Orchids Paper Products CO /DE
Form 10-Q
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## UNITED STATES <br> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> Washington, DC 20549 <br> FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2008

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

## Commission File Number 001-32563

Orchids Paper Products Company
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

## Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

23-2956944
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

4826 Hunt Street
Pryor, Oklahoma 74361
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)
(918) 825-0616
(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirement for the past 90 days.
Yes p No o
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 o

Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o
(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 o No p
Number of shares outstanding of the issuer s Common Stock, par value $\$ .001$ per share, as of November 7, 2008: 6,328,986 shares.

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| PART 1. FINANCIAL INFORMATION |  |
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| ITEM 1. Financial Statements | ORCHIDS PAPER PRODUCTS COMPANY |
| BALANCE SHEETS |  |
|  | (Dollars in thousands, except share data) |


| September | December |
| :---: | :---: |
| 30, | 31, |
| 2008 | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |
| (unaudited) |  |

ASSETS
Current assets:

| Cash | $\$$ | 12 | $\$$ | 3 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$146 in 2008 and \$100 in 2007 |  | 8,048 | 5,527 |  |
| Inventories, net |  | 5,960 | 4,874 |  |

Income taxes receivable 24
Prepaid expenses $\quad 602$
Deferred income taxes 516
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Total current assets } & 15,138 & 11,325\end{array}$

| Property, plant and equipment | 69,058 | 64,899 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Accumulated depreciation | $(10,352)$ | $(8,043)$ |

$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Net property, plant and equipment } & 58,706 & 56,856\end{array}$
Deferred debt issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$595 in
2008 and $\$ 570$ in 200797
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Total assets } & \$ \quad 73,941 & \$ & 68,303\end{array}$

## LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

Current liabilities:
Accounts payable $\quad \$ \quad 5,034 \quad \$ \quad 4,760$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Accrued liabilities } & 2,950 & 2,460\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Current portion of long-term debt } & 2,728 & 2,391\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Total current liabilities } & 10,712 & 9,611\end{array}$
Long-term debt, less current portion 23,379 23,264
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Deferred income taxes } & \text { 7,386 }\end{array}$
Stockholders equity:
Common stock, $\$ .001$ par value, 25,000,000 shares authorized, 6,328,986 and
6,322,648 issues and outstanding in 2008 and 2007, respectively $\quad 6$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Additional paid-in capital } & 22,160\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lc}\text { Common stock warrants } & 134\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Retained earnings } & 8,937 & 6,016\end{array}$Total stockholders equity31,237
Total liabilities and stockholders equity
\$ 73,941 \$ 68,303

See notes to financial statements.
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ORCHIDS PAPER PRODUCTS COMPANY

## STATEMENTS OF INCOME



Net income per share:
Basic
Diluted

| $\$$ | 0.22 | $\$$ | 0.18 | $\$$ | 0.46 | $\$$ | 0.28 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\$$ | 0.22 | $\$$ | 0.18 | $\$$ | 0.45 | $\$$ | 0.27 |

Shares used in calculating net income per share:
Basic
6,328,986 6,234,346
6,328,343
6,234,346
Diluted
6,499,686 6,421,111
See notes to financial statements.
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## ORCHIDS PAPER PRODUCTS COMPANY STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Cash Flows From Operating Activities
Net income\$ 2,921
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:
Depreciation and amortization ..... 2,334 ..... 2,404
Provision for doubtful accounts ..... 46 ..... 15
Deferred income taxes ..... 1,227 ..... 246
Stock option plan expense ..... 259 ..... 331
Changes in cash due to changes in operating assets and liabilities:
Accounts receivable$(2,568)$(975)
Inventories ..... $(1,085)$(484)
Income taxes receivable ..... 24 ..... 1,218
Prepaid expenses ..... (221) ..... (166)
Accounts payable ..... 274 ..... 255
Accrued liabilities ..... 490 ..... 518
Net cash provided by operating activities ..... 3,701 ..... 5,110
Cash Flows From Investing Activities
Purchases of property, plant and equipment ..... $(4,159)$ ..... (477)
Proceeds from the sale of restricted certificate of deposit ..... 1,500
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities ..... $(4,159)$ ..... 1,023
Cash Flows From Financing Activities
New borrowings on long-term debt ..... 26,500
Retirement of borrowings on long-term debt ..... $(25,866)$
Principal payments on long-term debt ..... $(1,668)$$(1,720)$
Net borrowings (repayments) on revolving credit line ..... 2,120
Proceeds from the exercise of warrants attached to subordinated debentures ..... 15Deferred debt issuance costs$(4,903)$
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities ..... 467
$(6,133)$
Net change in cash ..... 9
Cash, beginning of period ..... 3 ..... 3Cash, end of period
30,
2008(unaudited)2007(unaudited)
(Dollars in thousands)

| Supplemental Disclosure: | $\$$ | 963 | $\$$ | 2,117 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Interest paid | $\$$ | 2 | $\$$ |  |

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## ORCHIDS PAPER PRODUCTS COMPANY NOTES TO UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Note 1 Basis of Presentation

Orchids Paper Products Company ( Orchids or the Company ) was formed in 1998 to acquire and operate the paper manufacturing facility, built in 1976, in Pryor, Oklahoma. Orchids Acquisition Group, Inc. ( Orchids Acquisition ) was established in November 2003, for the purpose of acquiring the common stock of Orchids. Orchids Acquisition closed the sale of its equity and debt securities on March 1, 2004, and immediately thereafter closed the acquisition of Orchids. In April 2005, Orchids Acquisition merged with and into Orchids, with Orchids as the surviving entity. On July 20, 2005, the Company completed its public offering of $3,234,375$ shares of its common stock. The public offering price of the shares was $\$ 5.33$. The net proceeds from the offering were $\$ 15,011,000$ after deducting the underwriting discount and offering expenses. The Company s stock trades on the American Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol TIS.
The accompanying financial statements have been prepared without an audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission ). Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations. However, the Company believes that the disclosures made are adequate to make the information presented not misleading when read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and the notes thereto. Management believes that the financial statements contain all adjustments necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods presented. All adjustments were of a normal, recurring nature. The results of operations for the interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results for the entire fiscal year.
For income statement purposes, the Company reclassified certain expenses from selling, general and administrative expenses to cost of sales at year-end 2007. The income statements for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2007 have been restated to conform to the revised classification.

