

BELDEN INC.
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 10-Q

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended March 29, 2009
Commission File No. 001-12561**

BELDEN INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

36-3601505
**(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)**

7733 Forsyth Boulevard, Suite 800
St. Louis, Missouri 63105
(Address of principal executive offices)
(314) 854-8000

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 Act during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐.

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

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

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

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

As of May 4, 2009, the Registrant had 46,572,527 outstanding shares of common stock.

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	March 29, 2009 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2008
	(In thousands)	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 224,443	\$ 227,413
Receivables, net	248,393	292,236
Inventories, net	181,228	216,022
Deferred income taxes	19,450	22,606
Other current assets	42,710	34,826
Total current assets	716,224	793,103
Property, plant and equipment, less accumulated depreciation	301,998	324,569
Goodwill	316,719	321,478
Intangible assets, less accumulated amortization	143,621	156,025
Other long-lived assets	51,723	53,388
	\$ 1,530,285	\$ 1,648,563
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 128,484	\$ 160,744
Accrued liabilities	152,659	180,801
Total current liabilities	281,143	341,545
Long-term debt	590,000	590,000
Postretirement benefits	121,006	120,256
Deferred income taxes	1,248	4,270
Other long-term liabilities	18,531	21,624
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock		
Common stock	503	503
Additional paid-in capital	584,026	585,704
Retained earnings	72,145	106,949
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(7,903)	10,227
Treasury stock	(130,414)	(132,515)
Total stockholders' equity	518,357	570,868

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements

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BELDEN INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 29, 2009	March 30, 2008
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)	
Revenues	\$ 328,512	\$ 511,826
Cost of sales	(244,319)	(366,009)
Gross profit	84,193	145,817
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(76,697)	(95,163)
Research and development	(16,555)	(9,071)
Amortization of intangibles	(3,865)	(2,552)
Asset impairment	(24,723)	(11,549)
Loss on sale of assets		(884)
Operating income (loss)	(37,647)	26,598
Interest expense	(7,323)	(8,343)
Interest income	364	957
Other income (expense)	(251)	1,168
Income (loss) before taxes	(44,857)	20,380
Income tax benefit (expense)	12,403	(7,495)
Net income (loss)	\$ (32,454)	\$ 12,885
Weighted average number of common shares and equivalents:		
Basic	46,526	44,139
Diluted	46,526	48,377
Basic income (loss) per share	\$ (0.70)	\$ 0.29
Diluted income (loss) per share	\$ (0.70)	\$ 0.27
Dividends declared per share	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05

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CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	March	March 30,
	29, 2009	2008
	(In thousands)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ (32,454)	\$ 12,885
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	13,288	13,758
Share-based compensation	2,020	3,287
Provision for inventory obsolescence	2,548	1,660
Asset impairment	24,723	11,549
Loss on disposal of tangible assets		884
Amortization of discount on convertible subordinated notes		524
Pension funding in excess of pension expense	(2,318)	(2,650)
Tax deficiency (benefit) related to share-based compensation	1,104	(895)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of the effects of currency exchange rate changes and acquired businesses:		
Receivables	40,847	1,091
Inventories	29,497	(3,927)
Deferred cost of sales	228	
Accounts payable	(31,204)	(8,881)
Accrued liabilities	(18,372)	172
Deferred revenue	(49)	
Accrued taxes	(11,209)	7,956
Other assets	(2,347)	(1,695)
Other liabilities	(3,679)	(5,026)
Net cash provided by operating activities	12,623	30,692
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(9,554)	(6,905)
Proceeds from disposal of tangible assets		39,140
Cash used for other investing activities	(18)	(61)
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	(9,572)	32,174
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Cash dividends paid	(2,373)	(2,251)
Debt issuance costs	(1,541)	
Tax benefit (deficiency) related to share-based compensation	(1,104)	895
Payments under share repurchase program		(36,298)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		4,300
Net cash used for financing activities	(5,018)	(33,354)

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Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(1,003)	7,366
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(2,970)	36,878
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	227,413	159,964
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 224,443	\$ 196,842

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CONSOLIDATED STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY STATEMENT
THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 29, 2009
(Unaudited)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital		Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Pension Translation and Postretirement of	Equity	Liability	Total
	Shares	Amount				Shares	Amount				
	(In thousands)										
Balance at December 31, 2008	50,335	\$ 503	\$ 585,704		\$ 106,949	(3,844)	\$ (132,515)	\$ 45,675	\$ (35,448)		\$ 570,868
Net loss					(32,454)						(32,454)
Foreign currency translation								(18,130)			(18,130)
Comprehensive loss											(50,584)
Release of restricted stock, net of tax withholding forfeitures			(2,601)			81	2,101				(500)
Share-based compensation			916								916
Dividends (\$0.05 per share)			7		(2,350)						(2,343)
Balance at March 29, 2009	50,335	\$ 503	\$ 584,026		\$ 72,145	(3,763)	\$ (130,414)	\$ 27,545	\$ (35,448)		\$ 518,357

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements include Belden Inc. and all of its subsidiaries (the Company, us, we, or our). We eliminate all significant affiliate accounts and transactions in consolidation.

The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements presented as of any date other than December 31, 2008:

Are prepared from the books and records without audit, and

Are prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and do not include all of the information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete statements, but

Include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial statements.

These Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Data contained in our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Business Description

We design, manufacture, and market signal transmission solutions, including cable, connectivity and active components for mission-critical applications in markets ranging from industrial automation to data centers, broadcast studios, and aerospace.

Reporting Periods

Our fiscal year and fiscal fourth quarter both end on December 31. Typically, our fiscal first, second and third quarter each end on the last Sunday falling on or before their respective calendar quarter-end. The three months ended March 29, 2009 and March 30, 2008 include 88 and 90 calendar days, respectively.

Reclassifications

We have made certain reclassifications to the 2008 Consolidated Financial Statements with no impact to reported net income in order to conform to the 2009 presentation.

Fair Value Measurement

On January 1, 2008, we adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157, *Fair Value Measurement*, related to financial assets and financial liabilities. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Staff Position 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157*, we adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 157 related to nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities on January 1, 2009.

