7 million accrual to other non-current liabilities and a charge to cost of sales.

NOTE 5: STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Restricted Stock Awards. For the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 we granted restricted stock awards for 108,542 and 117,000 shares, respectively, of our common stock to key employees of the company. The grant date fair value per share of restricted stock granted during the first three months of 2004 and 2003 was \$27.11 and \$18.85, respectively. The restricted shares vest over a three-year period. Compensation expense, net of tax, for the first quarter of 2004 and 2003 related to the vesting of all restricted stock awards was approximately \$0.4 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. The unamortized costs of all unvested restricted stock awards of approximately \$4.9 million at March 31, 2004 are included in stockholders' equity and are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the three-year vesting period.

Stock Options. For the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 we granted stock options for 326,533 and 329,500 shares, respectively, of our common stock to key employees of the company. The exercise price of stock options granted during the first three months of 2004 and 2003 was \$27.21 and \$19.04, respectively. Option prices are equal to the closing price of our common stock on the day prior to the date of grant. Options vest over a one or three-year period from the date of grant and expire no more than ten years after the date of grant. No compensation expense is recognized for our stock option plans.

Pro Forma Effect of Stock Compensation Plans. We account for our stock-based compensation plans in accordance with Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," and comply with SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," for disclosure purposes. Under these provisions, no compensation has been recognized for our stock option plans or our stock purchase plan. For SFAS No. 123 purposes, the fair value of each stock option and stock purchase right for 2004 and 2003 has been estimated as of the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions for 2004 and 2003, respectively.

	•	Stock purchase plan rights Three months ended March 31,		n grants
				onths ech 31,
	2004	2003	2004	2003
Risk-free interest rate	1.29%	1.38%	4.00%	3.65%
Expected life	1 year	1 year	8 years	8 years
Expected volatility	29%	44%	40%	44%
Expected dividend yield	1.11% 6	1.34%	1.18%	1.70%

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Using the above assumptions, additional compensation expense under the fair value method would be:

		ended March 31,			
	20	2004		2003	
		(In thousa			
For stock option grants	\$	738	\$	673	
For stock purchase plan rights		192		306	
Total		930		979	
Provision for income taxes		353		372	
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Total, net of taxes	\$	577	\$	607	

Had compensation expense been determined consistently with SFAS No. 123, utilizing the assumptions previously detailed, our net income and earnings per common share would have been the following pro forma amounts:

		Three months ended March 31,			
		(In thousands, except pe share data)			
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Net income (loss)					
As reported	\$	18,738	\$	(1,674)	
Pro forma		18,161		(2,281)	
Basic earnings (loss) per share:					
As reported	\$.57	\$	(0.05)	
Pro forma		.56		(0.07)	
Diluted earnings (loss) per share:					
As reported	\$.57	\$	(0.05)	
Pro forma		.55		(0.07)	
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NOTE 6: SEGMENT INFORMATION

We have identified two reportable segments through which we conduct our operating activities: chlorovinyls and aromatics. These two segments reflect the organization that we use for internal reporting. The chlorovinyls segment is a highly integrated chain of products that includes chlorine, caustic soda, vinyl chloride monomer and vinyl resins and compounds. The aromatics segment is also vertically integrated and includes cumene and the co-products phenol and acetone.

Earnings of each segment exclude interest income and expense, unallocated corporate expenses and general plant services, and provision (benefit) for income taxes. Intersegment sales and transfers are insignificant.

		Three months ended March 31,			
		2004 20			
		(In thousands)			
Segment net sales:					
Chlorovinyls	\$	350,670	\$	304,422	
Aromatics		146,017		59,588	
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Net sales	\$	496,687	\$	364,010	
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Segment operating income (loss):					
Chlorovinyls	\$	38,320	\$	14,457	
Aromatics		3,806		(1,770)	
Corporate and general plant services		(5,997)		(5,410)	
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Total operating income	\$	36,129	\$	7,277	

NOTE 7: EARNINGS PER SHARE

There are no adjustments to "Net income" or "Income before income taxes" for the diluted earnings per share computations.