## Note 2 Commitments and Contingencies

On August 1, 2007, the Company received a new water discharge permit that requires the Company to expand its existing pre-treatment facility to reduce biological oxygen demand and total suspended solids from its discharge water. Under the permit, the Company is required to complete the expansion and make operational its pre-treatment facility by August 1, 2009. The engineering phase of the project has been completed and the project is expected to cost approximately $\$ 4.3$ million. The cost of this facility is expected to be financed through a $\$ 3.0$ million construction loan from the Company s bank lenders and from cash generated by the Company. As of September 30, 2008, there were no amounts outstanding under this loan. This loan was included in the bank debt refinancing that closed in April 2007. Based upon the engineering work completed to date, the Company expects the project to be fully operational by July 2009.
In March 2008, the Company announced that its board of directors had approved a capital expenditure of $\$ 4.75$ million to automate certain processes in its converting operation. The

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project will involve the purchase of case packers, conveyors and case unitizing equipment and should be operational by the fourth quarter of 2008. Committed capital expenditures not yet paid for in connection with this project totaled approximately $\$ 1.2$ million at September 30, 2008.

## Note 3 Earnings per Share

The computation of basic and diluted net income per share for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 is as follows:

| Net income (\$ thousands) | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  |
|  | \$ | 1,423 | \$ | 1,136 | \$ | 2,921 | \$ | 1,748 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding |  | 6,328,986 |  | 6,234,346 |  | 6,328,343 |  | 6,234,346 |
| Effect of stock options |  | 65,500 |  | 84,819 |  | 82,065 |  | 90,999 |
| Effect of dilutive warrants |  | 105,200 |  | 101,946 |  | 116,103 |  | 100,182 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding assuming dilution |  | 6,499,686 |  | 6,421,111 |  | 6,526,511 |  | 6,425,527 |
| Earnings per common share: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ | 0.22 | \$ | 0.18 | \$ | 0.46 | \$ | 0.28 |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.22 | \$ | 0.18 | \$ | 0.45 | \$ | 0.27 |

Stocks options not considered above because they were anti-dilutive

## Note 4 Stock Incentive Plan

In April 2005, the board of directors and the stockholders approved the 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (the Plan ). The Plan provides for the granting of incentive stock options to employees selected by the board s compensation committee. The Plan authorized up to 697,500 shares to be issued. In May 2008, the shareholders approved increasing the number of authorized shares under the Plan from 697,500 to 897,500. The compensation committee in April 2005 awarded options for 405,000 shares to officers of the Company at an exercise price of $\$ 5.33$, which was equal to the initial public offering price of the stock. The options vest $20 \%$ on the date of grant and then ratably $20 \%$ over the following four years and have a ten-year term. All share and per share amounts have been adjusted for the 3 -for- 2 stock split that was affected in July 2006. During the third quarter of 2007, unvested options for 93,000 shares were forfeited by Michael Sage, the Company s former President and CEO who retired effective July 15, 2007. Mr. Sage exercised his vested options covering 139,500 shares in October 2007. Options for 225,000 shares were granted effective August 20, 2007, to Robert Snyder, the Company s President and CEO, at an exercise price of $\$ 6.81$, the market price on the date of the grant. The options vest $20 \%$ on the date of grant and then ratably $20 \%$ over the following four years and have a ten-year term.
The following table details the options granted to certain members of the board of directors and management during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007.

| Grant | Number | Exercise | Risk-Free <br> Interest | Estimated | Dividend | Expected |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date | of Shares | Price | Rate | Volatility | Yield | Life |
| Feb-07 | 3,750 | $\$ 8.58$ | $4.83 \%$ | $40 \%$ | None | 5 years |
| Jun-07 | 28,750 | $\$ 5.18$ | $5.09 \%$ | $38 \%$ | None | 5 years |
| Aug-07 | 225,000 | $\$ 6.81$ | $4.63 \%$ | $40 \%$ | None | $5-7$ years |


| May-08 | 28,750 | $\$ 7.48$ | $3.78 \%$ | $41 \%$ | None | 5 years |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Jun-08 | 20,000 | $\$ 7.80$ | $3.98 \%$ | $40 \%$ | None | $5-7$ years |

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The Black-Scholes option valuation model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options, which have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, options valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected stock price volatility.
In connection with the approval of the Plan, the Company adopted SFAS No. 123 (R) Share-Based Payments and expenses the cost of options granted over the vesting period of the option based on the grant-date fair value of the award. The Company recognized an expense of $\$ 54,000$ and $\$ 163,000$ for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, related to options granted under the Plan. The Company recognized an expense of $\$ 259,000$ and $\$ 331,000$ for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, related to options granted under the Plan.

## Note 5 Major Customers and Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company sells primarily all of its paper production in the form of converted products; however, following the start-up of a new paper machine in the summer of 2006, the Company had excess paper production which it began to sell in parent roll form. Revenues from converted product sales and parent roll sales in the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were:

Converted product net sales
Parent roll net sales

## Total net sales

Three Months Ended
September 30,
20082007

Nine Months Ended September
2008 (in thousands)

Credit risk for the Company is concentrated in four significant customers. Three are converted product customers, each of whom operates discount retail stores located throughout the United States and one customer who accounts for most of the Company s third party sales of parent rolls. During the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, sales to the four significant customers accounted for approximately $67 \%$ and $65 \%$ of the Company s total sales, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, sales to the four significant customers accounted for approximately $68 \%$ and $69 \%$ of the Company s total sales, respectively. At September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, approximately $\$ 5.6$ million ( $68 \%$ ) and $\$ 4.7$ million ( $75 \%$ ) of accounts receivable was due from these four significant customers. No other customers of the Company accounted for more than $10 \%$ of sales during these periods. The Company generally does not require collateral from its customers and has not incurred any significant losses on uncollectible accounts receivable.

## Note 6 New Accounting Standards

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) periodically issues new accounting standards in a continuing effort to improve standards of financial accounting and reporting. The Company has reviewed the recently issued pronouncements and concluded that the following new accounting standards could be applicable to the Company: In December 2007, the FASB revised SFAS No. 141 Business Combinations to clarify certain issues regarding business combinations. The major impact on the Company would be the

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requirement to write-off certain costs of completing an acquisition as incurred. The standard is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2008.
Also in December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160 Non-controlling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements. At present this standard would not apply to the Company as it has no related entities which qualify for consolidation. The standard is effective for minority interest accounting for periods beginning after December 15, 2008.

On October 10, 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) No. FAS 157-3, Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset When the Market for That Asset is Not Active. As Orchids does not currently own any such assets, this pronouncement is not applicable to the Company.

