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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 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 September 30, 2009

OR

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

For the transition period from            to

Commission File Number: 001-14649

**Trex Company, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**54-1910453**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**160 Exeter Drive**

**Winchester, Virginia**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**22603-8605**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (540) 542-6300**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant 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 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 the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.:

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act): Yes  No

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$.01 per share, outstanding at October 30, 2009 was 15,388,017 shares.

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(In thousands, except share and per share data)

|  | December 31,<br>2008 | September 30,<br>2009<br>(Unaudited) |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                              |                      |                                      |
| Current assets:                            |                      |                                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents                  | \$ 23,189            | \$ 39,791                            |
| Accounts receivable, net                   | 13,555               | 14,961                               |
| Inventories                                | 69,397               | 37,676                               |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets          | 5,518                | 2,531                                |
| Income taxes receivable                    | 2,554                | 201                                  |
| Deferred income taxes                      | 2,141                | 2,141                                |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                | <b>116,354</b>       | <b>97,301</b>                        |
| Property, plant, and equipment, net        | 176,336              | 140,425                              |
| Goodwill                                   | 6,837                | 6,837                                |
| Other assets                               | 7,557                | 5,831                                |
| <b>Total assets</b>                        | <b>\$ 307,084</b>    | <b>\$ 250,394</b>                    |
| <b>Liabilities and Stockholders Equity</b> |                      |                                      |
| Current liabilities:                       |                      |                                      |
| Accounts payable                           | \$ 15,427            | \$ 10,239                            |
| Accrued expenses                           | 22,239               | 16,231                               |
| Accrued warranty                           | 12,310               | 12,342                               |
| Current portion of long-term debt          | 1,293                | 1,376                                |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>           | <b>51,269</b>        | <b>40,188</b>                        |
| Deferred income taxes                      | 3,531                | 3,531                                |
| Accrued taxes                              | 2,640                | 2,224                                |
| Non-current accrued warranty               | 9,546                | 1,994                                |
| Debt-related derivatives                   | 2,069                | 950                                  |
| Long-term debt                             | 100,201              | 79,204                               |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                   | <b>169,256</b>       | <b>128,091</b>                       |
| Stockholders equity:                       |                      |                                      |

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|   |                   |                   |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 3,000,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding   |                   |                   |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 40,000,000 shares authorized; 15,310,343 and 15,388,017 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2008 and September 30, 2009, respectively | 153               | 154               |
| Additional paid in capital  | 92,825            | 95,207            |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss  | (1,092)           | (800)             |
| Retained earnings   | 45,942            | 27,742            |
| <b>Total stockholders' equity</b>   | <b>137,828</b>    | <b>122,303</b>    |
| <b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>   | <b>\$ 307,084</b> | <b>\$ 250,394</b> |

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated

Financial Statements (Unaudited).

**Table of Contents****TREX COMPANY, INC.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except share and per share data)

|  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |             | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |             |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
|  | 2008                                | 2009        | 2008                               | 2009        |
| Net sales  | \$ 85,379                           | \$ 61,949   | \$ 299,905                         | \$ 221,054  |
| Cost of sales                                      | 62,406                              | 43,467      | 217,038                            | 157,257     |
| Gross profit                                       | 22,973                              | 18,482      | 82,867                             | 63,797      |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses       | 14,533                              | 13,964      | 52,672                             | 47,937      |
| Impairment of long-lived assets                    |                                     | 23,251      |                                    | 23,251      |
| Income (loss) from operations                      | 8,440                               | (18,733)    | 30,195                             | (7,391)     |
| Interest expense, net                              | 3,536                               | 3,930       | 11,135                             | 11,012      |
| Income (loss) before income taxes                  | 4,904                               | (22,663)    | 19,060                             | (18,403)    |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes               | (261)                               | (201)       | 10                                 | (203)       |
| Net income (loss)                                  | \$ 5,165                            | \$ (22,462) | \$ 19,050                          | \$ (18,200) |
| Basic earnings (loss) per common share             | \$ 0.35                             | \$ (1.49)   | \$ 1.27                            | \$ (1.21)   |
| Basic weighted average common shares outstanding   | 14,964,110                          | 15,082,047  | 14,952,210                         | 15,048,467  |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per common share           | \$ 0.34                             | \$ (1.49)   | \$ 1.26                            | \$ (1.21)   |
| Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding | 15,253,680                          | 15,082,047  | 15,082,325                         | 15,048,467  |

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(Unaudited)

(In thousands)

|  | <b>Nine Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |             |
|--|--|-------------|
|  | <b>2008</b>                                | <b>2009</b> |
| <b>Operating Activities</b>  |  |             |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ 19,050                                  | \$ (18,200) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities: |  |             |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 19,522                                     | 18,776      |
| Debt discount amortization   | 4,234                                      | 5,050       |
| Impairment of long-lived assets  |  | 23,251      |
| Equity method losses   | 17   | 141         |
| Unrealized (gains) losses on derivatives   | 107  | (827)       |
| Deferred income taxes  | 225  |             |
| Stock-based compensation   | 1,618                                      | 2,687       |
| Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment                                    | 21   | 29          |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:   |  |             |
| Accounts receivable  | (12,590)                                   | (1,406)     |
| Inventories  | 43,517                                     | 31,721      |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets  | (559)                                      | 3,337       |
| Accounts payable   | (9,011)                                    | (5,187)     |
| Accrued expenses   | (15,439)                                   | (13,945)    |
| Income taxes receivable  | (85)                                       | 2,353       |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | 50,627                                     | 47,780      |
| <b>Investing Activities</b>  |  |             |
| Expenditures for property, plant and equipment                                       | (6,214)                                    | (5,022)     |
| Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment                                 | 42   | 45          |
| Notes receivable, net  | (702)                                      | 72          |
| Net cash used in investing activities  | (6,874)                                    | (4,905)     |
| <b>Financing Activities</b>  |  |             |
| Financing costs  | (279)                                      | (7)         |
| Principal payments under mortgages and notes   | (891)                                      | (25,963)    |
| Borrowings under line of credit  | 44,178                                     |             |
| Principal payments under line of credit  | (44,178)                                   |             |
| Repurchases of common stock  | (74)                                       | (571)       |
| Proceeds from employee stock purchase and option plans                               | 182  | 268         |
| Net cash used in financing activities  | (1,062)                                    | (26,273)    |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents  | 42,691                                     | 16,602      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period                                     | 66   | 23,189      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period   | \$ 42,757                                  | \$ 39,791   |

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### Supplemental Disclosure:

|   |          |            |
|---|----------|------------|
| Cash paid for interest, net of capitalized interest | \$ 7,366 | \$ 6,842   |
| Cash received for income taxes, net                 | \$ (45)  | \$ (2,310) |

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated

Financial Statements (Unaudited).



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**TREX COMPANY, INC.**

**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**

**For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 and 2009**

**(Unaudited)**

**1. BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATION**

Trex Company, Inc., (the Company), is the country's largest manufacturer of wood-alternative decking, railing, fencing and trim products, which are marketed under the brand name Trex®. We are incorporated in Delaware. Our principal executive offices are located at 160 Exeter Drive, Winchester, Virginia 22603 and our telephone number at that address is (540) 542-6300. The Company operates in one business segment.

**2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal and recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements. The consolidated results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full fiscal year. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2007 and 2008 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2008 included in the annual report of Trex Company, Inc. on Form 10-K, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Company's critical accounting policies are included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A, for the year ended December 31, 2008.

**3. NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

**Accounting Pronouncements Recently Adopted**

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2009-01, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (ASC Topic 105) which establishes the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (the Codification or ASC) as the single source of authoritative U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) recognized by the FASB to be applied to nongovernmental entities. All existing accounting standards are superseded. All other accounting guidance not included in the Codification will be considered non-authoritative. The Codification also includes all relevant Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) guidance organized using the same topical structure in separate sections within the Codification.

Following the Codification, the Board will not issue new standards in the form of Statements, FASB Staff Positions or Emerging Issues Task Force Abstracts. Instead, it will issue Accounting Standards Updates (ASU) which will serve to update the Codification, provide background information about the guidance and provide the basis for conclusions on the changes to the Codification.

The Codification is not intended to change GAAP, but it will change the way GAAP is organized and presented. The Codification is effective for our third-quarter 2009 financial statements and the principal impact on our financial statements is limited to disclosures as all future references to authoritative accounting literature will be referenced in accordance with the Codification. In order to ease the transition to the Codification, we are providing the Codification cross-reference alongside the references to the standards issued and adopted prior to the adoption of the Codification.

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In March 2008, the FASB issued the disclosure requirements within ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging* (formerly SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities – an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133*.) ASC 815 is intended to improve transparency of financial reporting by requiring enhanced disclosures of an entity's derivative instruments and hedging activities and their effects on the entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. The disclosure requirements apply to all derivative instruments within the scope of ASC 815. The standard also applies to non-derivative hedging instruments and all related hedged items designated and qualifying under ASC 815. The Company adopted this standard effective January 1, 2009. Other than the required disclosures, the adoption of ASC 815 had no impact on the Company's results of operations or financial position. See Note 9 for the Company's disclosure on derivative instruments.

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In May 2008, the FASB issued guidance, now codified within ASC 470 (formerly FSP APB 14-1, *Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement)*). ASC 470 requires the proceeds from the issuance of convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash upon conversion to be allocated between a liability component and an equity component. The resulting debt discount will be amortized over the period the convertible debt is expected to be outstanding as non-cash interest expense. The Company adopted ASC 470 effective January 1, 2009, which was applied retrospectively to prior periods as reflected in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A. The Company has outstanding convertible debt instruments issued in June 2007 that are affected by ASC 470. Upon the original issuance of convertible debt in 2007, the Company recorded the net debt obligation as long-term debt in accordance with applicable accounting standards at that time. To adopt ASC 470, the Company estimated the fair value, as of the date of issuance, of the convertible debt instruments as if the instruments were issued without the conversion options. The difference between the fair value and the principal amounts of the instruments was \$38.5 million. This amount was retrospectively applied to the Company's financial statements from the issuance date of the debt instruments in 2007, and was retrospectively recorded as a debt discount and as a component of equity. The discount is being amortized over the expected five-year life of the notes resulting in a non-cash increase to interest expense in historical and future periods.

The retrospective adoption of ASC 470 resulted in a \$5.7 million and a \$2.5 million increase to interest expense for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The following tables provide additional information regarding the Company's convertible debt instruments that are subject to ASC 470 (in thousands, except conversion price):

|  | December 31,<br>2008 | September 30,<br>2009 |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Principal amount of the liability component    | \$ 97,500            | \$ 97,500             |
| Unamortized discount of liability component    | (30,240)             | (25,191)              |
| Net carrying amount of liability component     | 67,260               | 72,309                |
| Carrying amount of the equity component        | 23,860               | 23,860                |
| Remaining amortization period of discount      | 42 months            | 33 months             |
| Conversion price                               | \$ 21.78             | \$ 21.78              |
| Effective interest rate on liability component | 18.41%               | 18.41%                |

|  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |          | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |          |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|
|  | 2008                                | 2009     | 2008                               | 2009     |
| Interest expense at coupon rate (6.0%)       | \$ 1,462                            | \$ 1,462 | \$ 4,387                           | \$ 4,387 |
| Non-cash interest in accordance with ASC 470 | 1,495                               | 1,783    | 4,234                              | 5,050    |

In April 2009, the FASB issued guidance, now codified within ASC 825, *Financial Instruments* (formerly FSP No. FAS 107-1 and APB 28-1, *Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments*). ASC 825 requires disclosures about fair value of financial instruments for interim reporting periods of publicly traded companies as well as in annual financial statements. This standard also requires those disclosures in summarized financial information at interim reporting periods and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. The Company adopted the disclosure requirements of this pronouncement for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.

In May 2009, the FASB issued a pronouncement, now codified within ASC 855, *Subsequent Events* (formerly SFAS 165). ASC 855 requires entities to disclose the date through which they have evaluated subsequent events and whether the date corresponds with the release of their financial statements. ASC 855 is effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. The adoption of ASC 855 did not have an impact on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

**Accounting Pronouncements Issued But Not Yet Effective**

In June 2009, the FASB issued a pronouncement, now codified within ASC 810-10, (formerly SFAS No. 167, *Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*). This updated guidance requires an analysis to determine whether a variable interest gives the entity a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity. The determination of whether a reporting entity is required to consolidate another entity is based on, among other things, the other entity's purpose and design and the reporting entity's ability to direct the activities of the other entity that most significantly impact the other entity's economic performance. ASC 810-10 will require a reporting entity to provide additional disclosures about its involvement with variable interest entities and any significant changes in risk

exposure due to that involvement.

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A reporting entity will be required to disclose how its involvement with a variable interest entity affects the reporting entity's financial statements. ASC 810-10 will be effective for our fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2010. The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, of adoption of ASC 810-10 on its financial statements.