SFAS No. 157 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based upon whether the inputs to those valuation techniques reflect assumptions other market participants would use based upon market data

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obtained from independent sources or reflect our own assumptions of market participant valuation. The hierarchy is broken down into three levels based on the reliability of the inputs as follows:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets that are unadjusted and accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;

Level 2 Quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets or financial instruments for which significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly;

Level 3 Prices or valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

As of and during the three months ended March 29, 2009, we utilized Level 1 inputs to determine the fair value of short-term investments included in cash equivalents, and we utilized Level 2 inputs to determine the fair value of certain long-lived assets (see Note 5).

Cash and Cash Equivalents

We classify cash on hand and deposits in banks, including commercial paper, money market accounts, and other investments with an original maturity of three months or less, that we hold from time to time, as cash and cash equivalents. We periodically have cash equivalents consisting of short-term money market funds and other investments. The primary objective of our short-term investment activities is to preserve our capital for the purpose of funding operations. We do not enter into short-term investments for trading or speculative purposes. The fair value of these short-term investments as of March 29, 2009 was \$69.4 million and is based on quoted market prices in active markets.

Contingent Liabilities

We have established liabilities for environmental and legal contingencies that are probable of occurrence and reasonably estimable. We accrue environmental remediation costs, on an undiscounted basis, based on estimates of known environmental remediation exposures developed in consultation with our environmental consultants and legal counsel. We are, from time to time, subject to routine litigation incidental to our business. These lawsuits primarily involve claims for damages arising out of the use of our products, allegations of patent or trademark infringement, and litigation and administrative proceedings involving employment matters and commercial disputes. Based on facts currently available, we believe the disposition of the claims that are pending or asserted will not have a materially adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flow.

At March 29, 2009, we were party to standby letters of credit, bank guaranties, and surety bonds totaling \$9.1 million, \$6.8 million, and \$2.6 million, respectively.

Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue when all of the following circumstances are satisfied: (1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (2) price is fixed or determinable, (3) collectibility is reasonably assured, and (4) delivery has occurred. Delivery occurs in the period in which the customer takes title and assumes the risks and rewards of ownership of the products specified in the customer's purchase order or sales agreement. We record revenue net of estimated rebates, price allowances, invoicing adjustments, and product returns. We charge revisions to these estimates to accounts receivable and revenue in the period in which the facts that give rise to each revision become known.

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Our Wireless segment accounts for revenue in accordance with Statement of Position No. 97-2, *Software Revenue Recognition* (SOP 97-2). Sales from our Wireless segment often involve multiple elements, principally hardware, software, hardware and software maintenance and other support services. When a sale involves multiple elements, we allocate the proceeds from the arrangement to each respective element based on its Vendor Specific Objective Evidence (VSOE) of fair value and recognize revenue when each element's revenue recognition criteria are met. VSOE of fair value for each element is established based on the price charged when the same element is sold separately. If VSOE of fair value cannot be established for the undelivered element of an agreement, the proceeds from the arrangement are deferred and recognized ratably over the period that the service or element is delivered. Through March 29, 2009, our Wireless segment did not establish VSOE of fair value of post-contract customer support. As a result, the proceeds and related cost of sales from revenue transactions involving multiple-element arrangements are deferred and recognized ratably over the post-contract customer support period, ranging from one to three years. As of March 29, 2009, total deferred revenue and deferred cost of sales were \$20.1 million and \$7.0 million, respectively. Of the total deferred revenue, \$16.9 million is included in accrued liabilities, and \$3.2 million is included in other long-term liabilities. Of the total deferred cost of sales, \$5.9 million is included in other current assets and \$1.1 million is included in other long-lived assets.

Current-Year Adoption of Accounting Pronouncements

On January 1, 2009, we adopted SFAS No. 141(R), *Business Combinations*, which replaces SFAS No. 141 and retains the fundamental requirements in SFAS No. 141, including that the purchase method be used for all business combinations and for an acquirer to be identified for each business combination. This standard defines the acquirer as the entity that obtains control of one or more businesses in the business combination and establishes the acquisition date as the date that the acquirer achieves control instead of the date that the consideration is transferred. SFAS No. 141(R) requires an acquirer in a business combination to recognize the assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree at the acquisition date, measured at their fair values as of that date, with limited exceptions. It also requires the recognition of assets acquired and liabilities assumed arising from certain contractual contingencies as of the acquisition date, measured at their acquisition-date fair values. SFAS No. 141(R) will change our accounting treatment for any future business combinations.

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On January 1, 2009, we adopted FASB Staff Position (FSP) APB 14-1, *Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement)*. This FSP changes the accounting for our \$110.0 million aggregate principal convertible subordinated debentures that were converted into cash and shares of common stock in 2008 (see Note 7). The FSP requires that we allocate the proceeds from the debt issuance between debt and equity components in a manner that reflects our nonconvertible debt borrowing rate. The equity component reflects the value of the conversion feature of the debentures. The FSP requires retrospective application to all periods presented and does not grandfather existing debt instruments. As such, we have adjusted our prior year financial statements. The cumulative impact of the adjustments as of January 1, 2009 was a \$1.7 million decrease to retained earnings with a corresponding increase to additional paid in capital. The following table summarizes the impact of the adjustments on the three months ended March 30, 2008.

	As Previously Reported (In thousands, except per share amounts)	As Adjusted
Interest expense	\$ (7,819)	\$ (8,343)
Income before taxes	20,904	20,380
Income tax expense	(7,684)	(7,495)
Net income	\$ 13,220	\$ 12,885
Basic income per share	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.29
Diluted income per share	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.27

Note 2: Operating Segments

During the first quarter of 2009, we made organizational changes to consolidate our North American operations, primarily consisting of consolidating our former Specialty Products and Belden Americas segments. These changes resulted in a change in our reported operating segments. We have organized the enterprise around geographic areas except for our wireless business. We now conduct our operations through four reported operating segments: Americas; Wireless; Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA); and Asia Pacific. We have reclassified prior year segment disclosures to conform to the new segment presentation.

