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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended April 30, 2011

OR

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

For the transition period from _____to____

Commission File No. 0-21084

Champion Industries, Inc. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

West Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

55-0717455 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2450-90 1st Avenue
P.O. Box 2968
Huntington, WV 25728
(Address of principal executive offices)
(Zip Code)

(304) 528-2700 (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 |
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| the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant |
| was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ü |
| No |
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§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 large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

| Large accelerated filer o | relerated filer o Non-accelerated filer o | | Smaller reporting company b |
|--|---|---|---------------------------------|
| | | (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) | |
| Indicate by check mark 'No ü. | whether the registrant is | a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b | -2 of the Exchange Act). Yes |
| Indicate the number of s date. | hares outstanding of eac | ch of the issuer's classes of common stock | c, as of the latest practicable |
| Class Common stock, \$1.00 share |) par value per | Outstanding at April 30, 2011 9,987,913 shares | |

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets

| ASSETS | April 30, | October 31, |
|--|------------------|---------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 |
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$1,062,000 and \$1,297,000 | \$ 16,958,041 | \$ 18,133,748 |
| Inventories | 9,235,250 | 9,690,333 |
| Income tax refund | - | 36,293 |
| Other current assets | 709,158 | 652,178 |
| Deferred income tax assets | 1,085,658 | 1,144,519 |
| Total current assets | 27,988,107 | 29,657,071 |
| | | |
| Property and equipment, at cost: | | |
| Land | 2,016,148 | 2,016,148 |
| Buildings and improvements | 11,846,843 | 11,843,376 |
| Machinery and equipment | 55,230,222 | 55,025,237 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 4,226,651 | 4,171,194 |
| Vehicles | 3,301,165 | 3,266,898 |
| | 76,621,029 | 76,322,853 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (55,491,486) | (53,949,280) |
| · | 21,129,543 | 22,373,573 |
| | | |
| Goodwill | 15,332,283 | 15,332,283 |
| Deferred financing costs | 1,056,113 | 1,267,174 |
| Other intangibles, net of accumulated amortization | 4,974,803 | 5,195,361 |
| Trademark and masthead | 10,001,812 | 10,001,812 |
| Deferred tax asset, net of current portion | 8,009,971 | 8,370,151 |
| Other assets | 33,978 | 36,561 |
| | 39,408,960 | 40,203,342 |
| Total assets | \$ 88,526,610 | \$ 92,233,986 |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets (continued)

| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | April 30, | (| October 31, | | |
|--|----|-------------|----|-------------|--|--|
| | | 2011 | | 2010 | | |
| | (| (Unaudited) | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Negative book cash balances | \$ | 2,276,776 | \$ | 1,013,713 | | |
| Accounts payable | | 2,602,117 | | 4,116,087 | | |
| Deferred revenue | | 834,302 | | 720,549 | | |
| Accrued payroll and commissions | | 1,360,398 | | 2,115,922 | | |
| Taxes accrued and withheld | | 1,066,343 | | 1,125,726 | | |
| Accrued expenses | | 1,525,247 | | 1,930,327 | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt: | | | | | | |
| Notes payable | | 5,584,155 | | 5,484,842 | | |
| Total current liabilities | | 15,249,338 | | 16,507,166 | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Long-term debt, net of current portion: | | | | | | |
| Line of credit | | 9,941,742 | | 10,425,496 | | |
| Notes payable | | 39,342,673 | | 41,873,500 | | |
| Other liabilities | | 4,650 | | 5,550 | | |
| Total liabilities | | 64,538,403 | | 68,811,712 | | |
| Shareholders' equity: | | | | | | |
| Common stock, \$1 par value, 20,000,000 shares authorized; | | | | | | |
| 9,987,913 shares issued and outstanding | | 9,987,913 | | 9,987,913 | | |
| Additional paid-in capital | | 22,768,610 | | 22,768,610 | | |
| Retained deficit | | (8,768,316) | | (9,334,249) | | |
| Total shareholders' equity | | 23,988,207 | | 23,422,274 | | |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ | 88,526,610 | \$ | 92,233,986 | | |
| | | | | | | |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

| | | Three Months Ended April 30, | | | | Six Months Ended April 30, | | | |
|---|----|------------------------------|----|-------------|----|-------------------------------|----|-------------|--|
| | | 2011 | | 2010 | | 2011 | | 2010 | |
| Revenues: | | | | | | | | | |
| Printing | \$ | 19,659,905 | \$ | 21,716,395 | \$ | 39,218,084 | \$ | 41,465,866 | |
| Office products and office furniture | | 7,960,866 | | 8,352,579 | | 16,300,167 | | 16,614,293 | |
| Newspaper | | 3,469,820 | | 3,670,371 | | 7,477,495 | | 8,046,432 | |
| Total revenues | | 31,090,591 | | 33,739,345 | | 62,995,746 | | 66,126,591 | |
| Cost of sales & newspaper operating | | | | | | | | | |
| costs: | | | | | | | | | |
| Printing | | 14,559,862 | | 15,494,951 | | 29,680,704 | | 30,216,325 | |
| Office products and office furniture | | 5,492,742 | | 5,817,480 | | 11,592,228 | | 11,748,501 | |
| Newspaper cost of sales & operating | | | | | | | | | |
| costs | | 2,074,576 | | 2,022,702 | | 4,249,798 | | 4,151,308 | |
| Total cost of sales & newspaper | | | | | | | | | |
| operating costs | | 22,127,180 | | 23,335,133 | | 45,522,730 | | 46,116,134 | |
| Gross profit | | 8,963,411 | | 10,404,212 | | 17,473,016 | | 20,010,457 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Selling, general and administrative | | | | | | | | | |
| expenses | | 7,164,326 | | 8,327,677 | | 14,380,988 | | 17,044,322 | |
| Restructuring charges | | - | | 139,084 | | 220,658 | | 139,084 | |
| | | 7,164,326 | | 8,466,761 | | 14,601,646 | | 17,183,406 | |
| Income from operations | | 1,799,085 | | 1,937,451 | | 2,871,370 | | 2,827,051 | |
| Other income (expenses): | | 1,777,003 | | 1,937,431 | | 2,071,370 | | 2,027,031 | |
| Interest income | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | |
| Interest expense | | (945,776) | | (1,362,639) | | (1,914,598) | | (2,932,450) | |
| Other | | 28,832 | | 7,085 | | 45,513 | | 311,666 | |
| | | (916,944) | | (1,355,554) | | (1,869,085) | | (2,620,784) | |
| | | 000 141 | | | | 1 002 205 | | | |
| Income before income taxes | | 882,141 | | 581,897 | | 1,002,285 | | 206,267 | |
| Income tax expense | ф | (389,429) | ф | (248,436) | ф | (436,352) | ф | (85,492) | |
| Net income | \$ | 492,712 | \$ | 333,461 | \$ | 565,933 | \$ | 120,775 | |
| Earnings per share | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | \$ | 0.05 | \$ | 0.03 | \$ | 0.06 | \$ | 0.01 | |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.05 | \$ | 0.03 | \$ | 0.06 | \$ | 0.01 | |
| Weighted average shares outstanding: | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | | 9,988,000 | | 9,988,000 | | 9,988,000 | | 9,988,000 | |
| Diluted | | 9,988,000 | | 9,988,000 | | 9,988,000 | | 9,988,000 | |
| Dividends per share | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | |
| See notes to consolidated financial statements. | | | | | | | | | |

Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity (Unaudited)

| | | | I | Additional | | | | Other | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------|------------|------------------|-----|-----------|---------------|--------|----|------------|
| | Commo | on S | tock | | Paid-In Retained | | | Comprehensive | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | (Loss) | | |
| | Shares | | Amount | | Capital | De | ficit | | Income | | Total |
| Balance, October 31, 2010 | 9,987,913 | \$ | 9,987,913 | \$ | 22,768,610 | \$ | (9,334,24 | 49) 3 | \$ - | \$ | 23,422,274 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net Income | - | | - | | - | | 565,93 | 33 | - | | 565,933 |
| Total comprehensive | | | | | | | | | | | 565 022 |
| income | - | | - | | - | | 565,93 | 33 | - | | 565,933 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance, April 30, 2011 | 9,987,913 | \$ | 9,987,913 | \$ | 22,768,610 | \$ | (8,768,3 | 16)\$ | - | \$ | 23,988,207 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | See note | es to | consolidate | d f | inancial state | eme | nts. | | | | |
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Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

| | | Six Months Ended April 30, | | | | | |
|--|----|----------------------------|----|--------------|--|--|--|
| | | 2011 | | 2010 | | | |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | | | | | |
| Net income | \$ | 565,933 | \$ | 120,775 | | | |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to | | | | | | | |
| cash provided by operating activities: | | | | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | | 2,017,602 | | 2,188,029 | | | |
| (Gain) Loss on sale of assets | | (13,901) | | 10,686 | | | |
| Deferred income taxes | | 419,041 | | 119,082 | | | |
| Deferred financing costs | | 211,060 | | 161,550 | | | |
| Bad debt expense | | 10,367 | | 201,298 | | | |
| Gain on hedging agreements | | - | | (284,079) | | | |
| Restructuring charges | | 249,509 | | - | | | |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | | | | | | |
| Accounts receivable | | 1,165,340 | | 342,622 | | | |
| Inventories | | 455,083 | | 665,562 | | | |
| Other current assets | | (56,980) | | (383,997) | | | |
| Accounts payable | | (1,698,531) | | 131,517 | | | |
| Deferred revenue | | 113,753 | | 163,686 | | | |
| Accrued payroll | | (755,524) | | (307,805) | | | |
| Taxes accrued and withheld | | (59,383) | | 228,887 | | | |
| Income taxes | | 36,293 | | (63,280) | | | |
| Accrued expenses | | (470,027) | | (42,681) | | | |
| Other liabilities | | (900) | | (900) | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | | 2,188,735 | | 3,250,952 | | | |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | | | | | |
| Purchases of property and equipment | | (263,911) | | (179,393) | | | |
| Proceeds from sales of property | | 75,765 | | 20,192 | | | |
| Change in other assets | | 2,583 | | 5,584 | | | |
| Net cash used in investing activities | | (185,563) | | (153,617) | | | |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | | | | | |
| Borrowings on line of credit | | 25,880,000 | | 20,440,000 | | | |
| Payments on line of credit | | (26,340,000) | | (19,060,000) | | | |
| Increase in negative book cash balances | | 1,263,063 | | 1,298,725 | | | |
| Principal payments on long-term debt | | (2,806,235) | | (6,663,527) | | | |
| Payments on debt amendment costs | | - | | (271,815) | | | |
| Net cash used in financing activities | | (2,003,172) | | (4,256,617) | | | |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | | - | | (1,159,282) | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | | _ | | 1,159,282 | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ | - | \$ | | | | |
| See notes to consolidated f | · | nts. | • | | | | |

Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

April 30, 2011

1. Basis of Presentation, Business Operations and Recent Accounting Pronouncements

The foregoing financial information has been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") and rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission for interim financial reporting. The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates. In the opinion of management, the financial information reflects all adjustments (consisting of items of a normal recurring nature) necessary for a fair presentation of financial position, results of operations and cash flows in conformity with GAAP. These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2010, and related notes thereto contained in Champion Industries, Inc.'s Form 10-K filed January 28, 2011. The accompanying interim financial information is unaudited. The results of operations for the period are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. The balance sheet information as of October 31, 2010 was derived from our audited financial statements. Certain prior-period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year financial statement presentation.

2. Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average shares of common stock outstanding for the period and excludes any dilutive effects of stock options. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average shares of common stock outstanding for the period plus the shares that would be outstanding assuming the exercise of dilutive stock options. There was no dilutive effect of stock options for the three and six months ended April 30, 2011 and 2010.

3. Accounts Receivable, Allowance for Doubtful Accounts and Revenue Recognition

Accounts Receivable: Accounts receivable are stated at the amount billed to customers. Accounts receivable are ordinarily due 30 days from the invoice date. The Company encounters risks associated with sales and the collection of the associated accounts receivable. As such, the Company records a monthly provision for accounts receivable that are considered to be uncollectible. In order to calculate the appropriate monthly provision, the Company primarily utilizes a historical rate of accounts receivable written off as a percentage of total revenue. This historical rate is applied to the current revenues on a monthly basis. The historical rate is updated periodically based on events that may change the rate such as a significant increase or decrease in collection performance and timing of payments as well as the calculated total exposure in relation to the allowance. Periodically, the Company compares the identified credit risks with the allowance that has been established using historical experience and adjusts the allowance accordingly.