The following table reconciles the denominator for the basic and diluted earnings per share computations shown on the condensed consolidated statements of income:

	Three n	
	2004	2003
	(In thou	sands)
Weighted average common shares basic Plus incremental shares from assumed conversions:	32,609	32,210
Options and awards Employee stock purchase plan rights	303 14	
	22.026	22.210
Weighted average common shares diluted	32,926	32,210

NOTE 8: COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) INFORMATION

The components and ending balance of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) are shown as follows:

Accumulated other comprehensive loss net of tax

March 31,	December 31
2004	2003

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	(In thousands)	
Unrealized gains on derivative contract, net of tax of \$122 Additional minimum pension liability, net of tax of \$268	\$ (478)	204 (478)
Total accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ (478) \$	(274)
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Total comprehensive income (loss)

		Three months ended March 31, 2004 2003				
	2004 (In thou 18,738		2003			
	(In thousands)					
Net income (loss)	\$ 18,738	\$	(1,674)			
Other comprehensive income						
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Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 18,738	\$	(1,674)			

NOTE 9: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS

The following table provides the components for the net periodic benefit cost for all retirement plans:

		Three months ended March 31,				
		2004		2003		
		(In thousands)				
Service cost	\$	767	\$	676		
Interest cost		1,211		1,035		
Expected return on plan assets		(1,385)		(1,129)		
Amortization of:						
Transition obligation		56		56		
Prior service cost		83		20		
Net loss		1		105		
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Net periodic benefit cost	\$	733	\$	763		

Our major assumptions used to determine net cost for pension plans are presented as weighted-averages:

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2004	2003
6.25%	6.75%
8.75%	8.75%
4.31%	6.15%
	ended Ma 2004 6.25% 8.75%

We disclosed in our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003 an expected contribution for all pension plans during 2004 of \$1.2 million to the plan trust and \$0.6 million in the form of direct benefit payments. During the current period, we have made no contributions to the pension plans.

NOTE 10: SUPPLEMENTAL GUARANTOR INFORMATION

Our payment obligations under our 7.125 percent senior subordinated notes are guaranteed by GG Terminal Management Corporation, Great River Oil & Gas Corporation, Georgia Gulf Lake Charles, LLC and Georgia Gulf Chemicals & Vinyls, LLC, some of our wholly owned subsidiaries (the "Guarantor Subsidiaries"). The guarantees are full, unconditional and joint and several. The following unaudited condensed consolidating balance sheets, statements of income and statements of cash flows present the financial statements of the parent company, and the combined financial statements of our Guarantor Subsidiaries and our remaining subsidiaries (the "Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries").

On November 12, 1999, we essentially became a holding company by transferring our operating assets and employees to our wholly owned subsidiary Georgia Gulf Chemicals & Vinyls, LLC. Provisions in our senior credit facility limit payment of dividends, distributions, loans and advances to us by our subsidiaries.