	Americas	Wireless	EMEA (In thousands)	Asia Pacific	Total Segments
Three Months Ended March 29, 2009					
Total assets	\$430,038	\$109,285	\$485,658	\$238,799	\$1,263,780
External customer revenues	182,210	12,003	88,061	46,238	328,512
Affiliate revenues	7,991		12,473		20,464
Operating income (loss)	24,658	(8,322)	(43,245)	3,334	(23,575)
Three Months Ended March 30, 2008					
External customer revenues	256,594		161,530	93,702	511,826
Affiliate revenues	20,360		20,898		41,258

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Operating income	21,661	-8-	16,831	11,287	49,779
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The following table is a reconciliation of the total of the reportable segments' operating income (loss) to consolidated income (loss) before taxes.

	Three Months Ended	
	March 29, 2009	March 30, 2008
	(In thousands)	
Segment operating income (loss)	\$ (23,575)	\$ 49,779
Corporate expenses	(8,357)	(13,896)
Eliminations	(5,715)	(9,285)
Total operating income (loss)	(37,647)	26,598
Interest expense	(7,323)	(8,343)
Interest income	364	957
Other income (expense)	(251)	1,168
Income (loss) before taxes	\$ (44,857)	\$ 20,380

Note 3: Income (Loss) per Share

The following table presents the basis for the income (loss) per share computations:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 29, 2009	March 30, 2008
	(in thousands, except per share amounts)	
Numerator:		
Net income (loss)	\$ (32,454)	\$ 12,885
Denominator:		
Weighted average shares outstanding, basic	46,526	44,139
Effect of dilutive common stock equivalents		4,238
Adjusted weighted average shares outstanding, diluted	46,526	48,377
Net income (loss) per share:		
Basic	\$ (0.70)	\$ 0.29
Diluted	\$ (0.70)	\$ 0.27

For the three months ended March 29, 2009 and March 30, 2008, we did not include 2.9 million and 0.7 million outstanding equity awards, respectively, in our development of the denominators used in the diluted income (loss) per share computations because they were anti-dilutive.

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The major classes of inventories were as follows:

	March 29, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(In thousands)	
Raw materials	\$ 58,338	\$ 62,701
Work-in-process	41,435	45,900
Finished goods	102,689	128,672
Perishable tooling and supplies	3,838	3,946
Gross inventories	206,300	241,219
Obsolescence and other reserves	(25,072)	(25,197)
Net inventories	\$ 181,228	\$ 216,022

Note 5: Long-Lived Assets**Impairments**

During the first quarter of 2009, we determined that certain long-lived assets of a German cable business that we expect to sell in the second quarter of 2009 were impaired (see Note 11). We estimated the fair market value of these assets based upon the terms of the sales agreement and recognized an impairment loss of \$20.4 million in the operating results of the EMEA segment. Of this total impairment loss, \$14.1 million related to machinery and equipment and \$2.7 million, \$2.3 million, and \$1.3 million related to trademarks, developed technology, and customer relations intangible assets, respectively. We also recognized impairment losses on property, plant and equipment of \$2.9 million, \$1.0 million, and \$0.4 million in the Americas, Asia Pacific, and EMEA segments, respectively, primarily related to our decision to consolidate capacity and dispose of excess machinery and equipment. The fair values of these assets were based upon quoted prices for identical assets.

During the first quarter of 2008, we recognized an impairment loss of \$7.3 million in the operating results of our Americas segment due to the decision to close our manufacturing facility in Manchester, Connecticut. We also recognized an impairment loss of \$4.2 million in the operating results of this segment related to our decision to consolidate capacity and dispose of excess machinery and equipment.

Disposals

During the first quarter of 2008, we sold and leased back under a normal sale-leaseback certain Americas segment real estate in Mexico. The sales price was \$25.0 million, and we recognized a loss of \$0.9 million on the transaction. The lease term is 15 years with an option to renew up to an additional 10 years. We also sold our assembly operation in the Czech Republic for \$8.2 million. We did not recognize a significant gain or loss on the transaction.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense

We recognized depreciation expense of \$9.4 million and \$11.2 million in the three-month periods ended March 29, 2009 and March 30, 2008, respectively.

We recognized amortization expense related to our intangible assets of \$3.9 million and \$2.6 million in the three-month periods ended March 29, 2009 and March 30, 2008, respectively.

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In 2008, we announced our decision to further streamline our manufacturing, sales and administrative functions worldwide in an effort to reduce costs and mitigate the weakening demand experienced throughout the global economy. In the first quarter of 2009, we continued to implement our plan to streamline these functions and recognized severance costs primarily in the EMEA segment totaling \$25.9 million (\$15.4 million in cost of sales; \$8.7 million in selling, general and administrative expenses; and \$1.8 million in research and development) related to these restructuring actions. Through March 29, 2009, we have recognized severance costs totaling \$52.2 million related to these restructuring actions. We may recognize up to \$15.0 million of additional costs related to these restructuring actions primarily in the Americas segment.

EMEA Manufacturing Restructuring

In prior years, we announced various decisions to realign our EMEA operations in order to consolidate manufacturing capacity. We did not recognize any new charges in 2009 related to these previous restructuring actions. Through March 29, 2009, we have recognized severance and other restructuring costs totaling \$42.6 million (including amounts accounted for through purchase accounting) related to these actions. We do not expect to recognize additional costs related to these restructuring actions.

Voluntary Separation Program

In 2007, we announced a voluntary separation program primarily for associates in the United States who were at least 50 years of age and had 10 years of service with the Company. We did not recognize any costs related to this program in the first quarter of 2009 nor do we expect to recognize any future costs. In prior years, we recognized severance costs totaling \$7.2 million related to this program.

The table below sets forth restructuring activity that occurred during the three months ended March 29, 2009. The balances are included in accrued liabilities.