Revenue Recognition: Revenues are recognized when products are shipped or ownership is transferred and when services are rendered to customers. The Company acts as a principal party in sales transactions, assumes title to products and assumes the risks and rewards of ownership including risk of loss for collection, delivery or returns. The Company typically recognizes revenue for the majority of its products upon shipment to the customer and transfer of title. Under agreements with certain customers, custom forms may be stored by the Company for future delivery. In these situations, the Company may receive a logistics and warehouse management fee for the services provided. In these cases, delivery and bill schedules are outlined with the customer and product revenue is recognized when manufacturing is complete and the product is received into the warehouse, title transfers to the customer, the order is invoiced and there is reasonable assurance of collectability. Since the majority of products are customized, product returns are not significant. Therefore, the Company records sales on a gross basis. Advertising revenues are

recognized, net of agency commissions, in the period when advertising is printed or placed on websites. Circulation revenues are recognized when purchased newspapers are distributed. Amounts received from customers in advance of revenue recognized are recorded as deferred revenue.

Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) (continued)

4. Inventories

Inventories are principally stated at the lower of first-in, first-out cost or market. Manufactured finished goods and work in process inventories include material, direct labor and overhead based on standard costs, which approximate actual costs. The Company utilizes an estimated gross profit method for determining cost of sales in interim periods.

Inventories consisted of the following:

| | April 30, 2011 | Octob 2010 | per 31, |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Printing and newspaper: | | | |
| Raw materials | \$2,611,780 | \$ | 2,897,036 |
| Work in process | 1,373,592 | | 1,130,291 |
| Finished goods | 3,005,932 | | 3,451,815 |
| Office products and office furniture | 2,243,946 | | 2,211,191 |
| | \$ 9,235,250 | \$ | 9,690,333 |

5. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

| | April 30, | October 31, |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 |
| Installment notes payable to banks & shareholder | \$ 4,318,850 | \$ 4,300,364 |
| Term loan facility with syndicate of banks | 40,607,978 | 43,057,978 |
| | 44,926,828 | 47,358,342 |
| Less current portion | 5,584,155 | 5,484,842 |
| Long-term debt, net of current portion | \$ 39,342,673 \$ | 41,873,500 |

Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) (continued)

On December 29, 2009, the Company, Marshall T. Reynolds, Fifth Third Bank, as Administrative Agent for lenders under the Company's Credit Agreement dated September 14, 2007, and the other lenders entered into a Forbearance Agreement. The Forbearance Agreement, among other provisions, required Marshall T. Reynolds to lend to the Company \$3,000,000 in exchange for a subordinated unsecured promissory note in like amount, payment of principal and interest on which is prohibited until payment of all liabilities under the Credit Agreement. The subordinated unsecured promissory note, bearing interest at a floating Wall Street Journal prime rate and maturing September 14, 2014, and a debt subordination agreement, both dated December 29, 2009, were executed and delivered, and Mr. Reynolds advanced \$3,000,000 to the Company. The \$3,000,000 was applied to a prepayment of \$3,000,000 of the Company's loans. The Forbearance Agreement expired on March 31, 2010 and the Company entered into a Second Amendment and Waiver to Credit Agreement.

On March 31, 2010, the Company, Fifth Third Bank, as a Lender, L/C Issuer and Administrative Agent for Lenders (the "Administrative Agent") and the other Lenders party to Champion's Credit Agreement dated September 14, 2007 (the "Credit Agreement") entered into a Second Amendment and Waiver to Credit Agreement (the "Second Amendment"). All conditions precedent to the effectiveness of the Second Amendment were satisfied on April 6, 2010. The Company has pledged substantially all of the assets of the Company as collateral for the indebtedness under the Credit Agreement.

In the Second Amendment the Administrative Agent and Lenders waived any default or event of default arising from Champion's previously disclosed violations of provisions of the Credit Agreement. The Second Amendment amended various provisions of the Credit Agreement, including but not limited to:

- a \$17,000,000 revolving credit facility with a sublimit of up to \$3,000,000 for letters of credit and \$3,000,000 for swing line loans. Outstanding borrowings, thereunder, may not exceed the sum of (1) up to 85% of eligible receivable plus (b) up to the lesser of \$6,000,000 or 50% of eligible inventory.
 - at the Company's option, interest at a LIBOR Rate, so long as no default exists.
 - post-default increase in interest rate of 2%.
 - amendment of various financial covenants.
 - fixed charge coverage ratio is required to be 1.0:1.0 through January 31, 2011; 1.1:1.0 through January 31, 2012 and 1.20:1.00 thereafter
- leverage ratio shall not be greater then 6.5:1.00 at April 30, 2010 with 0.5:1.00 step-downs quarterly through April 30, 2011 and 0.25:1.00 quarterly step-downs through April 30, 2012.
- minimum EBITDA pursuant to a quarterly build up commencing with the three months ended April 30, 2010 of \$2,700,000, the six months ended July 31, 2010 of \$5,400,000, the nine months ended October 31, 2010 of \$8,900,000 and the twelve months ended January 31, 2011 of \$11,800,000, thereafter varying quarterly step-ups culminating in twelve months trailing EBITDA of \$14,300,000 at October 31, 2012.
- maximum capital expenditures are limited to \$2,000,000 per fiscal year for the years ended October 31, 2010 and 2011 and \$2,500,000 thereafter.
- enhanced reporting by the Company to Administrative Agent, including monthly reports and conference calls, quarterly reports by the Company's independent auditors of restructuring charges and organizational expense reductions.
 - application of the Company's income tax refunds applied to reduce indebtedness under the Credit Agreement.
 - Restrictions on payment of dividends based on various covenant compliance thresholds.

The Company was in compliance with the covenants of its credit agreements at April 30, 2011 as set forth in the filing by the Company of the applicable compliance certificate for such period. Failure to maintain compliance with financial covenants as required by our credit facility could result in default and acceleration of amounts due under those facilities. The Company is required to maintain a minimum of \$750,000 of compensating balances with the Administrative Agent under the terms of its Credit Agreement.

Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

As required by the Second Amendment, the Company, Marshall T. Reynolds and the Administrative Agent entered into a Contribution Agreement and Cash Collateral Security Agreement dated March 31, 2010 (the "Contribution Agreement") pursuant to which Mr. Reynolds deposited \$2,500,000 as cash collateral with the Administrative Agent, which the Administrative Agent may withdraw upon an event of default or to satisfy certain covenant provisions under the Credit Agreement.