**4. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

The Company's comprehensive income was \$5.2 million and (\$22.5) million for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009, respectively and \$19.2 million and (\$17.9) million for the nine months September 30, 2008 and 2009, respectively. Comprehensive income consists of net income and net unrealized gains and losses on debt-related derivatives, net of tax.

**5. INVENTORIES**

Inventories, at LIFO (last-in, first-out) value, consist of the following (in thousands):

|                          | December 31,<br>2008 | September 30,<br>2009 |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Finished goods           | \$ 48,751            | \$ 17,228             |
| Raw materials            | 20,646               | 20,448                |
| <b>Total inventories</b> | <b>\$ 69,397</b>     | <b>\$ 37,676</b>      |

For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2009, due to the liquidation of certain inventories, a portion of the Company's cost of sales is based on prior year costs rather than current year costs. As a result, the Company recognized a benefit of \$9.1 million and \$9.2 million during the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively.

An actual valuation of inventory under the LIFO method can be made only at the end of each year based on the inventory levels and costs at that time. Accordingly, interim LIFO calculations are based on management's estimates of expected year-end inventory levels and costs. Since inventory levels and costs are subject to factors beyond management's control, interim results are subject to the final year-end LIFO inventory valuation.

The Company reviews its inventory for slow moving or obsolete items and writes down the related products to net realizable value. During the three months ended September 30, 2009, management decided to reclaim for future use in its manufacturing process certain finished goods inventories that are no longer saleable or do not meet quality specifications. As a result, the Company recorded a charge of \$7.2 million in the three months ended September 30, 2009. This charge gave rise to \$7.4 million of the aforementioned \$9.1 million LIFO benefit recognized in the three months ended September 30, 2009.

**6. ACCRUED EXPENSES**

Accrued expenses consist of the following (in thousands):

|                                   | December 31,<br>2008 | September 30,<br>2009 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Accrued compensation and benefits | \$ 9,996             | \$ 3,081              |
| Accrued sales and marketing       | 2,023                | 2,952                 |
| Accrued interest                  | 4,734                | 2,863                 |
| Accrued customer relations        | 345                  | 411                   |
| Accrued taxes and penalties       | 1,144                | 1,207                 |

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|   |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Accrued rent obligations                | 2,268     | 2,399     |
| Accrued manufacturing expenses          | 607       | 568       |
| Accrued professional and legal services | 258       | 472       |
| Accrued freight                         | 386       | 276       |
| Other                                   | 478       | 2,002     |
| Total accrued expenses                  | \$ 22,239 | \$ 16,231 |

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Long-term debt consists of the following (in thousands):

|   | December 31,<br>2008 | September 30,<br>2009 |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Real estate loans                               | \$ 9,234             | \$ 8,271              |
| Convertible notes                               | 97,500               | 97,500                |
| Promissory note                                 | 25,000               |                       |
| Total long-term debt                            | 131,734              | 105,771               |
| Less unamortized debt discount                  | (30,240)             | (25,191)              |
|   | 101,494              | 80,580                |
| Less current portion                            | (1,293)              | (1,376)               |
| Total long-term debt, excluding current portion | \$ 100,201           | \$ 79,204             |

At September 30, 2009, the Company's outstanding debt consists of real estate loans, convertible bond notes and a revolving credit facility. On September 15, 2009 the Company used available cash on hand to pay in full the \$25 million promissory note. At September 30, 2009, the Company had no outstanding borrowings under its revolving credit facility and available borrowing capacity of \$23.2 million.

As of September 30, 2009 the Company was in compliance with the covenants contained in its debt agreements.

**8. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT**

The Company adopted certain provisions of FASB ASC Topic 820 on January 1, 2008, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The Company's adoption was limited to financial assets and liabilities, which primarily relate to derivative contracts.

ASC 820 requires the categorization of financial assets and liabilities based upon the level of judgments associated with the inputs used to measure their fair value. Hierarchical levels, defined by ASC 820 and directly related to the amount of subjectivity associated with the inputs used to determine the fair value of financial assets and liabilities, are as follows:

Level 1 Inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date

Level 2 Inputs (other than quoted prices included in Level 1) are either directly or indirectly observable for the assets or liability through correlation with market data at the measurement date and for the duration of the instrument's anticipated life

Level 3 Inputs reflect management's best estimate of what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Consideration is given to the risk inherent in the valuation technique and the risk inherent in the inputs to the model.

The following table presents the financial assets and liabilities we measure at fair value on a recurring basis, based on the fair value hierarchy as of September 30, 2009 (in thousands):

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|                                   | <b>Total Fair Value<br/>Measurement<br/>September 30, 2009</b> | <b>Quoted Prices in Active<br/>Markets for Identical Asset<br/>(Level 1)</b> | <b>Significant Other<br/>Observable Inputs<br/>(Level 2)</b> | <b>Significant<br/>Unobservable Inputs<br/>(Level 3)</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Debt-related derivative liability | \$ 950   | \$   | \$ 950   | \$   |

The Company uses interest-rate swap contracts to manage its exposure to fluctuations in the interest rates under its variable-rate real estate loans.

**9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Company considers the recorded value of its financial assets and liabilities, consisting primarily of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities, real estate loans, and promissory note to approximate the fair value of the respective assets and liabilities at December 31, 2008 and September 30,



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2009. At September 30, 2009, the fair value of the Company's 6.00% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012 was estimated at \$103.8 million based on quoted market prices.

The Company uses interest rate swaps to manage its exposure to fluctuations in the interest rates on its variable-rate debt. At September 30, 2009, the Company had two fixed-for-floating interest rate swap contracts, that mature on October 1 2014 and August 17, 2015, respectively, that effectively convert two of the Company's variable-rate real estate notes to fixed-rate obligations. The Company accounts for the interest rate swaps as derivative instruments in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging* (formerly SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, as amended). ASC 815 requires derivative instruments to be measured at fair value in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. At September 30, 2009 the fair value of the Company's interest rate swaps was \$1.0 million and was classified as a long-term liability in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. The interest rate swap instruments qualify for, and were designated as, cash flow hedges of forecasted transactions in accordance with ASC 815 and the changes in fair value of these instruments were recorded, net of tax, in Accumulated other comprehensive loss in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. At September 30, 2009, \$0.8 million of unrealized losses, net of tax, were recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive loss in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. The Company expects approximately \$0.4 million to be reclassified into Interest expense, net over the next twelve months.

The following table illustrates the changes in Accumulated other comprehensive loss related to the cash flow hedges during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 (in thousands):

|   | Fair Value of<br>Cash Flow<br>Hedges | Tax Effect | Fair Value of Cash<br>Flow Hedges,<br>Net of Tax |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------|--|
| Balance, December 31, 2008                        | \$ 1,242                             | \$ (150)   | \$ 1,092   |
| Gain (loss) reclassified to Interest expense, net | (338)                                |            | (338)  |
| Unrealized (gains) losses during period           | 46                                   |            | 46   |
| Balance, September 30, 2009                       | \$ 950                               | \$ (150)   | \$ 800   |

On September 15, 2009 the Company settled two interest rate swap instruments related to its \$25 million promissory note that did not qualify as cash flow hedges per ASC 815. Changes in the fair value of these instruments of \$39 thousand and \$217 thousand are recorded as a benefit in Interest expense, net in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations in the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2009.

**10. EARNINGS PER SHARE**

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share (in thousands, except share and per share data):

|  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |             | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |             |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
|  | 2008                                | 2009        | 2008                               | 2009        |
| <b>Numerator:</b>                                  |                                     |             |                                    |             |
| Net income (loss) available to common shareholders | \$ 5,165                            | \$ (22,462) | \$ 19,050                          | \$ (18,200) |
| <b>Denominator:</b>                                |                                     |             |                                    |             |
| Basic weighted average shares outstanding          | 14,964,110                          | 15,082,047  | 14,952,210                         | 15,048,467  |
| Effect of dilutive securities: Stock options       | 106,033                             |             | 28,313                             |             |
| Restricted stock                                   | 183,537                             |             | 101,802                            |             |
| Diluted weighted average shares outstanding        | 15,253,680                          | 15,082,047  | 15,082,325                         | 15,048,467  |

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|                                   |    |      |    |        |    |      |    |        |
|-----------------------------------|----|------|----|--------|----|------|----|--------|
| Basic earnings (loss) per share   | \$ | 0.35 | \$ | (1.49) | \$ | 1.27 | \$ | (1.21) |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per share | \$ | 0.34 | \$ | (1.49) | \$ | 1.26 | \$ | (1.21) |

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Excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share due to their anti-dilutive effect were 259,059 and 145,373 restricted shares for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009. These shares represent all potential dilutive shares for these periods as they are anti-dilutive due to the net loss. Excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share due to their anti-dilutive effect were 4,075 and 12,450 restricted shares for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively, as these represent anti-dilutive stock options.

**11. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION**

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of FASB ASC Topic 718 *Share-Based Payment*, (ASC Topic 718) using the modified prospective transition method. Under that transition method, compensation cost includes (1) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of, January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of ASC 718, and (2) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted subsequent to January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of ASC 718.

The Company has one stock-based compensation plan, the 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (the 2005 Plan), which was amended by its shareholders on May 7, 2008. The 2005 Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors. Stock-based compensation is granted to officers, directors and certain key employees in accordance with the provisions of the 2005 Plan. The 2005 Plan provides for grants of stock options, stock appreciation rights (SARs), restricted stock and performance share awards. As of September 30, 2009, the total aggregate number of shares of the Company's common stock that may be issued under the 2005 Plan is 3,150,000.

The fair value of each SAR is estimated on the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option-pricing formula. For SARs issued in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009, respectively, the assumptions shown in the following table were used:

|                                       | Nine Months Ended September 30, |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
|                                       | 2008                            | 2009    |
| Weighted-average fair value of grants | \$ 3.85                         | \$ 6.79 |
| Dividend yield                        | 0%                              | 0%      |
| Average risk-free interest rate       | 2.9%                            | 1.6%    |
| Expected term (years)                 | 5                               | 5       |
| Expected volatility                   | 45%                             | 58%     |

The following table summarizes the Company's stock-based compensation grants for the nine months ended September 30, 2009:

|                           | Stock Awards Granted | Weighted-Average<br>Grant Price<br>Per Share |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Stock appreciation rights | 248,989              | \$ 13.48                                     |
| Restricted stock          | 106,874              | \$ 13.44                                     |

The following table summarizes the Company's stock-based compensation expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009 (in millions):

|                                       | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |               | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
|                                       | 2008                                | 2009          | 2008                               | 2009          |
| Stock appreciation rights             | \$ 0.5                              | \$ 0.6        | \$ 1.2                             | \$ 1.5        |
| Restricted stock                      | 0.2                                 | 0.4           | 0.4                                | 1.2           |
| <b>Total stock-based compensation</b> | <b>\$ 0.7</b>                       | <b>\$ 1.0</b> | <b>\$ 1.6</b>                      | <b>\$ 2.7</b> |

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Total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested awards as of September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2009 totaled \$9.2 million and \$7.4 million, respectively. The cost of these unvested awards is being recognized over the requisite vesting period of 36 months from the date of grant.

**Table of Contents****12. INCOME TAXES**

At December 31, 2007, in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 740, *Income Taxes*, the Company recorded a valuation allowance against its net deferred tax asset. As of September 30, 2009 the Company continued to maintain a valuation allowance against its net deferred tax asset. The effect of maintaining the valuation allowance is to substantially reduce the Company's effective tax rate as the tax expense or benefit recorded at the statutory tax rate is offset by a corresponding expense or benefit resulting from the change in the valuation allowance. Accordingly, the Company's effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 was 1.1% and 0.0%, respectively, which resulted in a benefit of \$203 thousand and an expense of \$10 thousand, respectively.

The Company has taken tax positions in certain taxing jurisdictions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits may decrease within the next 12 months. The possible decrease could result from the closing of the statutes for tax purposes in some taxing jurisdictions and would be approximately \$0.5 million.

**13. SEASONALITY**

The Company's operating results have historically varied from quarter to quarter, principally due to seasonal trends in the demand for Trex®. The Company has historically experienced lower net sales during the fourth quarter because holidays and adverse weather conditions in certain regions reduce the level of home improvement and construction activity.

**14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES***Contract Termination Costs*

As of September 30, 2009, the minimum payments remaining under the Company's lease relating to its reconsidered corporate relocation over the years ending December 31, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 are \$0.4 million, \$1.6 million, \$1.6 million, \$2.0 million and \$2.5 million, respectively, and \$14.3 million thereafter. The minimum receipts remaining under the Company's existing subleases over the years ending December 31, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 are \$0.4 million, \$1.6 million, \$1.6 million, \$1.6 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, and \$1.0 million thereafter. The Company's lease extends through June 30, 2019. The existing subleases expire in years 2012 through 2015. The Company accounts for the costs associated with the lease as contract termination costs in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 420, *Exit or Disposal Cost Obligations*.

The following table provides information about the Company's liability related to the lease (in thousands):

|  | 2008          | 2009          |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Balance as of January 1,   | \$ 925        | \$ 524        |
| Less: cash payments  | (850)         | (56)          |
| Accretion of discount  | 45            | 31            |
| Add: charge for minimum lease payments in excess of estimated sublease receipts, net | 391           |               |
| <b>Balance as of September 30,</b>   | <b>\$ 511</b> | <b>\$ 499</b> |

*Product Warranty*

The Company warrants that its products will be free from material defects in workmanship and material and will not check, split, splinter, rot or suffer structural damage from termites or fungal decay. The Company maintains a warranty reserve for claims against its products and periodically adjusts the reserve as necessary. The Company uses historical claims experience to develop the estimate of the number of claims and the expected cost to settle the claims. Although the Company adjusts the warranty reserve accordingly by recording the best estimate of the expected costs, due to the inherent subjectivity of estimating future claims, it is possible that the ultimate settlement of the claims may exceed the amount recorded and may result in future charges against income.

In 2007, the Company recorded a significant increase to its warranty reserve due to a high number of claims resulting from a small percentage of material produced at its Nevada facility that exhibited surface defects. The Company continues to settle these claims against the warranty reserve

and regularly monitors the adequacy of the remaining reserve.

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The following is a reconciliation of the Company's warranty reserve (in thousands):

|                                    | <b>2008</b> | <b>2009</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Beginning balance, January 1       | \$ 39,985   | \$ 21,856   |
| Provision for estimated warranties |             | 250         |
| Settlements made during the period | (15,214)    | (7,770)     |
| Ending balance, September 30,      | \$ 24,771   | \$ 14,336   |

*Legal Matters*

As reported in the Company's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A, and in the Company's 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2009, on January 19, 2009, a class action case was commenced against the Company in the Superior Court of California, Santa Cruz County by Eric Ross and Bradley S. Hureth generally alleging certain product defects in the Company's products, and that the Company has failed to provide adequate remedies for defective products. On February 13, 2009, the Company removed this case to the United States District Court, Northern District of California. On January 15, 2009, a purported class action case was commenced against the company in the United States District Court, Western District of Washington by Mark Okano making similar allegations. The Okano case was subsequently transferred by the Washington Court to the California Court as a related case to the Ross/Hureth case. On July 30, 2009, a settlement of the Ross/Hureth lawsuit was preliminarily approved by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. The hearing for final approval was held on October 30, 2009 and the Company is awaiting a final decision from the Court.

As reported in the Company's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A, the Company has been involved with litigation with Ron Nystrom since 2006. As reported in the Company's 8-K filed on September 9, 2009, on September 8, 2009, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed a Federal District Court ruling that the Company does not infringe patents owned by Ron Nystrom.

In addition, the Company currently has other lawsuits, and claims pending against it which are ordinary routine litigation incident to the Company's business. Management believes these lawsuits and claims will not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations, liquidity or competitive position.

**15. LONG-LIVED ASSET IMPAIRMENT**

During the three months ended September 30, 2009, the Company recorded a pre-tax impairment charge of \$23.3 million related to the long-lived assets held at the idle Olive Branch, Mississippi manufacturing facility. In September 2007, the Company suspended operations at the facility and consolidated all manufacturing operations into its two other plants. Based on available data and management's intention to reopen the facility, the test for recoverability performed upon shutdown of the facility did not indicate the need for impairment. The Company has continued to monitor the significant assumptions used to assess the recoverability of the related asset groups. In the three months ended September 30, 2009, based on changes in current and projected economic conditions, expected demand, available capacity and manufacturing efficiencies at its other facilities, the Company determined that certain asset groups were not recoverable and reduced the carrying value of those groups to their estimated fair value. The fair value measurement used to determine the impairment was based on prices for similar assets and considered the condition of the related fixed assets.

The following table provides information regarding the components of the impairment (in thousands):

|                                 | <b>Amount of<br/>Impairment</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Land, building and improvements | \$ 7,813                        |
| Machinery and equipment         | 15,349                          |
| Other                           | 89                              |

Total

\$ 23,251

**16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In May 2009, the FASB issued accounting guidance now codified as FASB ASC 855, *Subsequent Events*, which establishes general standards of accounting for, and disclosures of, events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. FASB ASC 855 is effective for interim or fiscal periods ending



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after June 15, 2009. The Company evaluated all events or transactions that occurred after September 30, 2009 through November 9, 2009, the date the Company issued these financial statements.

On November 4, 2009, the Company and Branch Banking and Trust Company, BB&T Capital Markets, and TD Bank, N.A. entered into a financing arrangement, as more particularly described in the Company's current report on Form 8-K filed on November 6, 2009. As a result, that certain Credit Agreement between the Company and Branch Banking and Trust Company of Virginia dated as of June 19, 2002, as amended, terminated.

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

*This management's discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements regarding our expected financial position and operating results, our business strategy, our financing plans, forecasted demographic and economic trends relating to our industry and similar matters are forward-looking statements. These statements can sometimes be identified by our use of forward-looking words such as may, will, anticipate, estimate, expect, intend or similar expressions. We cannot promise you that our expectations in such forward-looking statements will turn out to be correct. Our actual results could be materially different from our expectations because of various factors, including the factors discussed under Item 1A, Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A, for fiscal year 2008 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These statements are also subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause the Company's actual operating results to differ materially. Such risks and uncertainties include the extent of market acceptance of the Company's products; the costs associated with the development and launch of new products and the market acceptance of such new products; the sensitivity of the Company's business to general economic conditions; the Company's ability to obtain raw materials at acceptable prices; the Company's ability to maintain product quality and product performance at an acceptable cost; the level of expenses associated with product replacement and consumer relations expenses related to product quality; and the highly competitive markets in which the Company operates.*

#### **Overview**

*General.* The Company is the largest U.S. manufacturer of wood-alternative decking, railing, fencing and trim products, which are marketed under the brand name Trex®. The Company has approximately 525 employees throughout the United States with manufacturing facilities located in Olive Branch, Mississippi, Fernley, Nevada and Winchester, Virginia. In September 2007, the Company suspended operations at the Olive Branch facility for an indeterminate period and consolidated all of its manufacturing operations into the Winchester and Fernley sites.

The Company has six decking product lines: Trex Contours®, Trex Origins®, Trex Accents®, Trex Accents Fire Defense®, Trex Brasilia® and Trex Escapes®; two railing product lines: Trex Designer Series Railing® and Trex Artisan Series Railing®; two fencing product lines: Trex Seclusions® and Trex Surroundings® and a cellular PVC outdoor trim product, TrexTrim®. In addition, the Company offers Trex Hideaway®, which is a hidden fastening system for specially grooved boards.

*Highlights related to the third quarter of 2009 include:*

We experienced a decrease in sales volume throughout the first three quarters of 2009, consistent with the poor general macroeconomic conditions and tight credit markets. We appear to be experiencing a shift in purchasing patterns as customers hold lower inventories and conserve working capital. In addition, we believe that customers deferred purchases during the three months ended September 30, 2009 in favor of new and redesigned products that the Company will introduce in late 2009.

We recorded a \$23.3 million impairment related to the long-lived assets held at the idle Olive Branch, Mississippi manufacturing facility during the quarter ended September 30, 2009.

We recorded a \$7.2 million charge related to certain finished goods inventories that are no longer saleable which management decided to reclaim for future use in its manufacturing process. This charge gave rise to a \$7.4 million favorable LIFO adjustment and mitigated the impact on earnings.

We improved our manufacturing efficiencies and lowered manufacturing costs. The favorable impact of these initiatives coupled with our 2009 price increase more than offset the negative gross margin implications of operating at lower levels of capacity utilization in the 2009 quarter and nine-month period.

We continue to generate positive operating cash flows, despite reduced earnings. We ended the 2009 quarter with a cash balance of \$39.8 million and have not utilized our revolving line of credit since May 2008. In addition, as part of our continued efforts to reduce outstanding debt, on September 15, 2009 we used cash on hand to pay in full \$25.0 million of Mississippi Business Finance

Corporation Bonds.

We continue to settle claims for material previously produced at the Nevada facility that exhibit surface defects (as further described in our most recent Form 10-K, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A) against the warranty reserve. We continue to assess the adequacy of the reserve, which if increased, would have an adverse effect on profitability.

*Net Sales.* Net sales consist of sales and freight, net of returns and discounts. The level of net sales is principally affected by sales volume and the prices paid for Trex products. The Company's branding and product differentiation strategy enables it to command premium prices over wood and to maintain price stability for Trex. To ensure adequate availability of product to

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meet anticipated seasonal consumer demand, the Company has historically provided its distributors and dealers incentives to build inventory levels before the start of the prime deck-building season. These incentives include prompt payment discounts or extended payment terms. In addition, the Company, from time to time, may offer price discounts on specified products and other incentives based on increases in distributor purchases as part of specific promotional programs. There are no product return rights granted to the Company's distributors except those granted pursuant to the warranty provisions of the Company's agreement with its distributors.

*Gross Profit.* Gross profit represents the difference between net sales and cost of sales. Cost of sales consists of raw materials costs, direct labor costs, manufacturing costs and freight. Raw materials costs generally include the costs to purchase and transport waste wood fiber, reclaimed polyethylene, or PE material, and pigmentation for coloring Trex products. Direct labor costs include wages and benefits of personnel engaged in the manufacturing process. Manufacturing costs consist of costs of depreciation, utilities, maintenance supplies and repairs, indirect labor, including wages and benefits, and warehouse and equipment rental activities.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.* The largest components of selling, general and administrative expenses are branding and other sales and marketing costs, which the Company uses to build brand awareness of Trex in the decking, railing, fencing and trim markets. Sales and marketing costs consist primarily of salaries, commissions and benefits paid to sales and marketing personnel, consumer relations, advertising expenses and other promotional costs. General and administrative expenses include salaries and benefits of personnel engaged in research and development, procurement, accounting and other business functions, office occupancy costs attributable to these functions, and professional fees. As a percentage of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses have varied from quarter to quarter due, in part, to the seasonality of the Company's business.

**Results of Operations**

The following table shows, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009, respectively, selected statement of operations data as a percentage of net sales:

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |         | Nine Months Ended September 30, |        |
|--|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|--------|
|  | 2008                             | 2009    | 2008                            | 2009   |
| Net sales                                    | 100.0%                           | 100.0%  | 100.0%                          | 100.0% |
| Cost of sales                                | 73.1                             | 70.2    | 72.4                            | 71.1   |
| Gross profit                                 | 26.9                             | 29.8    | 27.6                            | 28.9   |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 17.0                             | 22.5    | 17.5                            | 21.7   |
| Impairment of long-lived assets              | 0.0                              | 37.5    | 0.0                             | 10.5   |
| Income from operations                       | 9.9                              | (30.2)  | 10.1                            | (3.3)  |
| Interest expense, net                        | 4.2                              | 6.4     | 3.7                             | 5.0    |
| Income before taxes and extraordinary item   | 5.7                              | (36.6)  | 6.4                             | (8.3)  |
| Provision for income taxes                   | (0.3)                            | (0.3)   | 0.0                             | 0.1    |
| Net income                                   | 6.0%                             | (36.3)% | 6.4%                            | (8.2)% |

**Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 Compared With Three Months Ended September 30, 2008**

*Net Sales.* Net sales in the quarter ended September 30, 2009 (the 2009 quarter) decreased 27.4% to \$61.9 million from \$85.4 million in the quarter ended September 30, 2008 (the 2008 quarter). The decrease in net sales was primarily attributable to a 38.6% reduction in sales volume, which was partially offset by a 9.7% increase in the average price per unit sold. The decrease in sales volume was primarily related to lower consumer demand attributable to poor macroeconomic conditions, which includes suppressed repair and remodeling expenditures and lower housing starts, as compared to the 2008 quarter. We also believe that sales in the 2009 quarter were adversely affected by customers' deferral of purchases in anticipation of new and redesigned products the Company will introduce in late 2009. The Company is unable to accurately quantify the effect of the deferral on net sales in the 2009 quarter. The increase in average price per product unit resulted from a price increase, effective January 2009, of approximately 8% and increased sales of higher unit priced products primarily related to an increase in the sales mix of our railing product.

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*Gross Profit.* Gross profit decreased 19.6% to \$18.5 million in the 2009 quarter from \$23.0 million in the 2008 quarter. The decrease was primarily attributable to reduced sales volume, offset, in part, by the 2009 price increase and by improved manufacturing efficiencies, including productivity enhancements and operations cost controls. Gross profit as a percentage of net sales, gross margin, increased to 29.8% in the 2009 quarter from 26.9% in the 2008 quarter. The effect of the 2009 price increase coupled with manufacturing efficiencies contributed to an approximate 11% increase in gross margin, offset by

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the negative impact on gross margin of 8% from operating at reduced levels of capacity utilization. In addition, we recorded a \$7.2 million charge related to certain finished goods inventories that are no longer saleable which management decided to reclaim for future use in its manufacturing process. This charge gave rise to a \$7.4 million favorable LIFO adjustment and mitigated the impact on earnings.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.* Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased 3.9% to \$14.0 million in the 2009 quarter from \$14.5 million in the 2008 quarter. The reduction in selling, general and administrative expenses in the 2009 quarter was primarily related to lower branding expenses, which was partially offset by increased research and development expenses combined with customer relations and personnel expenses. Branding expenses decreased \$2.0 million in the 2009 quarter. Research and development expenses increased \$0.7 million in the 2009 quarter due to efforts to support a new product launch. Customer relations expenses increased \$0.5 million and personnel-related expenses increased \$0.2 million in the 2009 quarter. The primary driver of the increased customer relations expenses in the 2009 quarter were claims servicing costs. As a percentage of net sales, total selling, general and administrative expenses increased to 22.5% in the 2009 quarter from 17.0% in the 2008 quarter.

*Interest Expense.* Net interest expense increased \$0.4 million to \$3.9 million in the 2009 quarter from \$3.5 million in the 2008 quarter. The \$0.4 million increase was attributable to \$0.4 million of unamortized deferred financing costs recognized in the 2009 quarter upon settlement of the Company's \$25 million promissory note and by a \$0.3 million increase in the non-cash amortization of the debt discount related to the Company's convertible debt, offset, in part, by a \$0.2 million favorable quarter-over-quarter variance related to interest accrued on uncertain tax positions.

*Provision for Income Taxes.* The Company's effective tax rate for the 2009 quarter and 2008 quarter was 0.9% and -5.3%, respectively, which resulted in a benefit of \$0.2 million and a benefit of \$0.3 million for each of the respective quarters. The effective tax rate was substantially lower than the statutory rate in both quarters due to the effect of the valuation allowance the Company maintains against its net deferred tax assets which substantially offsets statutory income tax.

**Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 Compared With Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008**

*Net Sales.* Net sales in the nine months ended September 30, 2009 (the 2009 nine-month period) decreased 26.3% to \$221.1 million from \$299.9 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 (the 2008 nine-month period). The decrease in net sales was primarily attributable to a 36.0% decrease in sales volume, which was partially offset by a 9.5% increase in the average price per product unit sold. The decrease in sales volume was principally related to lower consumer demand attributable to poor macroeconomic conditions, which includes suppressed repair and remodeling expenditures and lower housing starts, as compared to the 2008 nine-month period. We also believe that sales in the 2009 nine-month period were adversely affected by customers' deferral of purchases in anticipation of new and redesigned products the Company will introduce in late 2009. The Company is unable to accurately quantify the effect of the deferral on net sales in the 2009 nine-month period. The increase in average price per product unit resulted from a price increase, effective January 2009, of approximately 8% and increased sales of higher unit priced products primarily related to an increase in the sales mix of our railing product.

*Gross Profit.* Gross profit decreased 23.0% to \$63.8 million in the 2009 nine-month period from \$82.9 million in the 2008 nine-month period. The decrease was primarily attributable to reduced sales volume. Gross profit as a percentage of net sales, gross margin, increased to 28.9% in the 2009 nine-month period from 27.6% in the 2008 nine-month period. The effect of the 2009 price increase and sales mix of higher revenue per product unit resulted in an increase in gross margin in the 2009 nine-month period of approximately 7% from the 2008 nine-month period. Gross margin was positively affected by an increase in production rates and yields and cost reductions due to our continued focus on process and productivity improvements, which contributed to a 3% increase in gross margin. The positive effect of the foregoing factors on gross margin in the 2009 nine-month period was partially offset by the negative impact on gross margin of 7% from operating at reduced levels of capacity utilization and 2% related to sales of excess poly at reduced prices. The excess poly sales were principally driven by operating at reduced levels of capacity utilization. The reduced sales price of poly was primarily driven by weak global demand. In addition, we recorded a \$7.2 million charge related to certain finished goods inventories that are no longer saleable which management decided to reclaim for future use in its manufacturing process. This charge gave rise to a \$7.4 million favorable LIFO adjustment and mitigated the impact on earnings.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.* Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased 9.0% to \$47.9 million in the 2009 nine-month period from \$52.7 million in the 2008 nine-month period. The reduction in selling, general and administrative expenses in the 2009 nine-month period was primarily related to lower personnel and branding expenses partially offset by increases in research and development expenses. Personnel-related expenses declined \$3.3 million in the 2009 nine-month period. The primary drivers to the reduced personnel-related expenses in the 2009 nine-month period included a \$3.0 million reduction to incentive compensation. Branding expenses decreased \$2.4 million in the 2009 nine-month period. Research and development expenses increased \$1.7 million in the 2009 nine-month period due to efforts to

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support a new product launch. As a percentage of net sales, total selling, general and administrative expenses increased to 21.7% in the 2009 nine-month period from 17.5% in the 2008 nine-month period.

*Interest Expense.* Net interest expense decreased to \$11.0 million in the 2009 nine-month period from \$11.1 million in the 2008 nine-month period. Compared to the 2008 nine-month period, interest expense in the 2009 nine-month period was lower by \$0.7 million as a result of a favorable year-over-year variance related to interest accrued on uncertain tax positions and by approximately \$0.2 million primarily due to reduced average debt levels. These favorable variances were partially offset by a \$0.8 million increase in the non-cash amortization of the debt discount related to the Company's convertible debt.

*Provision for Income Taxes.* The Company's effective tax rate for the 2009 nine-month period and 2008 nine-month period was 1.1% and 0.0%, respectively, which resulted in a benefit of \$203 thousand in the 2009 nine-month period compared to a \$10 thousand expense in the 2008 nine-month period. The effective tax rate was substantially lower than the statutory rate in both nine-month periods due to the effect of the valuation allowance the Company maintains against its net deferred tax assets which substantially offsets statutory income tax.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company finances its operations and growth primarily with cash flow from operations, borrowings under its revolving credit facility and other loans, operating leases and normal trade credit terms from operating activities.

At September 30, 2009, the Company had \$39.8 million of cash and cash equivalents.

The Company believes that cash on hand, cash from operations and borrowings expected to be available under the Company's existing revolving credit facility will provide sufficient funds to enable the Company to fund its planned capital expenditures, make scheduled principal and interest payments, fund the warranty reserve and meet its other cash requirements. The Company currently expects that it will fund its future capital expenditures from operations and financing activities. The actual amount and timing of the Company's future capital requirements may differ materially from the Company's estimate depending on the demand for Trex and new market developments and opportunities.

On November 4, 2009, the Company and Branch Banking and Trust Company, BB&T Capital Markets, and TD Bank, N.A. entered into a financing arrangement, as more particularly described in the Company's current report on Form 8-K filed on November 6, 2009. As a result, that certain Credit Agreement between the Company and Branch Banking and Trust Company of Virginia dated as of June 19, 2002, as amended, terminated.

In addition, on November 4, 2009, the Company used \$5.5 of cash on hand to pay in full the principal and interest outstanding on three of its variable-rate real estate notes and to settle one related interest rate swap agreement.

*Sources and Uses of Cash.* The Company's cash generated from operating activities for the 2009 nine-month period was \$47.8 million compared to \$50.6 million for the 2008 nine-month period. The unfavorable effects of reduced earnings in the 2009 nine-month period was partially offset by the favorable effects of the Company's continued focus on working capital management, particularly the collection of accounts receivables and reduction in inventories.

The Company's cash used in investing activities totaled \$4.9 million in the 2009 nine-month period, compared to cash used in investing activities of \$6.9 million in the 2008 nine-month period primarily due to lower capital expenditures. In the 2009 nine-month period, the Company applied its expenditures primarily to normal capital expenditures, consisting of manufacturing equipment and an ERP system upgrade.

The Company's cash used by financing activities was \$26.3 million in the 2009 nine-month period compared to cash used by financing activities of \$1.1 million in the 2008 nine-month period. On September 15, 2009, the Company redeemed in full \$25.0 million of Mississippi Business Finance Corporation Bonds as part of the continued efforts to reduce outstanding debt.

*Indebtedness.* At September 30, 2009, the Company's indebtedness, including the fair value of the interest rate swaps and excluding the unamortized debt discount, totaled \$106.7 million and the annualized overall weighted average interest rate of such indebtedness, including the effect of the Company's interest rate swaps, was approximately 6.10%.

The Company's ability to borrow under its revolving credit facility is tied to a borrowing base that consists of certain receivables and inventories. At September 30, 2009, the Company had no borrowings outstanding under its revolving credit facility and \$23.2 million of available borrowing capacity.

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*Debt Covenants.* To remain in compliance with covenants contained within its debt agreements, the Company must maintain specified financial ratios based on its levels of debt, capital, net worth, fixed charges, and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. At September 30, 2009, the Company was in compliance with these covenants.



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*Capital Requirements.* The Company made capital expenditures in the 2009 nine-month period totaling \$5.0 million, primarily for manufacturing equipment and an ERP system upgrade. The Company currently estimates that its capital requirements in 2009 will be approximately \$10 million.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

For information regarding our exposure to certain market risks, see *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk*, in Part II, Item 7A of the Company's 10-K, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A, for the year ended December 31, 2008. There were no material changes to the Company's market risk exposure during the three months ended September 30, 2009.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

*Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* Our management evaluated, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures first in connection with our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended on Form 10-K/A and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as amended on Form 10-Q/A for the period ending March 31, 2009 and secondly, in connection with the Form 10-Q filed by the Company for this period.

As previously disclosed under *Item 9A. Controls and Procedures* in our Amended Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for our 2008 fiscal year and in our Amended Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the period ending March 31, 2009, our management identified a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting at December 31, 2007 and each subsequent financial reporting date through March 31, 2009. A material weakness is defined in Section 210.1-02(4) of Regulation S-X as a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

Management concluded that the Company failed to institute procedures to accurately compute the valuation allowance related to the Company's deferred tax assets. As a result, in determining the valuation allowance, the Company considered as a source of future taxable income existing taxable temporary differences related to indefinite-lived intangible assets. Because the timing of reversal of these deferred tax liabilities is unknown, they are not a reliable source of recovery of deferred tax assets. The result of this error is that the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets was understated at December 31, 2007 and each subsequent financial reporting date through March 31, 2009.

Based on management's evaluation and as a result of the identified material weakness, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective to ensure that we are able to accumulate and communicate to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure, information that we are required to disclose in the reports that we file with the SEC, and to record, process, summarize and report that information within the required time periods.

*Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Plan of Remediation of Material Weakness.* There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2009 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting. However, we intend to initiate remediation measures to address the material weakness identified above. Specifically, we intend to improve documentation with respect to our consideration of the four possible sources of taxable income proscribed in FASB ASC Topic 740, *Income Taxes*, when considering the need for a valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets.

We intend to continue to evaluate our internal controls on an ongoing basis and to upgrade and enhance them as needed.

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**PART II**

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

As reported in the Company's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A, and in the Company's 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2009, on January 19, 2009, a class action case was commenced against the Company in the Superior Court of California, Santa Cruz County by Eric Ross and Bradley S. Hureth generally alleging certain product defects in the Company's products, and that the Company has failed to provide adequate remedies for defective products. On February 13, 2009, the Company removed this case to the United States District Court, Northern District of California. On January 15, 2009, a purported class action case was commenced against the company in the United States District Court, Western District of Washington by Mark Okano making similar allegations. The Okano case was subsequently transferred by the Washington Court to the California Court as a related case to the Ross/Hureth case. On July 30, 2009, a settlement of the Ross/Hureth lawsuit was preliminarily approved by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. The hearing for final approval was held on October 30, 2009 and the Company is awaiting a final decision from the Court.

As reported in the Company's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A, the Company has been involved with litigation with Ron Nystrom since 2006. As reported in the Company's 8-K filed on September 9, 2009, on September 8, 2009, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed a Federal District Court ruling that the Company does not infringe patents owned by Ron Nystrom.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

The Company files herewith the following exhibits:

- 3.1 Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Trex Company, Inc. (the Company). Filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-63287) and incorporated herein by reference.
- 3.2 Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company. Filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 7, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference.
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer of Trex Company, Inc. pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 31.2 Certification of Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Trex Company, Inc. pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 32 Certifications pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 18 U.S.C. § 1350.

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

**TREX COMPANY, INC.**

Date: November 9, 2009

By: /s/ James E. Cline  
James E. Cline  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Duly Authorized Officer and Principal Financial Officer)

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