	Global Restructuring	EMEA Manufacturing Restructuring	Voluntary Separation Program
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$ 24,957	\$ 24,357	\$ 1,441
New charges	25,920		
Purchase accounting adjustment		(2,109)	
Cash payments	(13,157)	(9,234)	(442)
Foreign currency translation	995	(814)	
Other adjustments	(215)	(53)	
Balance at March 29, 2009	\$ 38,500	\$ 12,147	\$ 999

We continue to review our business strategies and evaluate further restructuring actions. This could result in additional restructuring costs in future periods.

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Note 7: Long-Term Debt and Other Borrowing Arrangements

Senior Subordinated Notes

We have outstanding \$350.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7.0% senior subordinated notes due 2017. The notes are guaranteed on a senior subordinated basis by certain of our domestic subsidiaries. The notes rank equal in right of payment with any of our future senior subordinated debt, and are subordinated to all of our senior debt and the senior debt of our subsidiary guarantors, including our senior secured credit facility. Interest is payable semiannually on March 15 and September 15.

Senior Secured Credit Facility

We have a senior secured credit facility with a \$350.0 million commitment. The facility matures in January 2011, has a variable interest rate based on LIBOR or the prime rate and is secured by our overall cash flow and certain of our assets in the United States. At March 29, 2009, there were outstanding borrowings of \$240.0 million under the facility at a 3.0% interest rate, and we had \$100.9 million in available borrowing capacity, net of letters of credit. During the three months ended March 29, 2009, we amended the facility and changed the definition of EBITDA used in the computation of the 3.5 gross debt-to-EBITDA leverage ratio covenant. The amendment also increased the cost of borrowings under the facility by 100 basis points, and we incurred \$1.5 million of fees that are included in other expense in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. As of March 29, 2009, we were in compliance with all of the covenants of the facility.

Convertible Subordinated Debentures

In 2008, we had outstanding \$110.0 million aggregate principal of 4.0% convertible subordinated debentures due 2023. The convertible debentures contained a net share settlement feature requiring us upon conversion to pay the principal amount in cash and to pay any conversion consideration in excess of the principal amount in shares of our common stock. In July 2008, we called all of our convertible subordinated debentures for redemption. As a result of the call for redemption, holders of the debentures had the option to convert each \$1,000 principal amount of their debentures and receive value in a combination of cash and shares equal to 56.8246 shares of Belden's common stock (a conversion price of \$17.598). All holders of the debentures elected to convert their debentures. Upon conversion, we paid \$110.0 million in cash and issued 3,343,509 shares of common stock. We financed the cash portion of the conversion through borrowings under our senior secured credit facility.

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The tax benefit of \$12.4 million for the three months ended March 29, 2009 resulted from a loss before taxes of \$44.9 million. The difference between the effective rate reflected in the provision for income taxes on income before taxes and the amount determined by applying the applicable statutory United States tax rate for the three months ended March 29, 2009 is analyzed below:

	Amount (in thousands, except rate data)	Rate
United States federal statutory rate	\$ (15,700)	35.0%
State and local income taxes	(350)	0.8
Change in uncertain tax positions	78	(0.2)
Foreign income tax rate variances and other	3,569	(7.9)
Total tax benefit	\$ (12,403)	27.7%

Note 9: Pension and Other Postretirement Obligations

The following table provides the components of net periodic benefit costs for the plans:

	Pension Obligations		Other Postretirement Obligations	
	March 29, 2009	March 30, 2008	March 29, 2009	March 30, 2008
Three Months Ended	(In thousands)			
Service cost	\$ 1,826	\$ 1,400	\$ 30	\$ 35
Interest cost	3,740	3,229	562	653
Expected return on plan assets	(4,064)	(3,170)		
Amortization of prior service cost	28	4	(48)	(54)
Net loss recognition	542	323	170	171
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 2,072	\$ 1,786	\$ 714	\$ 805

Note 10: Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table summarizes total comprehensive income (loss):

	Three Months Ended	
	March 29, 2009	March 30, 2008
	(In thousands)	
Net income (loss)	\$ (32,454)	\$ 12,885
Foreign currency translation gain (loss)	(18,130)	60,777
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (50,584)	\$ 73,662

Note 11: Subsequent Event

On May 5, 2009, we entered into an agreement to sell a German cable business. We expect to complete the sale in the second quarter of 2009 and incur a loss of approximately \$10.0 million.

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Belden Inc. (the Issuer) has outstanding \$350.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7.0% senior subordinated notes due 2017. The notes rank equal in right of payment with any of our future senior subordinated debt, and are subordinated to all of our senior debt and the senior debt of our subsidiary guarantors, including our senior secured credit facility. Belden Inc. and its current and future material domestic subsidiaries have fully and unconditionally guaranteed the notes on a joint and several basis. The following consolidating financial information presents information about the Issuer, guarantor subsidiaries and non-guarantor subsidiaries. Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for on the equity basis. Intercompany transactions are eliminated.

Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets

	March 29, 2009				
	Issuer	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries (In thousands)	Eliminations	Total
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 42,632	\$ 9,901	\$ 171,910	\$	\$ 224,443
Receivables, net		78,993	169,400		248,393
Inventories, net		88,714	92,514		181,228
Deferred income taxes		(12,344)	31,794		19,450
Other current assets	2,600	7,498	32,612		42,710
Total current assets	45,232	172,762	498,230		716,224
Property, plant and equipment, less accumulated depreciation		122,423	179,575		301,998
Goodwill		243,259	73,460		316,719
Intangible assets, less accumulated amortization		81,562	62,059		143,621
Investment in subsidiaries	809,493	330,996		(1,140,489)	
Other long-lived assets	7,332	2,549	41,842		51,723
	\$ 862,057	\$ 953,551	\$ 855,166	\$ (1,140,489)	\$ 1,530,285
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	\$ 45,323	\$ 83,161	\$	\$ 128,484
Accrued liabilities	5,715	46,426	100,518		152,659
Total current liabilities	5,715	91,749	183,679		281,143
Long-term debt	590,000				590,000
Postretirement benefits		51,295	69,711		121,006
Deferred income taxes		(14,366)	15,614		1,248
Other long-term liabilities	10,006	3,329	5,196		18,531
Intercompany accounts	191,234	(452,497)	261,263		
Total stockholders' equity	65,102	1,274,041	319,703	(1,140,489)	518,357