Mr. Reynolds has granted the Administrative Agent a first priority security interest in the cash collateral.

Amounts drawn down by the Administrative Agent will be applied to repayment of the Company's obligations under the Credit Agreement. The Contribution Agreement expires upon the earliest of (i) full drawdown of the \$2,500,000 deposited, (ii) repayment in full of all obligations under the Credit Agreement and termination of all commitments thereunder and (iii) the Administrative Agent's determination that the Company has achieved a fixed charge coverage ratio of at least 1.2 to 1.0 as of the last day of two consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company.

In connection with the Contribution Agreement, the Company executed and delivered to Mr. Reynolds a Subordinated Promissory Note in amount of \$2,500,000, payment of principal and interest on which is prohibited prior to January 31, 2011, and thereafter only with the Administrative Agent's consent. The Subordinated Promissory Note bears interest at the Wall Street Journal prime rate (3.25% at inception and at April 30, 2011), matures September 14, 2014 and is unsecured.

The Company had borrowed under its \$17.0 million line of credit approximately \$9.9 million at April 30, 2011. Pursuant to the terms of the Second Amendment, the Company's borrowing base certificate as submitted to the Administrative Agent reflected minimum excess availability of \$4.4 million as of April 30, 2011. The minimum excess availability is subject to a \$1.0 million reserve and may be adjusted by the Administrative Agent.

The Company is required to make certain mandatory payments on its credit facilities related to (1) net proceeds received from a loss subject to applicable thresholds, (2) equity proceeds and (3) effective January 31, 2009, and continuing each year thereafter under the terms of the agreement the Company is required to prepay its credit facilities by 75% of excess cash flow for its most recently completed fiscal year. The excess cash flow for purposes of this calculation is defined as the difference (if any) between (a) EBITDA for such period and (b) federal, state and local income taxes paid in cash during such period plus capital expenditures during such period not financed with indebtedness plus interest expense paid in cash during such period plus the aggregate amount of scheduled payments made by the Company and its Subsidiaries during such period in respect of all principal on all indebtedness (whether at maturity, as a result of mandatory sinking fund redemption, or otherwise), plus restricted payments paid in cash by the Company during such period in compliance with the Credit Agreement. The Company had no prepayment obligation due under its prepayment obligation for fiscal 2009 and 2010 that would have been payable January 2010 and 2011 pursuant to the applicable calculations of the Second Amendment to the Credit Agreement.

The Company may incur costs in 2011 related to facility consolidations, employee termination costs and other restructuring related activities. These costs may be incurred, in part, as a response to the Company's efforts to overcome the impact of the global economic crisis.

The non-cash financing and investing activities for the three and six months ended April 30, 2011 and 2010 related primarily to equipment and vehicle purchases of \$215,000 and \$351,000 in 2011 and \$93,000 and \$196,000 in 2010.

Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) (continued)

6. Commitments and Contingencies

As of April 30, 2011 the Company had contractual obligations in the form of leases and debt as follows:

Payments Due by Fiscal Year

| Contractual Obligations | 2011 | | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | Resid | lual | Total |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------|------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|------|----------------|
| Non-cancelable | | | | | | | ф | ф | |
| operating leases | \$ 660, | 319 \$ | 1,212,050 | \$ 1,119,892 | \$ 441,655 | \$ 51,640 | \$ - | \$ | 3,485,556 |
| Revolving line of credit | | - | 9,941,742 | - | - | - | - | | 9,941,742 |
| Term debt | 2,884, | 966 | 5,466,449 | 33,505,398 | 3,070,015 | _ | _ | 4 | 44,926,828 |
| | _,,,, | | 2,122,13 | , , | -,-,-, | | | | 1,,, = 0,0 = 0 |
| | \$ 3,545, | 285 \$ | 16,620,241 | \$ 34,625,290 | \$ 3,511,670 | \$ 51,640 | \$ - | \$: | 58,354,126 |

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7. Industry Segment Information

The Company operates principally in three industry segments organized on the basis of product lines: the production, printing and sale, principally to commercial customers, of printed materials (including brochures, pamphlets, reports, tags, continuous and other forms), the sale of office products and office furniture including interior design services and publication of The Herald-Dispatch daily newspaper in Huntington, West Virginia, with a total daily and Sunday circulation of approximately 23,000 and 29,000, respectively.

Our financial reporting systems present various data which is used to operate and measure our operating performance, including internal statements of operations which are prepared on a basis inconsistent with GAAP. Therefore, the segment reporting may not necessarily be consistent with GAAP reporting. Furthermore, because of our integrated business structure, operating costs included in one segment may benefit other segments, as a result of this structure these segments are not specifically designed to measure operating income or loss directly related to the products or services included in each segment.

The identifiable assets are reflective of non-GAAP assets reported on the Company's internal balance sheets and are typically adjusted for negative book cash balances, taxes, and other items excluded for segment reporting. The total assets reported on the Company's balance sheet as of April 30, 2011 and 2010 are \$88,526,610 and \$97,147,978. The identifiable assets reported above represent \$79,430,981 and \$85,586,519 at April 30, 2011 and 2010.

The table below presents information about reported segments for the three and six months ended April 30:

The table below presents information about reported segments for the three and six months ended April 30:

| | (| Office Products | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 2011 Quarter 2 | Printing | & Furniture | Newspaper | Total |
| | | | | |
| Revenues | \$ 20,854,240 \$ | 9,571,166 | 3,469,820 \$ | 33,895,226 |
| Elimination of intersegment revenue | (1,194,335) | (1,610,300) | - | (2,804,635) |
| Consolidated revenues | \$ 19,659,905 \$ | 7,960,866 | 3,469,820 \$ | 31,090,591 |
| | | | | |
| Operating income | 937,625 | 473,211 | 388,249 | 1,799,085 |
| Depreciation & amortization | 689,480 | 33,852 | 283,940 | 1,007,272 |
| Capital expenditures | 278,018 | 37,900 | 12,218 | 328,136 |
| Identifiable assets | 38,396,677 | 6,584,288 | 34,450,016 | 79,430,981 |
| Goodwill | 2,226,837 | 1,230,485 | 11,874,961 | 15,332,283 |
| | | | | |
| | (| Office Products | | |
| 2010 Quarter 2 | Printing | & Furniture | Newspaper | Total |
| | | | | |
| Revenues | \$ 24,535,723 \$ | 9,954,527 | 3,670,371 \$ | 38,160,621 |
| Elimination of intersegment revenue | (2,819,328) | (1,601,948) | - | (4,421,276) |
| Consolidated revenues | \$ 21,716,395 \$ | 8,352,579 | 3,670,371 \$ | 33,739,345 |
| | | | | |
| Operating income | 646,608 | 582,585 | 708,258 | 1,937,451 |
| Depreciation & amortization | 766,334 | 31,103 | 172,951 | 970,388 |
| Capital expenditures | 141,388 | 5,442 | 18,088 | 164,918 |
| | | | | |

| Identifiable assets | 42,584,807 | 7,140,092 | 35,861,620 | 85,586,519 |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Goodwill | 2,226,837 | 1,230,485 | 11,874,961 | 15,332,283 |
| | | | | |