Georgia Gulf Corporation and Subsidiaries Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet March 31, 2004 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Parent Company		Guarantor ubsidiaries	on-Guarantor Subsidiaries	E	liminations	Co	onsolidated
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$	8,823	\$ 12	\$		\$	8,835
Receivables, net	167,810		13,033	141,878		(175,984)		146,737
Inventories			128,914					128,914
Prepaid expenses			6,495	25				6,520
Deferred income taxes			8,369					8,369
Total current assets	167,810		165,634	141,915		(175,984)		299,375
Property, plant and equipment, net	119		451,975					452,094
Goodwill			77,720					77,720
Other assets	15,665		74,136					89,801
Investment in subsidiaries	223,215		105,319			(328,534)		
Total assets	\$ 406,809	\$	874,784	\$ 141,915	\$	(504,518)	\$	918,990
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		_						
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 44.700	\$	800	\$ 24.50	\$	(4== 00.0	\$	800
Accounts payable	11,520		297,415	36,584		(175,984)		169,535
Interest payable	5,561		3					5,564
Accrued income taxes			11,123					11,123
Accrued compensation			8,806					8,806
Other accrued liabilities			9,439					9,439
Total current liabilities	17,081		327,586	36,584		(175,984)		205,267
Long-term debt, net of current portion	227,872		198,800					426,672
Deferred income taxes			122,495					122,495
Other non-current liabilities	7,416		2,700					10,116
Stockholders' equity	 154,440		223,204	105,330		(328,534)		154,440
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 406,809	\$	874,785	\$ 141,914	\$	(504,518)	\$	918,990
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Georgia Gulf Corporation and Subsidiaries Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets December 31, 2003 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Parent Company		Guarantor Subsidiaries		Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries		Eliminations		Consolidated	
ASSETS										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$	1,955	\$	10	\$		\$	1,965	
Receivables, net	160,073		1,986		91,435		(166,580)		86,914	
Inventories			124,616						124,616	
Prepaid expenses	913		6,089		41				7,043	
Deferred income taxes			8,368						8,368	
Total current assets	 160,986		143,014		91,486		(166,580)		228,906	
Plant, property and equipment, net	136		460,672		71,400		(100,500)		460,808	
Goodwill	130		77,720						77,720	
Other assets	14,355		74,996						89,351	
Investment in subsidiaries	202,481		89,173				(291,654)		07,551	
Total assets	\$ 377,958	\$	845,575	\$	91,486	\$	(458,234)	\$	856,785	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY										
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	\$	1,000	\$		\$		\$	1,000	
Accounts payable	4,226		295,734		2,300		(166,580)		135,680	
Interest payable	1,728		84						1,812	
Accrued compensation			15,058						15,058	
Other accrued liabilities			9,614						9,614	
Total current liabilities	5,954		321,490		2,300		(166,580)		163,164	
Long-term debt	227,872		199,000						426,872	
Deferred income taxes			122,617						122,617	
Other non-current liabilities	7,693								7,693	
Stockholders' equity	 136,439		202,468		89,186		(291,654)		136,439	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 377,958	\$	845,575	\$	91,486	\$	(458,234)	\$	856,785	
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Georgia Gulf Corporation and Subsidiaries Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Income Statement Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