## Note 7 Subsequent Events

On November 5, 2008, the Company amended its credit agreement with its existing bank group. The amended terms are as follows:
the capital expenditures facility was increased to $\$ 4.0$ million from $\$ 3.0$ million, with advances based on $90 \%$ of costs as compared to $80 \%$ of costs prior to the amendment;
the capital expenditures covenant limit for 2008 was increased to $\$ 6.4$ million from $\$ 6.25$ million, and was increased to $\$ 2.0$ million annually thereafter from $\$ 1.5$ million. The annual capital expenditures limit will increase to $\$ 2.5$ million if the Company reaches an EBITDA threshold for two consecutive quarters, beginning with the third quarter of 2008; and
the capital expenditures exclusion for the waste water pre-treatment project was increased from $\$ 3.0$ million to $\$ 4.3$ million.

## ITEM 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Forward-Looking Information

The following Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains forward-looking statements. These statements relate to, among other things:
our business strategy;
the market opportunity for our products, including expected demand for our products;
our estimates regarding our capital requirements; and
any of our other plans, objectives, and intentions contained in this report that are not historical facts. These statements relate to future events or future financial performance, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as may, should, could, expects, plans, intends, anticipates, believes, estimates, predicts, potential negative of such terms or other comparable terminology. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. These statements are only predictions.
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You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that are, in some cases, beyond our control and that could materially affect actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. Factors that could materially affect our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements include, without limitation, those detailed under the caption Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the following items:
intense competition in our market and aggressive pricing by our competitors could force us to decrease our prices and reduce our profitability;
a substantial percentage of our converted product revenues are attributable to three large customers which may decrease or cease purchases at any time;
the disruption in supply or cost of waste paper;
significant indebtedness limits our free cash flow and subjects us to restrictive covenants relating to the operation of our business;
the availability of and prices for energy;
our exposure to variable interest rates;
the loss of key personnel;
labor interruptions;
the parent roll market is a commodity market and subject to fluctuations in demand and pricing;
natural disaster or other disruption to our facility;
ability to finance the capital requirements of our business;
cost to comply with government regulations;
failure to purchase the contracted quantity of natural gas may result in financial exposure ; and
failure to maintain an effective system of internal controls necessary to accurately report our financial results and prevent fraud.
If any of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary significantly from what we projected. Any forward-looking statement you read in the following Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations reflects our current views with respect to future events and is subject to these and other risks, uncertainties, and assumptions relating to our operations, results of operations, growth strategy, and liquidity. We assume no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements for any reasons, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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## Overview

We manufacture bulk tissue paper, known as parent rolls, and convert parent rolls into a full line of tissue products, including paper towels, bathroom tissue and paper napkins for the private label segment of the consumer, or at home, market. We have focused our product design and manufacturing on the discount retail market, primarily the dollar store retailers, due to their consistent order patterns, limited number of stock keeping units, or SKUs, offered and the growth being experienced in this channel of the retail market. While we have customers located throughout the United States, we distribute most of our products within approximately 900 miles of our northeast Oklahoma facility, which we consider to be our cost-effective shipping area. Our products are sold primarily under our customers private labels and, to a lesser extent, under our brand names such as Colortex ${ }^{\circledR}$ and Velvet ${ }^{\circledR}$. All of our revenue is derived pursuant to truck load purchase orders from our customers. While we do not have supply contracts with any of our customers, we do have commitments with certain customers to maintain our selling prices for up to one year. Revenue is recognized when title passes to the customer. Because our product is a daily consumable item, the order stream from our customer base is fairly consistent with no significant seasonal fluctuations. Changes in the national economy do not materially affect the market for our product.
Our profitability depends on several key factors, including:
the market price of our product;
the cost of recycled paper used in producing paper;
the efficiency of operations in both our paper mill and converting operations; and
energy costs.
The private label segment of the tissue industry is highly competitive, and discount retail customers are extremely price sensitive. As a result, it is difficult to affect price increases. We expect these competitive conditions to continue. In June 2006, we began operating a new paper machine with an annual capacity of approximately 33,000 tons. The capacity of the new machine, in addition to the capacity of our older machines, increased our total production capacity to approximately 54,000 tons per year. As a result, beginning in the third quarter of 2006, we were able to eliminate the requirement to purchase recycled parent rolls on the open market. In the second quarter of 2007, due to the relatively high price of parent rolls, we began running all of our older machines on a full-time basis. Our strategy is to sell all of our parent roll capacity as converted products which have higher margins than parent rolls. We are focusing considerable efforts to improve our converting efficiencies in order to achieve that goal. Those efforts included the hiring of a productivity consultant to assist us during the third quarter of 2008 to design and implement a management operating system and to help our management team implement a new work schedule and work practices. The management operating system helped identify and confirm root causes of issues that impair production. This engagement ended in mid-September. As a result of these efforts, converting productivity from the beginning of September through mid-October improved approximately $20 \%$ compared with the run rate experienced in the first eight months of 2008.
We plan to use the additional converting production to further our penetration into existing markets including grocery store chains whose distribution centers are located close to our facility thereby allowing us to maximize our competitive freight cost advantage over our competitors who are not located within our geographic region. We plan to continue to sell any excess parent roll capacity on the open market as long as such sales are profitable.

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Prior to the third quarter of 2006, we had purchased parent rolls on the open market since 1998 because our own parent roll production had not adequately supplied the requirements of our converting facility. We purchased approximately $1,700,7,000$ and 12,000 tons of paper on the open market in the years 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively, to supplement our paper-making capacity.
We are obligated through March 2009 to purchase all of our natural gas requirements through a program established by our broker that utilizes a combination of fixed price contracts, options and spot purchases. Beginning in the latter part of the third quarter of 2008 , prices for natural gas futures began to decrease. In response, we entered into a fixed price contract in late October 2008 with our broker for approximately $60 \%$ of our natural gas requirements at $\$ 7.50$ per MMBTU for the period from April 2009 through March 2010. The remaining $40 \%$ of our requirements for the April 2009 through March 2010 time period will be purchased under a continuation of our current program of a combination of fixed price contracts, options and spot purchases.
Comparative Three-Month Periods Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007
Net Sales

|  | Three Months Ended September30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 20082007 <br> (in thousands, except average price per ton and tons) |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Converted product net sales | \$ | 19,300 | \$ | 16,482 |
| Parent roll net sales |  | 4,012 |  | 2,736 |
| Total net sales | \$ | 23,312 | \$ | 19,218 |
| Total tons shipped |  | 13,837 |  | 13,390 |
| Average price per ton | \$ | 1,685 | \$ | 1,435 |