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December 31, 2008					
	Issuer	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries (In thousands)	Eliminations	Total
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 130	\$ 57,522	\$ 169,761	\$	\$ 227,413
Receivables, net		83,923	208,313		292,236
Inventories, net		110,018	106,004		216,022
Deferred income taxes		(12,344)	34,950		22,606
Other current assets	1,782	7,133	25,911		34,826
Total current assets	1,912	246,252	544,939		793,103
Property, plant and equipment, less accumulated depreciation		123,530	201,039		324,569
Goodwill		243,233	78,245		321,478
Intangible assets, less accumulated amortization		83,586	72,439		156,025
Investment in subsidiaries	838,088	362,329		(1,200,417)	
Other long-lived assets	7,753	2,323	43,312		53,388
	\$ 847,753	\$ 1,061,253	\$ 939,974	\$ (1,200,417)	\$ 1,648,563
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	\$ 49,738	\$ 111,006	\$	\$ 160,744
Accrued liabilities	12,723	56,290	111,788		180,801
Total current liabilities	12,723	106,028	222,794		341,545
Long-term debt	590,000				590,000
Postretirement benefits		49,561	70,695		120,256
Deferred income taxes		(14,366)	18,636		4,270
Other long-term liabilities	9,991	5,807	5,826		21,624
Intercompany accounts	130,852	(386,116)	255,264		
Total stockholders' equity	104,187	1,300,339	366,759	(1,200,417)	570,868
	\$ 847,753	\$ 1,061,253	\$ 939,974	\$ (1,200,417)	\$ 1,648,563

Table of Contents**Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Statements of Operations****Three Months Ended March 29, 2009**

	Issuer	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries (In thousands)	Eliminations	Total
Revenues	\$	\$ 171,958	\$ 187,767	\$ (31,213)	\$ 328,512
Cost of sales		(117,595)	(157,937)	31,213	(244,319)
Gross profit		54,363	29,830		84,193
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(24)	(34,654)	(42,019)		(76,697)
Research and development		(7,403)	(9,152)		(16,555)
Amortization of intangibles		(2,024)	(1,841)		(3,865)
Asset impairment		(3,303)	(21,420)		(24,723)
Operating income (loss)	(24)	6,979	(44,602)		(37,647)
Interest expense	(7,319)	76	(80)		(7,323)
Interest income	5	80	279		364
Other income (expense)	(1,541)		1,290		(251)
Intercompany income (expense)	2,942	(3,253)	311		
Income (loss) from equity investment in subsidiaries	(28,595)	(31,333)		59,928	
Income (loss) before taxes	(34,532)	(27,451)	(42,802)	59,928	(44,857)
Income tax benefit (expense)	2,078	(1,144)	11,469		12,403
Net income (loss)	\$ (32,454)	\$ (28,595)	\$ (31,333)	\$ 59,928	\$ (32,454)

Three Months Ended March 30, 2008

	Issuer	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries (In thousands)	Eliminations	Total
Revenues	\$	\$ 237,400	\$ 325,201	\$ (50,775)	\$ 511,826
Cost of sales		(173,430)	(243,354)	50,775	(366,009)
Gross profit		63,970	81,847		145,817
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(11)	(40,031)	(55,121)		(95,163)
Research and development		(1,767)	(7,304)		(9,071)
Amortization of intangibles		(500)	(2,052)		(2,552)
Asset impairment		(11,549)			(11,549)
Loss on sale of assets			(884)		(884)
Operating income (loss)	(11)	10,123	16,486		26,598
Interest expense	(8,645)	6	296		(8,343)

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Interest income		163	794		957
Other income			1,168		1,168
Intercompany income (expense)	3,802	(4,609)	807		
Income (loss) from equity investment in subsidiaries	16,034	12,221		(28,255)	
Income (loss) before taxes	11,180	17,904	19,551	(28,255)	20,380
Income tax benefit (expense)	1,705	(1,870)	(7,330)		(7,495)
Net income (loss)	\$ 12,885	\$ 16,034	\$ 12,221	\$ (28,255)	\$ 12,885

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Table of Contents**Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Statements of Cash Flows**

Three Months Ended March 29, 2009					
	Issuer	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries (In thousands)	Eliminations	Total
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$ 47,520	\$ (41,775)	\$ 6,878	\$	\$ 12,623
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Capital expenditures		(5,822)	(3,732)		(9,554)
Cash provided by (used for) other investing activities		(24)	6		(18)
Net cash used for investing activities		(5,846)	(3,726)		(9,572)
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Cash dividends paid	(2,373)				(2,373)
Debt issuance costs	(1,541)				(1,541)
Tax deficiency related to share-based compensation	(1,104)				(1,104)
Net cash used for financing activities	(5,018)				(5,018)
Effect of currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents			(1,003)		(1,003)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	42,502	(47,621)	2,149		(2,970)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	130	57,522	169,761		227,413
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 42,632	\$ 9,901	\$ 171,910	\$	\$ 224,443

Three Months Ended March 30, 2008					
	Issuer	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries (In thousands)	Eliminations	Total
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$ 163,596	\$ (106,944)	\$ (25,960)	\$	\$ 30,692
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Capital expenditures		(1,080)	(5,825)		(6,905)
Proceeds from disposal of tangible assets		20	39,120		39,140
Cash used for other investing activities			(61)		(61)

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Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	(1,060)	33,234	32,174
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Cash dividends paid	(2,251)		(2,251)
Tax benefit related to share-based payments	895		895
Payments under share repurchase program	(36,298)		(36,298)
Proceeds from exercises of stock options	4,300		4,300
Intercompany capital contributions	(130,242)	130,242	
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	(163,596)	130,242	(33,354)
Effect of currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		7,366	7,366
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	22,238	14,640	36,878
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	13,947	146,017	159,964
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	\$ 36,185	\$ 160,657
		\$	\$ 196,842

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

We design, manufacture, and market signal transmission solutions, including cable, connectivity and active components for mission-critical applications in markets ranging from industrial automation to data centers, broadcast studios, and aerospace.