		Parent Company		Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries		Eliminations		Consolidated	
Net sales	\$	2,699	\$	496,687	\$	1,233	\$	(3,932)	\$	496,687
Operating costs and expenses:										
Cost of sales				445,787						445,787
Selling, general and administrative expenses		4,805		12,931		967		(3,932)		14,771
Total operating costs and expenses		4,805		458,718		967		(3,932)		460,558
Operating income (loss)		(2,106)		37,969		266				36,129
Other income (expense):										
Interest expense, net		(1,076)		(5,192)						(6,268)
Equity in income of subsidiaries		20,735		267				(21,002)		
Income before taxes		17,553		33,044		266		(21,002)		29,861
Provision (benefit) for (from) income taxes		(1,185)		12,308						11,123
Net income	¢	10 720	¢	20.726	¢	266	\$	(21,002)	¢	19 729
Net income	\$	18,738	\$	20,736	\$	266	Þ	(21,002)	\$	18,738
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Georgia Gulf Corporation and Subsidiaries Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Income Statement Three Months Ended March 31, 2003 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Parent Company		Guarantor ubsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries		Eliminations		Consolidated	
Net sales Operating costs and expenses:	\$ 2,699	\$	364,010	\$	908	\$	(3,607)	\$	364,010
Cost of sales			342,826						342,826
Selling, general and administrative expenses	 3,433		13,224		857		(3,607)		13,907
Total operating costs and expenses	3,433		356,050		857		(3,607)		356,733
Operating income (loss) Other (expense) income:	(734)		7,960		51				7,277
Interest expense, net	(1,619)		(8,273)						(9,892)
Equity in income of subsidiaries	1,399		52				(1,451)		
(Loss) income before taxes Provision (benefit) for (from) income	(954)		(261)		51		(1,451)		(2,615)
taxes	720		(1,661)						(941)
Net (loss) income	\$ (1,674)	\$	1,400	\$	51	\$	(1,451)	\$	(1,674)
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Georgia Gulf Corporation and Subsidiaries Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	(Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries		Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries		Eliminations	Consolid	lated
Cash flows from operating activities:									
Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:	\$	18,738	\$ 20,736	\$	266	\$	(21,002) \$		18,738
Depreciation and amortization		178	15,578		16				15,772
Benefit from deferred income taxes			(122)						(122)
Stock based compensation		1,296							1,296
Equity in net income of subsidiaries		(20,735)	(267)				21,002		
Change in operating assets, liabilities and other		2,352	(23,177)		(280)) _		(21,105)
Net cash provided by operating activities		1,829	12,748		2				14,579
Cash flows used in investing activities: Capital expenditures			(5,480)						(5,480)
Cash flows from financing activities:			(400)						(400)
Payments of long-term debt		1.006	(400)						(400)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock		1,206							1,206
Purchase and retirement of common stock		(406)							(406)
Dividends paid		(2,629)		_		-			(2,629)
Net cash used in financing activities		(1,829)	(400)						(2,229)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period			6,868 1,955		2 10				6,870 1,965
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$		\$ 8,823	\$	12	\$	\$		8,835
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Georgia Gulf Corporation and Subsidiaries Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows Three Months Ended March 31, 2003 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net (loss) income	\$ (1,674)\$	1,337	\$ 51	\$ (1,388) \$	(1,674)
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization	317	15,817	59		16,193
Benefit from deferred income taxes		(857)			(857)
Tax benefit related to stock plans	179				179
Stock based compensation	300				300
Equity in net income of subsidiaries	(1,399)	(52)		1,451	
Change in operating assets, liabilities and					
other	4,959	(42,058)	(117)	(63)	(37,279)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	2,682	(25,813)	(7)		(23,138)
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Capital expenditures		(5,122)			(5,122)
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Net change in revolving line of credit		26,850			26,850
Payments of long-term debt		(150)			(150)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	8	(130)			8
Purchase and retirement of common stock	(96)				(96)
Dividends paid	(2,594)				(2,594)
Dividends para	(2,371)				(2,3)1)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing					
activities	(2,682)	26,700			24,018
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(4,235)	(7))	(4,242)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		8,008	11		8,019
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	3,773	\$ 4	\$	3,777
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Item 2: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

OVERVIEW

We are a leading North American manufacturer and international marketer of two product lines categorized into two operating segments, chlorovinyls and aromatic chemicals. Our chlorovinyl products include chlorine, caustic soda, vinyl chloride monomer ("VCM"), and vinyl resins and compounds; our primary aromatic chemical products include cumene, phenol and acetone.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth our statement of operations data for the periods ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 and the percentage of net sales of each line item for the periods presented.

			Three mon	ths en	ded		
	_	March 31,	2004	March 31, 2003			
	_	ons)	ns)				
Net sales	\$	496.7	100.0%	\$	364.0	100.0%	
Cost of sales	_	445.8	89.8%		342.8	94.2%	
Gross margin		50.9	10.2%		21.2	5.8%	
Selling, general and administrative expenses		14.8	3.0%		13.9	3.8%	
Operating income		36.1	7.2%		7.3	2.0%	
Net interest expense		6.3	1.3%		9.9	2.7%	
Provision (benefit) for (from) income taxes		11.1	2.2%		(0.9)	0.2%	
Net (loss) income	\$	18.7	3.7%	\$	(1.7)	0.5%	

Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2003

Net Sales. For the quarter ended March 31, 2004, net sales were \$496.7 million, an increase of 36 percent compared to \$364.0 million for the same quarter last year. Sales prices improved 18 percent, primarily due to strong demand for vinyl resins and VCM in anticipation of the spring building season. Sales volume grew 15 percent, primarily from increasing our cumene market share due to a competitor's cumene plant shut down in the second half of last year.