Net sales increased $21 \%$, to $\$ 23.3$ million in the quarter ended September 30,2008 , compared to $\$ 19.2$ million in the same period of 2007. Net sales figures include gross selling price, including freight, less discounts and pricing allowances. Net sales of converted product increased in the quarter ended September 30, 2008 by $\$ 2.8$ million, or $17 \%$, to $\$ 19.3$ million compared to $\$ 16.5$ million in the same period last year. Net sales of parent rolls increased $\$ 1.3$ million, or $47 \%$, in the 2008 quarter to $\$ 4.0$ million compared to $\$ 2.7$ million in the same period last year. Net sales of converted product increased primarily due to a $21 \%$ increase in the selling price per ton which was somewhat offset by lower tonnage shipped. The increase in net selling price per ton of converted product was due to product content changes during 2008 and actual price increases which actions were undertaken to counteract increasing waste paper and energy prices. The product content changes were the primary reason for a $4 \%$ reduction in the tonnage of converted products shipped. Parent roll net sales increased primarily due to $27 \%$ increase in tonnage shipped and a $15 \%$ increase in the selling price per ton. Total shipments in the 2008 quarter increased by 447 tons, or $3 \%$, to 13,837 tons compared to 13,390 tons in the same period of 2007 . The net selling price of parent rolls increased in response to higher energy costs and waste paper prices paid in the quarter over quarter comparison. The increase in parent roll tons shipped is primarily due to increased paper making productivity.
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## Cost of Sales

|  | Three Months Ended September30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of paper | \$ | 11,056 | \$ | 9,860 |
| Non-paper materials, labor, supplies, etc. |  | 7,679 |  | 5,387 |
| Sub-total |  | 18,735 |  | 15,247 |
| Depreciation |  | 783 |  | 750 |
| Cost of sales | \$ | 19,518 | \$ | 15,997 |
| Gross Profit | \$ | 3,794 | \$ | 3,221 |
| Gross Profit Margin \% |  | 16.3\% |  | 16.8\% |
| Total paper cost per ton consumed | \$ | 799 | \$ | 733 |

Major components of cost of sales are the cost of internally produced paper, raw materials, direct labor and benefits, freight costs of products shipped to customers, insurance, repairs and maintenance, energy, utilities and depreciation. Cost of sales increased approximately $\$ 3.5$ million, or $22 \%$, to $\$ 19.5$ million for the quarter ended September 30, 2008, compared to $\$ 16.0$ million in the same period of 2007. Our cost of sales were negatively affected by higher paper production costs and higher converting production costs. As a percentage of net sales, cost of sales increased to $83.7 \%$ in the 2008 quarter from $83.2 \%$ of net sales in the 2007 quarter. The increase in cost of sales as a percentage of net sales in the quarter ended September 30, 2008 was primarily attributed to higher paper production costs and higher converting production costs being partially offset by improved net selling prices and tonnage.
Our overall cost of paper in the third quarter of 2008 was $\$ 799$ per ton, an increase of $\$ 66$ per ton compared to the same period in 2007. Our cost per ton increased primarily due to increased waste paper prices and the higher cost of natural gas. The prices we paid for waste paper increased approximately $19 \%$ in the third quarter of 2008 compared with the same period in 2007, resulting in an increased cost of waste paper consumed of approximately $\$ 880,000$, as an overall tight waste paper market resulted in significant price increases across all grades of waste paper. The rates paid for natural gas increased approximately $34 \%$ in the third quarter of 2008 compared to the prices paid in the same quarter of 2007, resulting in increased costs of approximately $\$ 330,000$.
Converting production costs increased in the 2008 quarter over 2007 quarter primarily due to an increase of $\$ 500,000$ in our maintenance and repair costs, costs of $\$ 274,000$ associated with a productivity consultant and outside warehousing costs. The maintenance expense includes repair parts, service technicians and consultants. We expect this level of quarterly expenditure to decrease by approximately $\$ 250,000$ in the fourth quarter of 2008 and by an additional $\$ 70,000$ beginning in the first quarter of 2009 for a total reduction of $\$ 320,000$. Late in the second quarter of 2008, we engaged a productivity consultant to assist our management team in their ongoing efforts to increase converting productivity. The project included the design and implementation of a management operating system and assistance for our management team with the implementation of a new work schedule and work practices. The project ended late in the third quarter. As a result of these efforts, converting productivity from the beginning of September -13-

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through mid-October improved approximately $20 \%$ compared with the run rate experienced in the first eight months of 2008. We began using a third-party warehouse late in the first quarter of 2008 to increase our shipping capacity and provide better customer service to handle our increasing converting product shipments.

## Gross Profit

Gross profit in the quarter ended September 30, 2008 increased $\$ 573,000$ or $18 \%$, to $\$ 3.8$ million compared to $\$ 3.2$ million in the same period last year. Gross profit as a percentage of net sales in the 2008 quarter was $16.3 \%$ compared to $16.8 \%$ in the 2007 quarter. The effect of higher paper costs and higher converting production costs which were partially offset by higher net selling prices of converted products and higher parent rolls sales were the major reasons for the decrease in gross profit as a percentage of net sales.
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 2007 <br> (In thousands, except SG\&A as a \% of net sales) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Commission expense | \$ | 260 | \$ | 224 |
| Other S,G\&A expenses |  | 1,291 |  | 1,072 |
| Selling, General \& Adm exp | \$ | 1,551 | \$ | 1,296 |
| SG\&A as a \% of net sales |  | 6.7\% |  | 6.7\% |

Selling, general and administrative expenses include salaries, commissions to brokers and other miscellaneous expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased $\$ 255,000$ to $\$ 1.6$ million, or $20 \%$ compared to the $\$ 1.3$ million in the prior year quarter. Costs associated with additions to our senior management team and, to a lesser extent, increased packaging-related selling costs due to product content changes were the major reasons for the increase. As a percent of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses remained unchanged between the two periods.

## Operating Income

As a result of the foregoing factors, operating income for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 increased $\$ 318,000$, or $17 \%$, to $\$ 2.2$ million from $\$ 1.9$ million in the same period in 2007.

## Interest Expense and Other Income

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 |  | 2007 |  |
|  | (In thousands) |  |  |  |
| Interest expense | \$ | 310 | \$ | 635 |
| Other (income) expense, net | \$ | (3) | \$ | (2) |

Interest expense includes interest on all debt and amortization of both deferred debt issuance costs and the discount on our subordinated debt related to warrants issued with that debt. Interest expense decreased $\$ 325,000$ to $\$ 310,000$ in the quarter ended September 30, 2008, compared to $\$ 635,000$ in the quarter ended September 30, 2007. Lower LIBOR interest rates and, to a lesser extent, lower margins over LIBOR reflecting improved performance under our debt covenants,

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the absence of interest on our $\$ 2.15$ million aggregate principal amount of $12 \%$ subordinated debentures, which were retired in December 2007 and lower average bank borrowings all contributed to the decrease.