We consider revenue growth, operating margin, cash flows, return on invested capital, and working capital management metrics to be our key operating performance indicators.

Trends and Events

The following trends and events arising during 2009 have had varying effects on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Global Restructuring Activities

In 2008, we announced our decision to further streamline our manufacturing, sales and administrative functions worldwide in an effort to reduce costs and mitigate the weakening demand experienced throughout the global economy. In the first quarter of 2009, we continued to implement our plan to streamline these functions and recognized severance costs and asset impairment losses of \$25.9 million and \$24.7 million, respectively, related to these restructuring actions. We continuously review our business strategies and evaluate potential restructuring actions. This could result in additional restructuring costs in future periods.

Share-Based Compensation

We provide certain employees with share-based compensation in the form of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock shares, restricted stock units with service vesting conditions, and restricted stock units with performance vesting conditions. At March 29, 2009, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to all nonvested awards was \$18.6 million. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.2 years.

Product Demand

Many of our customers are distributors that stock inventory for resale. Due to the weakening demand experienced throughout the global economy, many of our customers have lowered their inventory balances. Our revenues are negatively impacted by these inventory reductions. Our customers may continue this trend if overall demand remains weak.

Subsequent Event

On May 5, 2009, we entered into an agreement to sell a German cable business. We expect to complete the sale in the second quarter of 2009 and incur a loss of approximately \$10.0 million.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a material effect on our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

Table of Contents**Adoption of Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Discussion regarding our adoption of recent accounting pronouncements is included in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Critical Accounting Policies

During the three months ended March 29, 2009:

We did not change any of our existing critical accounting policies from those listed in our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K;

No existing accounting policies became critical accounting policies because of an increase in the materiality of associated transactions or changes in the circumstances to which associated judgments and estimates relate; and

There were no significant changes in the manner in which critical accounting policies were applied or in which related judgments and estimates were developed.

Results of Operations**Consolidated Continuing Operations**

	Three Months Ended		%
	March 29, 2009	March 30, 2008	Change
	(in thousands, except percentages)		
Revenues	\$328,512	\$511,826	-35.8%
Gross profit	84,193	145,817	-42.3%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	76,697	95,163	-19.4%
Research and development	16,555	9,071	82.5%
Operating income (loss)	(37,647)	26,598	-241.5%
Income (loss) before taxes	(44,857)	20,380	-320.1%
Net income (loss)	(32,454)	12,885	-351.9%

Revenues decreased in the three-month period ended March 29, 2009 from the comparable period in 2008 primarily for the following reasons:

A decrease in unit sales volume due to broad-based market declines resulted in a \$143.8 million revenue decrease.

A decrease in copper prices resulted in sales price decreases totaling \$28.9 million.

Unfavorable currency translation of \$19.0 million due to the U.S. dollar strengthening against many foreign currencies including the euro and Canadian dollar.

Lost sales from the disposal of a non-strategic business in Europe resulted in a \$3.6 million revenue decrease.

The negative impact that the factors listed above had on the revenue comparison was partially offset by \$12.0 million of revenues from Trapeze Networks, Inc. (Trapeze), which we acquired on July 16, 2008.

Gross profit decreased in the three-month period ended March 29, 2009 from the comparable period in 2008 due to the decrease in revenue as discussed above and an increase in severance and other costs. In the first quarter of 2009, cost of sales included \$17.9 million of severance and other costs compared to

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only \$4.0 million in the comparable period of 2008. This increase was due to global restructuring actions to further streamline our manufacturing function worldwide in an effort to reduce costs and mitigate the weakening demand experienced throughout the global economy. Excluding the impact of the severance and other costs, gross profit margin increased to 31.1% in 2009 from 29.3% in 2008 due to cost reductions from our efforts in Lean enterprise and manufacturing footprint initiatives.

Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased in the three-month period ended March 29, 2009 from the comparable period in 2008. This decrease is primarily due to lower payroll costs associated with a decrease in sales and administration employees.

The increase in research and development costs in the three-month period ended March 29, 2009 is primarily due to the acquisition of Trapeze. In the first quarter of 2009, Trapeze incurred \$5.8 million of research and development costs. The increase is also due to \$1.8 million of severance costs incurred in the first quarter of 2009 related to our global restructuring actions.

During the first quarter of 2009, we recognized asset impairment losses totaling \$24.7 million primarily related to a German cable business that we expect to sell in the second quarter of 2009. In the first quarter of 2008, we recognized an impairment loss of \$7.3 million due to the decision to close our manufacturing facility in Manchester, Connecticut. We also recognized an impairment loss of \$4.2 million in the first quarter of 2008 related to our decision to consolidate capacity and dispose of excess machinery and equipment.

Operating income decreased in the first quarter of 2009 compared to 2008 due to the decreases in revenues and gross profit and the increases in asset impairment, severance and other restructuring charges as discussed above.

Our effective tax rate was a 27.7% benefit in the first quarter of 2009 compared to an expense of 36.8% in 2008. This change is primarily attributable to the decrease in and geographic mix of income before taxes.

Americas Segment

	Three Months Ended		%
	March 29, 2009	March 30, 2008	Change
	(in thousands, except percentages)		
Total revenues	\$ 190,201	\$ 276,954	-31.3%
Operating income	24,658	21,661	13.8%
<i>as a percent of total revenues</i>	<i>13.0%</i>	<i>7.8%</i>	

Americas total revenues, which include affiliate revenues, decreased in the three-month period ended March 29, 2009 from the comparable period in 2008 due to a \$52.5 million decrease from lower unit sales volume. Lower demand in the United States contributed to lower volume across all vertical markets as more than 80% of the segment's external customer revenues are generated from customers located in the United States. The decrease in revenues was also due to lower selling prices, fewer affiliate sales, and unfavorable currency translation of \$16.4 million, \$12.4 million, and \$5.5 million, respectively. Lower selling prices resulted primarily from a decrease in copper prices. The unfavorable currency translation resulted primarily from the U.S. dollar strengthening against the Canadian dollar.