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| | | | Office Prod | lucts | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|------------|-------------|-------|-------------|------|------------|----|-------------|
| 2011 Year to Date | | Printing | & Furniti | ıre | Newspape | r | | | Total |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Revenues | \$ | 41,936,821 | \$ 19,564 | ,168 | \$ 7,477,4 | 195 | | \$ | 68,978,484 |
| Elimination of intersegment | | | | | | | | | |
| revenue | | (2,718,737 |) (3,264 | ,001) |) | | | - | (5,982,738) |
| Consolidated revenues | \$ | 39,218,084 | \$ 16,300 | ,167 | \$ 7,477,4 | 195 | | \$ | 62,995,746 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating income | | 827,973 | | ,939 | 1,224,4 | | | | 2,871,370 |
| Depreciation & amortization | | 1,381,809 | 67 | ,724 | 568,06 | 9 | | | 2,017,602 |
| Capital expenditures | | 530,230 | | ,457 | 29,191 | | | | 614,878 |
| Identifiable assets | | 38,396,677 | 6,584 | ,288 | 34,450 | | | | 79,430,981 |
| Goodwill | | 2,226,837 | 1,230 |),485 | 11,874 | ,961 | | | 15,332,283 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | ce Products | | | | |
| 2010 Year to Date | |] | Printing | & | Furniture | News | spaper | | Total |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Revenues | | \$ | 46,931,754 | | 19,846,919 | | 3,046,432 | \$ | 74,825,105 |
| Elimination of intersegment revenue | • | | (5,465,888) | | (3,232,626) | | | | (8,698,514) |
| Consolidated revenues | | \$ | 41,465,866 | \$ | 16,614,293 | \$ 8 | 3,046,432 | \$ | 66,126,591 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating income | | | 152,045 | | 951,837 | | 1,723,169 | | 2,827,051 |
| Depreciation & amortization | | | 1,552,524 | | 68,936 | | 566,569 | | 2,188,029 |
| Capital expenditures | | | 322,467 | | 9,488 | | 13,429 | | 375,384 |
| Identifiable assets | | | 42,584,807 | | 7,140,092 | | 35,861,620 | | 85,586,519 |
| Goodwill | | | 2,226,837 | | 1,230,485 | 1 | 11,874,961 | | 15,332,283 |

A reconciliation of total segment revenues and of total segment operating income to consolidated income before income taxes, for the three and six months ended April 30, 2011 and 2010, is as follows:

| | Three months | | | Six 1 | ths | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|----|-------------|------------------|-----|-------------|
| | 2011 | | 2010 | 2011 | | 2010 |
| Revenues: | | | | | | |
| Total segment revenues | \$ 33,895,226 | \$ | 38,160,621 | \$ 68,978,484 | \$ | 74,825,105 |
| Elimination of intersegment revenue | (2,804,635) | | (4,421,276) | (5,982,738) | | (8,698,514) |
| Consolidated revenue | \$ 31,090,591 | \$ | 33,739,345 | \$ 62,995,746 | \$ | 66,126,591 |
| | | | | | | |
| Operating income: | | | | | | |
| Total segment operating income | \$ 1,799,085 | \$ | 1,937,451 | \$ 2,871,370 | \$ | 2,827,051 |
| Interest income | - | | - | - | | - |
| Interest expense | (945,776) | | (1,362,639) | (1,914,598) | | (2,932,450) |
| Other income | 28,832 | | 7,085 | 45,513 | | 311,666 |
| Consolidated income before income | | | | | | |
| taxes | \$ 882,141 | \$ | 581,897 | \$ 1,002,285 | \$ | 206,267 |
| | | | | | | |
| Identifiable assets: | | | | | | |

| Total segment identifiable assets | \$ 79,430,981 | \$ 85,586,519 | \$ 79,430,981 | \$ 85,586,519 | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| Assets not allocated to a segment | 9,095,629 | 11,561,459 | 9,095,629 | 11,561,459 | |
| Total consolidated assets | \$ 88,526,610 | \$ 97,147,978 | \$ 88,526,610 | \$ 97,147,978 | |

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8. Fair Value of Financial Instruments, Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company manages exposure to changes in market interest rates. The Company's use of derivative instruments is limited to highly effective fixed and floating interest rate swap agreements used to manage well-defined interest rate risk exposures. The Company monitors its positions and the credit ratings of its counterparties and does not anticipate non-performance by the counterparties. Interest rate swap agreements are not entered into for trading purposes.

At September 28, 2007, the Company was party to an interest rate swap agreement which terminated on October 29, 2010. The swap agreement was with a major financial institution and aggregated \$25 million in notional principal amount representing approximately \$20.2 million of outstanding notional principal at April 30, 2010. This swap agreement effectively converted \$25 million of variable interest rate debt to fixed rate debt. The swap agreement required the Company to make fixed interest payments based on an average effective rate of 4.78% and receive variable interest payments from its counterparties based on one-month LIBOR (actual rate of 0.27% at April 30, 2010). Therefore, in the three months ended January 31, 2010 the Company recorded as a component of other income \$284,000, related to its hedging arrangement, or \$170,000 net of income tax. Effective with the Second Amendment, the Company's eligibility for LIBOR borrowings was reinstated. Therefore, for the three months ended April 30, 2010, the Company recorded a net change in the fair value of the fixed interest rate swap agreement in the amount of \$142,000, net of income tax, as other comprehensive income. Due to the termination of LIBOR borrowing eligibility from the Administrative Agent, the Company recorded a loss in 2009 from ineffectiveness in its hedging arrangement.