Chlorovinyls segment net sales totaled \$350.7 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2004, an increase of 15 percent compared with net sales of \$304.4 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. Overall average sales prices increased by 12 percent, primarily as a result of increases in the prices of vinyl resins of 11 percent and VCM of 42 percent. Overall sales volumes increased only 2 percent as higher margin vinyl resins and compounds sales volumes increases of about 13 percent each were offset by a 55 percent decline in lower margin ethylene dichloride sales volume. The North American vinyl resins industry operating rate for the first quarter of 2004 was in the low ninety percentile or 6 percent greater than the same period last year. Our vinyl resins sales volume increase of 13 percent reflects both the increase in industry demand and lost production during the first quarter of last year as a result of downtime due to a plant technology upgrade.

Aromatics segment net sales were \$146.0 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2004, an increase of 145 percent compared to \$59.6 million for the same period last year. This increase was primarily due to increasing our cumene market share as a result of another producer's shutdown of one billion pounds of capacity during 2003, which represented a reduction in North American industry capacity of about 11 percent. Our average selling prices for all products increased overall 34 percent. These price increases reflect shortages in the feedstock propylene and cumene production capacity,

which has limited the downstream phenol and acetone supply for which industry demand for both products was strong.

Gross Margin. Total gross margin increased from 6 percent in the first quarter of 2003 to 10 percent in the first quarter of 2004. This \$29.7 million increase was due to higher sales volumes and sales prices, which outpaced higher raw materials costs. Our raw materials and natural gas costs in both segments normally track industry prices, which experienced an increase of 3 percent for crude oil and a decrease of 14 percent for natural gas. However, due to refinery and ethylene plant outages during the first quarter of 2004, the industry experienced a decrease in supply for raw materials benzene, propylene and ethylene, which led to increases in industry prices above the increase in crude oil pricing.

Chlorovinyls segment gross margin increased from 7 percent in the first quarter of 2003 to 13 percent in the first quarter of 2004. This \$24.1 million increase over the same period last year primarily reflects higher sales volume of vinyl resins and compounds and higher sales prices of vinyl resins outpacing an ethylene raw materials price increase of 6 percent and a \$2.7 million environmental contingency charge. In addition, our natural gas cost decreased 10 percent from the first quarter of 2003.

Aromatics segment gross margin increased from negative 1 percent in the first quarter of 2003 to 3 percent in the first quarter of 2004. This \$5.6 million improvement over the first quarter of 2003 is due primarily to higher cumene sales volume and aromatics sales prices as our cumene, phenol and acetone prices increased 17 percent, 15 percent and 30 percent, respectively. These sales price increases more than offset higher benzene and propylene cost increases of 11 percent and 43 percent, respectively.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses totaled \$14.8 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2004, an increase of \$0.9 million from \$13.9 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. A decrease of \$1.0 million in legal and professional fees was offset by an increase in profit share incentive of \$1.2 million. Both the chlorovinyls and aromatics segment selling, general and administrative expenses were flat compared to the same quarter last year.

Net Interest Expense. Net interest expense decreased to \$6.3 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 from \$9.9 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. This decrease was primarily attributable to lower interest rates augmented by a refinancing of our 10.375 percent notes during December 2003 and lower overall debt balances during the first quarter of 2004.

Provision for Income Taxes. The provision for income taxes was \$11.1 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 compared with an income tax benefit of \$0.9 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. The increase in income taxes resulted from a \$32.5 million increase in pre-tax income when comparing quarters.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Operating Activities. For the three months ended March 31, 2004, we generated \$14.6 million in cash flows from operating activities as compared to using \$23.1 million during the same period in 2003. The increase in cash flow from operations of \$37.7 million from the same quarter last year is due primarily to a \$20.4 million increase in net income and a \$14.8 million increase in accrued income taxes. The major sources of cash flow for the first quarter of 2004 were net income of \$18.7 million and the non-cash provision of \$15.8 million for depreciation and amortization. Total working capital at March 31, 2004 was \$94.1 million versus \$65.7 million at December 31, 2003. Significant changes in working capital for the first three months of 2004 included an increase in trade receivables, an increase in accounts payable and an increase in accounts payable was

attributable to higher trade payable balances related primarily to increased raw materials prices. Accrued income taxes primarily increased as a result of an increase in pre-tax income.

Investing Activities. Net cash used in investing activities was \$5.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and \$5.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003. First quarter of 2004 investment activities were related primarily to reinvestment in equipment and capacity additions. We estimate total capital expenditures for 2004 will be in the range of \$30.0 million to \$35.0 million.

Financing Activities. Cash used in financing activities was \$2.2 million during the three months ended March 31, 2004 as compared to cash provided by financing activities of \$24.0 million during the three months ended March 31, 2003. The change during the first quarter of 2004 compared to the same quarter last year was primarily due to increasing our revolving line of credit by \$26.9 million last year. During first quarter last year, the debt increase was used to fund \$23.1 million of cash used in operations.

On December 3, 2003, we entered into an amended and restated credit agreement amending the senior credit agreement dated as of November 12, 1999, as amended by amendment no. 2 dated September 26, 2003. The amendment created a new \$200.0 million tranche D term loan, the proceeds of which were used to repay our then existing \$134.3 million tranche C term loan and to retire a portion of our \$200.0 million 10.375 percent notes. The new tranche D term loan delays the required principal payments and matures December 2, 2010. The amendment also modifies the applicable interest margin depending on our leverage ratio and increases the revolving credit facility commitments, which mature on November 12, 2005, by \$20 million to \$120 million.

On December 3, 2003, we also issued \$100.0 million in principal amount of our unsecured 7.125 percent senior notes, which are due December 15, 2013. The proceeds of the notes were used to retire a portion of the \$200.0 million 10.375 percent notes. On or after December 15, 2008, we may redeem the notes in whole or in part, initially at 103.563 percent of their principal amount, and thereafter at prices declining annually to 100 percent on or after December 15, 2011.

On March 31, 2004, our balance sheet debt consisted of a \$199.6 million senior credit facility, \$100.0 million principal amount of 7.625 percent notes, \$100.0 million principal amount of 7.125 percent senior unsecured notes, and \$27.9 million in other debt. In addition, under our senior credit facility we have a \$120.0 million revolving credit facility (with the availability to borrow \$104.7 million, at March 31, 2004), which had no borrowings against it at March 31, 2004. Debt under the senior credit facility and the 7.625 percent notes is secured by substantially all of our assets, including real and personal property, inventory, accounts receivable and other intangibles.

We declared quarterly dividends of \$0.08 per share, or about \$2.6 million for both the periods ended March 31, 2004 and 2003.

We conduct our business operations through our wholly owned subsidiaries as reflected in the consolidated financial statements. As we are essentially a holding company, we must rely on distributions, loans and other intercompany cash flows from our wholly owned subsidiaries to generate the funds necessary to satisfy the repayment of our existing debt. Provisions in the senior credit facility and the indenture related to the 7.125 percent notes limit payments of dividends, distributions, loans or advances to us by our subsidiaries.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement. We have an agreement pursuant to which we can sell up to \$100.0 million of an undivided percentage ownership interest in a defined pool of our trade receivables on a revolving basis through a wholly owned subsidiary to a third party (the "Securitization"). Our Securitization provides us with one of our cheapest source of funds and enables us to reduce our annual interest expense. The funded balance has the effect of reducing accounts receivable and short-term liabilities by the same amount. As collections reduce accounts receivable included in the

pool, we sell ownership interests in new receivables to bring the ownership interests sold up to \$100.0 million, as permitted by the Securitization.

Continued availability of the Securitization is conditioned upon compliance with covenants, related primarily to operation of the Securitization set forth in the related agreements. As of March 31, 2004, we were in compliance with all such covenants. The Securitization does not contain any debt rating downgrade triggers pursuant to which the program could be terminated. If the Securitization agreement was terminated, we would not be required to repurchase previously sold receivables, but would be prevented from selling additional receivables to the third party. In the event that the Securitization agreement was terminated, we would have to source these funding requirements with availability under our senior credit facility or obtain alternative financing.

Contractual Obligations. During the period ended March 31, 2004 there have not been any material changes in our contractual obligations as discussed in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Long-Term Debt. Under our senior credit facility and the indentures related to the 7.625 percent notes and the 7.125 percent notes, we are subject to certain restrictive covenants, the most significant of which require us to maintain certain financial ratios. Our ability to meet these covenants, satisfy our debt obligations and to pay principal and interest on our debt, fund working capital, and make anticipated capital expenditures will depend on our future performance, which is subject to general macroeconomic conditions and other factors, some of which are beyond our control. Management believes that based on current and projected levels of operations and conditions in our markets, cash flow from operations, together with our cash and cash equivalents of \$8.8 million, and the availability to borrow an additional \$104.7 million under the revolving credit facility, at March 31, 2004, will be adequate for the foreseeable future to make required payments of principal and interest on our debt, meet certain restrictive covenants which require us to maintain certain financial ratios, and fund our working capital and capital expenditure requirements. However, if our expectations regarding our business prove incorrect, we may not be able to meet certain restrictive covenants and maintain compliance with certain financial ratios. In that event, we would attempt to obtain waivers or covenant relief from our lenders. Although we have successfully negotiated covenant relief in the past, there can be no assurance we can do so in the future. As of and for the period ended March 31, 2004, we were in compliance with all such covenants.

OUTLOOK

The second quarter is traditionally one of our stronger quarters due to the spring building season and we expect to continue to capitalize on the forecasted improvements in the industry supply and demand fundamentals for our chlorovinyls and aromatics products. However, raw material and energy costs continue to remain volatile and impact our margins.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Form 10-Q and other communications to stockholders may contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements relate to, among other things, our outlook for future periods, supply and demand, pricing trends and market forces within the chemical industry, cost reduction strategies and their results, planned capital expenditures, long-term objectives of management and other statements of expectations concerning matters that are not historical facts. Predictions of future results contain a measure of uncertainty and, accordingly, actual results could differ materially due to various factors. Factors that could change forward-looking statements are, among others:

changes in the general economy;

changes in demand for our products or increases in overall industry capacity that could affect production volumes and/or pricing;
changes and/or seasonality and cyclicality in the industries to which our products are sold;
availability and pricing of raw materials;
technological changes affecting production;
difficulty in plant operations and product transportation;
governmental and environmental regulations; and
other unforeseen circumstances.

A number of these factors are discussed in this Form 10-Q and in our other periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

For a discussion of certain market risks related to Georgia Gulf, see Part II, Item 7A, "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk", in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003. There have been no significant developments with respect to our exposure to market risk.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

We carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e). Based on that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2004 to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the 1934 Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms.

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the Company's fiscal first quarter ended March 31, 2004 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION.

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

We are involved in certain legal proceedings that are described in our 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, there were no material developments in the status of those legal proceedings.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K.

- a) Exhibits
 - 31 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications.
 - Section 1350 Certifications.
- Beports on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission during the first quarter of 2004 including the items reported and dates of such reports:
 - 1. Form 8-K filed February 5, 2004, dated February 4, 2004.

Item 9 Regulation FD Disclosure (Information being furnished under Item 12). Reported that on February 4, 2004 Georgia Gulf issued a press release announcing certain financial and operating results for the fourth quarter of 2004.

2. Form 8-K filed March 8, 2004, dated March 8, 2004.

Item 9 Regulation FD Disclosure (Information being furnished under Item 12). Reported that on March 8, 2004 Georgia Gulf issued a press release announcing expectations regarding certain financial and operating results for the first quarter of 2004.

3. Form 8-K filed March 26, 2004, dated March 26, 2004.

Item 9 Regulation FD Disclosure (Information being furnished under Item 12). Reported that on March 25, 2004 Georgia Gulf issued a press release announcing expectations regarding financial and operating results for the first quarter of 2004.

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.

GEORGIA GULF CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Date: May 3, 2004 /s/ EDWARD A. SCHMITT

Edward A. Schmitt

President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 3, 2004 /s/ JAMES T. MATTHEWS

James T. Matthews

 ${\it Vice \ President \ Finance, \ Treasurer \ and \ Chief \ Financial \ Officer}$

(Principal Financial Officer)

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