Despite the decrease in revenues, operating income increased in the three-month period ended March 29, 2009 from the comparable period in 2008 primarily due to lower asset impairment and severance and other restructuring charges in 2009. In the first quarter of 2009, the segment recognized \$2.9 million of asset impairment losses and \$2.2 million of severance and other restructuring charges primarily related to our global restructuring actions. In the first quarter of 2008, the segment recognized \$11.5 million of

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asset impairment losses and \$7.5 million of severance and other restructuring charges primarily related to the closing of our manufacturing facility in Manchester, Connecticut and a voluntary separation program offered to certain U.S. employees. Excluding the impact of these charges, operating income decreased in 2009 compared to 2008, but operating margins increased from 14.7% to 15.6% due to manufacturing cost savings resulting from the benefits of our restructuring actions and the successful execution of our regional manufacturing and Lean enterprise strategies.

Wireless Segment

	Three Months Ended		%
	March 29, 2009	March 30, 2008	Change
	(in thousands, except percentages)		
Total revenues	\$ 12,003	\$	n/a
Operating loss	(8,322)		n/a
<i>as a percent of total revenues</i>	<i>-69.3%</i>	<i>n/a</i>	

The Wireless segment consists of Trapeze, which we acquired on July 16, 2008. Sales transactions from our Wireless segment often involve multiple elements in which the sales proceeds are deferred and recognized ratably over the period related to the last delivered element. As of March 29, 2009, total deferred revenue and deferred cost of sales were \$20.1 million and \$7.0 million, respectively. The deferred revenue and deferred cost of sales are expected to be amortized over various periods ranging from one to three years. The change in the deferred revenue and deferred cost of sales balances is as follows (in thousands):

	Deferred Revenue	Deferred Cost of Sales	Deferred Gross Profit
Balance, December 31, 2008	\$ 20,166	\$ 7,270	\$ 12,896
Balance, March 29, 2009	20,117	7,042	13,075
Increase (decrease)	\$ (49)	\$ (228)	\$ 179

In January 2009, one of Trapeze's OEM customers, Nortel Networks (Nortel), filed for bankruptcy protection. The majority of our sales to Nortel are made indirectly through a third party contract manufacturer. As such, our receivable balance directly owed from Nortel is typically not material at any given time. However, Nortel and the related third party contract manufacturer represent a significant OEM customer for Trapeze. If Nortel is unable to successfully emerge out of bankruptcy, future revenues from our Wireless segment would be affected, at least temporarily. We have reserved for the estimated uncollectible portion of the outstanding receivable balance owed from Nortel as of March 29, 2009.

EMEA Segment

	Three Months Ended		%
	March 29, 2009	March 30, 2008	Change
	(in thousands, except percentages)		
Total revenues	\$ 100,534	\$ 182,428	-44.9%
Operating income (loss)	(43,245)	16,831	-356.9%
<i>as a percent of total revenues</i>	<i>-43.0%</i>	<i>9.2%</i>	

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EMEA total revenues, which include affiliate revenues, decreased in the three-month period ended March 29, 2009 from the comparable period in 2008 due to a \$54.5 million decrease from lower unit sales volume and \$3.6 million of lost sales from the disposal of a non-strategic business. The broad-based market declines experienced at the end of 2008 continued in Europe resulting in lower volume across all vertical markets. The decrease in revenues was also due to unfavorable currency translation, fewer affiliate sales, and lower selling prices of \$13.6 million, \$8.4 million, and \$1.8 million, respectively. The unfavorable currency translation resulted primarily from the U.S. dollar strengthening against the euro, and lower selling prices resulted primarily from a decrease in copper prices.

Operating income decreased in the three-month period ended March 29, 2009 due to the decrease in revenues as discussed above and an increase in asset impairment and severance charges. In the first quarter of 2009, the segment recognized \$20.8 million of asset impairment losses primarily related to a German cable business that we expect to sell in the second quarter of 2009 and \$25.0 million of severance and other restructuring charges related to our global restructuring actions. In the first quarter of 2008, the segment recognized \$4.8 million of severance and other restructuring charges related to various restructuring actions. Excluding the impact of these charges, operating margins decreased from 11.9% to 2.5% as the decrease in revenues more than offset the cost savings from our various restructuring actions.

Asia Pacific Segment

	Three Months Ended		%
	March 29, 2009	March 30, 2008	Change
	(in thousands, except percentages)		
Total revenues	\$46,238	\$ 93,702	-50.7%
Operating income	3,334	11,287	-70.5%
<i>as a percent of total revenues</i>	<i>7.2%</i>	<i>12.0%</i>	

Asia Pacific total revenues decreased in the three-month period ended March 29, 2009 from the comparable period of 2008 primarily due to a \$36.8 million decrease from lower unit sales volume. The broad-based market declines experienced at the end of 2008 continued in Asia resulting in lower volume across all vertical markets. The decrease in revenues was also due to a \$10.7 million decrease from lower selling prices, which resulted primarily from a decrease in copper prices.

Operating income decreased in the three-month period ended March 29, 2009 due to the decrease in revenues as discussed above and an increase in asset impairment and severance charges. In the first quarter of 2009, the segment recognized \$1.0 million of asset impairment losses and \$0.9 million of severance and other restructuring charges related to our global restructuring actions. The segment did not incur any impairment losses or severance charges in the first quarter of 2008. Excluding the impact of these charges, operating margins only decreased from 12.0% to 11.3% despite a decrease in revenues of over 50% as our product portfolio management and cost reduction actions partially offset the decrease in unit sales volume.

Corporate Expenses

Corporate expenses include administrative and other costs that are not allocated to the segments. These expenses totaled \$8.4 million and \$13.9 million in the three-month periods ended March 29, 2009 and March 30, 2008, respectively. The decrease in 2009 was primarily due to lower payroll costs and consulting fees.

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Significant factors that have affected or may affect our cash liquidity include (1) cash provided by operating activities, (2) disposals of tangible assets, (3) exercises of stock options, (4) cash used for business acquisitions, restructuring actions, capital expenditures, share repurchases and dividends, and (5) our available credit facilities and other borrowing arrangements. We expect our operating activities to generate cash throughout 2009 and believe our sources of liquidity are sufficient to fund current working capital requirements, capital expenditures, contributions for our retirement plans, quarterly dividend payments, severance payments from our restructuring actions, and our short-term operating strategies. Customer demand, competitive market forces, commodities pricing, customer acceptance of our product mix and economic conditions worldwide could affect our ability to continue to fund our future needs from business operations.

The following table is derived from our Consolidated Cash Flow Statements:

	Three Months Ended	
	March	March 30,
	29, 2009	2008
	(In thousands)	
Net cash provided by (used for):		
Operating activities	\$ 12,623	\$ 30,692
Investing activities	(9,572)	32,174
Financing activities	(5,018)	(33,354)
Effects of currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(1,003)	7,366
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(2,970)	36,878
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	227,413	159,964
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 224,443	\$ 196,842

Net cash provided by operating activities, a key source of our liquidity, decreased by \$18.1 million in the three-month period ended March 29, 2009 from the comparable period in 2008 primarily due to a decrease in income partially offset by a favorable net change in operating assets and liabilities. This favorable change was primarily due to improvements in receivables and inventories as we reduced production and inventory levels consistent with the decrease in customer demand. These improvements were partially offset by unfavorable changes in accounts payable and accrued liabilities, which included \$22.8 million of total severance payments during the three months ended March 29, 2009 related to our restructuring actions. Total severance payments during the three months ended March 30, 2008 were only \$0.4 million.

Net cash used in investing activities totaled \$9.6 million in the first three months of 2009 compared to cash provided by investing activities of \$32.2 million in the first three months of 2008. Investing activities in the first three months of 2009 primarily related to capital expenditures for capacity expansion at certain locations. Net cash provided by investing activities in the first three months of 2008 included \$23.4 million of net proceeds received from the sale of certain real estate in Mexico, \$15.0 million received from the sale and collection of a receivable related to our assembly and telecommunications cable operations in the Czech Republic, and \$0.7 million received from the collection of a receivable related to our sale of certain real estate in the Netherlands. These proceeds were partially offset by capital expenditures of \$6.9 million that included payments for construction of a new manufacturing facility in China. We anticipate that future capital expenditures will be funded with available cash.

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Net cash used for financing activities in the first three months of 2009 totaled \$5.0 million compared to \$33.4 million in the first three months of 2008. This change is primarily due to a decrease in payments under our share repurchase program, which we completed in 2008, and a decrease in proceeds from the exercise of stock options.

Our outstanding debt obligations as of March 29, 2009 consisted of \$350.0 million aggregate principal of 7.0% senior subordinated notes due 2017 and \$240.0 million of outstanding borrowings under our senior secured credit facility, which matures in 2011 and has a variable interest rate based on LIBOR or the prime rate. During the three months ended March 29, 2009, we amended the facility and changed the definition of EBITDA used in the computation of the 3.5 gross debt-to-EBITDA leverage ratio covenant. Although the amendment increased the cost of borrowings under the facility by 100 basis points, it provides us with additional flexibility in managing liquidity through the weaker global demand in our served markets. As of March 29, 2009, we had \$100.9 million in available borrowing capacity under our senior secured credit facility, and we were in compliance with all of its covenants.

Additional discussion regarding our various borrowing arrangements is included in Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this report other than historical facts are forward-looking statements made in reliance upon the safe harbor of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on forecasts and projections about the industries which we serve and about general economic conditions. They reflect management's beliefs and assumptions. They are not guarantees of future performance and they involve risk and uncertainty. Our actual results may differ materially from these expectations. Some of the factors that may cause actual results to differ from our expectations include:

The current global economic slowdown may adversely impact our results;

Turbulence in financial markets may increase our borrowing costs;

The availability of credit for our customers and distributors;

Our ability to integrate successfully acquired businesses;

Demand and acceptance of our products by customers and end users;

Worldwide economic conditions, which could impact demand for our products;

Changes in the cost and availability of raw materials (specifically, copper, commodities derived from petrochemical feedstocks, and other materials);

The degree to which we will be able to respond to raw materials cost fluctuations through the pricing of our products;

Our ability to meet customer demand successfully as we also reduce working capital;

Our ability to implement successfully our announced restructuring plans (for which we may incur additional costs); and

Other factors noted in this report and our other Securities Exchange Act of 1934 filings.

For a more complete discussion of risk factors, please see our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 27, 2009. We disclaim any duty to update any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future developments, or otherwise.

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Item 3: Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risks

Item 7A of our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K provides more information as to the practices and instruments that we use to manage market risks. There were no material changes in our exposure to market risks since December 31, 2008.

Item 4: Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based on this evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting during our most recently completed fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1: Legal Proceedings

We are a party to various legal proceedings and administrative actions that are incidental to our operations. These proceedings include personal injury cases, about 114 of which we were aware at April 20, 2009, in which we are one of many defendants. Electricians have filed a majority of these cases, primarily in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, generally seeking compensatory, special and punitive damages. Typically in these cases, the claimant alleges injury from alleged exposure to heat-resistant asbestos fiber. Our alleged predecessors had a small number of products that contained the fiber, but ceased production of such products more than 20 years ago. Through April 20, 2009, we have been dismissed, or reached agreement to be dismissed, in approximately 285 similar cases without any going to trial, and with only 31 of these involving any payment to the claimant. In our opinion, the proceedings and actions in which we are involved should not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results, or cash flows.

Item 1A: Risk Factors

There have been no material changes with respect to risk factors as previously disclosed in our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 6: Exhibits

Exhibits

Exhibit 31.1 Certificate of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to § 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Exhibit 31.2 Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to § 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Exhibit 32.1 Certificate of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Exhibit 32.2 Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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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.

BELDEN INC.

Date: May 6, 2009

By: /s/ John S. Stroup

John S. Stroup
President, Chief Executive Officer and
Director

Date: May 6, 2009

By: /s/ Gray G. Benoist

Gray G. Benoist
Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief
Financial Officer

Date: May 6, 2009

By: /s/ John S. Norman

John S. Norman
Vice President, Controller and Chief
Accounting Officer
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