There is a fair value hierarchy for those instruments measured at fair value that distinguishes between assumptions based on market data (observable inputs) and our own assumptions (unobservable inputs). The hierarchy consists of three levels:

- Level 1 Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 Inputs other than Level 1 inputs that are either directly or indirectly observable; and
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs developed using estimates and assumptions developed by the Company, which reflect those that a

market participant would use.

Our interest bearing debt is primarily composed of a revolving line of credit and term loan facility with a syndicate of banks. The Company believes the carrying amount of these facilities approximates fair value due to these facilities carrying a variable interest rate based on recent market conditions.

Cash and cash equivalents consist principally of cash on deposit with banks. All highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less. The Company's cash deposits in excess of federally insured amounts are primarily maintained at a large well-known financial institution.

The carrying amounts of the Company's accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued payrolls and commissions, taxes accrued and withheld and accrued expenses approximates fair value due to their short-term nature.

The Company's interest rate swap derivative liability is based on third party valuation models, and is therefore classified as having level 2 inputs as of April 30, 2010. The interest rate swap agreement expired on October 29, 2010; and therefore there is no balance at April 30, 2011.

| | April 30, 2011 and 2010 | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|---------|------------|--|--|--|
| Liabilities: | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total | | | |
| Interest rate swap at (2011) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| Interest rate swap at (2010) | \$ - | \$ 442,560 | \$ - | \$ 442,560 | | | |

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9. Restructuring of Operations

In fiscal 2010 and the first quarter of fiscal 2011, the Company recorded charges related to a restructuring and profitability enhancement plan. This plan was implemented to effectuate certain key initiatives and was an integral component of the Second Amendment and Waiver to the Credit Agreement (Second Amendment). These actions were taken to comply with the provisions and targeted covenants of the Second Amendment and to address the impact of the global economic crisis on the Company. The Company may incur additional costs in future periods to address the ongoing and fluid nature of the economic crisis. The amount of future charges are currently not estimable by the Company.

The plan was implemented to address several key initiatives, including streamlining production and administrative operations and headcount reductions. The aggregate pre-tax charge resulting from these actions was \$2.1 million (\$1.2 million after tax or \$0.12 per share on a basic and diluted basis). The charges were comprised of \$1.3 million associated with excess facility and maintenance costs, primarily related to operating leases, inventory related costs of \$200,000 and costs associated with streamlining production and personnel related separation costs of \$565,000. The costs associated with the restructuring and profitability enhancement plan are primarily recorded in the restructuring charges line item as part of operating income. Inventory is recorded as a component of cost of sales.

The following information summarizes the costs incurred with respect to restructuring, integration and asset impairment charges during the three and six months ended April 30, 2011 and 2010, as well as the cumulative total of such costs representing fiscal 2010 and the six months of 2011, respectively, and such costs are included as a component of the printing segment:

| | Three Months Ended April 30, 2011 | Three Months Ended April 30, 2010 | Six Months Ended April 30, 2011 | Six Months Ended April 30, 2010 | Cumulative Total |
|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Occupancy and equipment related costs | \$ - | \$- | \$ 123,553 | \$ - | \$1,296,728 |
| Costs incurred to streamline production, personnel and other Inventory | - | 139,084 | 97,105 | 139,084 | 564,726 |
| | - | - | 28,851 | - | 200,380 |
| Total | \$ - | \$ 139,084 | \$ 249,509 | \$ 139,084 | \$ 2,061,834 |

The activity pertaining to the Company's accruals related to restructuring and other charges since October 31, 2010, including additions and payments made are summarized below:

| | Occupancy and equipment related costs | Costs incurred to streamline production, personnel and other | Total |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Balance at October 31, 2 | 010 \$1,037,548 | \$ 8,462 | \$ 1,046,010 |
| 2011 expenses | 123,553 | 97,105 | 220,658 |

| Paid in 2011 | (254,403) | (154,559) | (408,962) |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| D1 'C' 4' | (120.502) | 120.502 | |

Reclassifications (139,503) 139,503 -

Balance at April 30, 2011 \$ 767,195 \$ 90,511 \$ 857,706

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

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, information derived from the Consolidated Statements of Operations as a percentage of total revenues.

| | Percentage of Total Revenues | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|--|
| | Three Month April 3 | | Six Months Ended April 30, | | |
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | |
| | | | | | |
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Printing | 63.2% | 64.4% | 62.2% | 62.7% | |
| Office products and office furniture | 25.6 | 24.8 | 25.9 | 25.1 | |
| Newspaper | 11.2 | 10.8 | 11.9 | 12.2 | |
| Total revenues | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |
| | | | | | |
| Cost of sales and newspaper operating costs: | | | | | |
| Printing | 46.8 | 45.9 | 47.2 | 45.7 | |
| Office products and office furniture | 17.7 | 17.3 | 18.4 | 17.7 | |
| Newspaper cost of sales and operating costs | 6.7 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 6.3 | |
| Total cost of sales and newspaper operating | | | | | |
| costs | 71.2 | 69.2 | 72.3 | 69.7 | |
| Gross profit | 28.8 | 30.8 | 27.7 | 30.3 | |
| S Selling, general and administrative | | | | | |
| expenses | 23.0 | 24.7 | 22.8 | 25.8 | |
| Restructuring charge | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | |
| Income from operations | 5.8 | 5.7 | 4.5 | 4.3 | |
| Interest income | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Interest expense | (3.0) | (4.0) | (3.0) | (4.4) | |
| Other income | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | |
| | | | | | |
| Income before taxes | 2.9 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 0.3 | |
| Income tax expense | (1.3) | (0.7) | (0.7) | (0.1) | |
| Net income | 1.6% | 1.0% | 0.9% | 0.2% | |

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Three Months Ended April 30, 2011 Compared to Three Months Ended April 30, 2010

Revenues

Total revenues decreased 7.9% in the second quarter of 2011 compared to the same period in 2010, to \$31.1 million from \$33.7 million. Printing revenue decreased 9.5% in the second quarter of 2011, to \$19.7 million from \$21.7 million in the second quarter of 2010. Office products and office furniture revenue decreased 4.7% in the second quarter of 2011, to \$8.0 million from \$8.4 million in the second quarter of 2010. The decrease in printing sales was primarily associated with the continued impact of the global economic crisis. Office products and office furniture sales were weaker in the second quarter of 2011 when compared to the second quarter of 2010 due to sales decreases in both product lines. The Company recorded newspaper revenues associated with The Herald-Dispatch of approximately \$3.5 million, consisting of advertising revenue of approximately \$2.6 million and \$0.9 million in circulation revenues for the three months ended April 30, 2011. The Company recorded newspaper revenues associated with The Herald-Dispatch of approximately \$3.7 million, consisting of advertising revenue of approximately \$2.8 million and \$0.9 million in circulation revenues for the three months ended April 30, 2010. The on-line revenues for the three months ended April 30, 2011 and April 30, 2010 approximated \$284,000 and \$299,000 and are recorded as a component of advertising revenue. The decrease in newspaper revenue is primarily associated with a decrease in advertising revenues which we believe is reflective of macro industry dynamics coupled with the residual effect of the global economic crisis.