## Income Before Income Taxes

As a result of the foregoing factors, income before income taxes increased $\$ 644,000$ to $\$ 1.9$ million in the quarter ended September 30, 2008 compared to $\$ 1.3$ million in the same period in 2007.

## Income Tax Provision

For the quarter ended September 30, 2008, our effective income tax rate was $27 \%$. It is lower than the statutory rate because of Oklahoma Investment Tax Credits associated with our investment in a new paper machine and the extension of the Federal Indian Employment Credits. These factors were partially offset by state income taxes. For the quarter ended September 30, 2007, our annual effective income tax rate was $12 \%$. The 2007 effective tax rate was lower than the statutory rate because of the Oklahoma Investment Tax Credits cited above, the utilization of Federal Indian Employment Credits and the recognition of deferred tax benefits associated with non-qualified option grants to our directors and officers, including a true-up.
No current taxes are owed to either state or federal taxing authorities because of net operating loss carry forwards for both state and federal tax purposes, Federal Indian Employment Credit carry forwards and Oklahoma Investment Tax Credit carry forwards.
Comparative Nine-Month Periods Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007
Net Sales

|  | Nine Months Ended September30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008(in thousands, exceptprice per ton and tons) |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Converted product net sales | \$ | 53,798 | \$ | 48,068 |
| Parent roll net sales |  | 12,104 |  | 6,302 |
| Total net sales | \$ | 65,902 | \$ | 54,370 |
| Total tons shipped |  | 41,025 |  | 37,367 |
| Average price per ton | \$ | 1,606 | \$ | 1,455 |

Net sales increased $21 \%$ to $\$ 65.9$ million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to $\$ 54.4$ million in the same period of 2007. Net sales figures include gross selling price, including freight, less discounts and pricing allowances. Net sales of converted products increased $\$ 5.7$ million, or $12 \%$, to $\$ 53.8$ million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to $\$ 48.1$ million in the same period in 2007. Net sales of parent rolls increased $\$ 5.8$ million, or $92 \%$, to $\$ 12.1$ million in the 2008 period compared to $\$ 6.3$ million in the same period of 2007. The increase in converted product net sales was due to a $15 \%$ increase in selling prices per ton being somewhat offset by a $3 \%$ decrease in tonnage shipped. The increase in net selling price per ton of converted product was due to product content changes implemented during 2007 and 2008 and actual price increases. The product content changes were the primary reason for the reduced tonnage shipped of converted products. Net sales of parent rolls increased primarily due to a $62 \%$ increase in tonnage shipped and, to a lesser extent, a $19 \%$ increase in selling prices.

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Tonnage of parent roll sales increased due to our decision in April 2007 to begin running all of our older paper machines on a full-time basis and due to improved productivity in our paper making operation.
Cost of Sales

|  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (in thousands, except gross profit margin \% and paper cost per ton) |  |  |  |
| Cost of paper | \$ | 33,240 | \$ | 27,950 |
| Non-paper materials, labor, supplies, etc. |  | 20,747 |  | 16,466 |
| Sub-total | \$ | 53,987 | \$ | 44,416 |
| Depreciation |  | 2,310 |  | 2,248 |
| Cost of sales | \$ | 56,297 | \$ | 46,664 |
| Gross Profit | \$ | 9,605 | \$ | 7,706 |
| Gross Profit Margin \% |  | 14.6\% |  | 14.2\% |
| Total paper cost per ton consumed | \$ | 810 | \$ | 748 |

Major components of cost of sales are the cost of internally produced paper, raw materials, direct labor and benefits, freight costs of products shipped to customers, insurance, repairs and maintenance, energy, utilities and depreciation. Cost of sales increased approximately $\$ 9.6$ million, or $21 \%$, to $\$ 56.3$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to $\$ 46.7$ million in the same period of 2007. As a percentage of net sales, cost of sales decreased slightly to $85.4 \%$ in the 2008 period compared to $85.8 \%$ in the same period in 2007. Cost of sales as a percent of net sales was slightly improved as the increase in sales prices in both converted products and parent rolls was basically offset by increased paper making costs and increased costs of converting operations.
In the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the overall cost of paper was $\$ 810$ per ton, an increase of $\$ 62$ per ton when compared to the $\$ 748$ per ton experienced in the same period in 2007 . The cost per ton increased primarily due to increased waste paper prices and, to a lesser extent, increased prices in the cost of natural gas and downtime experienced on our new paper machine in January 2008 being partially offset by the effects of increased production on fixed and semi-variable costs. The prices paid for waste paper increased approximately $19 \%$ in the nine-month period of 2008 compared to the same period in 2007, resulting in an increased cost of approximately $\$ 2.5$ million. Natural gas prices increased approximately $24 \%$ in the 2008 period compared to the same period of 2007, resulting in increased costs of approximately $\$ 790,000$.
Converting production costs increased primarily in the areas of repair and maintenance, the previously discussed cost of a productivity consultant and outside warehouse expense. Repair and maintenance costs, which includes parts, service technicians and consultants, for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008 increased approximately $\$ 750,000$ over the same period in 2007. The previously discussed cost of the productivity consultant engagement that was completed in mid-September was approximately $\$ 345,000$ in the nine-month period. The previously discussed utilization of an outside warehouse beginning in the first quarter or 2008 resulted in an expense of approximately $\$ 290,000$ in the 2008 period. The down time experienced on our new paper machine in January 2008 totaled approximately three days of lost

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production time in order to affect repairs. The unplanned shutdown was required to correct certain issues with the surface of the yankee dryer and resulted in approximately $\$ 200,000$ of increased production costs.

## Gross Profit

Gross profit in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 increased $\$ 1.9$ million, or $25 \%$, to $\$ 9.6$ million compared to $\$ 7.7$ million in the same period last year. Gross profit as a percentage of net sales in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008 was $14.6 \%$ compared to $14.2 \%$ in the comparable 2007 period. Gross profit as a percentage of net sales improved slightly as the effects of the increase in net selling prices for both converted product and parent roll shipments and increased overall shipment tonnage were basically offset by higher paper costs and increased converting production costs.
The previously discussed unplanned shutdown of our new paper machine negatively affected gross profit by approximately $\$ 330,000$ due to lost production and certain related out of pocket expenses.
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

| Commission expense | $\$$ | 753 | $\$$ | 702 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other S,G\&A expenses |  | 3,674 |  | 2,823 |
| Selling, General \& Adm exp | $\$$ | 4,427 | $\$$ | 3,525 |
| SG\&A as a $\%$ of net sales |  | $6.7 \%$ |  | $6.5 \%$ |

Selling, general and administrative expenses include salaries, commissions to brokers and other miscellaneous expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased $\$ 902,000$, or $26 \%$, to $\$ 4.4$ million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to $\$ 3.5$ million in the comparable 2007 period, mainly as a result of costs associated with additions to our senior management team, accruals under our incentive bonus plan, and increased packaging costs related to product content changes. As a percent of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses increased to $6.7 \%$ in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to $6.5 \%$ in the same period of 2007.

## Operating Income

As a result of the foregoing factors, operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was $\$ 5.2$ million compared to operating income of $\$ 4.2$ million for the same period of 2007.

## Interest Expense and Other Income

|  | Nine Months Ended September |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30, |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |  |
| (In thousands) |  |  |  |
| Interest expense | $\$ 1,041$ | $\$ 2,216$ |  |
| Other (income) expense, net | $\$$ | $(9)$ | $\$(29)$ |

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Interest expense decreased by $\$ 1.2$ million from $\$ 2.2$ million in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 to $\$ 1.0$ million in the same period in 2008. The decrease was attributable to lower LIBOR interest rates and, to a lesser extent, lower margins over LIBOR reflecting the terms of our amended and restated credit agreement entered into in April 2007 and improved financial performance under our debt covenants since that time, the absence of interest on our subordinated debentures, which we retired in December 2007, and decreased average outstanding bank borrowings.
Other income decreased from $\$ 29,000$ in the first nine months of 2007 to $\$ 9,000$ in the first nine months of 2008, primarily due to the absence of interest on the restricted certificate of deposit which was released in connection with the closing of our credit facility.

## Income Before Income Taxes

As a result of the foregoing factors, income before income taxes increased $\$ 2.2$ million to $\$ 4.2$ million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to $\$ 2.0$ in the same period in 2007.

## Income Tax Provision

For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, our effective income tax rate was $30 \%$. It is lower than the statutory rate because of Oklahoma Investment Tax Credits associated with our investment in a new paper machine and the extension of the Federal Indian Employment Credits. These factors were partially offset by state income taxes. As of September 30, 2007, our effective income tax rate was $12 \%$. The 2007 effective tax rate was lower than the statutory rate because of the Oklahoma Investment Tax Credits cited above, the utilization of Federal Indian Employment Credits and the recognition of deferred tax benefits associated with non-qualified option grants to our directors and officers, including a true-up.
No current taxes are owed to either state or federal taxing authorities because of net operating loss carry forwards for both state and federal tax purposes, Federal Indian Employment Credit carry forwards and Oklahoma Investment Tax Credit carry forwards.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity refers to the liquid financial assets available to fund our business operations and pay for near-term obligations. These liquid financial assets consist of cash as well as unused borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility. Our cash requirements have historically been satisfied through a combination of cash flows from operations and debt financings.
On November 5, 2008, we amended our credit agreement with our existing bank group as follows: the capital expenditures facility was increased to $\$ 4.0$ million from $\$ 3.0$ million, with advances based on $90 \%$ of costs as compared to $80 \%$ of costs prior to the amendment;
the capital expenditures covenant limit for 2008 was increased to $\$ 6.4$ million from $\$ 6.25$ million, and was increased to $\$ 2.0$ million annually thereafter from $\$ 1.5$ million. The annual capital expenditures limit will increase to $\$ 2.5$ million if we reach an EBITDA threshold of $\$ 3.0$ million for two consecutive quarters, beginning with the third quarter of 2008; and
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the capital expenditures exclusion for the waste water pre-treatment project was increased from $\$ 3.0$ million to $\$ 4.3$ million.
We amended the capital expenditures facility to accommodate the anticipated increase in the total cost of the waste water pre-treatment project from $\$ 3.0$ million to $\$ 4.3$ million. The cost of the project increased from the original estimate due to several factors, including increased project capacity requirements, which resulted in increased equipment costs.
Our loan agreement, which is more fully discussed later in this section, is a floating rate agreement, primarily based on LIBOR. We set our LIBOR rates on a 30, 60 or 90 -day basis. The current economic and credit crisis has resulted in major swings in many markets, including LIBOR. As an example, during the third quarter of 2008, our LIBOR rate averaged approximately $2.47 \%$. The 30-day rate we entered into on October 10, 2008 was $4.29 \%$, an increase of approximately 200 basis points. As of November 6, the 30-day LIBOR rate available to us was $1.96 \%$. The 200 basis point increase we experienced in October would result in approximately $\$ 500,000$ in increased interest expense, if the higher rate was in effect for a full twelve months. Our total debt service requirement would remain unchanged because our monthly payments are a set amount, and changes in interest rates only affect the amount of the payment allocated between principal and interest.
A copy of this amendment to the credit agreement is attached as Exhibit 10.2 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.
Cash increased in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 by $\$ 9,000$ to $\$ 12,000$.
The following table summarizes key cash flow information for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007:
Nine Months Ended September
2008 30, 2007
(in thousands)

Cash flow provided by (used in):
Operating activities \$ 3,701
\$ 5,110
Investing activities
\$ $(4,159)$
\$ 1,023
Financing activities
\$ 467
\$ $(6,133)$
Cash flow provided by operating activities was $\$ 3.7$ million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, which primarily resulted from earnings before non-cash charges, higher accounts payable and accrued expenses, partly offset by increased trade receivables and inventories.
Cash flows used in investing activities were $\$ 4.2$ million in the first nine months of 2008 as the result of expenditures on capital projects, primarily the previously announced $\$ 4.75$ million project to automate certain operations in our converting plant.
Cash provided by financing activities was $\$ 467,000$ in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008 and was primarily attributable to 2.1 million of net borrowings under the revolving

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credit agreement, which were partially offset by $\$ 1.7$ million of principal payments on our term loans.
Cash flow provided by operating activities was $\$ 5.1$ million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, which primarily consisted of earnings before non-cash charges and an increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities, which was partially offset by an increase in accounts receivable reflecting increased sales in the third quarter.
Cash flows from investing activities were $\$ 1.0$ million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007, reflecting the release of the $\$ 1.5$ million restricted certificate of deposit in connection with the re-financing of the Company s credit facility. Several maintenance capital expenditure projects were partly offsetting.
Cash used in financing activities was $\$ 6.1$ million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2007 and was primarily attributable to a net reduction in the revolving credit balance reflecting, in part, the application of the $\$ 1.5$ million restricted certificate of deposit and repayments of principal on our term loans, partly offset by net additional term loan borrowings in connection with the re-financing of the Company s bank debt in April 2007. The effect of these incremental term loan borrowings was to reduce the revolving credit balance.
On November 5, 2008, we amended our credit facility as previously described. Following the amendment, the credit facility consists of the following:
an $\$ 8.0$ million revolving credit facility with a three-year term; ( $\$ 2.2$ million outstanding at September 30, 2008). In addition, $\$ 681,000$ of bank overdrafts are included with long-term debt at September 30, 2008. The borrowing base for the revolving credit facility is determined by adding qualified receivables and inventory. At September 30, 2008, the borrowing base for the revolving credit facility was $\$ 8.0$ million;
a $\$ 10.0$ million term loan A with a ten-year term that has no principal repayments for the first 24 months of the loan and then will be amortized as if the loan had an 18 -year life ( $\$ 10.0$ million outstanding at September 30, 2008);
a $\$ 16.5$ million term loan B with a four-year term that is being amortized as if the loan had a six-year life ( $\$ 13.2$ million outstanding at September 30, 2008); and
a $\$ 4.0$ million capital expenditures facility with a four-year term that will be amortized as if the loan had a five-year life ( $\$ 0$ outstanding at September 30, 2008).
Under the terms of the amended credit agreement, amounts outstanding under the revolving credit facility bear interest at our election at the prime rate or LIBOR plus a margin and amounts outstanding under term loans A and B and the capital expenditures facility bear interest at LIBOR plus a margin. The margin is set quarterly and based on the ratio of funded debt to EBITDA less income taxes paid. Amounts outstanding under term loan A bear interest at LIBOR plus 180 basis points. For the revolving credit facility, the margin ranges from a negative 50 basis points to 150 basis points for prime rate loans and 200 to 375 basis points for LIBOR-based loans. For term loan B, the margin ranges from 200 basis points to 300 basis points over LIBOR. For the capital expenditures facility, which we expect to utilize in conjunction with the construction of our new environmental pre-treatment facility by August 1,2009 , the margin ranges from 150 basis points to 250 basis points over LIBOR. Additionally, the interest rate under the capital expenditures facility is the greater of LIBOR plus the applicable margin or $4 \%$. At September 30, 2008, our weighted average borrowing rate was $4.71 \%$ under this credit agreement as compared to $7.89 \%$ at September 30, 2007.

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The credit agreement contains covenants that, among other things, require us to maintain a specific funded debt to EBITDA ratio, debt service coverage ratio and an annual limit on un-financed capital expenditures. In connection with the re-financing, the $\$ 1.5$ million restricted certificate of deposit was released and applied to the revolving credit facility. The amount available under the revolving credit line may be reduced in the event that our borrowing base, which is based upon our qualified receivables and qualified inventory, is less than $\$ 8.0$ million. Obligations under the amended and restated credit agreement are secured by substantially all of our assets. The agreement contains representations and warranties, and affirmative and negative covenants customary for financings of this type, including, but not limited to, a covenant prohibiting us from declaring or paying dividends. The financial covenants in the agreement require us to maintain specific ratios of funded debt to EBITDA and debt service coverage which are tested as of the end of each quarter and places a limit on the amount of annual non-financed capital expenditures. The maximum allowable funded debt to EBITDA ratio is 4.0 -to- 1.0 and the minimum allowable debt service coverage ratio is 1.25 -to-1.0. Our annual expenditures for non-financed capital equipment are limited to $\$ 6.4$ million for fiscal year 2008 and $\$ 2.0$ million per fiscal year thereafter until we achieve an EBITDA level of $\$ 3.0$ million for two consecutive quarters at which time the annual limit will increase to $\$ 2.5$ million.
The capital expenditures facility is intended to fund an expansion of our wastewater pre-treatment facilities. A new water discharge permit was issued effective August 1, 2007 which requires us to expand our existing pre-treatment facility to reduce biological oxygen demand and total suspended solids from our discharge water. Under the new permit, we are required to complete the expansion and make operational our pre-treatment facility by August 1, 2009. The engineering phase of the project has been completed and the project is expected to cost approximately $\$ 4.3$ million. The cost of this facility is expected to be financed through a $\$ 4.0$ million construction loan from our bank lenders and from the cash we generate. As of September 30, 2008, there were no amounts outstanding under this loan. Based upon the engineering work completed to date, we expect the project to be fully operational by July 2009. If an event of default occurs, the agent may declare the banks obligation to make loans terminated and all outstanding indebtedness, and all other amounts payable under the credit agreement, due and payable.

## Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of our financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect our reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenue and expense, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates and assumptions based upon historical experience and various other factors and circumstances. Management believes that our estimates and assumptions are reasonable under the circumstances; however, actual results may vary from these estimates and assumptions under different future circumstances. We have identified the following critical accounting policies that affect the more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our financial statements:
Accounts Receivable. Accounts receivable consist of amounts due to us from normal business activities. Our management must make estimates of accounts receivable that will not be collected. We perform ongoing credit evaluations of our customers and adjust credit limits based upon payment history and the customer s creditworthiness as determined by our review of their current credit information. We continuously monitor collections and payments from our

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customers and maintain an allowance for estimated losses based on historical experience and specific customer collection issues that we have identified. Trade receivables are written-off when all reasonable collection efforts have been exhausted, including, but not limited to, external third party collection efforts and litigation. While such credit losses have historically been within management s expectations and the allowance provided, there can be no assurance that we will continue to experience the same credit loss rates as in the past. During the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, provisions for doubtful accounts were recognized in the amount of $\$ 46,000$ and $\$ 15,000$, respectively for each period. In addition, $\$ 3,000$ of recoveries of accounts previously written off was credited to the allowance during the first nine months of 2008 . There were no recoveries credited during the first nine months of 2007. One accounts receivable balance of $\$ 3,000$ was written off in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008 and nothing was written off in the first nine months of 2007.
Inventory. Our inventory consists of finished goods and raw materials and is stated at the lower of cost or market. Our management regularly reviews inventory quantities on hand and records a provision for excess and obsolete inventory based on the age of the inventory and forecasts of product demand. A significant decrease in demand could result in an increase in the amount of excess inventory quantities on hand. During the first nine months of 2008, $\$ 90,000$ was provided and there were charges totaling $\$ 74,000$ against the valuation reserve. The charges against the reserve were primarily the result of the product content changes made or in the process of being made to our converted products and the resultant effect on certain raw materials, primarily poly wrapping material, used in the converting process. During the first nine months of 2007, $\$ 65,000$ was provided and $\$ 8,000$ was charged against the reserve.

## New Accounting Pronouncements

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) periodically issues new accounting standards in a continuing effort to improve standards of financial accounting and reporting. We have reviewed the recently issued pronouncements and concluded that the following new accounting standards could be applicable to us:
In December 2007, the FASB revised SFAS No. 141 Business Combinations to clarify certain issues regarding business combinations. The major impact on us would be the requirement to write-off certain costs of completing an acquisition as incurred. The standard is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2008. Also in December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160 Non-controlling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements. At present this standard would not apply to us as we have no related entities which qualify for consolidation. The standard is effective for minority interest accounting for periods beginning after December 15, 2008.

On October 10, 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) No. FAS 157-3, Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset When the Market for That Asset is Not Active. As Orchids does not currently own any such assets, this pronouncement is not applicable to the Company.

## Non-GAAP Discussion

In addition to our Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ( GAAP ) results, we also consider non-GAAP measures of our performance for a number of purposes. We use EBITDA as a supplemental measure of our performance that is not required by, or presented in accordance with, GAAP. EBITDA is not a measurement of our financial performance under GAAP and

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should not be considered as an alternative to net income, operating income or any other performance measure derived in accordance with GAAP, or as an alternative to cash flow from operating activities or a measure of our liquidity. EBITDA represents net income before net interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization. We believe EBITDA facilitates operating performance comparisons from period to period and company to company by eliminating potential differences caused by variations in capital structures (affecting relative interest expense), tax positions (such as the impact on periods or companies of changes in effective tax rates or net operating losses) and the age and book depreciation of facilities and equipment (affecting relative depreciation expense).
EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation, or as a substitute for any of our results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are:
it does not reflect our cash expenditures for capital assets;
it does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital requirements;
it does not reflect the interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments on our indebtedness;
although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often have to be replaced in the future, and EBITDA does not reflect cash requirements for such replacements; and
other companies, including other companies in our industry, may calculate these measures differently than we do, limiting their usefulness as a comparative measure.
Because of these limitations, EBITDA should not be considered as a measure of discretionary cash available to us to invest in the growth of our business or to reduce our indebtedness. We compensate for these limitations by relying primarily on our GAAP results and using EBITDA on a supplemental basis.
The following table reconciles EBITDA to net income for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007:

| Three Months Ended September |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30, |  |  |
| 2008 |  | 2007 |

## (In thousands, except \% of net sales)

| Net income | $\$ 1,423$ | $\$$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Plus: Interest expense | 310 | 1,136 |
| Plus: Income tax expense | 513 | 635 |
| Plus: Depreciation | 783 | 156 |
|  |  |  |
| EBITDA | 3,029 | $\$ 50$ |
| $\%$ of net sales | $13.0 \%$ | 2,677 |

EBITDA increased $\$ 352,000$ to $\$ 3.0$ million in the quarter ended September 30,2008 , compared to $\$ 2.7$ million in the same period in 2007. EBITDA as a percent of net sales decreased to $13.0 \%$ in the third quarter of 2008 from $13.9 \%$ in the third quarter of 2007. The foregoing factors discussed in the net sales, cost of sales and selling, general and administrative expenses are the reasons for the decline.

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The following table reconciles EBITDA to net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007:


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## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings

None.

## ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

Other than as set forth below, as of the date of this filing, there have been no material changes from the risk factors disclosed in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K dated March 18, 2008. We operate in a changing environment that involves numerous known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could materially affect our operations. The risks, uncertainties and other factors set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and below may cause our actual results, performances and achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements. If any of these risks or events occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations may be adversely affected.
The parent roll market is a commodity market and subject to fluctuations in demand and pricing.
Following the start-up of our new paper machine in July 2006, our parent roll production exceeded the requirements of our converting operation, which excess tonnage we sell as parent rolls. In addition, in the second quarter of 2007, due to relatively high parent roll prices, we began running all of our older paper machines on a full-time basis, thereby increasing the amount of excess paper. The demand for parent rolls has been relatively high compared to supply for several years, however fluctuations in demand, primarily in the away-from-home market, can affect the supply-demand balance. A significant reduction in demand can result in an over-supply situation if parent roll producers do not adjust capacity, which could negatively affect the market price for parent rolls. A significant reduction in parent roll selling prices could reduce our revenues and decrease our profits and could cause us to shut down some of our excess paper making capacity.
Failure to purchase the contracted quantity of natural gas may result in financial exposure.
In October 2008, we entered into a contract to purchase 334,000 MMBTU natural gas requirements at $\$ 7.50$ per MMBTU for the period from April 2009 through March 2010. This represents approximately $60 \%$ of our natural gas requirements based on our usage rates for 2009. A significant interruption in our parent roll production due to tornado, fire, or other natural disaster, adverse market conditions or mechanical failure could reduce our natural gas requirements to a level below that of our contracted amount. If this situation occurs and the market price for natural gas at that time is less than our contracted price, we could be required under the terms of our agreement to reimburse our gas supplier for their lost revenue on the pricing difference on the amount of natural gas purchased under the contract amount.
ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds
(a) Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities

None.

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(b) Initial Public Offering and Use of Proceeds from the Sale of Registered Securities

None.
(c) Repurchases of Equity Securities

We do not have any programs to repurchase shares of our common stock and no such repurchases were made during the three months ended September 30, 2008.
ITEM 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities
None.
ITEM 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders
None.

## ITEM 5. Other Information

On November 5, 2008, we amended our credit agreement with our existing bank group. This amendment is described in more detail in Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources.
ITEM 6. Exhibits
See the Exhibit Index following the signature page to this Form 10-Q, which Exhibit Index is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

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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.
ORCHIDS PAPER PRODUCTS COMPANY

Date: November 10, 2008
By: /s/ Keith R. Schroeder
Keith R. Schroeder
Chief Financial Officer
(On behalf of the registrant and as Chief
Accounting Officer)
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## Exhibit Description

3.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-124173) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 19, 2005.
3.1.1 Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant incorporated by reference to the Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 14, 2007.
3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-124173) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 19, 2005.
10.1\# Amendment to Executive Employment Agreement dated August 22, 2008, between Robert A. Snyder and the Company.
10.2 Amendment Three to Second Amended and Restated Agented Credit Agreement dated November 5, 2008 among the Registrant, Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., BancFirst and Commerce Bank, N.A.
31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302.
31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302.
32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 906.
32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906.
\# Indicates management contract or compensatory plan