Cost of Sales

Total cost of sales decreased 5.2% in the second quarter of 2011, to \$22.1 million from \$23.3 million in the second quarter of 2010. Printing cost of sales in the second quarter of 2011 decreased \$0.9 million over the prior year and increased as a percentage of printing sales from 71.4% in 2010 to 74.1% in 2011. The printing gross margin dollar decrease is attributed to higher materials costs as a percentage of printing sales coupled with lower overall printing sales. Office products and office furniture cost of sales decreased in 2011 from 2010 levels due to lower sales and lower cost of goods sold as a percentage of office products and office furniture sales of 69.6% in 2010 to 69.0% in 2011, thus representing improved gross margin percent in the office products and office furniture segment. Newspaper cost of sales and operating costs as a percent of newspaper sales were 59.8% and 55.1% for the three months ended April 30, 2011 and 2010. This was primarily associated with increases in newsprint prices.

Operating Expenses

In the second quarter of 2011, selling, general and administrative (S,G&A) expenses decreased on a gross dollar basis to \$7.2 million from \$8.3 million in 2010, a decrease of \$1.2 million or 14.0%. As a percentage of total sales, the selling, general and administrative expenses decreased on a quarter to quarter basis in 2011 to 23.0% from 24.7% in 2010. The decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses is primarily reflective of cost reduction initiatives. These initiatives were initiated by the Company in response to the global economic crisis. In addition, in 2011, the Company reported a decrease in bad debt expense and a payroll reduction adjustment. In 2010, the Company incurred costs associated with the successful defense of a legal action approximating \$270,000.

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Income from Operations and Other Income and Expenses

Income from operations decreased in the second quarter of 2011, to \$1.8 million from \$1.9 million in the second quarter of 2010. This decrease is the result of lower gross margin dollar contributions partially offset by lower selling, general and administrative expenses. The second quarter of 2010 was impacted by the expenses associated with the successful defense of a legal action approximating \$270,000 and restructuring related costs, primarily associated with equipment relocation related costs to effectuate and streamline plant productivity, severance and operational realignment costs approximating \$139,000. Other expense (net), decreased approximately \$0.4 million from 2010 to 2011, primarily due to decreases in interest expense resulting from lower debt levels and lower interest rates primarily associated with the expiration of an interest rate swap contract in the fourth quarter of 2010.

Income Taxes

The Company's effective income tax expense rate was an expense of 44.1% for the second quarter of 2011 and an expense of 42.7% for the second quarter of 2010. The effective income tax rate approximates the combined federal and state, net of federal benefit, statutory income tax rate.

Net Income

Net income for the second quarter of 2011 was \$493,000 compared to \$333,000 in the second quarter of 2010. Basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended April 30, 2011 and 2010 were \$0.05 and \$0.03.

Six Months Ended April 30, 2011 Compared to Six Months Ended April 30, 2010

Revenues

Total revenues decreased 4.7% in the first six months of 2011 compared to the same period in 2010, to \$63.0 million from \$66.1 million. Printing revenue decreased 5.4% in the six month period ended April 30, 2011 to \$39.2 million from \$41.5 million in the same period in 2010. Office products and office furniture revenue decreased 1.9% in the six month period ended April 30, 2011, to \$16.3 million from \$16.6 million in the same period in 2010. The decrease in printing sales was primarily associated with the continued impact of the global economic crisis. The decrease in office products and office furniture sales was primarily due to lower sales in both product lines. The Company recorded newspaper revenues associated with The Herald-Dispatch of approximately \$7.5 million consisting of advertising revenues of approximately \$5.7 million and \$1.8 million in circulation revenues for the six months ended April 30, 2011. The Company recorded newspaper revenues associated with The Herald-Dispatch of approximately \$8.0 million consisting of advertising revenues of approximately \$6.1 million and \$1.9 million in circulation revenues for the six months ended April 30, 2010. The on-line revenues for the six months ended April 30, 2011 and 2010 approximated \$0.5 and \$0.6 million and are recorded as a component of advertising revenue. The decrease in newspaper revenue is primarily associated with a decrease in advertising revenues which we believe is reflective of macro industry dynamics coupled with the residual effect of the global economic crisis.

Cost of Sales

Total cost of sales decreased 1.3% in the six months ended April 30, 2011, to \$45.5 million from \$46.1 million in the six months ended April 30, 2010. Printing cost of sales decreased 1.8% in the six months ended April 30, 2011, to \$29.7 million from \$30.2 million in the six months ended April 30, 2010. The decrease in printing cost of sales was

primarily due to the decrease in printing sales partially offset by lowered gross margin percent. Office products and office furniture cost of sales decreased 1.3% in the six months ended April 30, 2011, to \$11.6 million from \$11.7 million for the six months ended April 30, 2010. Newspaper cost of sales and operating costs as a percent of newspaper sales were 56.8% and 51.6% for the six months ended April 30, 2011 and 2010. This was primarily associated with increases in newsprint.

Operating Expenses

During the six months ended April 30, 2011, compared to the same period in 2010, selling, general and administrative expenses decreased as a percentage and total dollars of sales to 22.8% from 25.8%. Total selling, general and administrative expenses (S,G & A) decreased \$2.7 million. The decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses is primarily reflective of cost reduction initiatives. These initiatives were initiated by the Company in response to the global economic crisis. In addition, in 2011, the Company reported a decrease in bad debt expense and a payroll reduction adjustment. In 2010, SG&A was impacted by various costs associated with the Company's successful defense of a legal action approximating \$330,000.

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Income from Operations and Other Income and Expenses

Income from operations increased 1.6% in the six month period ended April 30, 2011, to \$2.9 million from \$2.8 million in the same period of 2010. This increase is the result of reduced SG&A offset by lower gross profit contribution. The 2011 results were partially offset by restructuring related charges of approximately \$250,000, of which \$29,000 is reflected as a component of cost of goods sold and \$221,000 is reflected as restructuring charges. These charges were incurred as a result of the ongoing and fluid nature of the economic crisis and its related impact on our operations. Income from operations was impacted in 2010, in part, by expenses associated with the successful defense of a legal action approximating \$330,000 and restructuring related costs primarily associated with equipment relocation related costs to effectuate and streamline plant productivity, severance and operational realignment costs approximating \$139,000.

Other expense (net), decreased approximately \$0.8 million from 2010 to 2011, primarily due to decreases in interest expense, resulting from lower debt levels and lower interest rates primarily associated with the expiration of an interest rate swap contract in the fourth quarter of 2010. The 2010 results were favorably impacted by an increase in other income resulting from a hedging arrangement recorded in the first quarter of 2010.

Income Taxes

The Company's effective income tax expense rate was an expense of 43.5% for the six months ended April 30, 2011, and an expense of 41.4% in the same period of 2010. The effective income tax rate approximates the combined federal and state, net of federal benefit, statutory income tax rate.

Net Income

Net income for the six months ended April 30, 2011 was \$566,000 compared to net income of \$121,000 for the same period in 2010. Net income for the first six months of 2011 increased over 2010 levels due to the reasons discussed above. Basic and diluted earnings per share for the six months ended April 30, 2011 was \$0.06 compared to 2010 at \$0.01.

Inflation and Economic Conditions

Management believes that the effect of inflation on the Company's operations has not been material and will continue to be immaterial for the foreseeable future. The Company does not have long-term contracts; therefore, to the extent permitted by competition, it has the ability to pass through to its customers most cost increases resulting from inflation, if any. In addition, the Company is not particularly energy dependent; therefore, an increase in energy costs should not have a significant impact on the Company.

Our operating results depend on the relative strength of the economy on both a regional and national basis. Recessionary conditions applicable to the economy as a whole and specifically to our core business segments, have had a significant adverse impact on the Company's business. A continuing or a deepening of the recessionary conditions we are experiencing could significantly affect our revenue categories.

Seasonality

Our business is subject to seasonal fluctuations that we expect to continue to be reflected in our operating results in future periods. Historically, the Company has experienced a greater portion of its profitability in the second and fourth quarters than in the first and third quarters. The second quarter generally reflects increased orders for printing of corporate annual reports and proxy statements. A post-Labor Day increase in demand for printing services and office products coincides with the Company's fourth quarter.

On a historical basis The Herald-Dispatch's first and third calendar quarters of the year tended to be the weakest because advertising volume is at its lowest levels following the holiday season and a seasonal slowdown in the summer months. Correspondingly, on a historical basis the fourth calendar quarter followed by the second calendar quarter tended to be the strongest quarters. The fourth calendar quarter included heavy holiday season advertising. Other factors that affect our quarterly revenues and operating results may be beyond our control, including changes in the pricing policies of our competitors, the hiring and retention of key personnel, wage and cost pressures, distribution costs, changes in newsprint prices and general economic factors.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

Net cash provided by operations for the six months ended April 30, 2011, was \$2.2 million compared to net cash provided by operations of \$3.3 million during the same period in 2010. This change in net cash from operations is due primarily to timing changes in assets and liabilities.

Net cash used in investing activities for the six months ended April 30, 2011 was \$186,000 compared to \$154,000 during the same period in 2010. The net cash used in investing activities during 2011 and 2010 primarily related to the purchase of equipment and vehicles.

Net cash used in financing activities for the six months ended April 30, 2011 was \$2.0 million compared to \$4.3 million used in financing activities during the same period in 2010. In 2010, the Company was required to make higher principal payments on indebtedness related to the terms of the Forbearance Agreement. In 2011, the Company utilized less cash flow from financing activities primarily associated with normalized principal payments on indebtedness.

Working capital on April 30, 2011 was \$12.7 million and at October 31, 2010 was \$13.1 million.

Environmental Regulation

The Company is subject to the environmental laws and regulations of the United States, and the states in which it operates, concerning emissions into the air, discharges into the waterways and the generation, handling and disposal of waste materials. The Company's past expenditures relating to environmental compliance have not had a material effect on the Company. These laws and regulations are constantly evolving, and it is impossible to predict accurately the effect they may have upon the capital expenditures, earnings, and competitive position of the Company in the future. Based upon information currently available, management believes that expenditures relating to environmental compliance will not have a material impact on the financial position of the Company.

Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this Form 10-Q, including without limitation statements including the word "believes," "anticipates," "intends," "expects" or words of similar import, constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements of the Company expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, changes in business strategy or development plans and other factors referenced in this Form 10-Q, including without limitations under the captions "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Business." The Company disclaims any obligation to update any such factors or to publicly announce the results of any revisions to any of the forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect future events or developments.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

The Company does not have any significant exposure relating to market risk.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

- (a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, we evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined under Rule 13a-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Based upon that evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls were effective as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report.
- (b) Changes in Internal Controls. There have been no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the first six months of fiscal year 2011 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There were no material changes in risk factors from disclosures previously reported in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2010.

Item 6. Exhibits

a) Exhibits:

| (31.1) | Principal Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley act of 2002 - Marshall T. Reynolds | Exhibit 31.1 Page Exhibit 31.1-p1 |
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| (31.2) | Principal Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley act of 2002 - Todd R. Fry | Exhibit 31.2 Page Exhibit 31.2-p1 |
| (31.3) | Principal Operating Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley act of 2002 - Toney K. Adkins | Exhibit 31.3 Page Exhibit 31.3-p1 |
| (32) | Marshall T. Reynolds, Todd R. Fry and Toney K. Adkins Certification Pursuant to 18 | Exhibit 32 Page Exhibit 32-p1 |

U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley act of 2002

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirement 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.

CHAMPION INDUSTRIES, INC.

Date: June 14, 2011 /s/ Marshall T. Reynolds

Marshall T. Reynolds Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 14, 2011 /s/ Toney K. Adkins

Toney K. Adkins

President and Chief Operating Officer

Date: June 14, 2011 /s/ Todd R. Fry

Todd R. Fry

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer