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PROSPECTUS

# Quality Distribution, LLC

## QD Capital Corporation

Offer to Exchange

All Outstanding \$134,499,000 Principal Amount of 10% Senior Notes due 2013 For

10% Senior Notes due 2013 Which Have Been Registered Under the Securities Act of 1933

and

All Outstanding \$80,742,000 Principal Amount at Issuance of 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013 For

11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013 Which Have Been Registered Under the Securities Act of 1933

**The Exchange Offer:**

We will exchange all existing 10% Senior Notes due 2013 that are validly tendered and not validly withdrawn for an equal principal amount of exchange 10% Senior Notes due 2013 that have been registered, and we will exchange all existing 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013 that are validly tendered and not validly withdrawn for an equal principal amount of exchange 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013 that have been registered.

You may withdraw tenders of existing 10% Senior Notes due 2013 or existing 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013 at any time prior to the expiration of the exchange offer.

The exchange offer expires at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on May 4, 2010, unless we extend the offer.

**The Exchange Notes:**

The terms of the exchange 10% Senior Notes due 2013 to be issued in the exchange offer are substantially identical to the existing 10% Senior Notes due 2013, and the terms of the exchange 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013 to be issued in the exchange offer are substantially identical to the existing 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013, except that in each case the exchange notes will be freely tradable by persons who are not affiliated with us.

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No public market currently exists for the existing 10% Senior Notes due 2013 or the existing 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013. We do not intend to list either the exchange 10% Senior Notes due 2013 or the exchange 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013 on any securities exchange and, therefore, no active public market is anticipated for any of the exchange notes.

The exchange notes, like the existing notes, will be guaranteed by our parent, Quality Distribution, Inc., and each of our existing and certain future U.S. restricted subsidiaries.

The exchange 10% Senior Notes due 2013, like the existing 10% Senior Notes due 2013, will be unsecured and rank equally with all of our existing and future senior debt and rank senior to our existing and future subordinated debt, and will be effectively subordinated to all of our secured debt, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt, and to all liabilities of our non-guarantor subsidiaries.

The exchange 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013, like the existing 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013, will be unsecured and rank equally with all of our existing and future senior subordinated debt, and will be effectively subordinated to all of our senior unsecured debt and our secured debt, to the extent of the value of the assets securing the secured debt, and to all liabilities of our non-guarantor subsidiaries.

Like the existing notes, if we fail to make payments on the exchange notes, Quality Distribution, Inc. and our subsidiary guarantors must make them instead. The exchange notes, and the guarantees, will also be junior to all of our secured debt and all liabilities of our non-guarantor subsidiaries.

Each broker-dealer that receives any exchange notes pursuant to the exchange offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of those exchange notes.

If the broker-dealer acquired existing notes as a result of market-making or other trading activities, such broker-dealer may use this prospectus for the exchange offer, as supplemented or amended, in connection with its resales of exchange notes.

**You should carefully consider the risk factors beginning on page 1 of this prospectus before participating in the exchange offer. Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The date of this prospectus is April 7, 2010.

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**You should rely only on the information contained in this document. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with any other information. This document may only be used where it is legal to sell these securities.**

The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of our notes. In this prospectus, unless the context otherwise requires or indicates, (i) the terms our company, QD LLC, we, us and our refer to Quality Distribution, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and its consolidated subsidiaries and their predecessors, (ii) QDI refers to Quality Distribution, Inc., our parent company, (iii) QD Capital refers to QD Capital Corporation, our wholly owned subsidiary and a co-issuer of the 10% Senior Notes due 2013 and the 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013, (iv) the Issuers refers to QD LLC (without its consolidated subsidiaries and their predecessors) and QD Capital, (v) QCI refers to our wholly owned subsidiary Quality Carriers, Inc., an Illinois corporation (vi) Boasso refers to our wholly owned subsidiary Boasso America Corporation, a Louisiana corporation, (vii) Apollo refers to our majority shareholder, Apollo Management, L.P. and its affiliates (viii) the Existing 2013 Senior Notes refers to the Issuers outstanding 10% Senior Notes due 2013 and the Existing 2013 PIK Notes refers to the Issuers outstanding 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013, (ix) the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes and the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes refers to the Issuers 10% Senior Notes due 2013 and the Issuers 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013, respectively, that are registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and will be issued pursuant to this exchange offer, (x) the Existing Notes refers to the Existing 2013 Senior Notes and the Existing 2013 PIK Notes collectively, (xi) the Exchange Notes refers to the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes and the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes collectively, (xii) the 2013 Senior Notes refers to the Existing 2013 Senior Notes and the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes collectively, (xiii) the 2013 PIK Notes refers to the Existing 2013 PIK Notes and the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes collectively, (xiv) the ABL Facility refers to our asset-based revolving credit facility that we entered into on December 18, 2007, (xv) 9% Notes refers to our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2010, and (xvi) 2012 Notes refers to our Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2012.

In connection with the exchange offer, we have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 under the Securities Act, relating to the Exchange Notes to be issued in the exchange offer. As permitted by SEC rules, this prospectus does not contain all the information included in the registration statement. Accordingly, this prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this document. Copies of this information are available without charge to any person to whom this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request. Written requests should be sent to Quality Distribution, Inc., Attention: Investor Relations, 4041 Park Oaks Boulevard, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33610. Oral requests should be made by telephone (813) 569-7235. To obtain delivery, you must request the information no later than April 27, 2010, which is five business days before the expiration of the Exchange Offer.



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**MARKET AND INDUSTRY DATA**

Market and industry data and other statistical information used throughout this prospectus are based on independent industry publications, government publications and other published independent sources, including *Bulk Transporter s Tank Truck Carrier 2008 Annual Gross Revenue Report*. Some data are also based on our good faith estimates, which are derived from our review of management s knowledge of the industry and independent sources. Although we believe that this information is reliable, we cannot guarantee its accuracy and completeness, nor have we independently verified it. We also obtain certain other market share and industry data from internal company analyses and management estimates, and based on our knowledge of the industry. While we believe such internal company analyses and management estimates are reliable, no independent sources have verified such analyses and estimates. Although we are not aware of any misstatements regarding the market share and the industry data that we present in this prospectus, our estimates involve risks and uncertainties and are subject to change based on various factors, including those discussed under Risk Factors and Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.

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### **SUMMARY**

*This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus but might not contain all of the information that is important to you. Before participating in the exchange offer, you should read this entire prospectus carefully, including the Risk Factors section and the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus. Except as otherwise noted, the financial data included in the prospectus comes from the consolidated financial statements of our parent, Quality Distribution, Inc. and its subsidiaries. Quality Distribution, Inc. is a guarantor of our Existing 2013 Senior Notes, our Existing 2013 PIK Notes, our 9% Notes, our 2012 Notes and our ABL Facility and has no material assets or operations other than its ownership of 100% of our membership interests. As a result, the consolidated financial position and results of operations of Quality Distribution, Inc. are substantially the same as ours.*

### **Our Company**

We operate the largest chemical bulk tank truck network in North America through our wholly owned subsidiary QCI, and are a leading provider of ISO (International Organization for Standardization) container and depot services through our wholly owned subsidiary Boasso.

The bulk tank truck market in North America includes all products shipped by bulk tank truck carriers and consists primarily of liquid and dry bulk chemicals (including plastics) and bulk dry and liquid food-grade products. We primarily transport a broad range of chemical products and provide our customers with logistics and other value-added services. We are a core carrier for many of the major companies engaged in chemical processing including BASF, Dow, DuPont, ExxonMobil, Georgia-Pacific, Honeywell, Procter & Gamble, Rohm & Haas, Sunoco and Unilever, and we provide services to most of the top 100 chemical producers with United States operations.

Our transportation revenue is a function of the volume of shipments by the bulk chemical industry, prices, the average number of miles driven per load, our market share and the allocation of shipments between tank truck transportation and other modes of transportation such as rail. The volume of shipments of chemical products is, in turn, affected by many other industries and end use markets, including consumer and industrial products, paints and coatings, paper and packaging, agriculture and food products, and tends to vary with changing economic conditions.

Boasso is the leading North American provider of ISO tank container transportation and depot services with eight terminals located in the eastern half of the United States. In addition to intermodal ISO tank transportation services, Boasso provides tank cleaning, heating, testing, maintenance and storage services to customers. Boasso provides local and over-the-road trucking primarily within the proximity of the port cities where its depots are located and also sells equipment that its customers use for portable alternative storage or office space.

Demand for ISO tank containers is impacted by the volume of imports and exports of chemicals through United States ports. Boasso's revenues are accordingly impacted by this import/export volume, in particular the number of shipments through ports at which Boasso has terminals and the volume of rail shipments from ports at which Boasso has terminals as well as by Boasso's market share. Economic conditions and differences among the laws and currencies of nations may impact the volume of shipments as well.

### **Our Formation and Development**

We are a Delaware limited liability company formed on April 14, 2002. We are a holding company with no significant assets or operations other than the ownership of our operating subsidiaries, including QCI and Boasso. Our sole member is QDI. QDI is a holding company with no significant assets or operations other than the ownership of 100% of our membership interests. QD Capital, our wholly owned subsidiary, is a Delaware corporation, formed on May 1, 2003 and is a co-issuer of the Existing Notes and will be a co-issuer of the Exchange Notes. QD Capital has nominal assets and no operations.

We are the primary obligor under the Existing Notes, the ABL Facility and other outstanding notes, and will be the primary obligor under the Exchange Notes. QDI is a guarantor under the ABL Facility and the Existing Notes and will be a guarantor of the Exchange Notes.

QDI was formed in 1994 as a holding company known as MTL, Inc. In 1999, QDI changed its name from MTL, Inc. to Quality Distribution, Inc. On May 30, 2002, as part of a corporate reorganization, QDI transferred substantially all of its assets to us, consisting principally of the capital stock of QDI's operating subsidiaries. On November 13, 2003, QDI consummated the initial public offering of its common stock. Boasso became our wholly owned subsidiary in December 2007, when we acquired all of its outstanding capital stock from a third party.



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QDI is owned principally by Apollo. As of December 31, 2009, Apollo owned or controlled approximately 52.2% of QDI's outstanding common stock, and approximately 47.1% of QDI's common stock on a fully diluted basis.

**Risk Factors**

An investment in the Exchange Notes involves a high degree of risk. Potential investors should carefully consider the risk factors set forth under Risk Factors beginning on page 1 and the other information contained in this prospectus prior to participating in the exchange offer.

**Corporate Information**

Our principal executive offices are located at 4041 Park Oaks Blvd., Suite 200, Tampa, Florida, 33610, and our telephone number is (813) 630-5826.



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**Summary of the Terms of the Exchange Offer**

We and the guarantors of the Existing Notes have entered into registration rights agreements with the dealer managers in connection with the issuances of the Existing Notes, in which we agreed to file a registration statement relating to an offer to exchange the Existing 2013 Senior Notes for Exchange 2013 Senior Notes and the Existing 2013 PIK Notes for Exchange 2013 PIK Notes within 120 days of the issuances of the Existing Notes and to use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause the registration statement to be declared effective within 180 days following the issuances of the Existing Notes. The registration statement, of which this prospectus forms a part, was initially filed pursuant to this obligation on December 18, 2009, and was declared effective by the SEC on April 7, 2010. We further agreed to use our best efforts to consummate the exchange offer within 40 days following the effective date of the registration statement. In the exchange offer, you are entitled to exchange your Existing 2013 Senior Notes for Exchange 2013 Senior Notes or your Existing 2013 PIK Notes for Exchange 2013 PIK Notes. The Exchange Notes that you receive will be identical in all material respects to the class of Existing Notes that you tendered for exchange except that:

the issuance of the Exchange Notes has been registered under the Securities Act, and as a result the Exchange Notes will be freely tradable by persons who are not affiliated with us;

the Exchange Notes are not entitled to registration rights, which are only applicable to the Existing Notes under the registration rights agreements; and

our obligation to pay additional interest on the Existing Notes because (a) the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part was not initially filed by February 12, 2010, (b) the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part was not declared effective by April 13, 2010, or (c) the exchange offer was not consummated by May 23, 2010, in each case, at incremental rates ranging from 0.25% per annum to 1.0% per annum depending on how long we fail to comply with these deadlines, does not apply to the Exchange Notes.

**The Exchange Offer**

We are offering to exchange (i) up to all outstanding 10% Senior Notes due 2013, which were issued on October 15, 2009, for a like principal amount of 10% Senior Notes due 2013 that have been registered under the Securities Act, and (ii) up to all outstanding 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013, which were issued on October 15, 2009, for a like principal amount of 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013 that have been registered under the Securities Act (which principal amount of 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013 includes \$653,785 of interest that was paid in kind on February 1, 2010, thereby increasing the aggregate outstanding principal amount of 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013).

**Resales**

We believe that the Exchange Notes issued in the exchange offer may be offered for resale, resold and otherwise transferred by you without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act provided that:

the Exchange Notes are being acquired in the ordinary course of your business;

you are not participating, do not intend to participate, and have no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate, in the distribution of the Exchange Notes issued to you in the exchange offer; and

you are not an affiliate of ours.

If any of these conditions are not satisfied and you transfer any Exchange Notes issued to you in the exchange offer without delivering a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act or without an exemption from registration of your Exchange Notes, you may incur liability under the Securities Act. We will not assume, nor will we indemnify you against, any such liability.

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Each broker-dealer that is issued Exchange Notes in the exchange offer for its own account in exchange for Existing Notes that were acquired by that broker-dealer as a result of market-marking or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale of those Exchange Notes. A broker-dealer may use this prospectus for an offer to resell, resale or other retransfer of the Exchange Notes issued to it in the exchange offer.

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Expiration Date; Withdrawal of Tenders	The exchange offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, May 4, 2010, or such later date and time to which we extend it. A tender of Existing Notes pursuant to the exchange offer may be withdrawn at any time prior to the expiration date. Any Existing Notes not accepted for exchange for any reason will be returned without expense to the tendering holder promptly after the expiration or termination of the exchange offer.
Conditions to the Exchange Offer	The exchange offer is subject to customary conditions, some of which we may waive.
Procedures for Tendering Existing Notes	If you wish to accept the exchange offer, you must complete, sign and date the accompanying letter of transmittal, or a copy of the letter of transmittal, according to the instructions contained in this prospectus and the letter of transmittal. You must also mail or otherwise deliver the letter of transmittal, or the copy, together with the Existing Notes and any other required documents, to the exchange agent at the address set forth on the cover of the letter of transmittal. If you hold Existing Notes through The Depository Trust Company, or DTC, and wish to participate in the exchange offer, you must comply with the Automated Tender Offer Program procedures of DTC, by which you will agree to be bound by the letter of transmittal.
	<p>By signing or agreeing to be bound by the letter of transmittal, you will represent to us that, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any Exchange Notes that you receive will be acquired in the ordinary course of your business;</li> <li>you have no arrangement or understanding with any person or entity to participate in the distribution of the Exchange Notes;</li> <li>if you are a broker-dealer that will receive Exchange Notes for your own account in exchange for Existing Notes that were acquired as a result of market-making activities, that you will deliver a prospectus, as required by law, in connection with any resale of those Exchange Notes;</li> <li>if you are not a broker-dealer, that you are not engaged in, and you do not intend to engage in, the distribution of Exchange Notes; and</li> <li>you are not our affiliate as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act.</li> </ul>
Guaranteed Delivery Procedures	If you wish to tender your Existing Notes and your Existing Notes are not immediately available or you cannot deliver your Existing Notes, the letter of transmittal or any other documents required by the letter of transmittal or comply with the applicable procedures under DTC's Automated Tender Offer Program prior to the expiration date, you must tender your Existing Notes according to the guaranteed delivery procedures described in this prospectus.
Effect on Holders of Existing Notes	As a result of the making of, and upon acceptance for exchange of all validly tendered Existing 2013 Senior Notes or Existing 2013 PIK Notes pursuant to the terms of, the exchange offer, we will have fulfilled covenants contained in the registration rights agreements applicable to the Existing 2013 Senior Notes and the Existing 2013 PIK Notes and, accordingly, we will not be obligated to pay additional interest as described in the registration rights agreement applicable to the particular class of Existing Notes. If you are a holder of Existing Notes and do not tender your Existing Notes in the exchange offer, you will continue to hold the Existing Notes and you will be entitled to all the rights and limitations applicable to the Existing Notes in the indenture governing the particular class of Existing Notes, except for any rights under the registration rights agreement applicable to the class of Existing Notes that by their terms terminate upon the consummation of the exchange offer.
Consequences of Failure to Exchange	All untendered Existing Notes will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer provided for in the Existing Notes and in the indentures governing the Existing Notes. In general, the Existing Notes may not be offered or sold unless registered under the Securities Act, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Other than in connection with the exchange offer, or as otherwise required under certain limited circumstances pursuant to the terms of the registration rights agreements, we do not currently anticipate that we will register the Existing Notes under the Securities Act.



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Accounting Treatment	We will record the Exchange Notes in our accounting records at the same carrying value as the Existing Notes, as reflected in our accounting records on the date of exchange. Accordingly, we will not recognize any gain or loss for accounting purposes in connection with the exchange offer. We will capitalize certain expenses of the exchange offer as deferred financing costs and amortize those costs over the life of the Exchange Notes.
Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations	The exchange of Existing Notes for Exchange Notes in the exchange offer should not be a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes. See Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.
Use of Proceeds	We will not receive any cash proceeds from the issuance of the Exchange Notes. In consideration for issuing the Exchange Notes as contemplated in this prospectus, we will receive in exchange Existing Notes in like principal amount, which will be canceled and as such will not result in any increase in our indebtedness. We did not receive any cash proceeds from the issuances of the Existing Notes, which were issued in exchange for 9% Notes and 2012 Notes that were outstanding on the date of the issuances of the Existing Notes.
Exchange Agent	The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. is the exchange agent for the exchange offer. The address and telephone number of the exchange agent are set forth in the section entitled The Exchange Offer Exchange Agent.

**Summary of the Terms of the Exchange Notes**

Issuers	Quality Distribution, LLC and QD Capital Corporation
Securities Offered	
<i>Exchange 2013 Senior Notes</i>	\$134,499,000 Principal Amount of 10% Senior Notes due 2013
<i>Exchange 2013 PIK Notes</i>	\$81,395,785 Principal Amount of 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013 (\$653,785 of the aggregate principal amount is due to the payment in kind of interest on February 1, 2010, thereby increasing the outstanding principal amount of the 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013)
Maturity Date	
<i>Exchange 2013 Senior Notes</i>	June 1, 2013
<i>Exchange 2013 PIK Notes</i>	November 1, 2013
Interest	
<i>Exchange 2013 Senior Notes</i>	Interest on the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes will accrue at a rate of 10% per annum and will be payable in cash on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing June 1, 2010.

Holder s who exchange their Existing 2013 Senior Notes for Exchange 2013 Senior Notes will receive the same interest payment on June 1, 2010 that they would have received if they had not accepted the exchange offer.

*Exchange 2013 PIK Notes* Interest on the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes will accrue interest at the rate of 11.75% per annum, payable as follows: 9% in cash and 2.75% by increasing the outstanding principal amount of the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes. Interest on the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes is payable on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing February 1, 2010.

Under the terms of the Existing 2013 PIK Notes, a regularly scheduled interest payment is scheduled to occur on May 1, 2010, which is prior to the anticipated expiration of the exchange offer. Interest will be paid with respect to the Existing 2013 PIK Notes as scheduled on May 1, 2010 to holders of record on April 15, 2010, even if a holder s Existing 2013 PIK Notes have been tendered in the exchange offer, and no interest will be paid on May 1, 2010 with respect to Exchange 2013 PIK Notes. The portion of the interest that is paid-in-kind on May 1, 2010 will, when the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes are issued by us after the expiration of the exchange

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offer, be issued by increasing the outstanding principal amount of Exchange 2013 PIK Notes if the holder's Existing 2013 PIK Notes are accepted by us in the exchange offer.

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Guarantees	Our obligations under the Exchange Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on an unsecured basis by our parent company, QDI, and each of our existing and certain future U.S. restricted subsidiaries. Exchange Notes are not and will not be, however, guaranteed by our foreign subsidiaries or our unrestricted subsidiaries. Investors should not rely on the QDI guarantee in evaluating an investment in the Exchange Notes as QDI currently has no material assets other than the ownership of 100% of our membership interests, and the covenants contained in the indentures governing the Exchange Notes will not apply to QDI.
Ranking	
<i>Exchange 2013 Senior Notes</i>	The Exchange 2013 Senior Notes and the guarantees thereof will be our unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and will rank: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future senior unsecured debt, including the Existing 2013 Senior Notes and the 2012 Notes and the guarantees thereof;</li><li>effectively junior to all of our existing and future secured debt, including borrowings under the ABL Facility, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt;</li><li>senior in right of payment to all of our existing and future subordinated debt, including the Existing 2013 PIK Notes, the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes and the 9% Notes and the guarantees thereof; and</li><li>structurally subordinated to all liabilities, including trade payables, of our subsidiaries that are not guarantors, which are principally our subsidiaries in Mexico and Canada, and which provided less than 1% of our operating revenues in 2009.</li></ul>
<i>Exchange 2013 PIK Notes</i>	The Exchange 2013 PIK Notes and the guarantees thereof will be our unsecured and subordinated obligations and will rank: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future unsecured subordinated debt, including the Existing 2013 PIK Notes and the 9% Notes and the guarantees thereof;</li><li>junior in right of payment with all of our existing and future senior unsecured debt, including the Existing 2013 Senior Notes, the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes and the 2012 Notes and the guarantees thereof;</li><li>effectively junior to all of our existing and future secured debt, including borrowings under the ABL Facility, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt; and</li><li>structurally subordinated to all liabilities, including trade payables, of our subsidiaries that are not guarantors, which are principally our subsidiaries in Mexico and Canada, and which provided less than 1% of our operating revenues in 2009.</li></ul>
Optional Redemption	
<i>Exchange 2013 Senior Notes</i>	We may redeem some or all of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes at any time, upon providing required notice, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, to the applicable redemption date.

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<i>Exchange 2013 PIK Notes</i>	<p>Prior to the first anniversary of the issuance of the Existing 2013 PIK Notes, we may redeem some or all of the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, to the applicable redemption date plus the applicable make-whole premium. On or after the first anniversary of the issuance of the Existing 2013 PIK Notes, we may redeem some or all of the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, to the applicable redemption date. Additionally, on or prior to the first anniversary of the issuance of the Existing 2013 PIK Notes, we may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes with the net proceeds of specified equity offerings at a redemption price equal to 111.75% of the principal amount of the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, to the applicable redemption date.</p>
<p>Mandatory Redemption for Exchange 2013 Senior Notes</p> <p><i>Semi-Annual Mandatory Redemption</i></p> <p><i>Additional Mandatory Redemption</i></p>	<p>The Exchange 2013 Senior Notes must be redeemed on each June 1 and December 1, commencing December 1, 2010, at 100.00% of the principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption, in an aggregate principal amount of \$6 million. The required redemption amount may be increased by unpaid amounts required to be carried forward from prior periods.</p> <p>Beginning with the year ending December 31, 2011, promptly following the delivery by QDI of its Annual Report on Form 10-K for each fiscal year (or the delivery by QD LLC of financial statements if QDI ceases to be a reporting company under the Exchange Act) but no later than 105 days after year-end, the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes must be redeemed at 100.00% of the principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption, in an aggregate principal amount equal to 50% of consolidated excess cash flow for such fiscal year minus \$12 million.</p> <p>Both required redemption amounts will be reduced to the extent necessary so that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the sum of borrowing availability under the ABL Facility, plus unrestricted cash and cash equivalents, is at least \$37.5 million;</li> <li>the minimum borrowing availability requirements under the ABL Facility are satisfied;</li> <li>there is fixed charge coverage ratio of at least 1.0 to 1.0 as calculated under the ABL Facility; and</li> <li>no other event of default is otherwise caused under the ABL Facility by the redemption.</li> </ul> <p>The required redemption amounts are also reduced by any optional redemptions and repurchases during the redemption period.</p>
<i>Reductions in Mandatory Redemption Amounts</i>	
<i>Mandatory Offer to Repurchase</i>	<p>If we sell all or substantially all of our assets or undergo other types of changes in control, each holder will have the right to require us to repurchase all or any part of such holder's Exchange Notes at 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Exchange Notes.</p>



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Certain Covenants

The indentures governing the Exchange Notes, among other things, limit our ability and the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to:

incur or guarantee additional indebtedness;

pay dividends or distributions on, or redeem or repurchase, capital stock and make other restricted payments;

make investments;

consummate certain asset sales;

engage in transactions with affiliates;

grant or assume liens; and

consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of our assets.

These limitations are subject to a number of important qualifications and exceptions as described in this prospectus.

Limited Market

The Exchange Notes generally will be freely transferable. However, we do not currently intend to list either class of the Exchange Notes on any exchange, and there can be no assurance as to the development or liquidity of any market for any of the Exchange Notes.

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The following table sets forth summary consolidated financial data, and other historical consolidated financial data of QDI. QDI is or will be a guarantor of the Existing 2013 Senior Notes, the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes, the Existing 2013 PIK Notes, the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes, the 9% Notes, the 2012 Notes and the ABL Facility and has no material assets or operations other than its ownership of 100% of our membership interests. As a result, the consolidated financial position and results of operations of QDI are substantially the same as ours. The summary historical consolidated financial information set forth below is qualified in its entirety by reference to, and should be read in conjunction with, our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus and the section entitled Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. The historical results do not necessarily indicate results expected for any future period.

The consolidated statements of operations data set forth below for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 and the historical balance sheet data as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 are derived from our audited financial statements included in this prospectus. The historical statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 and the historical balance sheet data as of December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 are derived from our audited financial statements that are not included in this prospectus.

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<b>(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)</b>					
<b>Statements of Operations Data (1)</b>					
Operating revenues	\$ 613,609	\$ 815,290	\$ 751,558	\$ 730,159	\$ 678,076
Operating expenses:					
Purchased transportation	373,539	466,823	471,531	493,686	471,238
Depreciation and amortization	20,218	21,002	17,544	16,353	17,278
Impairment charge (2)	148,630				
Other operating expenses	186,398	294,487	238,630	171,842	149,741
Operating (loss) income	(115,176)	32,978	23,853	48,278	39,819
Interest expense, net	28,047	35,120	30,524	29,388	26,712
Write-off of debt issuance costs	20	283	2,031		1,110
Gain on extinguishment of debt	(1,870)	(16,532)			
Other expense (income)	1,912	(2,945)	940	888	(222)
(Loss) income before taxes	(143,285)	17,052	(9,642)	18,002	12,219
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	37,249	4,940	(2,079)	(38,168)	352
Net (loss) income	\$ (180,534)	\$ 12,112	\$ (7,563)	\$ 56,170	\$ 11,867
Net (loss) income per common share:					
Basic	\$ (9.28)	\$ 0.63	\$ (0.39)	\$ 2.97	\$ 0.63
Diluted	\$ (9.28)	\$ 0.62	\$ (0.39)	\$ 2.87	\$ 0.61
Weighted average common shares outstanding:					
Basic	19,449	19,379	19,336	18,920	18,934
Diluted	19,449	19,539	19,336	19,571	19,301

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	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT TERMINAL,					
TRAILER AND TRACTOR DATA)					
<b>Other Data (1)</b>					
Cash paid for interest	\$ 22,704	\$ 30,690	\$ 28,850	\$ 27,034	\$ 24,645
Net cash provided by operating activities	39,756	19,593	14,052	28,236	9,039
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	9,577	(8,524)	(63,399)	(10,591)	(16,063)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(50,515)	(13,485)	52,194	(12,474)	5,858
Number of terminals at end of period	108	149	169	165	165
Number of trailers operated at end of period	6,410	7,115	7,506	7,769	7,461
Number of tractors operated at end of period	2,839	3,224	3,927	3,829	3,539
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges (3)		1.4x		1.5x	1.4x
<b>Balance Sheet Data at Period End (1)</b>					
Working capital	\$ 19,016	\$ 44,967	\$ 67,093	\$ 59,673	\$ 43,079
Total assets	279,616	502,103	493,976	417,873	377,053
Total indebtedness, including current maturities	321,284	362,586	349,271	279,122	289,116
Shareholders (deficit) equity	(140,736)	31,020	27,300	31,774	(27,462)

- (1) On December 17, 2007, we acquired 100% of the stock of Boasso America Corporation. The results of Boasso have been included in our results since the date of the acquisition.
- (2) The impairment charge resulted from an impairment analysis of goodwill and intangible assets performed during the quarter ended June 30, 2009. Refer to Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.
- (3) For the purpose of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of earnings from continuing operations before income taxes and fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expense including the amortization of deferred debt issuance costs. In 2007 and 2009 earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by approximately \$9.6 million and \$143.3 million, respectively.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*You should carefully consider the risks described below before participating in the exchange offer. Although the risks described below are all of the risks that we believe are material, they are not the only risks relating to our business and the Exchange Notes. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially and adversely affect our business operations. Any of the following risks could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. In such case, you may lose all or part of your investment.*

**Risks Related to the Exchange Offer**

***Your Existing Notes will not be accepted for exchange if you do not follow the exchange offer procedures described in this prospectus.***

We will not accept your Existing Notes for exchange if you do not follow the exchange-offer procedures described in this prospectus. We will issue Exchange Notes as part of the exchange offer only after a timely receipt of your Existing Notes, a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal or agent's message and all other required documents. Therefore, if you want to tender your Existing Notes for exchange, you should comply with the exchange procedures and allow sufficient time for your Existing Notes or agent's message to be received by the exchange agent. If we do not receive your Existing Notes, letter of transmittal or agent's message and other required documents by the expiration date of the exchange offer, we will not accept your Existing Notes for exchange. We are under no duty to notify you of defects or irregularities in your tender of Existing Notes for exchange. If there are defects or irregularities in your tender of your Existing Notes, we may not accept your Existing Notes for exchange.

***If you choose not to exchange your Existing Notes in the exchange offer or do not validly tender your Existing Notes, the transfer restrictions currently applicable to your Existing Notes will remain in force, which could inhibit your ability to sell your Existing Notes.***

If you do not exchange your Existing Notes for Exchange Notes in the exchange offer or fail to validly tender your Existing Notes, then your Existing Notes will continue to be subject to certain transfer restrictions. In general, the restrictions prevent the Existing Notes from being offered or sold unless the offer and sale is registered or exempt from registration under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Except as may be required by the registration rights agreements in certain limited circumstances, we do not intend to register resales of the Existing Notes under the Securities Act.

***The market for Existing Notes may be significantly more limited after the exchange offer and you may not be able to sell your Existing Notes after the exchange offer.***

If Existing Notes are tendered and accepted for exchange under the exchange offer, the trading market for Existing Notes that remain outstanding may be significantly more limited. As a result, the liquidity of the Existing Notes not tendered for exchange could be adversely affected. The extent of the market for Existing Notes and the availability of price quotations would depend upon a number of factors, including the number of holders of Existing Notes remaining outstanding and the interest of securities firms in maintaining a market in the Existing Notes. An issue of securities with a similar outstanding market value available for trading, which is called the float, may command a lower price than would be comparable to an issue of securities with a greater float. As a result, the market price for Existing Notes that are not exchanged in the exchange offer may be affected adversely as Existing Notes exchanged in the exchange offer reduce the float. The reduced float also may make the trading price of the Existing Notes that are not exchanged more volatile.

***Certain persons who participate in the exchange offer must deliver a prospectus in connection with resales of the Exchange Notes.***

Based on interpretations of the staff of the SEC contained in *Exxon Capital Holdings Corp.*, SEC no-action letter (May 13, 1988), *Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc.*, SEC no-action letter (June 5, 1991) and *Shearman & Sterling*, SEC no-action letter (July 2, 1993), we believe that you may generally offer for resale, resell or otherwise transfer the Exchange Notes without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. However, in some instances described in this prospectus, certain holders of Exchange Notes will remain obligated to comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act to transfer the Notes. If such a holder transfers any Exchange Notes without delivering a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act or without an applicable exemption from registration under the Securities Act, the holder could incur liability under the Securities Act. We do not and will not assume, or indemnify such holders against, this liability.

**Risks Related to the Exchange Notes**

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The following risks specifically apply to holders of Exchange Notes issued in the exchange offer and should be considered, along with other risk factors, by eligible holders. There are additional risk factors attendant to being an investor in our Exchange Notes whether or not you elect to tender your Existing Notes. These risks are described elsewhere in this prospectus Risk Factors section under the headings Risks Related to Our Indebtedness and Risks Related to Our Business.

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***The Exchange Notes will be effectively junior to liabilities of certain subsidiaries.***

We conduct substantially all of our operations through our subsidiaries. As a result, we are required to rely upon our subsidiaries for the funds necessary to meet our obligations, including the payment of interest on and principal of the Exchange Notes. The ability of the subsidiaries to make these payments will be subject to, among other things, applicable state laws. Although the guarantees of the Exchange Notes provide the holders of the Exchange Notes with a direct claim against the guarantors, the subsidiary non-guarantors have not guaranteed the obligations under the Exchange Notes. Claims of creditors of our subsidiary non-guarantors, including trade creditors and the lenders under the ABL Facility, generally will have priority with respect to the assets and earnings of these subsidiaries over the claims of our creditors, including holders of the Exchange Notes. For the year ended December 31, 2009, less than 1% of our operating revenue was generated by our non-guarantor subsidiaries. The non-guarantor subsidiaries had approximately \$0.9 million of liabilities, including trade payables, but excluding intercompany balances, at December 31, 2009.

***We may not be able to repurchase the Exchange Notes upon a change of control.***

Upon the occurrence of certain change of control events, we will be required to offer to repurchase all of the outstanding 2013 Senior Notes and 2013 PIK Notes at 101% of the principal amount thereof plus, without duplication, accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, to the date of repurchase. However, a change of control will cause an event of default under the ABL Facility and may cause an acceleration of the borrowings thereunder. There can be no assurance that we will have sufficient funds at the time of the change of control to make the required repurchase of all such notes or that restrictions in the ABL Facility will allow such repurchases. In addition, certain important corporate events, such as leveraged recapitalizations that would increase the level of our indebtedness, would not constitute a Change of Control under the indentures for the Exchange Notes.

***An active trading market may not develop for the Exchange Notes.***

We do not intend to list the Exchange Notes on a national securities exchange. Although the deal managers in connection with the issuances of the Existing Notes have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the Exchange Notes, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue such market-making activity at any time without notice. In addition, market-making activity will be subject to the limits imposed by the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and may be limited during the exchange offer. If a trading market does not develop, you may not be able to sell the Exchange Notes. If any of the Exchange Notes are traded after their issuance, they may trade at a discount from the initial offering price of the Existing Notes, depending upon:

prevailing interest rates;

the market for similar securities; and

other factors, including general economic conditions and our financial condition, performance and prospects.

The market for non-investment grade debt securities has historically been subject to disruptions that have caused volatility in their prices independent of the operating and financial performance of the issuers of these securities. It is possible that the market for the Exchange Notes will be subject to these kinds of disruptions regardless of our prospects and financial performance. Accordingly, declines in the liquidity and market price of the Exchange Notes may occur independent of our operating and financial performance. We cannot assure you that any liquid market for the Exchange Notes will develop.

***We believe that the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes should be treated as contingent payment debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes.***

We believe that the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes should be treated as contingent payment debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Assuming the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes are properly classified as such, each U.S. holder, regardless of its U.S. federal income tax accounting method, will be required to accrue interest on a constant-yield method at a rate that represents our determination of the yield on our comparable non-contingent, fixed-rate debt instrument with terms and conditions otherwise similar to the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes. This method is similar to the accrual of income under the original issue discount rules and is discussed in greater detail below. The rules governing contingent payment debt instruments are complex and there can be no assurance that the IRS will agree with this result, in which case a U.S. holder could

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be required for any particular taxable year to include a greater or lesser amount of interest income. U.S. holders will also recognize gain or loss on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other disposition of an Exchange 2013 Senior Note in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized and their adjusted tax basis in the Exchange 2013 Senior Note. Gain recognized by a U.S. holder on such sale, exchange, redemption or retirement generally will be treated as ordinary interest income; any loss will be ordinary loss to the extent of the interest previously included in income, and thereafter, capital loss.

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The Existing 2013 PIK Notes will be treated as issued with original issue discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent that their stated principal amount exceeded their issue price and to the extent that the Existing 2013 PIK Notes provide for pay-in-kind interest. The Exchange 2013 PIK Notes will be treated as issued with original issue discount in the same amount as the original issue discount applicable to the Existing 2013 PIK Notes. A U.S. holder of Exchange 2013 PIK Notes treated as issued with original issue discount will be required to include such original issue discount in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes as it accrues, in accordance with a constant-yield method based on compounding of interest, before the receipt of cash payments attributable to such original issue discount.

***Because each guarantor's liability under its guarantees may be reduced to zero, avoided or released under certain circumstances, you may not receive any payments from some or all of the guarantors.***

You have the benefit of the guarantees of the guarantors. However, the guarantees by the guarantors are limited to the maximum amount that the guarantors are permitted to guarantee under applicable law. As a result, a guarantor's liability under its guarantee could be reduced to zero, depending on the amount of other obligations of such guarantor. Furthermore, you will lose the benefit of a particular guarantee if it is released under certain circumstances described in this prospectus. In addition, enforcement of the guarantees of the Exchange Notes against any guarantor may be subject to legal challenge in a bankruptcy or reorganization case or a lawsuit by or on behalf of creditors of any guarantor and would be subject to certain defenses available to guarantors generally. Although the indentures governing the Exchange Notes contain waivers of most guarantor defenses, certain of those waivers may not be enforced by a court in a particular case. To the extent that the guarantees of the Exchange Notes are not enforceable, the Exchange Notes would be effectively subordinated to all liabilities of the guarantors, including trade payables of any guarantors.

***The guarantee of our parent company is of limited value.***

Investors should not rely on the QDI guarantee in evaluating an investment in the Exchange Notes as QDI currently has no material assets other than the ownership of 100% of our membership interests and the covenants contained in the indentures governing the Exchange Notes will not apply to QDI.

***Repayment of our debt, including required principal and interest payments on and redemptions of the Exchange Notes, is dependent on cash flow generated by our subsidiaries.***

Our subsidiaries own substantially all of our assets and conduct a significant portion of our operations. Accordingly, repayment of our indebtedness, including the Exchange Notes, is dependent, to a significant extent, on the generation of cash flow by our subsidiaries and their ability to make such cash available to us, by dividend, debt repayment or otherwise. Our non-guarantor subsidiaries do not have any obligation to pay amounts due on the Exchange Notes or to make funds available for that purpose. Our subsidiaries may not be able to, or may not be permitted to, make distributions to enable us to make payments in respect of our indebtedness, including the Exchange Notes. Each subsidiary is a distinct legal entity and, under certain circumstances, legal and contractual restrictions may limit our ability to obtain cash from our subsidiaries. While the indentures governing the Exchange Notes limit the ability of our subsidiaries to incur consensual restrictions on their ability to pay dividends or make other intercompany payments to us, these limitations are subject to certain qualifications and exceptions. In the event that we do not receive distributions from our subsidiaries we may be unable to make required principal and interest payments on our indebtedness, including the Exchange Notes.

***Your right to receive payments on the Exchange Notes is effectively junior to those lenders who have a security interest in our assets.***

As of December 31, 2009, we had approximately \$96.4 million of senior secured indebtedness, consisting of debt under the ABL Facility, capital lease obligations and other secured notes; and approximately \$44.7 million in availability under the ABL Facility. Our obligations under the Exchange Notes and our guarantors' obligations under their guarantees of the Exchange Notes will be unsecured. As a result, the Exchange Notes and the related guarantees will be effectively subordinated to all of our and the guarantors' secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing the indebtedness. Our obligations under the ABL Facility and each applicable guarantor's obligations under its guarantee of the ABL Facility are secured by a security interest in substantially all of our domestic tangible and intangible assets. In the event that we or a relevant guarantor are declared bankrupt, become insolvent or are liquidated or reorganized, our obligations under the ABL Facility and any other secured obligations will be entitled to be paid in full from our assets or the assets of such guarantor, as the case may be, securing such obligation before any payment may be made with respect to the Exchange Notes. In addition, if we default under the ABL Facility, the lenders could declare all of the funds borrowed thereunder, together with accrued interest, immediately due and payable. If we were unable to repay such indebtedness, the lenders could foreclose on the pledged assets to the exclusion of holders of the Exchange Notes, even if an event of default exists at such time under the indentures under which the Exchange Notes will be issued. Furthermore, if the lenders under the ABL



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Facility foreclose and sell the pledged equity interests in any subsidiary guarantor under the Exchange Notes, then that guarantor

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will be released from its guarantee of the Exchange Notes automatically and immediately upon such sale. In any such event, because the Exchange Notes will not be secured by any of our assets or the equity interests in subsidiary guarantors, it is possible that there would be no assets remaining from which your claims could be satisfied or, if any assets remained, they might be insufficient to satisfy your claims fully.

***Your right to receive payment on any Exchange 2013 PIK Notes will also be junior to our senior unsecured indebtedness, such as the 2013 Senior Notes.***

The Exchange 2013 PIK Notes and the guarantees of the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes will be our senior subordinated unsecured obligations and will rank junior in right of payment to all senior unsecured indebtedness, such as the 2013 Senior Notes, in addition to any secured indebtedness. In the event that we are declared bankrupt, become insolvent or are liquidated or reorganized, all of our secured obligations, such as the ABL Facility, and all of our senior unsecured obligations, such as the 2013 Senior Notes, will be entitled to be paid in full from our assets before any payment may be made with respect to the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes. Once the secured and senior unsecured obligations are paid in full, holders of the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes would participate ratably in our remaining assets with all other holders of our senior subordinated unsecured obligations, such as the 9% Notes, based upon the respective amount owed to each creditor. Accordingly, in the event of our bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation or reorganization, the proceeds from the sale of our assets may be insufficient to repay our obligations under the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes in full or at all.

***If we default on our obligations to pay our other indebtedness, we may not be able to make payments on the Exchange Notes.***

Any default under the agreements governing our indebtedness, including a default under the ABL Facility that is not waived by the required lenders, and the remedies sought by the holders of such indebtedness, could make us unable to pay principal, premium, if any, or interest on the Exchange Notes and could substantially decrease the market value of the Exchange Notes. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow and are otherwise unable to obtain funds necessary to meet required payments of principal, premium, if any, or interest on our indebtedness, or if we otherwise fail to comply with the various covenants, including financial and operating covenants, in the instruments governing our indebtedness (including the ABL Facility), we could be in default under the terms of the agreements governing such indebtedness. In the event of such default, the holders of such indebtedness could elect to declare all the funds borrowed thereunder to be due and payable, together with accrued and unpaid interest, the lenders under the ABL Facility could elect to terminate their commitments, cease making further loans and institute foreclosure proceedings against our assets, or we may be required to apply all of our available cash to repay such holders, and we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation. If our operating performance declines, we may in the future need to seek waivers from the required lenders under the ABL Facility to avoid being in default. If we breach our covenants under the ABL Facility and seek a waiver, we may not be able to obtain a waiver from the required lenders. If this occurs, we would be in default under the ABL Facility, the lenders could exercise their rights as described above, and we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation.

## **Risks Related to Our Indebtedness**

***Our debt agreements contain restrictions that could limit our flexibility in operating our business.***

The ABL Facility and the indentures governing our 2013 Senior Notes and 2013 PIK Notes contain various covenants that limit or prohibit our ability, among other things, to:

incur or guarantee additional indebtedness or issue certain preferred shares;

redeem, repurchase, make distributions on or retire subordinated indebtedness or make other restricted payments;

make certain loans, acquisitions, capital expenditures or investments;

sell certain assets, including stock of our subsidiaries;

enter into sale and leaseback transactions;

create or incur liens;

consolidate, merge, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets; and

enter into certain transactions with our affiliates.

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The ABL Facility matures June 18, 2013. However, the maturity date of the ABL Facility may be accelerated if we default on our obligations under the ABL Facility. If the maturity of the ABL Facility is accelerated, we do not believe that we will have sufficient cash on hand to repay the ABL Facility or, unless conditions in the credit markets improve significantly, that we will be able to refinance the ABL Facility on acceptable terms, or at all.

The failure to repay or refinance the ABL Facility at final maturity will have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition, would cause substantial liquidity problems and may result in the bankruptcy of us and/or our subsidiaries. Any actual or potential bankruptcy or liquidity crisis may materially harm our relationships with our customers and suppliers, result in loss of market share, increase the cost of providing our services and otherwise result in significant permanent harm to our ability to operate our business. Because a substantial portion of our revenues is dependent on our affiliates and independent owner-operators rather than company-owned facilities and company employees, our ability to manage our business through any actual or potential bankruptcy or liquidity crisis may be limited, particularly if there is significant harm to our reputation and relationships with customers, suppliers, affiliates and independent owner-operators. The holders of our 2013 Senior Notes and 2013 PIK Notes are not entitled to any security interest in any of our property or that of our subsidiaries, and any deterioration of our business or prospects in connection with an actual or potential bankruptcy or liquidity crisis would have a material adverse effect on the value of the 2013 Senior Notes or the 2013 PIK Notes and the amount that the holders of 2013 Senior Notes or the 2013 PIK Notes would recover in a bankruptcy or restructuring.

***As a result of the restrictions in our debt agreements, we could be limited in the manner in which we conduct our business, and we may be unable to engage in favorable business activities or finance future operations or capital needs.***

We have pledged a significant portion of our assets as collateral under the ABL Facility. If any of these lenders accelerate the repayment of borrowings, there can be no assurance that we will have sufficient assets to repay our indebtedness.

Under the ABL Facility we may be required to satisfy and maintain specified financial ratios. Our ability to meet those financial ratios can be affected by events beyond our control, and there can be no assurance that we will meet those ratios. A failure to comply with the covenants contained in the ABL Facility or our other indebtedness could result in an event of default under the ABL Facility or the agreements governing our other indebtedness, which, if not cured or waived, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In the event of any default under the ABL Facility or our other indebtedness, the lenders thereunder:

will not be required to lend any additional amounts to us;

could elect to declare all borrowings outstanding, together with accrued and unpaid interest and fees, to be due and payable and terminate all commitments to extend further credit; or

require us to apply all of our available cash to repay these borrowings.

Such actions by the lenders could cause cross defaults under our other indebtedness. If we were unable to repay those amounts, the lenders under the ABL Facility could proceed against the collateral granted to them to secure that indebtedness.

If the indebtedness under the ABL Facility were to be accelerated, there can be no assurance that our assets would be sufficient to repay such indebtedness in full.

***Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations, limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or our industry and prevent us from making debt service payments.***

At December 31, 2009, we had consolidated long-term indebtedness and capital lease obligations, including current maturities, of \$321.3 million. Our ability to generate sufficient cash flow from operations to make scheduled payments on our debt will depend on a range of economic, competitive and business factors, many of which are outside our control. Our business may not generate sufficient cash flow from operations to meet our debt service and other obligations, and currently anticipated cost savings and operating improvements may not be realized on schedule, or at all. If we are unable to meet our expenses and debt service and other obligations, we may need to refinance all or a portion of our indebtedness on or before maturity, sell assets or raise equity. Furthermore, Apollo has no obligation to provide us with debt or equity financing, and we therefore may be unable to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness. We may not be able to refinance any of

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our indebtedness, sell assets or raise equity on commercially reasonable terms or at all, which could cause us to default on our obligations and impair our liquidity. Our inability to generate sufficient cash flow to satisfy our debt obligations or to refinance our obligations on commercially reasonable terms would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In addition, covenants in our debt agreements limit the use of proceeds from our ordinary operations and from extraordinary transactions. These limits may require us to apply proceeds in a certain manner or prohibit us from utilizing the proceeds in our operations or from prepaying or retiring indebtedness that we desire.

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***Our expected future higher interest expense could limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or our industry and prevent us from making debt service payments.***

Our 2013 Senior Notes and 2013 PIK Notes carry higher rates of interest and higher cash rates of interest than the rates of the 2012 Notes and 9% Notes for which they were exchanged. Our higher interest expense may reduce our future profitability.

Our future higher interest expense could have other important consequences with respect to our ability to manage our business successfully, including the following:

it may make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to our indebtedness, and any failure to comply with the obligations of any of our debt instruments, including restrictive covenants and borrowing conditions, could result in an event of default under the ABL Facility, the indentures governing our 2013 Senior Notes and our 2013 PIK Notes, and our other indebtedness;

using a portion of our cash flow to pay interest on our indebtedness will reduce the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures and other business activities;

it increases our vulnerability to adverse economic and industry conditions;

it limits our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate;

it may make us more vulnerable to further downturns in our business or the economy; and

it limits our ability to exploit business opportunities.

***Despite our substantial indebtedness, we may still be able to incur significantly more indebtedness, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.***

The ABL Facility and the indentures governing our 2013 Senior Notes and 2013 PIK Notes contain restrictions on our ability to incur additional indebtedness. These restrictions are subject to a number of important qualifications and exceptions, and the indebtedness incurred in compliance with these restrictions could be substantial. Accordingly, we or our subsidiaries could incur significant additional indebtedness in the future. As of December 31, 2009, we had approximately \$44.7 million available for additional borrowing under the ABL Facility, including a subfacility for letters of credit, and the covenants under our debt agreements would allow us to borrow a significant amount of additional indebtedness. Additional leverage could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

***We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to make required interest and principal payments on, and redemptions of, our indebtedness, and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness that may not be successful.***

Our 9% Notes mature November 15, 2010 and the ABL Facility matures June 18, 2013. However, the maturity date of the ABL Facility may be accelerated if we default on our obligations under the ABL Facility. Additionally, we must make regular payments under the ABL Facility and our capital leases, and semi-annual and quarterly interest payments under our outstanding notes. In addition, subject to certain exceptions, we are required to make regular redemptions of our 2013 Senior Notes.

Our ability to satisfy our debt obligations will depend upon, among other things:

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our future financial and operating performance, which will be affected by prevailing economic conditions and financial, business, regulatory and other factors, many of which are beyond our control; and

our future ability to borrow under the ABL Facility, the availability of which depends on, among other things, our complying with the covenants in the ABL Facility.

We cannot assure you that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations, or that we will be able to draw under the ABL Facility or otherwise, in an amount sufficient to fund our liquidity needs.

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to service our indebtedness, we may be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures, sell assets, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our indebtedness, including the Exchange Notes. These alternative measures may not be successful and may not permit us to meet our scheduled debt-service obligations. Our ability to restructure or refinance our debt will depend on the condition of the capital markets and our financial condition at such time. Any refinancing of our debt could be at higher interest rates and may require us to comply with more onerous covenants, which could further restrict our business operations. In addition, the terms of existing or future debt agreements may restrict us from adopting some of these alternatives. In the absence of such operating results and resources, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to dispose of material assets or operations to meet our debt service and other obligations. We may not be able to consummate those dispositions for fair market value or at all. Furthermore, any proceeds that we could realize from any such dispositions may not be adequate to meet our debt service obligations then due.

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### **Risks Related to Our Business**

*Our business is subject to general and industry specific economic factors that are largely out of our control and could affect our operations and profitability.*

Our business is dependent on various economic factors over which we have little control, that include:

the availability of qualified drivers,

access to the credit and capital markets,

changes in regulations concerning shipment and storage of material we transport and depot,

increases in fuel prices, taxes and tolls,

interest rate fluctuations,

excess capacity in the tank trucking industry,

changes in license and regulatory fees,

potential disruptions at U.S. ports of entry,

downturns in customers' business cycles, and

reductions in customers' shipping requirements.

As a result, we may experience periods of overcapacity, declining prices, lower profit margins and less availability of cash in the future. We have a large number of customers in the chemical-processing and consumer-goods industries. If these customers experience fluctuations in their business activity due to an economic downturn, work stoppages or other industry conditions, the volume of freight transported by us or container services provided by us on behalf of those customers may decrease. The trucking industry has experienced a slowdown due to lower demand resulting from slowing economic conditions through 2008 and 2009. We expect these weak conditions to continue in 2010.

*Our reliance upon affiliates and independent owner-operators could adversely affect our operations and profitability.*

We rely heavily upon participants in our affiliate program and independent owner-operators to perform the services for which we contract with our customers. A reduction in the number of independent owner-operators, whether due to capital requirements related to the expense of obtaining, operating and maintaining equipment or for other reasons, could have a negative effect on our operations and profitability. Similarly, the loss of one or more affiliates could adversely affect our profitability.

Contracts with affiliates are for various terms and contracts with independent owner-operators may be terminated by either party on short notice. Although affiliates and independent owner-operators are responsible for paying for their own equipment and other operating costs, significant increases in these costs could cause them to seek a higher percentage of the revenue generated if we are unable to increase our rates



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commensurately. A continued decline in the rates we pay to our affiliates and independent owner-operators could adversely affect our ability to maintain our existing affiliates and independent owner-operators and attract new affiliates, independent owner-operators and drivers. Disagreements with affiliates or independent owner-operators as to payment or other terms, or the failure of a key affiliate to meet our contractual obligations or otherwise perform consistent with our requirements may require us to utilize alternative suppliers, in each case at potentially higher prices or with disruption of the services that we provide to our customers. If we fail to deliver on time or if the costs of our services increase, then our profitability and customer relationships could be harmed.

Although our affiliates and independent owner-operators have substantial contractual obligations to us, we do not control them. These affiliates and independent owner-operators typically utilize tractors and trailers bearing our tradenames and trademarks. To the extent that one of our affiliates or independent owner-operators are subject to negative publicity, they could be confused with us and it could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

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*We are self-insured and have exposure to certain claims and are subject to the insurance marketplace, all of which could affect our profitability.*

The primary accident risks associated with our business are:

motor-vehicle related bodily injury and property damage,

workers' compensation claims,

cargo loss and damage, and

general liability claims.

We currently maintain insurance for:

motor-vehicle related bodily injury and property damage claims, covering all employees, owner operators and affiliates,

workers' compensation insurance coverage on our employees and company drivers, and

general liability claims.

Our insurance program includes a self-insured deductible of \$2.0 million per incident for bodily injury and property damage and a \$1.0 million deductible for workers' compensation. In addition, we currently maintain insurance policies with a total limit of \$40.0 million. The \$2.0 million deductible per incident could adversely affect our profitability, particularly in the event of an increase in the number or severity of incidents. Additionally, we are self-insured for damage to the equipment that we own and lease, for cargo losses and such self-insurance is not subject to any maximum limitation. We extend insurance coverage to our affiliates for (i) motor vehicle related bodily injury, (ii) property damage, and (iii) cargo loss and damage. Under this extended coverage, affiliates are responsible for only a small portion of the applicable deductibles.

We are subject to changing conditions and pricing in the insurance marketplace and we cannot assure you that the cost or availability of various types of insurance may not change dramatically in the future. To the extent these costs cannot be passed on to our customers in increased freight rates, increases in insurance costs could reduce our future profitability and cash flow.

### ***The trucking industry is subject to regulation, and changes in trucking regulations may increase costs.***

As a motor carrier, we are subject to regulation by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation, and by various state, federal and provincial agencies. These regulatory authorities exercise broad powers governing activities such as operating authority, safety, hours of service, hazardous materials transportation, financial reporting and acquisitions. There are additional regulations specifically relating to the trucking industry, including testing and specification of equipment, product-handling requirements and drug testing of drivers. The trucking industry is subject to possible regulatory and legislative changes that may affect the economics of the industry by requiring changes in operating practices, emissions or by changing the demand for common or contract carrier services or the cost of providing truckload services. Possible changes include:

increasingly stringent environmental regulations, including changes intended to address climate change,

restrictions, taxes or other controls on emissions,

increasing control over the transportation of hazardous materials,

changes in the hours-of-service regulations, which govern the amount of time a driver may drive in any specific period,

onboard black box recorder devices,

requirements leading to accelerated purchases of new trailers,

mandatory limits on vehicle weight and size, and

mandatory regulations imposed by the Department of Homeland Security.

From time to time, various legislative proposals are introduced, including proposals to increase federal, state, or local taxes, including taxes on motor fuels and emissions, which may increase our operating costs, require capital expenditures or adversely impact the recruitment of drivers.

Restrictions on emissions or other climate change laws or regulations could also affect our customers that use significant amounts of energy or burn fossil fuels in producing or delivering the products we carry. We could also lose revenue if our customers divert business from us because we have not complied with their sustainability requirements.

***Increased unionization could increase our operating costs or constrain operating flexibility.***

Although only approximately 3.1% of our driver population, including independent owner-operators and employees of affiliates, was subject to collective bargaining agreements at December 31, 2009, unions such as the International Brotherhood of

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Teamsters have traditionally been active in the U.S. trucking industry. Unionized workers could disrupt our operations by strike, work stoppage or other slowdown. In addition, our non-union workforce has been subject to unionization efforts in the past, and we could be subject to future unionization. Increased unionization of our workforce could result in higher compensation and working condition demands that could increase our operating costs or constrain our operating flexibility.

### ***Our operations involve hazardous materials, which could create environmental liabilities.***

Our activities, particularly those relating to our handling, transporting and storage of bulk chemicals, are subject to environmental, health and safety laws and regulation by governmental authorities in the United States as well as foreign governmental authorities. Among other things, these environmental laws and regulations address emissions to the air, discharges on land and in water, the generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of waste materials, and the health and safety of our employees. These laws generally require us to obtain and maintain various licenses and permits. Most environmental laws provide for substantial fines and potential criminal sanctions for violations. Environmental, health and safety laws and regulations are complex, change frequently and have tended to become stricter over time. Some of these laws and regulations are subject to varying and conflicting interpretations. There can be no assurance that violations of such laws, regulations, permits or licenses will not be identified or occur in the future, or that such laws and regulations will not change in a manner that could impose material costs on us.

As a handler of hazardous substances, we are potentially subject to strict, joint and several liability for investigating and rectifying the consequences of spills and other environmental releases of these substances. We have incurred remedial costs and regulatory penalties for chemical or wastewater spills and releases at our facilities or over the road. As a result of environmental studies conducted at our facilities or at third party sites, we have identified environmental contamination at certain sites that will require remediation and we are currently conducting investigation and remediation projects at seven of our facilities. Future liabilities and costs under environmental, health, and safety laws are not easily predicted, and such liabilities could result in a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or business reputation.

In addition, we have been named a potentially responsible party at various sites under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 and other environmental regulatory programs. Our current reserves provided for these sites may prove insufficient, which would result in future charges against earnings. Further, we could be named a potentially responsible party at other sites in the future and the costs associated with such future sites could be material.

### ***Potential disruptions at U.S. ports of entry could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.***

Any disruption of the delivery of ISO tank containers to those ports where we do business would reduce the number of ISO tank containers that we transport, store, clean or maintain. This reduced activity may have a material adverse effect on our operations.

### ***If fuel prices increase significantly, our results of operations could be adversely affected.***

We are subject to risk with respect to purchases of fuel. Prices and availability of petroleum products are subject to political, economic and market factors that are generally outside our control. Political events in the Middle East, Venezuela, and elsewhere, as well as hurricanes and other weather-related events, and current and future market-based (cap-and-trade) greenhouse gas emissions control mechanisms, also may cause the price of fuel to increase. Because our operations are dependent upon diesel fuel, significant increases in diesel fuel costs could materially and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition if we are unable to pass increased costs on to customers through rate increases or fuel surcharges. Historically, we have recovered the majority of the increases in fuel prices from customers through fuel surcharges. Fuel surcharges that can be collected may not always fully offset the increase in the cost of diesel fuel. To the extent fuel surcharges are insufficient to offset our fuel costs, our results of operations may be adversely affected.

### ***Loss of qualified drivers or other personnel could limit our growth and negatively affect operations.***

During periods of high trucking volumes, there is substantial competition for qualified drivers in the trucking industry. Furthermore, certain geographic areas have a greater shortage of qualified drivers than other areas. We operate in many of the geographic areas where there have been driver shortages in the past and have turned down new business opportunities as a result of the lack of qualified new drivers. Difficulty in attracting qualified personnel, particularly qualified drivers, could require us to increase driver compensation, forego available customer opportunities and underutilize the tractors and trailers in our network. These actions could result in increased costs and decreased revenues. In addition, we may not be able to recruit other qualified personnel in the future.

### ***The loss of one or more significant customers may adversely affect our business.***

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We are dependent upon a limited number of large customers. Our top ten customers accounted for approximately 32.4% of our total revenues during 2009. The loss of one or more of our other major customers, or a material reduction in services performed for such customers, may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

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### ***Our business may be harmed by terrorist attacks, future wars or anti-terrorism measures.***

In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, federal, state and municipal authorities have implemented and are implementing various security measures, including checkpoints and travel restrictions on large trucks and fingerprinting of drivers in connection with new hazardous materials endorsements on their licenses. Such existing measures and future measures may have significant costs associated with them which a motor carrier is forced to bear. Moreover, large trucks carrying toxic chemicals are a potential terrorist target, and we may be obligated to take measures, including possible capital expenditures intended to protect our trucks. In addition, the insurance premiums charged for some or all of the coverage currently maintained by us could continue to increase dramatically or such coverage could be unavailable in the future.

### ***We depend on members of our senior management.***

We believe that our ability to successfully implement our business strategy and to operate profitably depends in large part on the continued employment of our senior management team. If members of senior management become unable or unwilling to continue in their present positions, our business or financial results could be adversely affected.

### ***Our long-lived assets are subject to potential asset impairment.***

At December 31, 2009, goodwill and other intangible assets represented approximately \$45.5 million, or approximately 16.3% of our total assets and approximately 24.5% of our non-current assets, the carrying value of which may be reduced if we determine that those assets are impaired. In addition, net property and equipment totaled approximately \$127.3 million, or approximately 45.5% of our total assets.

We review for potential goodwill impairment on an annual basis as part of our goodwill impairment testing in the second quarter of each year with a measurement date of June 30, and more often if a triggering event or circumstance occurs making it likely that impairment exists. In addition, we test for the recoverability of long-lived assets at year end, and more often if an event or circumstance indicates the carrying value may not be recoverable. We conduct impairment testing based on our current business strategy in light of present industry and economic conditions, as well as future expectations.

The annual goodwill impairment review performed in June 2009 indicated there was goodwill impairment. As a result of the analysis, we concluded that a total impairment charge to goodwill of \$146.2 million was necessary at June 30, 2009, of which \$144.3 million was related to our trucking segment, eliminating 100% of the carrying amount of goodwill, and \$1.9 million was related to our container services segment.

If there are changes to the methods used to allocate carrying values, if management's estimates of future operating results change, if there are changes in the identified reporting units or if there are changes to other significant assumptions, the estimated carrying values and the estimated fair value of our goodwill could change significantly, and could result in future impairment charges, which could materially impact our results of operations and financial condition.

### ***Our restructuring involves risks to our business operations and may not reduce our costs.***

During 2008 and 2009, we eliminated non-driver positions, consolidated and closed under-performing company terminals, implemented certain contract terminations, transitioned company-owned terminals to affiliates and took other measures intended to reduce future costs. These steps have placed, and will continue to place, pressures on our management, administrative and operational infrastructure as well as on our results of operations. Employees that departed in connection with the restructuring possessed knowledge of our business, skills and relationships with our customers, affiliates, drivers and other employees that were not replaced. As a result, our remaining employees may be required to serve new operational roles in which they have limited experience, which may reduce employee satisfaction and productivity. New relationships may also reduce customer, affiliate or driver satisfaction. Additionally, our restructuring plans and related efforts may divert management's and other employees' attention from other business concerns.

Due to the restructuring, we took pre-tax charges in 2008 and 2009, which represent severance-related costs and costs associated with lease and contract terminations. The majority of these costs were cash expenditures paid during 2008 and 2009 or costs that we expect to pay in the future. Actual costs may exceed our estimates, and we expect to take additional charges in 2010. Furthermore, we have formulated this restructuring plan with the goal of reducing our future operating expenses. Our future operating expenses may not be reduced as we expect, or reductions may be offset in the future by other expenses.

In addition, risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.



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At March 8, 2010, Apollo and its affiliated funds owned or controlled approximately 52.2% of QDI's outstanding common stock. As a result, Apollo can influence substantially all matters requiring shareholder approval, including the election of directors, the approval of significant corporate transactions, such as acquisitions and the ability to block an unsolicited tender offer. The interests of Apollo may conflict with your interests. For example, if we encounter financial difficulties, or are unable to pay our debts as they mature, Apollo may have an interest in pursuing acquisitions, divestitures, financings or other transactions that, in their judgment, could enhance their equity investment, even though these transactions might involve risk to QDI's shareholders or our debt holders. Similarly, if our financial performance and creditworthiness significantly improve in the future, Apollo may have an interest in pursuing reorganizations, restructurings, or other transactions that could increase our leverage or impair our creditworthiness or otherwise, in their judgment, enhance Apollo's equity investment in QDI, even though these transactions might involve risk to QDI's shareholders or our debt holders.

**CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Exchange Act. All statements included in this prospectus that address activities, events or developments that we or our management expect, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. These statements represent our reasonable judgment on the future based on various factors and using numerous assumptions and are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause our actual results and financial position to differ materially. We claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Examples of forward-looking statements include: (i) projections of revenue, earnings, capital structure and other financial items, (ii) statements of our plans and objectives, (iii) statements of expected future economic performance, and (iv) assumptions underlying statements regarding us or our business. Forward-looking statements can be identified by, among other things, the use of forward-looking language, such as believes, expects, estimates, may, will, should, could, seeks, plans, intends, anticipates or scheduled to or the negatives of those terms, or other variations of comparable language, or by discussions of strategy or other intentions. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the statements. The forward-looking information is based on various factors and was derived using numerous assumptions. Important factors that could cause our actual results to be materially different from the forward-looking statements include the following risks and other factors discussed under the section entitled Risk Factors beginning on page 1 of this prospectus. These factors include:

the effect of local and national economic, credit and capital market conditions on the economy in general, and on the industries in which we operate in particular,

turmoil in credit and capital markets,

access to available and reasonable financing on a timely basis,

availability and price of diesel fuel,

adverse weather conditions,

competitive rate fluctuations,

our substantial leverage and restrictions contained in our debt arrangements and interest rate fluctuations in our floating rate indebtedness,



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the cyclical nature of the transportation industry due to various economic factors such as excess capacity in the industry, the availability of qualified drivers, changes in fuel and insurance prices, interest rate fluctuations, and downturns in customers' business cycles and shipping requirements,

potential disruption at U.S. ports of entry,

our dependence on affiliates and independent owner-operators and our ability to attract and retain drivers,

changes in the future, or our inability to comply with, governmental regulations and legislative changes affecting the transportation industry,

our material exposure to both historical and changing environmental regulations and the increasing costs relating to environmental compliance including those relating to the control of greenhouse gas emissions, such as market-based (cap-and-trade) mechanisms,

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our liability as a self-insurer to the extent of our deductibles, as well as our ability or inability to reduce our claims exposure through insurance due to changing conditions and pricing in the insurance marketplace,

the cost of complying with existing and future anti-terrorism security measures enacted by federal, state and municipal authorities,

the potential loss of our ability to use net operating losses to offset future income,

increased unionization, which could increase our operating costs or constrain operating flexibility,

changes in senior management,

our ability to successfully manage workforce restructurings,

our ability to effectively manage terminal operations that are converted from company-operated to affiliate,

our ability to successfully integrate acquired businesses,

potential future impairment charges,

changes in planned or actual capital expenditures due to operating needs, changes in regulation, covenants in our debt arrangements and other expenses, including interest expenses, and

interests of Apollo, QDI's largest shareholder, which may conflict with your interests.

In addition, there may be other factors that could cause our actual results and financial condition to be materially different from the results referenced in the forward-looking statements. For example, the cost estimates and expected cost savings for our recent reduction in workforce were determined based upon the operating information and upon certain assumptions that we believe to be reasonable. The estimates are subject to a number of assumptions, which depend upon the actions of persons other than us or other factors beyond our control.

All forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we do not intend to update or otherwise revise the forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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**THE EXCHANGE OFFER**

**Purpose and Effect of the Exchange Offer**

We hereby offer to exchange a like principal amount of Exchange 2013 Senior Notes for any and all Existing 2013 Senior Notes, and a like principal amount of Exchange 2013 PIK Notes for any and all Existing 2013 PIK Notes, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and the accompanying letter of transmittal. You may tender some or all of your Existing 2013 Senior Notes or Existing 2013 PIK Notes pursuant to the exchange offer. As of the date of this prospectus, \$134,499,000 principal amount of Existing 2013 Senior Notes are and \$81,395,785 principal amount of Existing 2013 PIK Notes are outstanding (which principal amount of Existing 2013 PIK Notes includes \$653,785 of interest that was paid in kind on February 1, 2010, thereby increasing the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Existing 2013 PIK Notes). This prospectus, together with the letter of transmittal is first being sent to holders of the Existing Notes on or about April 7, 2010. Our obligation to accept the Existing Notes for exchange pursuant to the exchange offer is subject to certain conditions described in Certain Conditions to the Exchange Offer. We currently expect that the conditions will be met and that no waivers will be necessary. We have entered into registration rights agreements with the dealer managers in connection with the issuances of the Existing Notes, in which we agreed to file a registration statement or statements relating to an offer to exchange the Existing 2013 Senior Notes for Exchange 2013 Senior Notes, and the Existing 2013 PIK Notes for Exchange 2013 PIK Notes, within 120 days of the issuances of the Existing Notes, and to use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause the registration statement or statements to be declared effective within 180 days following the issuances of the Existing Notes. The registration statement, of which this prospectus forms a part, was initially filed pursuant to this obligation on December 18, 2009 and was declared effective by the SEC on April 7, 2010. We also agreed to use our best efforts to consummate the exchange offer within 40 days following the effective date of the registration statement or statements. The Exchange 2013 Senior Notes will have terms substantially identical to the Existing 2013 Senior Notes, and the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes will have terms substantially identical to the Existing 2013 PIK Notes, except that the Exchange Notes will not contain terms with respect to transfer restrictions, registration rights and additional interest payable for the failure to have the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part declared effective by April 13, 2010 or the exchange offer consummated by May 23, 2010. The Existing Notes were issued on October 15, 2009.

Under the circumstances set forth below, we will be obligated under the registration rights agreements to use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause the SEC to declare effective a shelf registration statement or statements for the resale of the Existing Notes and to keep the shelf registration statement or statements effective until the earlier of (a) the date on which all outstanding Existing Notes held by persons that are not our affiliates may be resold without registration under the Securities Act pursuant to Rule 144 without being subject to volume restrictions or public information requirements, and (b) such time as all of the Existing Notes have been sold thereunder. These circumstances include:

because of any change in current law or applicable interpretations of the staff of the SEC, we are not permitted to effect the exchange offer;

the exchange offer is not consummated within 220 days after the closing date of the offering of the Existing Notes; or

any holder of Existing Notes who is not entitled to participate in the exchange offer so requests in writing on or before the 60th day after the consummation of the exchange offer.

Each holder of Existing Notes that wishes to exchange Existing Notes for transferable Exchange Notes in the exchange offer will be required to make the following representations to us in writing:

that any Exchange Notes to be received by it will be acquired in the ordinary course of its business;

that at the time of the commencement of the exchange offer it had no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution (within the meaning of the Securities Act) of Exchange Notes in violation of the Securities Act;

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that it is not an affiliate, as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act, of ours, or if it is an affiliate of ours, that it will comply with the applicable registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act;

if such holder is not a broker-dealer, that it is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, the distribution of Exchange Notes;  
and

if such holder is a broker-dealer, that it will receive Exchange Notes for its own account in exchange for Existing Notes that were acquired as a result of market-making or other trading activities and that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of the Exchange Notes.

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### **Resale of Exchange Notes**

Based on interpretations of the SEC staff set forth in no-action letters issued to unrelated third parties, we believe that Exchange Notes issued under the exchange offer in exchange for Existing Notes may be offered for resale, resold and otherwise transferred by a holder of such Exchange Notes without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act, if:

such holder is not an affiliate of ours within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act;

such Exchange Notes are acquired in the ordinary course of the holder's business; and

the holder does not intend to participate in the distribution of such Exchange Notes.

Any holder who tenders Existing Notes in the exchange offer with the intention of participating in any manner in a distribution of the Exchange Notes:

cannot rely on the position of the staff of the SEC set forth in Based on interpretations of the staff of the SEC contained in *Exxon Capital Holdings Corp.*, SEC no-action letter (May 13, 1988), *Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc.*, SEC no-action letter (June 5, 1991) and *Shearman & Sterling*, SEC no-action letter (July 2, 1993) or similar no-action letters; and

must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale transaction.

This prospectus may be used for an offer to resell, for the resale or for other retransfer of Exchange Notes only as specifically set forth in this prospectus. With regard to broker-dealers, only broker-dealers that acquired the Existing Notes as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities may participate in the exchange offer. Each broker-dealer that receives Exchange Notes for its own account in exchange for Existing Notes, where such Existing Notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of the Exchange Notes. Please read Plan of Distribution for more details regarding these procedures for the transfer of Exchange Notes.

### **Terms of the Exchange Offer**

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and in the letter of transmittal, we will accept for exchange any Existing Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn prior to the expiration date of the exchange offer. We will issue a like principal amount of Exchange 2013 Senior Notes in exchange for the principal amount of Existing 2013 Senior Notes surrendered under the exchange offer, and a like principal amount of Exchange 2013 PIK Notes in exchange for the principal amount of Existing 2013 PIK Notes surrendered under the exchange offer.

The form and terms of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes will be substantially identical to the form and terms of the Existing 2013 Senior Notes, and the form and terms of the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes will be substantially identical to the form and terms of the Existing 2013 PIK Notes, except the Exchange Notes will be registered under the Securities Act, will not bear legends restricting their transfer and will not provide for any additional interest upon our failure to fulfill our obligations under the registration rights agreements to file, and cause to be effective, a registration statement or statements. The Exchange 2013 Senior Notes will evidence the same debt as the Existing 2013 Senior Notes, and the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes will evidence the same debt as the Existing 2013 PIK Notes. The Exchange 2013 Senior Notes will be issued under and entitled to the benefits of the same indenture that authorized the issuance of the Existing 2013 Senior Notes, and the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes will be issued under and entitled to the benefits of the same indenture that authorized the issuance of the Existing 2013 PIK Notes. Consequently, both series of 2013 Senior Notes will be treated as a single class of debt securities under the indenture governing the 2013 Senior Notes, and both series of 2013 PIK Notes will be treated as a single class of debt securities under the indenture governing the 2013 PIK Notes.

This exchange offer is not conditioned upon any minimum aggregate principal amount of Existing 2013 Senior Notes or Existing 2013 PIK Notes being tendered for exchange.

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As of the date of this prospectus, \$134,499,000 principal amount of Existing 2013 Senior Notes are outstanding and \$81,395,785 principal amount of Existing 2013 PIK Notes are outstanding (which principal amount of Existing 2013 PIK Notes includes \$653,785 of interest that was paid in kind on February 1, 2010, thereby increasing the outstanding principal amount of Existing 2013 PIK Notes). This prospectus and the letter of transmittal are being sent to all registered holders of Existing Notes. There will be no fixed record date for determining registered holders of Existing Notes entitled to participate in the exchange offer.

We intend to conduct the exchange offer in accordance with the provisions of the registration rights agreements, the applicable requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the SEC. Existing Notes that are not tendered for exchange in the exchange offer will remain outstanding and continue to accrue interest and will be entitled to the rights and benefits such holders have under the indenture relating to the particular class of Existing Notes held by the holder.

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We will be deemed to have accepted for exchange properly tendered Existing Notes when we have given oral or written notice of the acceptance to the exchange agent. The exchange agent will act as agent for the tendering holders for the purposes of receiving the Exchange Notes from us and delivering Exchange Notes to such holders. Subject to the terms of the registration rights agreements, we expressly reserve the right to amend or terminate the exchange offer, and not to accept for exchange any Existing Notes not previously accepted for exchange, upon the occurrence of any of the conditions specified below under the caption **Certain Conditions to the Exchange Offer**.

Holders who tender Existing Notes in the exchange offer will not be required to pay brokerage commissions or fees, or, except for those described below, transfer taxes with respect to the exchange of Existing Notes. We will pay all charges and expenses, other than those transfer taxes described below, in connection with the exchange offer. It is important that you read the section labeled **Fees and Expenses** below for more details regarding fees and expenses incurred in the exchange offer.

### **Expiration Date; Extensions; Amendments**

This exchange offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time on May 4, 2010, unless in our sole discretion, we extend it.

In order to extend the exchange offer, we will notify the exchange agent orally or in writing of any extension. We will notify in writing or by public announcement the registered holders of Existing Notes of the extension no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time on the business day after the previously scheduled expiration date.

We reserve the right, in our sole discretion:

to delay accepting for exchange any Existing Notes;

to amend the terms of the exchange offer, or to terminate the exchange offer and to refuse to accept Existing Notes not previously accepted, if any of the conditions set forth below under **Certain Conditions to the Exchange Offer** have not been satisfied, by giving oral or written notice of such termination or amendment to the exchange agent; or

to extend the exchange offer by giving oral or written notice to the exchange agent.

Any such delay in acceptance, extension, termination or amendment will be followed as promptly as practicable by oral or written notice or public announcement thereof to the registered holders of Existing Notes. If we amend the exchange offer in a manner that we determine to constitute a material change, including the waiver of a material condition, we will promptly disclose such amendment in a manner reasonably calculated to inform the holders of Existing Notes of such amendment and will extend the exchange offer to the extent required by law, if necessary. Generally we must keep the exchange offer open for at least five business days after a material change. Pursuant to Rule 14e-1(b) under the Exchange Act, if we increase or decrease the percentage of Existing Notes being sought, we will extend the exchange offer for at least ten business days from the date that notice of such increase or decrease is first published, sent or given by us to holders of the Existing Notes. We currently do not intend to decrease the percentage of Existing Notes being sought.

Without limiting the manner in which we may choose to make public announcements of any delay in acceptance, extension, termination or amendment of the exchange offer, we shall have no obligation to publish, advertise, or otherwise communicate any such public announcement, other than by issuing a timely press release to a financial news service.

### **Certain Conditions to the Exchange Offer**

Despite any other term of the exchange offer, we will not be required to accept for exchange, or exchange any Exchange Notes for, any Existing Notes, and we may terminate the exchange offer as provided in this prospectus before accepting any Existing Notes for exchange if in our reasonable judgment:

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the Exchange Notes to be received will not be tradable by the holder without restriction under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act and without material restrictions under the blue sky or securities laws of substantially all of the states of the United States;

the exchange offer, or the making of any exchange by a holder of Existing Notes, would violate applicable law or any applicable interpretation of the staff of the SEC; or

any action or proceeding has been instituted or threatened in any court or by or before any governmental agency with respect to the exchange offer that, in our judgment, would reasonably be expected to impair our ability to proceed with the exchange offer.



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In addition, we will not be obligated to accept for exchange the Existing Notes of any holder that prior to the expiration of the exchange offer has not made:

the representations described under Purpose and Effect of the Exchange Offer, Procedures for Tendering and Plan of Distribution, and

such other representations as may be reasonably necessary under applicable SEC rules, regulations or interpretations to make available to us an appropriate form for registration of the Exchange Notes under the Securities Act.

We expressly reserve the right, at any time or at various times on or prior to the scheduled expiration date of the exchange offer, to extend the period of time during which the exchange offer is open. Consequently, we may delay acceptance of any Existing Notes by giving oral or written notice of such extension to the registered holders of the Existing Notes in accordance with the notice procedures described in the following paragraph. During any such extensions, all Existing Notes previously tendered will remain subject to the exchange offer, and we may accept them for exchange unless they have been previously withdrawn. We will return any Existing Notes that we do not accept for exchange for any reason without expense to their tendering holder promptly after the expiration or termination of the exchange offer.

We expressly reserve the right to amend or terminate the exchange offer on or prior to the scheduled expiration date of the exchange offer, and to reject for exchange any Existing Notes not previously accepted for exchange, upon the occurrence of any of the conditions of the exchange offer specified above. We will give written notice or public announcement of any extension, amendment, non-acceptance or termination to the registered holders of the Existing Notes as promptly as practicable. In the case of any extension, such notice will be issued no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the business day after the previously scheduled expiration date.

These conditions are for our sole benefit and we may, in our sole discretion, assert them regardless of the circumstances that may give rise to them or waive them in whole or in part at any time or at various times except that all conditions to the exchange offer, other than those described in the first sentence of this section, must be satisfied or waived by us prior to the expiration of the exchange offer. If we fail to exercise any of the foregoing rights, that failure in itself will not constitute a waiver of such right. Each such right will be deemed an ongoing right that we may assert at any time or at various times except that all conditions to the exchange offer, other than those described in the first sentence of this section, must be satisfied or waived by us prior to the expiration of the exchange offer.

In addition, we will not accept for exchange any Existing Notes tendered, and will not issue Exchange Notes in exchange for any such Existing Notes, if any stop order is threatened or in effect with respect to the registration statement of which this prospectus constitutes a part.

## **Procedures for Tendering**

Only a holder of Existing Notes may tender such Existing Notes in the exchange offer. To tender in the exchange offer, a holder must:

complete, sign and date the letter of transmittal, or a facsimile of the letter of transmittal; have the signature on the letter of transmittal guaranteed if the letter of transmittal so requires; and mail or deliver such letter of transmittal or facsimile to the exchange agent prior to the expiration date; or

comply with DTC's Automated Tender Offer Program procedures described below.

In addition, either:

the exchange agent must receive Existing Notes along with the letter of transmittal; or

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the exchange agent must receive, prior to the expiration date, a timely confirmation of book-entry transfer of such Existing Notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC according to the procedures for book-entry transfer described below or a properly transmitted agent's message; or

the holder must comply with the guaranteed delivery procedures described below.

To be tendered effectively, the exchange agent must receive any physical delivery of the letter of transmittal and other required documents at the address set forth below under "Exchange Agent" prior to the expiration date.

The tender by a holder that is not withdrawn prior to the expiration date will constitute an agreement between such holder and us in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and in the letter of transmittal.

The method of delivery of Existing Notes, the letter of transmittal and all other required documents to the exchange agent is at the holder's election and risk. Rather than mail these items, we recommend that holders use an overnight or hand delivery service. In

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all cases, holders should allow sufficient time to assure delivery to the exchange agent before the expiration date. Holders should not send us the letter of transmittal or Existing Notes. Holders may request their respective brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies or other nominees to effect the above transactions for them.

Any beneficial owner whose Existing Notes are registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and who wishes to tender should contact the registered holder promptly and instruct it to tender on the owner's behalf. If such beneficial owner wishes to tender on its own behalf, it must, prior to completing and executing the letter of transmittal and delivering its Existing Notes, either:

make appropriate arrangements to register ownership of the Existing Notes in such owner's name; or

obtain a properly completed bond power from the registered holder of Existing Notes.

The transfer of registered ownership may take considerable time and may not be completed prior to the expiration date.

Signatures on a letter of transmittal or a notice of withdrawal described below must be guaranteed by a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States or another eligible guarantor institution within the meaning of Rule 17Ad-15 under the Exchange Act, unless the Existing Notes tendered pursuant thereto are tendered:

by a registered holder who has not completed the box entitled Special Issuance Instructions or Special Delivery Instructions on the letter of transmittal; or

for the account of an eligible guarantor institution.

If the letter of transmittal is signed by a person other than the registered holder of any Existing Notes, such Existing Notes must be endorsed or accompanied by a properly completed bond power. The bond power must be signed by the registered holder as the registered holder's name appears on the Existing Notes and an eligible guarantor institution must guarantee the signature on the bond power.

If the letter of transmittal or any Existing Notes or bond powers are signed by trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, attorneys-in-fact, officers of corporations or others acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, such persons should so indicate when signing. Unless waived by us, they should also submit evidence satisfactory to us of their authority to deliver the letter of transmittal.

The exchange agent and DTC have confirmed that any financial institution that is a participant in DTC's system may use DTC's Automated Tender Offer Program to tender. Participants in the program may, instead of physically completing and signing the letter of transmittal and delivering it to the exchange agent, transmit their acceptance of the exchange offer electronically. They may do so by causing DTC to transfer the Existing Notes to the exchange agent in accordance with its procedures for transfer. DTC will then send an agent's message to the exchange agent. The term agent's message means a message transmitted by DTC, received by the exchange agent and forming part of the book-entry confirmation, to the effect that:

DTC has received an express acknowledgment from a participant in its Automated Tender Offer Program that is tendering Existing Notes that are the subject of such book-entry confirmation;

such participant has received and agrees to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal (or, in the case of an agent's message relating to guaranteed delivery, that such participant has received and agrees to be bound by the applicable notice of guaranteed delivery); and

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the agreement may be enforced against such participant.

We will determine in our sole discretion all questions as to the validity, form, eligibility (including time of receipt), acceptance of tendered Existing Notes and withdrawal of tendered Existing Notes. Our determination will be final and binding. We reserve the absolute right to reject any Existing Notes not properly tendered or any Existing Notes the acceptance of which would, in the opinion of our counsel, be unlawful. We also reserve the right to waive any defects, irregularities or conditions of tender as to particular Existing Notes. Our interpretation of the terms and conditions of the exchange offer (including the instructions in the letter of transmittal) will be final and binding on all parties. Unless waived, any defects or irregularities in connection with tenders of Existing Notes must be cured within such time as we shall determine. Although we intend to notify holders of defects or irregularities with respect to tenders of Existing Notes, neither we, the exchange agent nor any other person will incur any liability for failure to give such notification. Tendere of Existing Notes will not be deemed made until such defects or irregularities have been cured or waived. Any Existing Notes received by the exchange agent that are not properly tendered and as to which the defects or irregularities have not been cured or waived will be returned to the exchange agent without cost to the tendering holder, unless otherwise provided in the letter of transmittal, promptly following the expiration date.

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In all cases, we will issue Exchange Notes for Existing Notes that we have accepted for exchange under the exchange offer only after the exchange agent timely receives:

Existing Notes or a timely book-entry confirmation of such Existing Notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC; and

a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal and all other required documents or a properly transmitted agent's message.

By signing the letter of transmittal, each tendering holder of Existing Notes will represent that, among other things:

any Exchange Notes that the holder receives will be acquired in the ordinary course of its business;

the holder has no arrangement or understanding with any person or entity to participate in the distribution of the Exchange Notes;

if the holder is not a broker-dealer, that it is not engaged in and does not intend to engage in the distribution of the Exchange Notes;

if the holder is a broker-dealer that will receive Exchange Notes for its own account in exchange for Existing Notes that were acquired as a result of market-making or other trading activities, that it will deliver a prospectus, as required by law, in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes; and

the holder is not our affiliate, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

### **Book-Entry Transfer**

The exchange agent will make a request to establish account(s) with respect to Existing Notes at DTC for purposes of the exchange offer promptly after the date of this prospectus, and any participant in DTC's system may make book-entry delivery of Existing Notes by causing DTC to transfer such Existing Notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC in accordance with DTC's procedures for transfer. Holders of Existing Notes who are unable to deliver confirmation of the book-entry tender of their Existing Notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC or all other documents of transmittal to the exchange agent on or prior to the expiration date must tender their Existing Notes according to the guaranteed delivery procedures described below.

### **Guaranteed Delivery Procedures**

Holders wishing to tender their Existing Notes but whose Existing Notes are not immediately available or who cannot deliver their Existing Notes, the letter of transmittal or any other required documents to the exchange agent or comply with the applicable procedures under DTC's Automated Tender Offer Program prior to the expiration date of the exchange offer may tender if:

the tender is made through an eligible guarantor institution;

on or prior to the expiration date, the exchange agent receives from such eligible guarantor institution either a properly completed and duly executed notice of guaranteed delivery by facsimile transmission with receipt confirmed by telephone and an original delivered by guaranteed overnight carrier, mail or hand delivery or a properly transmitted agent's message and notice of guaranteed delivery;

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setting forth the name and address of the holder, the registered number(s) of such Existing Notes (if applicable) and the principal amount of Existing Notes tendered;

stating that the tender is being made thereby; and

guaranteeing that, within three New York Stock Exchange trading days after the expiration date, the letter of transmittal or facsimile thereof together with the Existing Notes or a book-entry confirmation, and any other documents required by the letter of transmittal will be deposited by the eligible guarantor institution with the exchange agent; and

the exchange agent receives such properly completed and executed letter of transmittal or facsimile thereof, as well as all tendered Existing Notes in proper form for transfer or a book-entry confirmation, and all other documents required by the letter of transmittal, within three New York Stock Exchange trading days after the expiration date.

Upon request to the exchange agent, a notice of guaranteed delivery will be sent to holders who wish to tender their Existing Notes according to the guaranteed delivery procedures set forth above.

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### **Withdrawal of Tenders**

Except as otherwise provided in this prospectus, holders of Existing Notes may withdraw their tenders at any time prior to the expiration date.

For a withdrawal to be effective:

the exchange agent must receive a written notice, which notice may be by facsimile transmission or letter of withdrawal at one of the addresses set forth below under Exchange Agent, or

holders must comply with the appropriate procedures of DTC's Automated Tender Offer Program system. Any such notice of withdrawal must:

specify the name of the person who tendered the Existing Notes to be withdrawn;

identify the Existing Notes to be withdrawn, including the class and principal amount of such Existing Notes and the registered number(s) of such Existing Notes (if applicable); and

where certificates for Existing Notes have been transmitted, specify the name in which such Existing Notes were registered, if different from that of the withdrawing holder.

If certificates for Existing Notes have been delivered or otherwise identified to the exchange agent, then, prior to the release of such certificates, the withdrawing holder must also submit:

the serial numbers of the particular certificates to be withdrawn; and

a signed notice of withdrawal with signatures guaranteed by an eligible guarantor institution unless such holder is an eligible institution.

If Existing Notes have been tendered pursuant to the procedure for book-entry transfer described above, any notice of withdrawal must specify the name and number of the account at DTC to be credited with the withdrawn Existing Notes and otherwise comply with the procedures of such facility. We will determine all questions as to the validity, form and eligibility, including time of receipt, of such notices, and our determination shall be final and binding on all parties. We will deem any Existing Notes so withdrawn not to have validity tendered for exchange for purposes of the exchange offer. Any Existing Notes that have been tendered for exchange but that are not exchanged for any reason will be returned to their holder without cost to the holder (or, in the case of Existing Notes tendered by book-entry transfer into the exchange agent's account at DTC according to the procedures described above, such Existing Notes will be credited to an account(s) maintained with DTC for the Existing Notes) as soon as practicable after withdrawal, rejection of tender or termination of the exchange offer.

Properly withdrawn Existing Notes may be retendered by following one of the procedures described under Procedures for Tendering above at any time on or prior to the expiration date.

### **Exchange Agent**

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. has been appointed as exchange agent for the exchange offer. You should direct questions and requests for assistance, requests for additional copies of this prospectus or of the letter of transmittal and requests for the notice of guaranteed delivery to the exchange agent addressed as follows:

**For Delivery by Hand, Overnight Delivery,**

**Registered or Certified Mail:**

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.

Corporate Trust Operations

Reorganization Unit

101 Barclay Street 7E

New York, New York 10286

**By Facsimile Transmission**

(for eligible institutions only):

(212) 298-1915

Corporate Trust Operations

Reorganization Unit

**To Confirm by Telephone**

**or for Information Call:**

(212) 815-5920

Corporate Trust Operations

Reorganization Unit

Delivery of the letter of transmittal to an address other than as set forth above or transmission via facsimile other than as set forth above does not constitute a valid delivery of such letter of transmittal.



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### **Fees and Expenses**

We will bear the expense of soliciting tenders. The principal solicitation is being made by mail; however, we may make additional solicitations by telephone or in person or otherwise by our officers and regular employees and those of our affiliates.

We have not retained any dealer-manager in connection with the exchange offer and will not make any payments to broker-dealers or others soliciting acceptances of the exchange offer. We will, however, pay the exchange agent reasonable and customary fees for its services and reimburse it for its related reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

Our expenses in connection with the exchange offer include:

SEC registration fees;

fees and expenses of the exchange agent and trustee;

accounting and legal fees and printing costs; and

related fees and expenses.

### **Transfer Taxes**

We will pay all transfer taxes, if any, applicable to the exchange of Existing Notes under the exchange offer. The tendering holder, however, will be required to pay any transfer taxes, whether imposed on the registered holder or any other person, if:

certificates representing Existing Notes for principal amounts not tendered or accepted for exchange are to be delivered to, or are to be issued in the name of, any person other than the registered holder of Existing Notes tendered;

tendered Existing Notes are registered in the name of any person other than the person signing the letter of transmittal; or

a transfer tax is imposed for any reason other than the exchange of the Existing Notes under the exchange offer.

If satisfactory evidence of payment of such taxes is not submitted with the letter of transmittal, the amount of such transfer taxes will be billed to that tendering holder.

Holders who instruct us to register Exchange Notes in the name of, or request that Existing Notes not tendered or not accepted in the exchange offer be returned to, a person other than the registered tendering holder will be required to pay any applicable transfer tax.

### **Consequences of Failure to Exchange**

Holders of Existing Notes who do not exchange their Existing Notes for Exchange Notes under the exchange offer will remain subject to the restrictions on transfer of such Existing Notes:

as set forth in the legend printed on the Existing Notes as a consequence of the issuances of the Existing Notes pursuant to the exemptions from, or in transactions not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities

laws; and

otherwise as set forth in the offering memorandum and consent solicitation statement distributed in connection with the offering of the Existing Notes.

In general, you may not offer or sell the Existing Notes unless they are registered under the Securities Act, or if the offer or sale is exempt from registration under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Except as required by the registration rights agreements, we do not intend to register resales of the Existing Notes under the Securities Act. Based on interpretations of the SEC staff, Exchange Notes issued pursuant to the exchange offer may be offered for resale, resold or otherwise transferred by their holders, other than any such holder that is our affiliate within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act, without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act, provided that the holders acquired the Exchange Notes in the ordinary course of the holders' business and the holders have no arrangement or understanding with respect to the distribution of the Exchange Notes to be acquired in the exchange offer. Any holder who tenders in the exchange offer for the purpose of participating in a distribution of the Exchange Notes:

could not rely on the applicable interpretations of the SEC; and

must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with a secondary resale transaction.

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We will record the Exchange Notes in our accounting records at the same carrying value as the Existing Notes, as reflected in our accounting records on the date of exchange. Accordingly, we will not recognize any gain or loss for accounting purposes in connection with the exchange offer. We will capitalize certain expenses of the exchange offer as deferred financing costs and amortize those costs over the life of the Exchange Notes ratably based on the total principal amount of 2013 Senior Notes and 2013 PIK Notes outstanding.

**Other**

Participation in the exchange offer is voluntary, and you should carefully consider whether to accept. You are urged to consult your financial and tax advisors in making your own decision on what action to take.

We may in the future seek to acquire untendered Existing Notes in the open market or privately negotiated transactions, through subsequent exchange offers or otherwise. We have no present plans to acquire any Existing Notes that are not tendered in the exchange offer or to file a registration statement to permit resales of any untendered Existing Notes.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

The exchange offer is intended to satisfy our obligations under the registration rights agreements we entered into in connection with the offering of the Existing Notes. We will not receive any cash proceeds from the issuance of the Exchange Notes. In consideration for issuing the Exchange Notes as contemplated in this prospectus, we will receive in exchange Existing Notes in like principal amount, which will be canceled and as such will not result in any increase in our indebtedness. We did not receive any cash proceeds from the issuances of the Existing Notes, which were issued in exchange for a portion of our 9% Notes and our 2012 Notes that were outstanding on the date of the issuances of the Existing Notes.

**CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and our capitalization as of December 31, 2009 on a historical basis. The completion of the exchange offer contemplated by this prospectus will not change the amount of debt outstanding or otherwise affect capitalization and is therefore not reflected in the table below. You should read this table in conjunction with Selected Financial Data and Use of Proceeds included elsewhere in this prospectus as well as the historical consolidated financial statements and related notes included in this prospectus.

**Quality Distribution, Inc. and Subsidiaries (in thousands):**

	<b>As of December 31, 2009</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,633
Debt:	
Borrowings under ABL Facility	\$ 68,000
Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2012	501
10% Senior Notes due 2013 (1)	134,499
9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2010	16,031
11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013 (2)	81,211
Capital Lease obligations	17,165
Other	12,560
Total debt, including current maturities	329,967
Total shareholders (deficit)	(140,736)
Total capitalization	\$ 194,864

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- (1) Excludes discount of \$2.3 million related to the remaining unamortized original issue discount of the 2013 Senior Notes.
- (2) Excludes discount of \$6.4 million related to warrants issued with the 2013 PIK Notes.

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The selected consolidated financial data set forth below is qualified in its entirety by reference to, and should be read in conjunction with, our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus and the section entitled Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. The historical results do not necessarily indicate results expected for any future period.

The consolidated statements of operations data set forth below for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 and the historical balance sheet data as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus. The historical statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 and the historical balance sheet data as of December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements that are not included in this prospectus.

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)					
<b>Statements of Operations Data (1)</b>					
Operating revenues	\$ 613,609	\$ 815,290	\$ 751,558	\$ 730,159	\$ 678,076
Operating expenses:					
Purchased transportation	373,539	466,823	471,531	493,686	471,238
Depreciation and amortization	20,218	21,002	17,544	16,353	17,278
Impairment charge (2)	148,630				
Other operating expenses	186,398	294,487	238,630	171,842	149,741
Operating (loss) income	(115,176)	32,978	23,853	48,278	39,819
Interest expense, net	28,047	35,120	30,524	29,388	26,712
Write-off of debt issuance costs	20	283	2,031		1,110
Gain on extinguishment of debt	(1,870)	(16,532)			
Other expense (income)	1,912	(2,945)	940	888	(222)
(Loss) income before taxes	(143,285)	17,052	(9,642)	18,002	12,219
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	37,249	4,940	(2,079)	(38,168)	352
Net (loss) income	\$ (180,534)	\$ 12,112	\$ (7,563)	\$ 56,170	\$ 11,867
Net (loss) income per common share:					
Basic	\$ (9.28)	\$ 0.63	\$ (0.39)	\$ 2.97	\$ 0.63
Diluted	\$ (9.28)	\$ 0.62	\$ (0.39)	\$ 2.87	\$ 0.61
Weighted average common shares outstanding:					
Basic	19,449	19,379	19,336	18,920	18,934
Diluted	19,449	19,539	19,336	19,571	19,301

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	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT TERMINAL,					
TRAILER AND TRACTOR DATA)					
<b>Other Data (1)</b>					
Cash paid for interest	\$ 22,704	\$ 30,690	\$ 28,850	\$ 27,034	\$ 24,645
Net cash provided by operating activities	39,756	19,593	14,052	28,236	9,039
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	9,577	(8,524)	(63,399)	(10,591)	(16,063)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(50,515 )	(13,485)	52,194	(12,474)	5,858
Number of terminals at end of period	108	149	169	165	165
Number of trailers operated at end of period	6,410	7,115	7,506	7,769	7,461
Number of tractors operated at end of period	2,839	3,224	3,927	3,829	3,539
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges (3)		1.4x		1.5x	1.4x
<b>Balance Sheet Data at Period End (1)</b>					
Working capital	\$ 19,016	\$ 44,967	\$ 67,093	\$ 59,673	\$ 43,079
Total assets	279,616	502,103	493,976	417,873	377,053
Total indebtedness, including current maturities	321,284	362,586	349,271	279,122	289,116
Shareholders (deficit) equity	(140,736)	31,020	27,300	31,774	(27,462)

- (1) On December 17, 2007, we acquired 100% of the stock of Boasso America Corporation. The results of Boasso have been included in our results since the date of the acquisition.
- (2) The impairment charge resulted from an impairment analysis of goodwill and intangible assets performed during the quarter ended June 30, 2009. Refer to Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.
- (3) For the purpose of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of earnings from continuing operations before income taxes and fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expense including the amortization of deferred debt issuance costs. In 2007 and 2009 earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by approximately \$9.6 million and \$143.3 million, respectively.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

QDI guarantees the 2013 Senior Notes, the 2013 PIK Notes, the 9% Notes and the 2012 Notes and borrowings under the ABL Facility and has no material assets or operations other than its ownership of all of our membership interests. As a result, the discussion below of the historical results of operations and liquidity of QDI is substantially the same as ours. The following discussion of our results of operations and financial condition should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus. The following discussion includes forward-looking statements. For a discussion of important factors that could cause actual results to differ from results discussed in the forward-looking statements, see **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements** beginning on page 11 of this prospectus.

**Overview**

We operate the largest chemical bulk tank truck network in North America through our wholly owned subsidiary QCI and are a leading provider of ISO (International Organization for Standardization) container and depot services through our wholly owned subsidiary Boasso.

The bulk tank truck market in North America includes all products shipped by bulk tank truck carriers and consists primarily of liquid and dry bulk chemicals (including plastics) and bulk dry and liquid food-grade products. We primarily transport a broad range of chemical products and provide our customers with logistics and other value-added services. We are a core carrier for many of the major companies engaged in chemical processing including BASF, Dow, DuPont, ExxonMobil, Georgia-Pacific, Honeywell, Procter & Gamble, Rohm & Haas, Sunoco and Unilever, and we provide services to most of the top 100 chemical producers with United States operations.

Our transportation revenue is a function of the volume of shipments by the bulk chemical industry, prices, the average number of miles driven per load, our market share and the allocation of shipments between tank truck transportation and other modes of transportation such as rail. The volume of shipments of chemical products is, in turn, affected by many other industries and end use markets, including consumer and industrial products, paints and coatings, paper and packaging, agriculture and food products, and tends to vary with changing economic conditions.

Due to the nature of our customers' business, our revenues generally decline during winter months, namely the first and fourth fiscal quarters and over holidays. Highway transportation can be adversely affected depending upon the severity of the weather in various sections of the country during the winter months. Our operating expenses also are somewhat higher in the winter months, due primarily to decreased fuel efficiency, increased utility costs and increased maintenance costs of equipment in colder months.

Boasso is the leading North American provider of ISO tank container transportation and depot services with eight terminals located in the eastern half of the United States. In addition to intermodal ISO tank transportation services, Boasso provides tank cleaning, heating, testing, maintenance and storage services to customers. Boasso provides local and over-the-road trucking primarily within the proximity of the port cities where its depots are located and also sells equipment that its customers use for portable alternative storage or office space.

Demand for ISO tank containers is impacted by the volume of imports and exports of chemicals through United States ports. Boasso's revenues are accordingly impacted by this import/export volume in particular the number of shipments through ports at which Boasso has terminals, the volume of rail shipments to and from ports at which Boasso has terminals and by Boasso's market share. Economic conditions and differences among the laws and currencies of nations may impact the volume of shipments as well.

Our bulk service network consists primarily of independently owned third-party affiliate terminals, company-operated terminals and independent owner-operator drivers. Affiliates are independent companies we contract with to operate trucking terminals exclusively on our behalf in defined markets. The affiliates provide the capital necessary to service their contracted business and are also responsible for most of the operating costs associated with servicing the contracted business. Independent owner-operators are generally individual drivers who own or lease their tractors and agree to provide transportation services to us under contract. We believe the use of affiliates and independent owner-operators provides the following key competitive advantages to us in the marketplace:

Locally owned and operated affiliate terminals can provide superior, tailored customer service.

Affiliates and independent owner-operators generally are paid a fixed, contractual percentage of revenue collected on each load they transport creating a variable cost structure that mitigates against cyclical downturns.

Reliance on affiliates and independent owner-operators creates an asset-light business model that generally reduces our capital investment.



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In the first quarter of 2009, we began consolidating certain company-operated terminals and transitioning other company-operated terminals to affiliates. These actions continued throughout 2009 and have resulted in a larger portion of our revenue being generated by affiliates and a substantial reduction in the number of terminals in our network. We believe these actions will reduce certain fixed costs, provide a more variable cost structure and position us with a financially flexible business platform.

We believe the most significant factors relevant to our future business growth are the ability to (i) obtain additional business from existing customers, (ii) add new customers, (iii) improve the utilization of our trailer fleet and (iv) add and retain qualified drivers. While many of our customers source some of their logistics needs with rail, we expect our customers to continue to outsource a greater proportion of their logistics needs to full service tank truck carriers. As a result of our leading market position, strong customer relationships and flexible business model, we believe we are well-positioned to benefit from customers seeking consolidation of their shipping relationships and those opting to outsource a greater portion of their logistics needs to third-party tank truck carriers.

On October 15, 2009, we received approximately \$134.5 million of our 2012 Notes in exchange for new 2013 Senior Notes. We also received approximately \$83.6 million of our 9% Notes in exchange for approximately \$80.7 million aggregate principal amount of our new 2013 PIK Notes, approximately 1.75 million warrants and \$1.8 million in cash. The warrants are exercisable to purchase shares of QDI's common stock at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share, during the period beginning April 16, 2010 and ending on November 1, 2013.

## **Acquisitions and Dispositions**

During 2009, we did not complete any asset or other acquisitions of businesses or affiliates.

On October 10, 2009, we sold substantially all of the operating assets of our tank wash subsidiary, QSI, for \$13.0 million, of which \$10.0 million was paid in cash and the remaining \$3.0 million in a subordinated note. The subordinated note is a five year non-amortizing note which matures on December 31, 2014. The principal is payable in a lump sum at maturity. Interest is payable quarterly at 7% per annum commencing December 31, 2009. In connection with the sale, QSI entered into various agreements with the purchaser, which is not affiliated with us, including long-term leases of real estate used in the tank wash business and various operating agreements. The assets sold had a net book value of \$4.9 million which included \$4.3 million of equipment, \$0.4 million of inventory, and \$0.2 million of intangibles. The sold QSI business generated approximately \$19.5 million of revenue in 2009 from tank wash and related operations. We recorded a pre-tax gain the fourth quarter of \$7.1 million.

During 2008, we purchased the assets of two transportation companies and the assets of an affiliate for \$2.1 million, in the aggregate, of which \$1.4 million was paid in cash at closing and the remaining \$0.7 million is payable over future periods. Of the total \$2.1 million, we allocated \$1.0 million to property and equipment, \$0.9 million to goodwill, and \$0.2 million to other intangible assets such as non-compete agreements.

## **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. We believe the following are the more critical accounting policies that impact the financial statements, some of which are based on management's best estimates available at the time of preparation. Actual future experience may differ from these estimates.

*Property and equipment* Property and equipment expenditures, including tractor and trailer rebuilds that extend the useful lives of such equipment, are capitalized and recorded at cost. For financial statement purposes, these assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets to an estimated salvage value.

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The asset lives used are presented in the following table:

	Average Lives (in years)
Buildings and improvements	10 - 25
Tractors and terminal equipment	5 - 7
Trailers	15 - 20
Furniture and fixtures	3 - 5
Other equipment	3 - 10

Tractor and trailer rebuilds, which are recurring in nature and extend the lives of the related assets, are capitalized and depreciated over the period of extension, generally 3 to 10 years, based on the type and extent of these rebuilds. Maintenance and repairs are charged directly to expense as incurred. Management estimates the useful lives of these assets based on historical trends and the age of the assets when placed in service. Any changes in the actual lives could result in material changes in the net book value of these assets. Additionally, we estimate the salvage values of these assets based on historical sales or disposals, and any changes in the actual salvage values could also affect the net book value of these assets.

Furthermore, we evaluate the recoverability of our long-lived assets whenever adverse events or changes in the business climate indicate that the expected undiscounted future cash flows from the related asset may be less than previously anticipated. If the net book value of the related asset exceeds the undiscounted future cash flows of the asset, the carrying amount would be reduced to the present value of its expected future cash flows and an impairment loss would be recognized. This analysis requires us to make significant estimates and assumptions in projecting future cash flows, and changes in facts and circumstances could result in material changes in the amount of any write-offs for impairment.

*Goodwill and Intangible Assets* We evaluate goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment annually during the second quarter with a measurement date of June 30, and more frequently if indicators of impairment arise, in accordance with the FASB guidance. We evaluate goodwill for impairment by determining the fair value based on criteria in the FASB guidance for each reporting unit, our trucking segment and our container services segment. These reporting units contain goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets as a result of previous business acquisitions. As a result of our annual impairment test conducted as of June 30, 2009, we concluded a total impairment charge of \$148.6 million was necessary, of which \$144.3 million of goodwill was related to our trucking segment, eliminating 100% of the carrying amount of goodwill of that segment, \$1.9 million was related to our container services segment and \$2.4 million was related to the tradename of our container services segment.

We recorded a provision for income taxes of \$36.3 million associated with the impairment charge. The impairment charge related to both deductible and nondeductible tax goodwill. The impairment would have normally resulted in a tax benefit of \$52.0 million, but this was offset by \$46.7 million of tax expense related to the nondeductible portion of the goodwill. Additionally, the recording of this impairment charge caused an increase to the valuation allowance against deferred tax assets that we no longer believe are more likely than not to be realized. The increase to the valuation allowance resulted in an increase to tax expense of \$41.6 million. The increase to the valuation allowance was triggered by the impairment charge.

We have evaluated at least quarterly whether indicators of impairment exist in accordance with applicable guidance. Prior to our June 30, 2009 analysis, we did not believe that factors attributable to the economic downturn would impact the recoverability of our goodwill. Our performance since the prior period's goodwill impairment test at June 30, 2008 through year end 2008 trended positive and there were no indications from our quarterly reviews that a triggering event had occurred. The first quarter of 2009 showed improved operating income year over year and strong operating cash flow; however, due to the continuing economic downturn, we reviewed not only QDI's market capitalization, but also performed a discounted cash flow analysis based on assumptions adjusted to reflect the current economic environment and which we believed to be appropriate at the time. The conclusions from our extended analysis at March 31, 2009 did not indicate a trend in operating results that would foretell of impairment to our goodwill. For our June 30, 2009 analysis, we adjusted further our assumptions used, such as growth and discount rates, in the annual impairment test to reflect the persistence of the downward economic trend. We continued to evaluate indicators of impairment quarterly following our annual goodwill impairment test at June 30, 2009 through year end 2009, including the quarter ended December 31, 2009. There were no indications that a triggering event had occurred as of December 31, 2009. As of December 31, 2009, we had total goodwill of \$27.0 million, all of which was allocated to container services.

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Under the FASB guidance, the process of evaluating the potential impairment of goodwill involves a two-step process and requires significant judgment at many points during the analysis. In the first step, we determine whether there is an indication of impairment by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit to its carrying amount, including goodwill. If, based on the first step, we determine that there is an indication of goodwill impairment, we assess the impairment in step two in accordance with the FASB guidance.

In the first step, we determine the fair value for our reporting units using a combination of two valuation approaches: the market approach and the income approach. The market approach uses a guideline company methodology which is based upon a comparison of us to similar publicly-traded companies within our industry. We derive a market value of invested capital or business enterprise value for each comparable company by multiplying the price per share of common stock of the publicly traded companies by their total common shares outstanding and adding each company's current level of debt. We calculate a business enterprise multiple based on revenue and earnings from each company then apply those multiples to each reporting unit's revenue and earnings to conclude a reporting unit business enterprise value. Assumptions regarding the selection of comparable companies are made based on, among other factors, capital structure, operating environment and industry. As the comparable companies were typically larger and more diversified than our reporting units, multiples were adjusted prior to application to our reporting units' revenues and earnings to reflect differences in margins, long-term growth prospects and market capitalization.

The income approach uses a discounted debt-free cash flow analysis to measure fair value by estimating the present value of future economic benefits. To perform the discounted debt-free cash flow analysis, we develop a pro forma analysis of each reporting unit to estimate future available debt-free cash flow and discounting estimated debt-free cash flow by an estimated industry weighted average cost of capital based on the same comparable companies used in the market approach. Per the FASB guidance, the weighted average cost of capital is based on inputs (e.g., capital structure, risk, etc.) from a market participant's perspective and not necessarily from the reporting unit or QDI's perspective. Future cash flow is projected based on assumptions for our economic growth, industry expansion, future operations and the discount rate, all of which require significant judgments by management.

After computing a separate business enterprise value under the income approach and market approach, we apply a weighting to them to derive the business enterprise value of the reporting unit. The income approach and market approach were both weighted 50% in the analysis performed at June 30, 2009. The weightings are evaluated each time a goodwill impairment assessment is performed and give consideration to the relative reliability of each approach at that time. Given that the business enterprise value derived from the market approach supported what was calculated in the income approach, we believed that both approaches should be equally weighted. Based on these weightings we concluded a business enterprise value for each reporting unit. We then add debt-free liabilities of the reporting unit to the concluded business enterprise value to derive an implied fair value of the reporting unit. The implied fair value is compared to the reporting unit's carrying value of total assets. Upon completion of the analysis in step one, we determined that the carrying amount of our trucking reporting unit exceeded its fair value and the carrying amount of our container services reporting unit was nearly breakeven with its fair value, requiring a step two analysis to be performed for both reporting units.

In step two of the goodwill impairment test, the amount of impairment loss is determined by comparing the implied fair value of each reporting unit's goodwill with the carrying value of the reporting unit's goodwill. This involves testing the definite-lived assets in accordance with the FASB guidance using undiscounted cash flows. Then a fair value allocation is performed in accordance with the FASB guidance for each reporting unit based on the business enterprise value obtained in step one. From that we determine the actual goodwill impairment for each reporting unit based on the goodwill residual amount. If the carrying amount of reporting unit goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss must be recognized in an amount equal to the excess. The loss recognized cannot exceed the carrying amount of goodwill. After a goodwill impairment loss is recognized, the adjusted carrying amount of goodwill will be its new accounting basis. Upon completion of step two of the analysis, an impairment charge was determined related to our trucking and container services segments.

**Intangible assets**

To determine the implied fair value of our indefinite-lived intangible assets, we utilize the relief from royalty method, pursuant to which those assets are valued by reference to the amount of royalty income they would generate if licensed in an arm's length transaction. Under the relief from royalty method, similar to the discounted cash flow method, estimated net revenues expected to be generated by the asset during its life are multiplied by a benchmark royalty rate and then discounted by the estimated weighted average cost of capital associated with the asset. The resulting capitalized royalty stream is an indication of the value of owning the asset. Based upon management's review of the value of the indefinite-lived intangible assets in our container services segment, we determined that the carrying value of the Boasso tradename exceeded its implied fair value by \$2.4 million. Accordingly, we recorded an impairment charge of \$2.4 million related to our container services segment.

The methodology applied in the analysis performed at June 30, 2009 was consistent with the methodology applied in prior years, but was based on updated assumptions, as appropriate. As a result of the downturn in the economic environment during 2008 and 2009, determining the fair

value of the individual reporting units required more judgment on the part of management than in the

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past. Given the continued recessionary conditions in our industry, estimates of future cash flows used in the analysis performed at June 30, 2009 were lower than those used in the prior year analysis. In addition, our weighted average cost of capital used in the analysis at June 30, 2009 was higher than that used in 2008 due to an increase in the reporting unit risk premium coupled with the market driven inputs to weighted average cost of capital. The discount rates utilized in the analysis also reflect market-based estimates of the risks associated with the projected cash flows of individual reporting units and were increased from the prior year analysis to reflect increased risk due to current volatility in the economic environment.

If there are changes to the methods used to allocate carrying values, if management's estimates of future operating results change, if there are changes in the identified reporting units or if there are changes to other significant assumptions, the estimated carrying values for each reporting unit and the estimated fair value of our goodwill could change significantly, and could result in future impairment charges, which could materially impact our results of operations and financial condition.

*Deferred Tax Asset* In accordance with FASB guidance, we use the liability method of accounting for income taxes. Significant management judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes and, in particular, any valuation allowance that is recorded or released against our deferred tax assets.

We continue to evaluate quarterly the positive and negative evidence regarding the realization of net deferred tax assets. The carrying value of our net deferred tax assets is based on our belief that it is more likely than not that we will generate sufficient future taxable income to realize these deferred tax assets. The Company reviews a rolling thirty-six month calculation of U.S. earnings to determine if we are in a cumulative loss position.

During the second quarter of 2009, an impairment charge of \$148.6 million was recorded, and as a result of this charge, we determined that we were in a cumulative loss position. Based on this negative evidence we concluded that it was no longer more likely than not that our net deferred tax asset was realizable. For purposes of assessing realizability of the deferred tax assets, this cumulative financial reporting loss position is considered significant negative evidence that we will not be able to fully realize the deferred tax assets in the future. As a result, a \$41.2 million deferred tax valuation allowance was recorded. Our judgments regarding future taxable income may change due to changes in market conditions, changes in tax laws, operating results or other factors. If any of these factors and related estimates change in the future, it may increase or decrease the valuation allowance and related income tax expense in the same period.

At December 31, 2009 we had an estimated \$95.7 million in federal net operating loss carryforwards, \$2.3 million in alternative minimum tax credit carryforwards and \$3.1 million in foreign tax credit carryforwards. The net operating loss carryforwards will expire in the years 2018 through 2027, while the alternative minimum tax credits may be carried forward indefinitely and the foreign tax credits may be carried forward for 10 years.

*Uncertain Income Tax Positions* In accordance with FASB guidance, we account for uncertainty in income taxes, using a two-step process. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step requires us to estimate and measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that is more than 50% likely to be realized upon ultimate settlement. It is inherently difficult and subjective to estimate such amounts, as we have to determine the probability of various possible outcomes. We re-evaluate these uncertain tax positions on a quarterly basis. This evaluation is based on factors including, but not limited to, changes in facts or circumstances, changes in tax law, effectively settled issues under audit, and new audit activity. Such a change in recognition and measurement would result in recognition of a tax benefit and/or an additional charge to the tax provision.

The provision for income taxes was \$37.2 million in 2009 as compared to \$4.9 million in 2008. The effective rate for 2009 was negative 26.0%, which is lower than our normalized tax rate of 39.0%, in large part due to the recording of a deferred tax valuation allowance and an impairment charge.

*Environmental liabilities* We have reserved for potential environmental liabilities based on the best estimates of potential clean-up and remediation for known environmental sites. We employ a staff of environmental professionals to administer all phases of our environmental programs and use outside experts where needed. These professionals develop estimates of potential liabilities at these sites based on projected and known remediation costs. These cost projections are determined through previous experiences with other sites and through bids from third-party contractors. Management believes current reserves are reasonable based on current information.

*Accrued loss and damage claims* We currently maintain liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage claims, covering all employees, independent owner-operators and affiliates, and workers' compensation insurance coverage on our employees and company drivers. This insurance includes deductibles of \$2.0 million per incident for bodily injury and property damage and \$1.0 million for workers' compensation for

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periods after March 31, 2008. Prior to March 30, 2008, our insurance deductible was \$5.0 million per incident for bodily injury and property damage. As such, we are subject to liability as a self-insurer to the extent of these

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deductibles under the policy. We are self-insured for damage to the equipment we own or lease and for cargo losses. As of December 31, 2009, we had \$33.6 million in an outstanding letter of credit to our insurance administrator to guarantee the self-insurance portion of our liability. If we fail to meet certain terms of our agreement, the insurance administrator may draw down the letter of credit. In developing liability reserves, we rely on professional third party claims administrators, insurance company estimates and the judgment of our own personnel, and independent professional actuaries and attorneys. The most significant assumptions used in the estimation process include determining the trends in loss costs, the expected consistency in the frequency and severity of claims incurred but not yet reported to prior-year claims, and expected costs to settle unpaid claims. Management believes reserves are reasonable given known information, but as each case develops, estimates may change to reflect the effect of new information.

*Revenue recognition* Transportation revenue, including fuel surcharges, and related costs are recognized on the date freight is delivered. Other service revenue consists primarily of rental revenues, container revenues and tank wash revenues. Rental revenues from affiliates, independent owner-operators and third parties, are recognized ratably over the lease period. Container revenues, consisting primarily of repair and storage services, are recognized when the services are rendered. Tank wash revenues are recognized when the wash is completed. Service revenues on insurance policies are recorded as a contractual percentage of premiums received ratably over the period that the insurance covers. We recognize all revenues on a gross basis as the principal and primary obligor with risk of loss in relation to our responsibility for completion of services as contracted with our customers.

*Allowance for uncollectible receivables* The allowance for all potentially uncollectible receivables is based on a combination of historical data, cash payment trends, specific customer issues, write-off trends, general economic conditions and other factors. These factors are continuously monitored by our management to arrive at the estimate for the amount of accounts receivable that may be ultimately uncollectible. The receivables analyzed include trade receivables, as well as loans and advances made to independent owner-operators and affiliates. If the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, an additional allowance could be required.

*Stock compensation plans* Stock compensation is determined by the assumptions required under the FASB guidance. The fair values of stock option grants are based upon the Black-Scholes option-pricing model and amortized as compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the grants. Restricted stock awards are issued and measured at market value on the date of grant and related compensation expense is recognized over time on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the grants. Stock-based compensation expense related to stock options and restricted stock was \$0.7 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, for fiscal year 2009. As of December 31, 2009, there was approximately \$5.2 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to the unvested portion of our stock-based awards. The recognition period for the remaining unrecognized stock-based compensation cost generally varies from two to four years. For further discussion on stock-based compensation, see Note 18 of notes to consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

*Pension plans* We maintain two noncontributory defined-benefit plans resulting from a prior acquisition that cover certain full-time salaried employees and certain other employees under a collective bargaining agreement. Both plans are frozen and, as such, no future benefits accrue. We record annual amounts relating to these plans based on calculations specified by GAAP, which include various actuarial assumptions such as discount rates (6.25% to 6.30%) and assumed rates of return (7.00% to 8.00%) depending on the pension plan. Material changes in pension costs may occur in the future due to changes in these assumptions. Future annual amounts could be impacted by changes in the discount rate, changes in the expected long-term rate of return, changes in the level of contributions to the plans and other factors.

We had an accumulated net pension equity credit (after-tax) of \$1.0 million at December 31, 2009 compared to a charge of \$9.7 million at December 31, 2008. The equity charge in 2008 reflected the decline in our funded status as a result of significant negative asset returns during 2008.

The discount rate is based on a model portfolio of AA-rated bonds with a maturity matched to the estimated payouts of future pension benefits. The expected return on plan assets is based on our expectation of the long-term rates of return on each asset class based on the current asset mix of the funds, considering the historical returns earned on the type of assets in the funds, plus an assumption of future inflation. The current inflation assumption is 3.00%. We review our actuarial assumptions on an annual basis and make modifications to the assumptions based on current rates and trends when appropriate. The effects of the modifications are amortized over future periods.

Assumed discount rates and expected return on plan assets have a significant effect on the amounts reported for the pension plan. At December 31, 2009, our projected benefit obligation ( PBO ) was \$47.3 million. Our projected 2010 net periodic pension expense is \$1.9 million. A 1.0% decrease in our assumed discount rate would increase our PBO to \$52.3 million and increase our 2010 net periodic pension expense less than \$0.1 million. A 1.0% increase in our assumed discount rate would decrease our PBO to \$43.1 million and decrease our 2010 net periodic pension expense less than \$0.1 million. A 1.0% decrease in our assumed rate of return would not change our PBO but would increase our 2010 net periodic pension expense to \$2.2 million. A 1.0% increase in our assumed rate of return would not change our PBO but would decrease our 2010 net periodic pension expense to \$1.6 million.





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*Restructuring* We account for restructuring costs associated with one-time termination benefits, costs associated with lease and contract terminations and other related exit activities in accordance with the FASB's guidance. We have made estimates of the costs to be incurred as part of our restructuring plan. During the quarter ended June 30, 2008, we committed to a plan of restructure resulting in the termination of non-driver positions and the consolidation, closure and affiliation of underperforming company terminals. We continued our plan of restructure throughout 2008 which resulted in a restructuring charge of \$5.3 million, of which the majority related to our trucking segment. Our restructuring plan continued in 2009 and resulted in charges of \$3.5 million, of which the majority related to our trucking segment. The charges in 2008 and 2009 related to employee termination benefits and other related exit activities, and included the termination of approximately 350 non-driver positions. We expect to conclude our restructuring plan in 2010 and to take additional related charges during the year. At December 31, 2009, \$1.1 million was accrued related to the restructuring charges, which are expected to be paid through 2010.

**New Accounting Pronouncements**

Refer to Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - New Accounting Pronouncements in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus for discussion of recent accounting pronouncements and for additional discussion surrounding the adoption of accounting standards.

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The following table sets forth for the periods indicated the percentage of total revenue represented by certain items in our consolidated statements of operations:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>			
Transportation	74.1%	69.4%	77.3%
Other service revenue	17.1	12.8	10.1
Fuel surcharge	8.8	17.8	12.6
Total operating revenues	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>			
Purchased transportation	60.9	57.3	62.7
Compensation	12.5	13.4	11.4
Fuel, supplies and maintenance	10.2	14.0	10.8
Depreciation and amortization	3.3	2.6	2.3
Selling and administrative	4.0	4.4	4.2

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	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Insurance costs	2.3	1.8	3.2
Taxes and licenses	0.6	0.6	0.5
Communication and utilities	1.3	1.6	1.5
Gain on sale of tank wash assets	(1.2)		
Loss (gain) on disposal of property and equipment	0.1	(0.4)	0.1
Impairment charge	24.2		
Restructuring costs	0.6	0.7	
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>96.7</b>
Operating (loss) income	(18.8)	4.0	3.3
Interest expense, net	4.6	4.3	4.1
Write-off of debt issuance costs			0.3
Gain on extinguishment of debt	(0.3)	(2.0)	
Other expense (income)	0.3	(0.4)	0.1
<b>(Loss) income before income taxes</b>	<b>(23.4)</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>(1.2)</b>
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	6.1	0.6	(0.3)
<b>Net (loss) income</b>	<b>(29.5)</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>(0.9)</b>

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated the number of terminals, tractors and trailers utilized in our business (including affiliates and independent owner-operators) as of December 31:

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Terminals	108	149	169
Number of Drivers	2,591	3,053	3,486
Trailers	6,410	7,115	7,506
Tractors	2,839	3,224	3,927
Transportation billed miles (in thousands)	108,302	136,234	154,340

**Year Ended December 31, 2009 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2008**

Total revenues for 2009 were \$613.6 million, a decrease of \$201.7 million, or 24.7%, compared to 2008 revenues. Transportation revenue decreased by \$111.2 million, or 19.6%, primarily due to a decrease in linehaul revenue due to

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continuing softness in the housing and automotive industries and general weakening of our economy. We had a 20.0% decrease in the total number of miles driven as the average number of miles per load decreased over the prior year along with a 22.7% decrease in overall loads.

Other service revenue increased by \$0.9 million, or 0.9%, compared to 2008. This increase was primarily due to \$11.6 million of increased rental income from the conversion of certain company-operated terminals to affiliate terminals, offset by reductions in tank wash revenue of \$8.9 million due to tank wash closures, reduced business and the sale of substantially all of our tank wash business in the fourth quarter of 2009.

Fuel surcharge revenue decreased \$91.4 million, or 62.9%, primarily due to a decrease in fuel prices and a decrease in the total number of miles driven.

Purchased transportation decreased by \$93.3 million, or 20.0%, due primarily to the decrease in linehaul revenue, miles driven and loads. Total purchased transportation as a percentage of transportation revenue and fuel surcharge revenue increased to 73.4% in 2009, versus 65.6% for 2008 due to the conversion of certain company-operated terminals to affiliate terminals. Our affiliates generated 72.8% of our transportation revenue and fuel surcharge revenue for 2009 compared to 50.7% for 2008. We pay our affiliates a greater percentage of transportation revenues generated by them than is paid to independent owner-operators, so our purchased transportation costs will change as revenues generated by affiliates change as a percentage of total transportation revenue. During the 2009 and 2008 periods, we paid our affiliates approximately 85% of transportation revenue and paid independent owner-operators approximately 65% of transportation revenue.

In 2009, we transitioned the majority of company-operated terminals to affiliates. These actions resulted in a larger portion of our revenue being generated by affiliates in 2009 and we expect an even larger portion to be generated by affiliates in 2010. We believe these actions will reduce certain fixed costs and provide a more variable cost structure.

Compensation expense decreased \$32.2 million, or 29.5%, primarily due to \$30.0 million of reduced expense from corporate headcount reductions, terminal consolidations, and conversions of company-operated terminals to affiliate terminals offset by \$2.2 million increase in pension expense. In addition, we had a reduction in compensation expense of \$4.7 million for QSI due to tank wash closures, reduced business, and the sale of substantially all of our tank wash business in the fourth quarter of 2009.

Fuel, supplies and maintenance decreased \$51.9 million, or 45.4%, due to lower fuel costs of \$26.8 million, lower repairs and maintenance expense of \$17.7 million, lower equipment rent expense of \$4.8 million and lower QSI expenses of \$3.9 million due to tank wash closures, reduced business and the sale of substantially all of our tank wash business in the fourth quarter of 2009 offset by an increase in Boasso terminal operations.

Selling and administrative expenses decreased \$11.3 million, or 31.4%, primarily due to \$4.2 million reduction in building rent expense and other expenses related to closed or converted terminals. In addition, we had a decrease of \$4.1 million in professional fees, \$1.6 million in travel-related costs, and \$1.8 million for QSI due to tank wash closures and the sale of substantially all of our tank wash business in the fourth quarter of 2009, offset by an increase in our bad debt reserve of \$0.7 million.

Insurance costs decreased \$0.9 million, or 5.9%, primarily due to a reduction in the number and severity of accidents that occurred during 2009.

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Communication and utilities expense decreased \$4.8 million, or 37.8%, primarily due to reduced expense from terminal consolidations, conversions of company-operated terminals to affiliate terminals, tank wash closures and the sale of substantially all of our tank wash business in the fourth quarter of 2009.

Gain on sale of tank wash equipment of \$7.1 million resulted from the sale of substantially all of QSI's operating assets for \$13.0 million to a third party on October 10, 2009.

Loss on disposal of property and equipment was \$0.5 million in 2009 as compared to a gain of \$3.1 million in 2008. The loss in 2009 resulted from the disposals of revenue equipment compared with a gain in 2008 resulting from the sale of land not used in our business.

In 2009, we recorded a non-cash impairment charge to goodwill and intangibles totaling \$148.6 million as a result of our impairment analysis, which is performed at least annually every June 30 on both our trucking and container services segments. We recorded a charge of \$144.3 million for the impairment of goodwill in our trucking segment. We also recorded a charge of \$1.9 million for the impairment of goodwill in our container services segment and a charge of \$2.4 million for the impairment of the tradename in our container services segment. Further information regarding our impairment analysis is included in "Goodwill and Intangible Assets" in our "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates".

We incurred restructuring costs of \$3.5 million in 2009 and \$5.3 million in 2008 primarily due to expenses associated with our restructuring plan which began during the second quarter of 2008. These costs consist of employee termination benefits and other related exit activities. As of December 31, 2009 we had accrued \$1.1 of additional expense related to this plan. We expect to conclude our restructuring plan in 2010 and to take additional related charges during the year.

Operating loss was \$115.2 million in 2009 as compared to operating income of \$33.0 million in 2008. The operating margin for 2009 was (18.8%) compared to 4.0% for 2008 as a result of the above items.

Interest expense decreased by \$7.2 million, or 20.3%, in 2009 compared to 2008 primarily due to a decrease in interest rates on our floating rate debt partially offset by higher interest rates following our note exchange in the fourth quarter of 2009. In addition, the outstanding principal amount of our 9% Notes was lower due to our note repurchases during 2009 and 2008, and the outstanding balance on our ABL Facility was lower. We expect our interest expense to increase in 2010 as our 2013 Senior Notes and our 2013 PIK Notes bear higher rates of interest than the notes for which they were exchanged.

In 2009, gain on debt extinguishment of \$1.9 million resulted from the repurchase of \$4.0 million of our 9% Notes. In 2008, gain on debt extinguishment of \$16.5 million resulted from the repurchase of \$24.2 million of our 9% Notes.

Other expense of \$1.9 million in 2009 consists primarily of \$2.3 million of costs related to refinancing activities related to our note exchanges offset by \$0.4 million in foreign currency conversions. Other income of \$2.9 million in 2008 resulted primarily from the settlement of an acquired pension liability of \$3.4 million offset by \$0.3 million in foreign currency conversion.

The provision for income taxes was \$37.2 million in 2009 as compared to a provision for income taxes of \$4.9 million in 2008. The effective rate for 2009 was (26.0%), which is lower than our normalized tax rate of 39.0%, in large part due to the recording of a deferred tax valuation allowance and an impairment charge.

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Net loss was \$180.5 million for 2009 compared with a net income of \$12.1 million for 2008 for the reasons outlined above.

***Year Ended December 31, 2008 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2007***

Total revenues for 2008 were \$815.3 million, an increase of \$63.7 million or 8.5%, compared to 2007 revenues. Transportation revenue decreased by \$14.9 million or 2.6%, primarily due to a \$43.0 million increase from the acquired Boasso operations offset by a \$57.9 million decrease in our pre-existing business due to continuing softness in the housing and automotive industries and general weakening of our economy. We had an 11.5% decrease in the total number of miles driven as the average number of miles per load decreased over the prior year along with a 7.7% decrease in overall loads.

Other service revenue increased by \$27.8 million, or 36.5%, compared to 2007. This increase was primarily due to a \$30.4 million increase in revenue generated by the acquired Boasso operations.

Fuel surcharge revenue increased \$50.8 million, or 53.6%, primarily due to an increase in fuel prices, and to the acquisition of Boasso, offset in part by a decrease in the total number of miles driven.

Purchased transportation decreased by \$4.7 million, or 1.0%, due primarily to a reduction in our pre-existing business due to a weakened economy offset by \$26.8 million of expense from the acquired Boasso operations. Total purchased transportation as a percentage of transportation revenue and fuel surcharge revenue decreased to 65.6% in 2008 versus 69.8% for the prior year due to the conversion of certain affiliate terminals to company-operated terminals. Our affiliates generated 50.7% of our transportation revenue and fuel surcharge revenue for 2008 compared to 56.7% for the prior year. We pay our affiliates a greater percentage of transportation revenues generated by them than is paid to independent owner-operators, so our purchased transportation costs will change as revenues generated by affiliates change as a percentage of total transportation revenue. During the 2008 and 2007 periods, we paid our affiliates approximately 85% of the transportation revenue and paid independent owner-operators approximately 65% of transportation revenue.

Compensation expense increased \$23.3 million, or 27.1%, due primarily to \$18.5 million of expense from the acquired Boasso operations. In addition, we had an increase of \$6.1 million due to new or converted Company terminals added over the prior year and \$0.9 million increase in healthcare costs partially offset by a reduction of approximately \$2.3 million from wages and payroll taxes for positions eliminated in our plan of restructure.

Fuel, supplies and maintenance increased \$33.0 million, or 40.6%, due primarily to \$20.5 million of expense from the acquired Boasso operations, increased fuel costs of \$11.7 million, increased equipment maintenance of \$1.5 million and increased equipment lease costs of \$0.6 million as we increase the capacity of our equipment.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$3.5 million, or 19.7%, due primarily to increased depreciation and amortization from the acquired Boasso operations.

Selling and administrative expenses increased \$4.5 million, or 14.5%, due primarily to \$4.1 million of expense from the acquired Boasso operations. We also incurred an increase of \$0.3 million in bad debt expense in 2008 due to credit adjustments in 2007 resulting from a reduction in days sales outstanding in 2007, and an increase of \$0.4 million in professional fees offset by a decrease of \$0.6 million of travel related costs.

Insurance claims expense decreased \$8.9 million, or 37.2%, due primarily to a reduction in the number and severity of accidents that occurred during 2008 offset by an increase of \$1.8 million for the acquired Boasso operations.

Gain on disposal of property and equipment was \$3.1 million in 2008 as compared to a loss of \$1.0 million in 2007. The gain in the current year period resulted from the sale of land not used in our business compared with a loss in the prior year resulting from the disposals of certain tank wash equipment.

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In 2008, we incurred restructuring costs of \$5.3 million primarily due to employee termination benefits and costs associated with lease and contract terminations and other related exit activities related to our restructuring plan. The majority of these costs were related to our trucking operations.

Operating income increased \$9.1 million, or 38.3%, compared to 2007. The operating margin for 2008 was 4.0% compared to 3.3% for 2007 as a result of the above items.

Interest expense increased by \$4.2 million, or 13.4%, in 2008 compared to 2007 primarily due to interest on our new \$50 million of the 2012 Notes issued in December 2007. These notes, along with our entry into a new asset-based loan facility in December 2007, were issued primarily to fund the acquisition of Boasso, and to repay a portion of the term loan under our previous credit facility. In conjunction with these notes, we are incurring increased amortization of the original issue discount related to these notes. In addition, the amortization of deferred financing costs has increased due to the refinancing of our previous revolving credit facility in December 2007.

We wrote off debt issuance costs of \$0.3 million related to the partial repurchase of our 9% Notes in 2008. In 2007, we wrote off \$1.2 million of debt issuance costs due to the refinancing of our previous revolving credit facility and term loan with our new asset-based loan facility and recorded a charge of \$0.8 million for bridge loan commitment fees related to the Boasso acquisition in 2007.

Gain on debt extinguishment of \$16.5 million resulted from the repurchase of \$24.2 million of our 9% Notes.

Other income of \$2.9 million in 2008 resulted primarily from the settlement of an acquired pension liability of \$3.4 million offset by \$0.3 million in foreign currency conversion. Other expense in 2007 contained \$1.6 million of costs related to an unconsummated acquisition and refinancing activities offset by \$0.7 million in foreign currency conversions.

The provision for income taxes was \$4.9 million in 2008 as compared to a benefit from income taxes of \$2.1 million in 2007. The effective rate for 2008 was 29.0%, which is lower than our anticipated 39.0% effective rate in large part due to recording a \$1.2 million reduction to tax expense related to a pension adjustment. The Company's effective rate would have been higher if this pension adjustment had not been recorded. This pension adjustment was related to an income item related to the release of a pension obligation that would never be subject to income tax.

Net income was \$12.1 million for 2008 compared with a net loss of \$7.6 million for 2007 for the reasons outlined above.

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***Segment Operating Results***

We have two reportable business segments for financial reporting purposes that are distinguished primarily on the basis of services offered:

Trucking, which consists of truckload transportation of bulk chemicals, and

Container Services, specifically ISO tank container transportation and depot services.

Segment revenues and operating income include the allocation of fuel surcharge to the trucking and container services segments. The operating income reported in our segments excludes amounts reported in Other operating income, such as gains and losses on disposal of property and equipment, restructuring costs, impairment charge, corporate and other unallocated amounts. Corporate and unallocated amounts include depreciation and amortization and other gains and losses. Although these amounts are excluded from the business segment results, they are included in reported consolidated earnings. Included in Other revenues are revenues from our tank wash services and other value-added services. We have not provided specific asset information by segment, as it is not regularly provided to our chief operating decision maker for review.



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Summarized segment operating results are as follows (in thousands):

	Year ended December 31,				Change	
	2009	% of Total	2008	% of Total	\$	%
<b>Operating revenues:</b>						
Trucking	\$ 460,390	75.0%	\$ 653,618	80.2%	(193,228)	(29.6)%
Container Services	79,499	13.0	89,715	11.0	(10,216)	(11.4)%
Other revenue	73,720	12.0	71,957	8.8	1,763	2.5%
Total	\$ 613,609	100.0%	\$ 815,290	100.0%		
<b>Operating income:</b>						
Trucking	\$ 35,217	69.7%	\$ 41,291	73.5%	(6,074)	(14.7)%
Container Services	11,287	22.4	10,934	19.5	353	3.2%
Other operating income	3,984	7.9	3,988	7.0	(4)	(0.1)%
Total	\$ 50,488	100.0%	\$ 56,213	100.0%		

	Year ended December 31,				Change	
	2008	% of Total	2007	% of Total	\$	%
<b>Operating revenues:</b>						
Trucking	\$ 653,618	80.2%	\$ 666,199	88.6%	(12,581)	(1.9)%
Container Services	89,715	11.0	12,168	1.6	77,547	637.3%
Other revenue	71,957	8.8	73,191	9.8	(1,234)	(1.7)%
Total	\$ 815,290	100.0%	\$ 751,558	100.0%		
<b>Operating income:</b>						
Trucking	\$ 41,291	73.5%	\$ 37,421	88.3%	3,870	10.3%
Container Services	10,934	19.5	(93)	(0.2)	11,027	11,857.0%
Other operating income	3,988	7.0	5,028	11.9	(1,040)	(20.7)%
Total	\$ 56,213	100.0%	\$ 42,356	100.0%		

**Year Ended December 31, 2009 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2008**

Operating revenue:

*Trucking* revenues decreased \$193.2 million, or 29.6%, for 2009 compared to 2008 due to fewer miles driven due to a weakened economy and a decrease in fuel surcharge resulting from lower fuel prices in 2009.

*Container Services* revenues decreased \$10.2 million, or 11.4%, for 2009 compared to 2008 due to a decrease of \$6.5 million in fuel surcharge and a decrease of \$3.7 million in linehaul revenue.

*Other revenue* revenues increased \$1.8 million, or 2.5%, for 2009 compared to 2008 due primarily to an increase of \$11.6 million in rental revenue offset by a decrease of \$8.9 million in our tank wash revenue.



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### Operating income:

*Trucking* operating income decreased \$6.1 million, or 14.7%, for 2009 compared to 2008 primarily due to a decrease in linehaul revenue offset by cost savings initiatives and the conversion of company-operated terminals to affiliates terminals.

*Container Services* operating income increased \$0.4 million, or 3.2%, for 2009 compared to 2008 due to expanded terminal operations.

*Other operating income* operating income decreased less than \$0.1 million, or less than 1.0%, for 2009 compared to 2008, primarily due to reduced tank wash revenue.

### ***Year Ended December 31, 2008 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2007***

### Operating revenue:

*Trucking* revenues decreased \$12.6 million, or 1.9%, for 2008 compared to 2007 due to fewer miles driven due to a weakened economy partially offset by an increase in fuel surcharge resulting from increased fuel prices in 2008.

*Container Services* revenues increased \$77.5 million, or more than 100.0%, for 2008 compared to 2007 due to the acquired Boasso operations.

*Other revenue* revenues decreased \$1.2 million, or 1.7%, for 2008 compared to 2007 due primarily to a decrease in our tank wash revenue.

### Operating income:

*Trucking* operating income increased \$3.9 million, or 10.3%, for 2008 compared to 2007 primarily due to cost savings initiatives offset by fewer billed miles and the conversion of affiliates to company terminals which increased facility, leasing, and maintenance costs.

*Container Services* operating income increased \$11.0 million, or more than 100.0%, for 2008 compared to 2007 due to the acquired Boasso operations.

*Other operating income* operating income decreased \$1.0 million, or 20.7%, for 2008 compared to 2007, primarily due to reduced tank wash revenue.

## **Exchange Rates**

We operate in Canada and Mexico as well as in the United States. Our results of operations are affected by the relative strength of currencies in the countries where we operate. Approximately 6.1%, 6.4% and 7.0% of our revenue in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, was generated outside the United States.

In comparing the average exchange rates between 2009 and 2008, the Canadian dollar depreciated against the United States dollar by approximately 6.6% while the Mexican peso appreciated against the United States dollar by approximately 17.4%. The change in exchange rates negatively impacted revenue by approximately \$2.7 million in 2009. The depreciation of the Canadian dollar was the primary reason for the \$0.1 million net increase in cumulative currency translation loss in shareholders' deficit for 2009.

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Gains and losses included in the consolidated statements of operations from foreign currency transactions included a \$0.4 million gain in 2009, a \$0.3 million gain in 2008, and a \$0.3 million gain in 2007.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

We believe that our liquidity, asset-light business model, and streamlined operations will enable us to weather a continued economic downturn in 2010 while providing us with the flexibility to benefit from economic improvement. Although 2009 miles driven were approximately 20.0% lower than in 2008, we still generated positive cash flow from operations. Additionally, at December 31, 2009, we had \$44.7 million of borrowing availability under the ABL Facility.

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The following summarizes our cash flows for fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007 as reported in our consolidated statements of cash flows in the accompanying consolidated financial statements:

(In Thousands)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 39,756	\$ 19,593	\$ 14,052
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	9,577	(8,524)	(63,399)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(50,515)	(13,485)	52,194
Effect of exchange rates	28	(508)	23
Net (decrease) increase in cash	(1,154)	(2,924)	2,870
Cash at beginning of period	6,787	9,711	6,841
Cash at end of period	\$ 5,633	\$ 6,787	\$ 9,711

Historically, our primary source of liquidity has been cash flow from operations and borrowing availability under our ABL Facility. Our primary cash needs consist of working capital, capital expenditures and debt service including our ABL Facility and our notes. We incur capital expenditures for the purpose of purchasing tractors and trailers to meet our strategic needs during the year, and maintaining and improving our infrastructure. We expect capital expenditures for 2010 to be approximately \$9.0 million, although the actual amount of capital expenditures could differ materially because of operating needs, regulatory changes, covenants in our debt arrangements, other expenses, including interest expense, or other factors.

In 2010, \$16.0 million of our 9% Notes mature in addition to our regular payment obligations on capital leases, other notes and other indebtedness. We expect to fund payment of the maturing notes and redemption obligations under our 2013 Senior Notes through cash from operations. We expect to fund any cash needs for our operations during this period from borrowings under our ABL Facility.

During the fourth quarter of 2008, we repurchased \$24.2 million in aggregate principal amount of the 9% Notes for an aggregate purchase price of \$7.7 million. During the first quarter of 2009, we purchased an additional \$1.0 million in aggregate principal amount of the 9% Notes for an aggregate purchase price of \$0.3 million. We believe that these purchases at a substantial discount to their principal amount were a good investment for us because the prices were substantially less than the amount that we would owe for the repurchased notes upon maturity, and we had adequate liquidity for such purchases.

As described above, on October 15, 2009, we completed exchange and tender offers for our 2012 Notes and our 9% Notes. In connection with the exchange and tender offers, we received approximately \$134.5 million of our 2012 Notes in exchange for \$134.5 million of our new 2013 Senior Notes. We received approximately \$83.6 million of our 9% Notes in exchange for approximately \$80.7 million aggregate principal amount of our new 2013 PIK Notes, approximately 1.75 million warrants to purchase QDI's common stock and \$1.8 million in cash.

We have accrued \$11.6 million for environmental claims and \$19.4 million for loss and damage claims and the timing of the cash payment for such claims fluctuates from quarter to quarter.

We generated \$39.8 million, \$19.6 million and \$14.1 million in net cash from operating activities in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The increase in net cash provided by operating activities in 2009 as compared to 2008 is primarily due to increased collections of outstanding accounts receivable, lower loss and damage claim payments and lower operating expenses due to our

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restructuring and transition to affiliates or closure of many of our trucking terminals. The increase in net cash provided by operating activities in 2008 as compared to 2007 is primarily due to our net income for the year. We continued to experience softness in demand throughout 2009; however our continued restructuring and cost reduction efforts have enabled us to generate stronger operating cash. We have aligned our cost structure to allow for flat or declining revenues. The cash required to pay in 2010 on our higher rate 2013 Senior Notes and 2013 PIK Notes will be mitigated in part because interest equal to 2.75% payable on the 2013 PIK Notes is payable through the issuance of additional notes rather than cash.

Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities in 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$9.6 million, \$(8.5) million and \$(63.4) million, respectively. Capital expenditures totaled \$8.2 million, \$14.8 million and \$10.6 million in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively while proceeds from sales of property and equipment were \$7.5 million, \$6.3 million and \$6.4 million, respectively. In 2009, we received cash of \$10.0 million from the sale of tank wash assets. In 2008, we used net cash of \$8.4 million to purchase new revenue equipment, the assets of two businesses and the assets of one affiliate. We used net cash of \$52.4 million for the acquisition of Boasso and \$6.8 million of cash to purchase the assets of two businesses and the assets of six affiliates in 2007, issued notes payable for \$2.4 million and assumed \$2.5 million in liabilities as part of the total consideration of these acquisitions.

Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities was \$(50.5) million, \$(13.5) million and \$52.2 million in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. In 2009, we primarily utilized cash to repay \$19.0 million of our borrowings under our ABL facility, \$17.7 million to pay down other debt and capital lease obligations including \$2.1 million used to repurchase \$4.0 million of 9% Notes and to pay financing fees of \$4.9 million in connection with our exchange and tender offers. In 2008, we used cash of \$7.7 million to repurchase \$24.2 million of our 9% Notes. In addition, we generated cash from operations and sale of properties to pay down approximately \$9.0 million of our debt obligations. We utilized a portion of our ABL Facility to finance the acquisition of Boasso in 2007.

*Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements*

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements as defined under Item 303(a) (4) of Regulation S-K.

*Contractual Obligations*

The following is a schedule of our long-term contractual commitments, including the current portion of our long-term indebtedness at December 31, 2009 over the periods we expect them to be paid (dollars in thousands):

		Year		The Five Years after	
	TOTAL	2010	Years 2011 & 2012	Years 2013 & 2014	2014
Operating leases (1)	\$ 46,384	\$ 15,906	\$ 17,742	\$ 6,538	\$ 6,198
Total indebtedness (2)	312,802	19,866	4,916	286,888	1,132
Capital leases	17,165	5,322	9,027	2,816	
Interest on indebtedness (3)	98,086	28,591	54,152	15,261	82
Total	\$ 474,437	\$ 69,685	\$ 85,837	\$ 311,503	\$ 7,412

These obligations represent the minimum rental commitments under all non-cancelable operating leases. See Note 19 of the consolidated financial statements. We entered into a new lease, commencing in May 2007, for our corporate headquarters that requires us to spend \$15.8 million over the term of the lease. We expect that some of our operating lease obligations for tractors will be partially offset by rental revenue from sub-leasing the tractors to independent owner-operators or affiliates.

Includes aggregate unamortized discount of \$ 8.7 million.

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Amounts presented for interest payments assume that all long-term debt obligations outstanding as of December 31, 2009 will remain outstanding until maturity and interest rates on variable-rate debt in effect as of December 31, 2009 will remain in effect until maturity.

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As discussed below, the maturity date of the ABL Facility may be accelerated if we default on our obligations under the ABL Facility.

*Other Liabilities and Obligations*

We have \$11.6 million of environmental liabilities, \$18.9 million of pension plan obligations and \$19.4 million of insurance claim obligations. We expect to incur additional environmental costs in the future for environmental studies and remediation efforts that we will be required to undertake related to legacy Chemical Leaman sites. As of December 31, 2009, we had \$40.0 million in outstanding letters of credit. We are required to provide letters of credit to our insurance administrator to cover the payment of claims. The outstanding letter of credit as of December 31, 2009 for our insurance administrator was \$33.6 million. The remaining \$6.4 million of outstanding letters of credit relate to various leasing obligations and to satisfy certain EPA requirements. If we fail to meet certain terms of our agreement, the insurance administrator may draw down the entire letter of credit. We have \$1.8 million of total gross unrecognized tax benefits.

*Long-term Debt*

Our principal debt sources at December 31, 2009 comprise \$16.0 million aggregate principal amount of 9% Notes, \$0.5 million principal amount of our 2012 Notes, \$134.5 million aggregate principal amount of 2013 Senior Notes, \$81.2 million aggregate principal amount of 2013 PIK Notes and a \$225 million asset-based loan facility.



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The ABL Facility which was effective December 18, 2007, consists of a current asset-based revolving facility in an amount of \$200.0 million (the current asset tranche) and a fixed asset-based revolving facility in an amount of \$25.0 million (the fixed asset tranche). The total commitments under the fixed asset tranche will be reduced and the total commitments under the current asset tranche correspondingly increased by \$5.0 million on December 18, 2010. Borrowings of revolving loans under the ABL Facility are allocated pro rata to the current asset tranche and the fixed asset tranche based on the then-current asset borrowing base and the then-current fixed asset borrowing base. The ABL Facility matures June 18, 2013. The maturity date of the ABL Facility may be accelerated if we default on our obligations under the ABL Facility.

The ABL Facility includes borrowing capacity of up to \$150.0 million for letters of credit, which are allocated pro rata between the two tranches based on the then-current borrowing base for each tranche (or, if the credit extensions under the fixed asset tranche are repaid and the commitments there under are terminated prior to the termination of the ABL Facility, to the current asset tranche), and up to \$10.0 million for swingline borrowings on same-day notice, which are allocated under the current asset tranche. The proceeds of the ABL Facility were used, together with the proceeds from an additional private offering of 2012 Notes (described below under Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2012), to finance a portion of the Boasso acquisition. The ABL Facility contains a fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.0 to 1.0 which only needs to be met if borrowing availability is less than \$20 million. At December 31, 2009, we had \$44.7 million of borrowing availability under the ABL Facility. Borrowings under the ABL Facility bear interest at a rate equal to an applicable margin plus, at our option, either a base rate or LIBOR. The applicable margin for borrowings under the current asset tranche at December 31, 2009 was 1.00% with respect to base rate borrowings and 2.00% with respect to LIBOR borrowings. The applicable margin for borrowings under the fixed asset tranche at December 31, 2009 was 1.25% with respect to base rate borrowings and 2.25% with respect to LIBOR borrowings. The applicable margin for such borrowings will be reduced or increased based on the aggregate borrowing base availability under the ABL Facility over the life of the ABL Facility. The base rate for the ABL Facility is the higher of the prime rate and the federal funds overnight rate plus 0.50%. We are also required to pay a fee for utilized commitments under the ABL Facility at a rate equal to 0.25% per annum. The ABL Facility is required to be prepaid only to the extent that the aggregate amount of outstanding borrowings, unreimbursed letter of credit drawings and undrawn letters of credit under the relevant tranche exceeds the lesser of the applicable commitments and the applicable borrowing base in effect at such time for such tranche. The borrowing base for the current asset tranche consists of eligible accounts receivable, eligible inventory and eligible truck and trailer fleet, and the borrowing base for the fixed asset tranche consists of eligible real property and certain eligible equipment. We may voluntarily repay outstanding loans under the ABL Facility at any time without premium or penalty, other than customary breakage costs with respect to LIBOR loans. The interest rate on the ABL Facility at December 31, 2009 and 2008 was 2.4% and 3.3%, respectively. The weighted average interest rate during fiscal year 2009 was 2.4%. All obligations under the ABL Facility are guaranteed by QDI and each of our wholly-owned domestic restricted subsidiaries (other than our immaterial subsidiaries). Obligations under the current asset tranche, and the guarantees of those obligations (as well as cash management obligations and any interest hedging or other swap agreements), are secured by a first priority lien on certain assets of QD LLC and the guarantors, including eligible accounts, eligible inventory and eligible truck and trailer fleet (current asset tranche priority collateral) and a second priority lien on all other assets of QD LLC and the guarantors, including eligible real property and certain eligible equipment (fixed asset tranche priority collateral). Obligations under the fixed asset tranche, and the guarantees of those obligations, are secured by a first-priority lien on fixed asset tranche priority collateral and a second priority lien on current asset tranche priority collateral.

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We incurred \$6.9 million in debt issuance costs relating to the ABL Facility. We are amortizing these costs over the term of the ABL Facility.

### *9% Senior Subordinated Notes Due 2010*

On September 30, 2003, we issued \$125.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 9% Notes. During the fourth quarter of 2008 and the first quarter of 2009, we repurchased \$25.2 million in principal amount of the 9% Notes. On October 15, 2009, we completed exchange and tender offers to exchange approximately \$80.7 million of our 9% Notes for \$80.7 million aggregate principal amount of our new 2013 PIK Notes and approximately 1.75 million warrants and retired an additional \$2.9 million of our 9% Notes for \$1.8 million in cash. Upon the completion of the exchange and tender offer, we also amended the 9% Notes to eliminate or waive substantially all of the restrictive covenants, to eliminate certain events of default, to modify covenants regarding mergers and consolidations and modify or eliminate certain other provisions contained in the indentures governing the 9% Notes. As of December 31, 2009, approximately \$16.0 million total principal amount of the 9% Notes remained outstanding.

The 9% Notes are the unsecured and senior subordinated obligations of QD LLC and QD Capital and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured and senior subordinated basis, jointly and severally, by QDI and certain of its U.S. restricted subsidiaries. We have the right to redeem the 9% Notes in whole or in part from time to time at 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest if any, to the date of redemption. The 9% Notes will mature on November 15, 2010. Interest on the 9% Notes is payable at the rate of 9% per annum and is payable semi-annually in cash on each May 15 and November 15.

We incurred \$5.5 million in debt issuance costs relating to the issuance of the 9% Notes. During 2008 and 2009, we wrote-off approximately \$0.3 million in debt issuance costs relating to repurchases of 9% Notes. Additionally \$0.5 million of unamortized debt issuance costs relating to the 9% Notes are included in debt issuance costs related to the 2013 PIK Notes following their exchange for the 9% Notes. We are amortizing the remaining \$0.1 million of debt issuance costs over the remaining term of the 9% Notes.

### *Senior Floating Rate Notes Due 2012*

On January 28, 2005, we issued \$85.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 2012 Notes. On December 18, 2007, we issued a second series of 2012 Notes in the original principal amount of \$50.0 million. On October 15, 2009, we completed exchange and tender offers to exchange approximately \$134.5 million of 2012 Notes for \$134.5 million of our 2013 Senior Notes. Upon the completion of the exchange offer, we amended the 2012 Notes to eliminate or waive substantially all of the restrictive covenants, to eliminate certain events of default, to modify covenants regarding mergers and consolidations and modify or eliminate certain other provisions contained in the indentures governing the 2012 Notes. As of December 31, 2009, approximately \$0.5 million total principal amount of the 2012 Notes remained outstanding.

The 2012 Notes are the unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of QD LLC and QD Capital and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured and unsubordinated basis, jointly and severally, by QDI and certain of its U.S. restricted subsidiaries. We

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may redeem all or any portion of the 2012 Notes upon not less than 30, nor more than 60, days' notice at 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest if any, to the date of redemption. The 2012 Notes will mature on January 15, 2012. Interest on the 2012 Notes is payable quarterly in cash in arrears on each January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15. The interest rate on the 2012 Notes at December 31, 2009 and 2008 was 4.8% and 9.3%, respectively. The weighted average interest rate during fiscal year 2009 and 2008 was 5.3% and 8.4%, respectively.

We incurred \$2.5 million in debt issuance costs relating to the initial \$85.0 million of the 2012 Notes and \$2.3 million related to the second \$50.0 million of the 2012 Notes. All of these unamortized debt issuance costs are included in debt issuance costs related to the 2013 Senior Notes in connection with the exchange offer.

### *10% Senior Notes Due 2013*

On October 15, 2009, we issued approximately \$134.5 million aggregate principal amount of our 2013 Senior Notes. The 2013 Senior Notes are the unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of QD LLC and QD Capital and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured and unsubordinated basis, jointly and severally, by QDI and certain of our U.S. restricted subsidiaries.

In connection with the issuance of the 2013 Senior Notes, we have agreed pursuant to a registration rights agreement to file a registration statement, relating to an offer to exchange the 2013 Senior Notes for new debt securities which are substantially identical in all material respects, by February 12, 2010, and to use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause the registration statement to be declared effective by the SEC by April 13, 2010. The registration statement was filed pursuant to these obligations on December 18, 2009. If the registration statement is not declared effective by the SEC by April 13, 2010 or if we do not consummate the exchange offer by May 23, 2010, we will be required to pay additional interest.

Interest on the 2013 Senior Notes is payable at a rate of 10% per annum, semiannually on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing on June 1, 2010. The 2013 Senior Notes mature on June 1, 2013.

We may redeem the 2013 Senior Notes, in whole or part, at any time at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2013 Senior Notes redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. Subject to certain conditions, we are obligated to redeem \$6.0 million of 2013 Senior Notes on each June 1 and December 1, commencing December 1, 2010. Beginning in 2011, promptly following the delivery of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for each fiscal year, the 2013 Senior Notes are subject to additional mandatory redemption in an amount equal to 50% of the excess cash flow we generate minus \$12.0 million. Both required redemption amounts will be reduced to the extent necessary so that:

the sum of borrowing availability under the ABL Facility, plus unrestricted cash and cash equivalents, is at least \$37.5 million;

the minimum borrowing availability requirements under the ABL Facility are satisfied;

there is fixed charge coverage ratio of at least 1.0 to 1.0 as calculated under the ABL Facility; and

no other event of default is otherwise caused under the ABL Facility by the redemption.

The required redemption amounts are also reduced by any optional redemptions and repurchases during the redemption period.

We recorded \$3.6 million in debt issuance costs relating to the 2013 Senior Notes, of which \$2.0 million of unamortized debt issuance costs related to the 2012 Notes and \$1.6 million was related to the new issuance. We are amortizing these costs over the remaining term of the 2013 Senior Notes.

### *11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes Due 2013*

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On October 15, 2009, we issued \$80.7 million aggregate principal amount of our 2013 PIK Notes. The 2013 PIK Notes are the unsecured and senior subordinated obligations of QD LLC and QD Capital and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured and senior subordinated basis, jointly and severally, by QDI and certain of our U.S. restricted subsidiaries.

In connection with the issuance of the 2013 PIK Notes, we have agreed pursuant to registration rights agreements to file a registration statement, relating to an offer to exchange the 2013 PIK Notes for new debt securities which are substantially identical in all material respects by February 12, 2010 and to use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause the registration statement to be declared effective by the SEC by April 13, 2010. The registration statement was filed pursuant to these obligations on December 18, 2009. If the registration statement is not declared effective by the SEC by April 13, 2010 or if we do not consummate the exchange offer by May 23, 2010, we will be required to pay additional interest.

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Interest is payable on the 2013 PIK Notes at 11.75% per annum, payable 9% in cash and 2.75% in the form of additional 2013 PIK Notes, quarterly on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing on February 1, 2010.

The 2013 PIK Notes mature on November 1, 2013. We may redeem the 2013 PIK Notes, in whole or part, at any time prior to October 15, 2010, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date plus an additional make-whole premium. After October 15, 2010, we may redeem the Subordinated Notes, in whole or part, at any time at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Subordinated Notes redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. Additionally, at any time prior to October 15, 2010, we may redeem up to 35% of the principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes at a redemption premium equal to 11.75% of the face amount thereof with the net proceeds of one or more equity offerings so long as at least 65% of the aggregate original principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes remains outstanding afterwards.

We recorded \$1.5 million in debt issuance costs relating to the 2013 PIK Notes, of which \$0.5 million of unamortized debt issuance costs related to the 9% Notes and \$1.0 million were related to the new issuance. In addition, we recorded \$6.7 million in note issuance discount due to the warrants issued. The amount represents the fair market value of the warrants at time of issuance. We are amortizing these costs over the remaining term of the 2013 PIK Notes.

The note exchanges described above were treated as a debt modification in accordance with applicable FASB guidance.

### *Boasso Note*

The Boasso Note was a \$2.5 million 7% promissory note with a maturity on December 18, 2009 issued as part of the purchase price of the Boasso acquisition. The holder of the Boasso Note had the option to require prepayment of the Boasso note, which he exercised on December 18, 2008. The Boasso Note was paid in full in January 2009.

### *Collateral, Guarantees and Covenants*

The ABL Facility contains a number of covenants that, among other things, restrict, subject to certain exceptions, our ability to (i) sell assets; (ii) incur additional indebtedness; (iii) prepay other indebtedness (including the 2013 Senior Notes, the 2012 Notes, the 2013 PIK Notes and the 9% Notes); (iv) repurchase or pay dividends on QDI's common stock; (v) create liens on assets; (vi) make investments; (vii) make certain acquisitions; (viii) engage in mergers or consolidations; (ix) engage in certain transactions with affiliates; (x) amend certain charter documents and material agreements governing subordinated indebtedness, including the 2013 Senior Notes, the 2012 Notes, the 2013 PIK Notes and the 9% Notes; (xi) change the business conducted by us and our subsidiaries; and (xii) enter into agreements that restrict dividends from subsidiaries. The ABL Facility also contains certain customary events of default, which, if any of them occurs, may result in the principal, interest and any other monetary obligations under the ABL Facility becoming immediately payable.

The indentures governing our 2013 Senior Notes and our 2013 PIK Notes contain covenants that restrict, subject to certain exceptions, our ability to, among other things: (i) incur additional debt or issue certain preferred shares; (ii) pay dividends on or make other distributions in respect of QDI's common stock or make other restricted payments; (iii) make certain investments; (iv) sell certain assets; (v) create or permit to exist dividend and/or payment restrictions affecting their restricted subsidiaries; (vi) create liens on certain assets to secure debt; (vii) consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of their assets; (viii) enter into certain transactions with their affiliates; and (ix) designate their subsidiaries as unrestricted subsidiaries. The indentures also provide certain customary events of default, which, if any of them occurs, may result in the principal, interest and any other monetary obligations on the then outstanding 2013 Senior Notes and 2013 PIK Notes becoming payable immediately.

The payment obligations under the ABL Facility are senior secured obligations of QD LLC and QD Capital and are secured by certain assets and its subsidiaries. The payment obligations of QD LLC and QD Capital under the 9% Notes, the 2012 Notes, the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes are guaranteed by QDI, and by all of its domestic subsidiaries. The 9% Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes, and the guarantees thereof are senior subordinated unsecured obligations ranking junior in right of payment to all of our existing and future senior debt, and all liabilities of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the 9% Notes the 2013 PIK Notes, as applicable. All of the notes are effectively junior to all of our existing and future secured debt, including borrowings under the ABL Facility, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt.

We were in compliance with the covenants under the ABL Facility, the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes at December 31, 2009.

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The following is a schedule of our indebtedness at December 31, 2009 over the periods we are required to pay such indebtedness (in thousands):

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 and after	Total
Capital lease obligations	\$ 5,322	\$ 4,279	\$ 4,748	\$ 2,253	\$ 563	17,165
ABL Facility				68,000		68,000
9% Senior Subordinated Notes, due 2010	16,031					16,031
Senior Floating Rate Notes, due 2012			501			501
10% Senior Notes, due 2013 (1)				134,499		134,499
11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes, due 2013 (1)				81,211		81,211
Other Notes	3,835	2,311	2,104	2,231	2,079	12,560
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,188</b>	<b>\$ 6,590</b>	<b>\$ 7,353</b>	<b>\$ 288,194</b>	<b>\$ 2,642</b>	<b>\$ 329,967</b>

(1) Amounts do not include the remaining aggregate unamortized original issue discount of \$8.7 million.

The following table represents our debt issuance costs at December 31, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands):

	2008	Write-off of Issuance Costs	Additional Debt Issuance Costs	Transfer Related to Exchange Offers	Current year amortization expense	2009
ABL Facility	\$ 5,552	\$	\$	\$	\$ (1,268)	\$ 4,284
9% Senior Subordinated Notes, due 2010	1,150	(20)		(537)	(524)	69
Senior Floating Rate Notes, due 2012	2,794			(2,059)	(735)	
10% Senior Notes, due 2013			1,584	2,059	(218)	3,425
11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes, due 2013			970	537	(81)	1,426
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,496</b>	<b>\$ (20)</b>	<b>\$ 2,554</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ (2,826)</b>	<b>\$ 9,204</b>

Amortization expense of deferred issuance costs was \$2.8 million, \$3.0 million, and \$1.9 million for years ending December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively. We are amortizing these costs over the term of the debt instruments.

*Liquidity*

We believe that, based on current operations and anticipated growth, our cash flow from operations, together with available sources of liquidity, including borrowings under the ABL Facility, will be sufficient to fund anticipated capital expenditures, make required payments of principal and interest on our debt, including obligations under our credit agreement, and satisfy other long-term contractual commitments for the next twelve months.

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However, for periods extending beyond twelve months, if our operating cash flow and borrowings under the ABL Facility are not sufficient to satisfy our capital expenditures, debt service and other long-term contractual commitments, we would be required to seek alternative financing. These alternatives would likely include another restructuring or refinancing of our long-term debt, the sale of a portion or all of our assets or operations, or the sale of additional debt or equity securities. If these alternatives were not available in a timely manner or on satisfactory terms, or were not permitted under any of our debt agreements and we default on our obligations, our indebtedness could be accelerated and our assets might not be sufficient to repay in full all of our indebtedness.

### *Other Issues*

While uncertainties relating to environmental, labor and other regulatory matters exist within the trucking industry, management is not aware of any trends or events likely to have a material adverse effect on liquidity or the accompanying financial statements. Our credit rating is affected by many factors, including our financial results, operating cash flows and total indebtedness.

The ABL Facility and the indentures governing our 2013 Senior Notes and our 2013 PIK Notes contain certain limitations on QD LLC's ability to make distributions to QDI. We do not consider these restrictions to be significant, because QDI is a holding company with no significant operations or assets, other than ownership of 100% of QD LLC's membership units. QD LLC's direct and indirect wholly owned subsidiaries are generally permitted to make distributions to QD LLC, which is the principal obligor under the ABL Facility, the 9% Notes, the 2012 Notes, the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes.

Apollo as our controlling shareholder may have an interest in pursuing reorganizations, restructurings or other transactions involving us that, in their judgment, could enhance their equity investment even though those transactions might involve increasing QD LLC's leverage or impairing QD LLC's creditworthiness in order to decrease QDI's leverage. While the restrictions in our ABL Facility cover a wide variety of arrangements that have traditionally been used to effect highly leveraged transactions, the ABL Facility and the indentures governing our 2013 Senior Notes and our 2013 PIK Notes may not afford the holders of our debt protection in all circumstances from the adverse aspects of a highly leveraged transaction, reorganization, restructuring, merger or similar transaction.

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### **BUSINESS**

#### **Overview**

We operate the largest chemical bulk tank truck network in North America through our wholly owned subsidiary QCI and are a leading provider of ISO (International Organization for Standardization) container and depot services through our wholly owned subsidiary Boasso.

The bulk tank truck market in North America includes all products shipped by bulk tank truck carriers and consists primarily of liquid and dry bulk chemicals (including plastics) and bulk dry and liquid food-grade products. We primarily transport a broad range of chemical products and provide our customers with logistics and other value-added services. We are a core carrier for many of the major companies engaged in chemical processing including BASF, Dow, DuPont, ExxonMobil, Georgia-Pacific, Honeywell, Procter & Gamble, Rohm & Haas, Sunoco and Unilever, and we provide services to most of the top 100 chemical producers with United States operations.

Our transportation revenue is a function of the volume of shipments by the bulk chemical industry, prices, the average number of miles driven per load, our market share and the allocation of shipments between tank truck transportation and other modes of transportation such as rail. The volume of shipments of chemical products is, in turn, affected by many other industries and end use markets, including consumer and industrial products, paints and coatings, paper and packaging, agriculture and food products, and tends to vary with changing economic conditions.

Due to the nature of our customers' business, our revenues generally decline during winter months, namely the first and fourth fiscal quarters and over holidays. Highway transportation can be adversely affected depending upon the severity of the weather in various sections of the country during the winter months. Our operating expenses also are somewhat higher in the winter months, due primarily to decreased fuel efficiency, increased utility costs and increased maintenance costs of equipment in colder months.

Our wholly owned subsidiary, Boasso, is the leading North American provider of ISO tank container transportation and depot services with eight terminals located in the eastern half of the United States. In addition to intermodal ISO tank transportation services, Boasso provides tank cleaning, heating, testing, maintenance and storage services to customers. Boasso provides local and over-the-road trucking primarily within the proximity of the port cities where its depots are located and also sells equipment that its customers use for portable alternative storage or office space.

Demand for ISO tank containers is impacted by the volume of imports and exports of chemicals through United States ports. Boasso's revenues are accordingly impacted by this import/export volume in particular the number of shipments through ports at which Boasso has terminals and the volume of rail shipments from ports at which Boasso has terminals as well as by Boasso's market share. Economic conditions and differences among the laws and currencies of nations may impact the volume of shipments as well.

#### **Financial Reporting Segments**

We have two reportable business segments for financial reporting purposes that are distinguished primarily on the basis of services offered:

Trucking, which consists of truckload transportation of bulk chemicals, and

Container Services, specifically ISO tank container transportation and depot services.

Additional financial information about each of these segments is presented in this prospectus under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. Further information about each of our segments, and our business as a whole, is presented below

#### **Our History**

We are a Delaware limited liability company formed on April 14, 2002. We are a holding company with no significant assets or operations other than the ownership of our operating subsidiaries, including QCI and Boasso. Our sole member is QDI. QDI is a holding company with no significant assets or operations other than the ownership of 100% of our membership interests. QD Capital, our wholly owned subsidiary, is a Delaware corporation, formed on May 1, 2003 and is a co-issuer of the Existing Notes and will be a co-issuer of the Exchange Notes. QD Capital has nominal assets and no operations.



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We are the primary obligor under the Existing Notes, the ABL Facility and other outstanding notes, and will be the primary obligor under the Exchange Notes. QDI is a guarantor under the ABL Facility and the Existing Notes and will be a guarantor of the Exchange Notes.

QDI was formed in 1994 as a holding company known as MTL, Inc. In 1999, QDI changed its name from MTL, Inc. to Quality Distribution, Inc. On May 30, 2002, as part of a corporate reorganization, QDI transferred substantially all of its assets to us,

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consisting principally of the capital stock of QDI's operating subsidiaries. On November 13, 2003, QDI consummated the initial public offering of its common stock. Boasso became our wholly owned subsidiary in December 2007, when we acquired all of its outstanding capital stock from a third party.

QDI is owned principally by Apollo. As of December 31, 2009, Apollo owned or controlled approximately 52.2% of QDI's outstanding common stock, and approximately 47.1% of QDI's common stock on a fully diluted basis.

## **Our Industry**

### ***Trucking***

We estimate, based on industry sources, that the highly fragmented North American for-hire segment of the bulk transport market generated revenues of approximately \$6.5 billion in 2008. We specifically operate in the for-hire chemical and food grade bulk transport market (estimated at \$4.0 billion in 2008) where we believe, based on published reports, we have achieved leading market share (estimated at 15% in 2009), based on revenues. Based on revenues, we operate the largest for-hire chemical bulk tank truck network comprising terminals, tractors and trailers in North America. We believe being a larger carrier facilitates customer service and lane density, and provides a better cost structure. As such, we are well-positioned to expand our business by increasing our market share.

The chemical bulk tank truck industry growth is generally dependent on (i) volume growth in the industrial chemical industry, (ii) the rate at which chemical companies outsource their transportation needs, (iii) the overall capacity of the rail system, and, in particular (iv) the extent to which chemical companies make use of the rail system for their bulk chemical transportation needs. As competitive pressures force chemical companies to reduce costs and focus on their core businesses, we believe that chemical companies will consolidate their shipping relationships and outsource a greater portion of their logistics needs to third-party tank truck carriers. We believe that large, national full-service carriers will benefit from any such consolidation of relationships and outsourcing of logistics needs and will be able to grow faster than the overall bulk tank truck industry. As a result of our leading market position, breadth of customer services, flexible business model and decentralized operating structure, we believe we are well positioned to benefit from industry outsourcing trends.

We expect the complexities and operational challenges faced by chemical manufacturers to continue to grow as the chemical industry evolves. These complexities and challenges are driven by a variety of industry trends including customer demand for constantly lower prices, global import/export of bulk liquid products and the need to get product into the pipeline. In order to meet these challenges, we believe chemical producers will sell more through distribution as they look for ways to further reduce their costs by streamlining the supply chain. We believe supply chain efficiencies will be one of the necessary fundamentals for chemical manufacturers' competitiveness.

We believe the most significant factors relevant to our future business growth are the ability to (i) obtain additional business from existing customers, (ii) add new customers, (iii) improve the utilization of our trailer fleet and (iv) add and retain qualified drivers. While many of our customers source some of their logistics needs with rail, we expect our customers to continue to outsource a greater proportion of their logistics needs to full service tank truck carriers. As a result of our leading market position, strong customer relationships and flexible business model, we believe we are well-positioned to benefit from customers seeking consolidation of their shipping relationships and those opting to outsource a greater portion of their logistics needs to third-party tank truck carriers.

### ***Container Services***

We estimate that the North American ISO tank container transportation and depot services market generated revenues of approximately \$250.0 million in 2008. The ISO tank container business generally provides services that facilitate the global movement of liquid and dry bulk chemicals, pharmaceuticals and food grade products.

The proliferation of global import/export of bulk liquid chemicals has driven the movement of basic manufacturing out of the United States and has resulted in an increase in chemical plant infrastructure to service these off-shore industries. Driven by this globalization, the ISO tank container market is a growing sector of the overall liquid bulk chemical transportation sector. If the chemical industry continues the recent trend towards the globalization of petro-chemical manufacturing capacity, greater quantities of chemicals will be imported into the United States. Further, chemical manufacturers have sought to efficiently transport their products by utilizing ISO tank containers. The resulting demand for distributors that can offer a broad range of services within the supply chain will drive future industry growth in this sector. We believe that Boasso will benefit from these trends because of its market leadership.

### ***Competitive Barriers***

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Our industry is characterized by high barriers to entry such as (i) the time and cost required to develop the operational infrastructure necessary to handle sensitive chemical cargo, (ii) the financial and managerial resources required to recruit and train

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drivers, (iii) substantial industry regulatory requirements, and (iv) the significant capital investments required to build a fleet of equipment and establish a network of terminals. In addition, the industry continues to experience consolidation due to economic and competitive pressures, increasing operating costs for driver recruitment and insurance, and increasing capital investments for equipment and technology. As the cost and complexity of operating a bulk tank truck business and ISO tank container and depot services increase, we believe that large, well-established carriers like us will gain market share.

### **Customers**

Our revenue base consists of customers located throughout North America, including many Fortune 500 companies and other major companies engaged in chemical processing, such as Dow Chemical Company, Procter & Gamble, Ashland Chemical Company, PPG Industries, and Rohm & Haas. In 2009, 2008 and 2007, our 10 largest customers accounted for 32.4%, 30.9% and 34.1%, respectively, of total revenues for our trucking segment.

### **Competition**

The tank truck business is competitive and fragmented. We compete primarily with other tank truck carriers and dedicated private fleets in various states within the United States and Canada. Competition from for-hire carriers is comprised of fewer than ten large carriers, many with other businesses that do not compete with ours, and more than 200 smaller, primarily regional carriers. With respect to certain aspects of our business, we also compete with intermodal transportation and railroads. Intermodal transportation has increased in recent years.

Competition for the bulk tank truck services is based primarily on rates and service. We believe that we enjoy significant competitive advantages over other tank truck carriers because of our variable cost structure, overall fleet size and national terminal network.

Boasso competes primarily with other national, regional and local tank truck carriers and dedicated private fleets as well as local and regional dry container transporters. Competition in the ISO container services business depends on which competitors have facilities that are proximate to the ports serviced by Boasso. Among competitors for a port location, competition is based primarily on rates and service.

Competition from non-trucking modes of transportation and from intermodal transportation would likely increase if state or federal fuel taxes were to increase without a corresponding increase in taxes imposed upon other modes of transportation.

### **Our Competitive Strengths**

Following are our strengths that we believe will allow us to successfully exploit the market opportunities described above.

#### ***Largest Tank Truck Network in a Fragmented Industry***

We provide our customers with access to the largest tractor and tank trailer network in the North American bulk tank truck industry. In addition, our nationwide network consisting on December 31, 2009 of 99 trucking terminals and eight ISO depot services terminals covers all major North American chemical markets and enables us to serve customers with international, national and regional shipping requirements. Our size allows us, our affiliates and our independent owner-operators to benefit from economies of scale in the purchasing of supplies and services, including fuel, tires and insurance coverage. Our greater network density allows us to create efficiencies by increasing utilization through reduced empty miles with more opportunities to generate backhaul loads. Our size also enables us to invest in new technologies that increase our operating efficiency, improve customer service and lower our costs.

#### ***Asset Light Business Model***

Our extensive use of affiliates and independent owner-operators results in a highly variable cost structure and significantly reduces our capital investment, thereby allowing us to increase our asset utilization. This model also contributes to the stability of our cash flow and margins and increases our return on capital. Affiliates are responsible for capital investments and most of the operating expenses related to the business they service. Typically, affiliates purchase or lease tractors for their business directly from the manufacturers and lease trailers from us. Independent owner-operators are independent contractors who supply one or more tractors and drivers for our own or our affiliates' exclusive use. As with affiliates, independent owner-operators are responsible for most of the operating expenses related to the business they transport (excluding costs related to the acquisition and maintenance of trailers). With our extensive use of independent owner-operators and affiliates, we can reduce the high capital costs of purchasing and maintaining tractors.

*Broad Menu of Complementary Services*

Our ability to provide value-added services that enhance our core service differentiates us from smaller competitors and enables us to gain market share, particularly with large customers that seek to use a limited number of core carriers. Our ability to offer an

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additional complement of services to our customers corroborates our position as a leading national full-service provider in the industry. These services include storage and warehousing, vendor managed inventory, load tendering, liquid and dry bulk rail to truck transfer facilities, border crossing operations and managing private fleets.

### ***Enhanced Productivity, Efficiency and Customer Service through Installed Technology***

We are proactive in our utilization of technology aimed at improving our customer service and operating efficiency. In contrast to many of our smaller competitors, we have equipped our drivers with various mobile communications systems which enable us to monitor our tractors and communicate with our drivers in the field and enable customers to track the location and monitor the progress of their cargo through the Internet. We also have satellite tracking devices on our trailers to enable us to increase trailer utilization. Our website allows our customers to view bills and generate customized service reports. We have a centralized order entry, dispatch and billing program system, which enhances our control over our equipment and drivers. This technology is increasingly important when transporting sensitive cargo in today's heightened security environment.

### **Our Operations Strategy**

We have simplified our business model to focus on our core operations. During 2008 and 2009 we implemented substantial cost reduction initiatives and transitioned company-owned terminals and operations to our affiliates. Additionally, on October 10, 2009, we sold substantially all of the operating assets of our QSI tank wash subsidiary. As a result, we have generally exited the tank wash market and operate our chemical bulk tank truck network primarily through our affiliates.

We believe that our focus on core operations and our cost reductions will enable us to operate our business more efficiently and build a solid infrastructure to position us for growth once the economic environment improves. Our focus on our affiliate model, use of independent owner-operators, safety and training and asset utilization as described below has gained momentum and has positioned us to capitalize on the market opportunities that lie ahead.

### ***Affiliate Trucking Operations***

We continue to focus on a less capital intensive business model based on affiliates and independent owner-operators. In 2009, we transitioned the majority of company-operated terminals to affiliates. These actions resulted in a larger portion of our revenue being generated by affiliates in 2009 as compared to 2008, and we expect an even larger portion of our revenue to be generated by affiliates in 2010. We believe these actions will reduce certain fixed costs and provide a more variable cost structure.

Each affiliate is an independent company that has an exclusive contract with us to operate under the identity of QCI and receive a percentage of gross revenues collected on each shipment they transport. Affiliates are responsible for their own operating expenses and they own or lease their terminals. We reimburse affiliates for certain expenses billed back to customers, including fuel surcharges, tolls and scaling charges. Affiliates employ drivers and manage independent owner-operators, pay all tractor operating expenses, lease trailers from us and provide a national network capacity. We provide cash flow, back office and sales support, technology and regulatory oversight. Affiliate contracts generally contain restrictive covenants prohibiting them from competing directly with QCI for a period of at least one year following termination of the contract.

### ***Independent Owner-Operators***

We and our affiliates extensively utilize independent owner-operators. Independent owner-operators are independent contractors who, through a contract with QCI, supply one or more tractors and drivers for QCI or affiliate use. Independent owner-operators' contracts generally are terminable by either party upon short notice.

In exchange for the services rendered, independent owner-operators are normally paid a fixed percentage of the revenues collected on each load hauled or on a per mile rate. The percentage of revenues paid to independent owner-operators by us is lower than the percentage paid to affiliates. Independent owner-operators pay all tractor operating expenses such as fuel, physical damage insurance, tractor maintenance, fuel taxes and highway use taxes. However, we reimburse independent owner-operators for certain expenses passed through to our customers, such as tolls and scaling charges. We operate programs intended to benefit independent owner-operators by reducing their operating expenses such as tractors, fuel, tires, occupational accident insurance and physical damage insurance.

We compete with other motor carriers for the services of our drivers and independent owner-operators. Our overall size and our reputation for good relations have enabled us to attract qualified professional drivers and independent owner-operators.

*Safety and Training*

We have made safety a main focus of our organization. We implemented several comprehensive process improvement programs to further identify and implement opportunities for sustainable safety improvement. Tangible results of this focus have already

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manifested themselves in a substantial decrease in preventable events and claim frequency. We also redesigned our driver training program and updated our online training system to make safety awareness training portable and available to the drivers, dispatchers and terminal managers via the internet.

**Trailer Utilization**

At December 31, 2009, we owned more than 4,900 trailers, the majority of which we lease to affiliates. Trailer leasing is a key component of our business model. Affiliates are contractually precluded from leasing or purchasing trailers from sources other than us. We are also focused on increased utilization of our idle trailers. We have a relationship with a third-party trailer leasing company to identify opportunities to place our trailers in service and better realize their revenue potential.

**Employees and Independent Owner-Operators**

At December 31, 2009, we utilized 2,591 drivers. Of this total, 1,499 were independent owner-operators, 885 were affiliate drivers, and 207 were company employee drivers.

**Company Personnel**

At December 31, 2009, we employed 810 personnel, approximately 51.6% fewer than at December 31, 2008.

We provide our employees with health, dental, vision, life, and other insurance coverage subject to certain premium sharing and deductible provisions.

**Union Labor**

At December 31, 2009, we had 147 employees and our affiliates had 8 employees who were members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

**Tractors and Trailers**

As of December 31, 2009, we managed a fleet of approximately 2,800 tractors and 6,400 tank trailers. The majority of our tanks are single compartment, chemical-hauling trailers. The balance of the fleet is made up of multi-compartment trailers, dry bulk trailers, and special use equipment. The chemical transport units typically have a capacity between 5,000 and 7,800 gallons and are designed to meet DOT specifications for transporting hazardous materials. Each trailer is designed for a useful service life of 15 to 20 years, though this can be extended through upgrades and modifications. Each tractor is designed for a useful life of five to seven years, though this can be extended through upgrades and modifications. We acquire new tractors for an initial utilization period of seven years.

We utilize third party repair shops for inspecting and repairing our fleets. Our systems enable us to determine when inspections and scheduled maintenance needs to be performed.

The following tables show the approximate number and age of trailers and tractors we managed as of December 31, 2009:

	LESS THAN 3 YEARS	3-5 YEARS	6-10 YEARS	GREATER THAN 10 YEARS	TOTAL
<b>TRACTORS (1)</b>					
Company	251	177	258	18	704
Affiliate	237	314	228	83	862
Independent Owner-Operator	98	175	488	512	1,273
<b>Total</b>	586	666	974	613	2,839



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TRAILERS (1)	LESS THAN 3 YEARS	3-5 YEARS	6-10 YEARS	11-15 YEARS	16-20 YEARS	GREATER THAN 20 YEARS	TOTAL
Company	356	206	253	1,709	718	1,681	4,923
Affiliate	81	121	123	347	164	388	1,224
Independent Owner-Operator				3		2	5
Shipper-Owned	17	124	32	20	13	52	258
<b>Total</b>	454	451	408	2,079	895	2,123	6,410

(1) Age based upon original date of manufacture; tractor/trailer may be substantially refurbished or re-manufactured.

**Risk Management, Insurance and Safety**

The primary insurable risks associated with our business are motor vehicle related bodily injury and property damage, workers' compensation and cargo loss and damage (which includes spills and chemical releases). We maintain insurance against these risks and are subject to liability as a self-insurer to the extent of the deductible under each policy. We currently maintain liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage with an aggregate limit on the coverage in the amount of \$40.0 million, with a \$2.0 million per incident deductible.

QDI currently maintains a \$1.0 million per incident deductible for workers' compensation insurance coverage. We are insured over our deductible up to the statutory requirement by state and we are self-insured for damage or loss to the equipment we own or lease and for cargo losses.

We employ personnel to perform compliance checks and conduct safety tests throughout our operations. A number of safety programs are conducted that are designed to promote compliance with rules and regulations and to reduce accidents and cargo claims. These programs include training programs, driver recognition programs, safety awards, driver safety meetings, distribution of safety bulletins to drivers and participation in national safety associations.

**Environmental Matters**

It is our policy to comply with all applicable environmental, safety, and health laws. We also are committed to the principles of Responsible Care<sup>®</sup>, an international chemical industry initiative to enhance the industry's responsible management of chemicals. We have obtained independent certification that our management system is in place and functions according to professional standards and we continue to evaluate and continuously improve our Responsible Care<sup>®</sup> Management System performance.

Our activities involve the handling, transportation and storage of bulk chemicals, both liquid and dry, many of which are classified as hazardous materials or hazardous substances. Our operations involve the generation, storage, discharge and disposal of wastes that may contain hazardous substances, the inventory and use of cleaning materials that may contain hazardous substances and the control and discharge of storm-water from industrial sites. In addition, we may store diesel fuel, materials containing oil and other hazardous products at our terminals. As such, we and others who operate in our industry are subject to environmental, health and safety laws and regulation by U.S. federal, state and local agencies as well as foreign governmental authorities. Environmental laws and regulations are complex, and address emissions to the air, discharge onto land or water, and the generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of waste materials. These laws change frequently and generally require us to obtain and maintain various licenses and permits. Environmental laws have tended to become more stringent over time, and most provide for substantial fines and potential criminal sanctions for violations. Some of these laws and regulations are subject to varying and conflicting interpretations. Under certain of these laws, we could also be subject to allegations of liability for the activities of our affiliates or independent owner-operators.

We are potentially subject to strict, joint and several liability for investigating and rectifying the consequences of spills and other releases of such substances. From time to time, we have incurred remedial costs and regulatory penalties with respect to chemical or wastewater spills and releases at our facilities and on the road, and, notwithstanding the existence of our environmental management program, we cannot assure that such obligations will not be incurred in the future, predict with certainty the extent of future liabilities and costs under environmental, health, and safety laws, or assure that such liabilities will not result in a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results or cash flow. We have established reserves for remediation expenses at known contamination sites when it is probable that such efforts will be required.

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of us and the related expenses can be reasonably estimated. Additional information about our reserves, our estimates underlying them and the known contamination sites may be found at Note 19 to our consolidated financial statements contained herein, Commitments and Contingencies Environmental Matters.

We have also incurred in the past, and expect to incur in the future, capital and other expenditures related to environmental compliance for current and planned operations. Such expenditures are generally included in our overall capital and operating budgets and are not accounted for separately. However, we do not anticipate that compliance with existing environmental laws in conducting current and planned operations will have a material adverse effect on our capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position.

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Our policy is to accrue remediation expenses when it is probable that such efforts will be required and the related expenses can be reasonably estimated. Estimates of costs for future environmental compliance and remediation may be adversely affected by such factors as changes in environmental laws and regulatory requirements, the availability and application of technology, the identification of currently unknown potential remediation sites and the allocation of costs among the potentially responsible parties under the applicable statutes. The recorded liabilities are adjusted periodically as remediation efforts progress or as additional technical or legal information becomes available. As of December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, we had reserves in the amount of \$11.6 million and \$10.9 million, respectively, for all environmental matters of which the more significant are discussed below.

The balances presented include both long term and current environmental reserves. We expect these environmental obligations to be paid over the next five years. Additions to the environmental liability reserves are classified in our consolidated statements of operations within the Selling and administrative category.

***Property Contamination Liabilities***

We have been named as (or are alleged to be) a potentially responsible party under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ( CERCLA ) and similar state laws at approximately 24 sites. At 17 of the 24 sites, we are one of many parties with alleged liability and are negotiating with Federal, State or private parties on the scope of our obligations, if any. At 2 of the 17 sites, we will be participating in the initial studies to determine site remediation objectives. Since our overall liability cannot be estimated at this time, we have set reserves for only the initial remedial investigation phase. At 3 of the 17 sites, we have explicitly denied any liability and since there has been no subsequent demand for payment we have not established a reserve for these matters. We have estimated future expenditures for these off-site multi-party environmental matters to be in the range of \$2.5 million to \$3.8 million.

At 7 of the 24 sites, we are the only responsible party and are in the process of conducting investigations and/or remediation projects. Four of these projects relate to operations conducted by CLC and its subsidiaries prior to our acquisition of CLC in 1998. These four sites are: (1) Bridgeport, New Jersey; (2) William Dick, Pennsylvania; (3) Tonawanda, New York; and (4) Scary Creek, West Virginia. The remaining three sites relate to investigations and potential remediation that were triggered by the New Jersey Industrial Site Remediation Act ( ISRA ), which requires such investigations and remediation following the sale of industrial facilities. Each of these sites is discussed in more detail below. We have estimated future expenditures for these seven properties to be in the range of \$9.1 million to \$16.7 million.

***Bridgeport, New Jersey***

QDI is required under the terms of two federal consent decrees to perform remediation at this operating truck terminal and tank wash site. CLC entered into consent orders with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ( USEPA ) in May 1991 for the treatment of groundwater and in October 1998 for the removal of contamination in the wetlands. In addition, we were required to assess the remediation of contaminated soils.

The groundwater treatment remedy negotiated with USEPA calls for a treatment facility for in-place treatment of groundwater contamination and a local discharge. Treatment facility construction was completed in early 2007. After various start-up issues, we expect the treatment facility to begin operating in 2010. Wetlands contamination has been remediated with localized restoration expected to be completed in 2010. In regard to contaminated soils, we believe that USEPA is now in the process of finalizing a feasibility study for the limited areas that show contamination and warrant additional investigation or work. We have estimated expenditures to be in the range of \$5.5 million to \$8.5 million.

***William Dick, Pennsylvania***

CLC entered into a consent order with the Pennsylvania DEP and USEPA in October 1995 obligating it to provide a replacement water supply to area residents, treat contaminated groundwater, and perform remediation of contaminated soils at this former wastewater disposal site. The replacement water supply is complete. We completed construction of a treatment facility with local discharge for groundwater treatment in the fourth quarter of 2007. Plant start-up issues are on-going. The agencies have approved a contaminated soils remedy, which requires both thermal treatment of contaminated soils and treatment of residuals via soil vapor extraction. The remedy expanded to include off-site shipment of contaminated soils. Soil treatment was completed in September 2007. Site sampling has been conducted and the results indicate that the soil clean-up objectives have not been fully achieved. Negotiations are on-going with USEPA over further remedial actions that may be needed at the site. We have estimated expenditures to be in the range of \$1.1 million to \$3.4 million.



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### ***Other Properties***

*Scary Creek, West Virginia:* CLC received a clean up notice from the State environmental authority in August 1994. The State and we have agreed that remediation can be conducted under the State's voluntary clean-up program (instead of the state superfund enforcement program). We are currently completing the originally planned remedial investigation and the additional site investigation work.

*Tonawanda, New York:* CLC entered into a consent order with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation on June 22, 1999 obligating it to perform soil and groundwater remediation at this former truck terminal and tank wash site. We have completed a remedial investigation and a feasibility study. The State issued a record of decision in May 2006. The site is currently in remedial design phase.

*ISRA New Jersey Facilities:* We are obliged to conduct investigations and remediation at three current or former New Jersey tank wash and terminal sites pursuant to the state's Industrial Sites Remediation Act, which requires such remediation following the sale of facilities after 1983. These sites are in the process of remedial investigation with projections set in contemplation of limited soil remediation expense for contaminated areas.

We have estimated future expenditures for Scary Creek, Tonawanda and ISRA to be in the range of \$2.5 million to \$4.8 million.

### **Other Legal Matters**

We are from time to time involved in routine litigation incidental to the conduct of our business. We believe that no such routine litigation currently pending against us, if adversely determined, would have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

### **Motor Carrier Regulation**

As a motor carrier, we are subject to regulation by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration ( FMCSA ), and the Surface Transportation Board ( STB ) both of which are units of the Department of Transportation ( DOT ). The FMCSA enforces comprehensive trucking safety regulations and performs certain functions relating to such matters as motor carrier registration, cargo and liability insurance, extension of credit to motor carrier customers, and leasing of equipment by motor carriers from independent owner-operators. The STB has authority to resolve certain types of pricing disputes and authorize certain types of intercarrier agreements. There are additional regulations specifically relating to the tank truck industry, including testing and specifications of equipment and product handling requirements. We may transport most types of freight to and from any point in the United States over any route selected by us. The trucking industry is subject to possible regulatory and legislative changes, including changes intended to address climate change, that may affect the economics of the industry by requiring changes in operating practices, restricting and taxing emissions or by changing the demand for common or contract carrier services or the cost of providing truckload services. Some of these possible changes may include increasingly stringent environmental regulations, increasing control over the transportation of hazardous materials, changes in the hours-of-service regulations which govern the amount of time a driver may drive in any specific period of time, mandatory onboard black box recorder devices or limits on vehicle weight and size.

Interstate motor carrier operations are subject to safety requirements prescribed by the DOT. To a large degree, intrastate motor carrier operations are subject to safety and hazardous material transportation regulations that mirror federal regulations. Such matters as weight and dimension of equipment are also subject to federal and state regulations. DOT regulations mandate drug and alcohol testing of drivers and other safety personnel. Beginning July 1, 2010, the FMCSA, for the first time, will rate individual driver safety performance inclusive of all driver violations over 3-year time periods under new regulations known as the Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010. Prior to these regulations, only carriers were rated by the DOT and the rating only included out of service violations and ticketed offenses associated with out of service violations.

Title VI of The Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 1994, generally prohibits individual states, political subdivisions thereof and combinations of states from regulating price, entry, routes or service levels of most motor carriers. However, the states retained the right to continue to require certification of carriers, based upon two primary fitness criteria safety and insurance and retained certain other limited regulatory rights. Prior to January 1, 1995, we held intra-state authority in several states. Since that date, we have either been grandfathered or have obtained the necessary certification to continue to operate in those states. In states in which we were not previously authorized to operate intra-state, we have obtained certificates or permits allowing us to operate.

We are subject to compliance with cargo security and transportation regulations issued by the Transportation Security Administration and by the Department of Homeland Security, including regulation by the new Bureau of Customs and Border Protection. We believe that we will be able to comply with Bureau of Customs and Border Protection rules, requiring pre-notification of cross-border shipments, with no material effect on

our operations. We are also subject to the motor carrier laws of Canada and Mexico.

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From time to time, various legislative proposals are introduced including proposals to increase federal, state, or local taxes, including taxes on motor fuels, which may increase our costs and adversely impact the recruitment of drivers. We cannot predict whether, or in what form, any increase in such taxes applicable to us will be enacted.

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In addition to those items disclosed under Business Environmental Matters and Business Other Legal Matters, we are from time to time involved in routine litigation incidental to the conduct of our business. We believe that no such routine litigation currently pending against us, if adversely determined, would have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**PROPERTIES**

Currently we lease approximately 68,000 square feet for our administrative and corporate office headquarters in Tampa, Florida. The lease for our corporate headquarters expires in December 2017. The corporate headquarters, for our subsidiary, Boasso, is located in Chalmette, Louisiana, and consists of 20,000 square feet of office space. The lease expires April 2013.

We have no other location that is material to our operations. We engage in bulk transportation of liquid and dry chemical products through our subsidiary, QCI. Our container services are operated through our subsidiary, Boasso.

As of December 31, 2009, our terminals and facilities consisted of the following:

	<b>Terminals Operated</b>	<b>Segment</b>
QCI Affiliate trucking terminals	83	Trucking
QCI trucking terminals	16	Trucking
Boasso container services terminals	8	Container Services
QSI tank wash facility (1)	1	Other
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	

(1) This tank wash facility was closed in January 2010.

We currently own 44 properties from which we operate or lease trucking, tank wash and container services terminals.

We consider our properties to be in good condition generally and believe that our facilities are adequate to meet our anticipated requirements.



**Table of Contents****MANAGEMENT****Directors and Managers**

Set forth below is biographical information for each member of our Board of Managers and director of QDI, our parent company. Our Board of Managers and QDI's Board of Directors are each currently composed of eight members. There are no family relationships among any of our managers or executive officers.

**Marc E. Becker (37)** has been a director of QDI since June 1998. Mr. Becker is a partner of Apollo. He has been employed with Apollo since 1996 and has served as an officer of certain affiliates of Apollo since 1999. Prior to that time, Mr. Becker was employed by Salomon Smith Barney Inc. within its investment banking division. Mr. Becker serves on several boards of directors including Affinion Group, Inc., Realogy Corporation, SourceCorp, Inc. and Vantium Corp. Mr. Becker was previously a member of the board of directors of UAP Holding Corp., Pacer International Inc., National Financial Partners Corp. and Metals USA Holdings. Mr. Becker brings to the board his extensive experience with highly-leveraged companies like us, from his time at Apollo, prior investment banking experiences, and board service as well as an understanding of our company from over 11 years of board service.

**Kevin E. Crowe (27)** has been a director of QDI since November 2009. Mr. Crowe has been employed by Apollo since August of 2006. From June of 2004 until June of 2006, Mr. Crowe was a member of the Financial Sponsors Group within the Global Banking department at Deutsche Bank. Mr. Crowe graduated in 2004 from Princeton University with an AB in Economics and a certificate in Finance. Mr. Crowe is a director of Prestige Cruise Holdings, Inc. Mr. Crowe's education and experience in the global banking sector enable him to provide the board insight regarding our liquidity and capital resources issues as well as other complex financial issues that we may experience.

**Gary R. Enzor (47)** has been a director of QDI since 2008. He has served as our Chief Executive Officer since June 2007 and as President of QDI since November 2005. Mr. Enzor joined QDI in December 2004 as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Prior to joining QDI, Mr. Enzor served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Swift Transportation Company, Inc. since August 2002. Prior to Swift, Mr. Enzor held executive positions with, Dell Computer and AlliedSignal, Inc. (now Honeywell International, Inc.). Mr. Enzor provides the board with an intimate knowledge of our operations as well as industry knowledge from his considerable experience in the trucking sector.

**Richard B. Marchese (67)** has been a director of QDI since January 2004. Mr. Marchese served as QDI's interim Chief Financial Officer from September through November 2004. Mr. Marchese served as Vice President Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Georgia Gulf Corporation from 1989 until his retirement at the end of 2003. Prior to 1989, Mr. Marchese served as the Controller of Georgia Gulf Corporation and prior to that as the Controller of the Resins Division of Georgia Pacific Corporation. Mr. Marchese is a director of Nalco Holding Company, BlueLinx Holdings, Inc. and Texas Petrochemicals, Inc. Mr. Marchese brings extensive finance and operations experience to the board. His experience as a director of public companies in various industries enables Mr. Marchese to bring a broad perspective to the Board.

**Thomas R. Miklich (62)** has been a director of QDI since May 2005. He was Chief Financial Officer of OM Group, Inc., a chemical company specializing in nickel and cobalt products, from 2002 until his retirement in 2004. Prior to that, he was Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel of Invacare Corporation from 1993 to 2002. Mr. Miklich was a director of United Agri Products from 2004 until its sale in 2007. He was a director of Titan Technology Partners, a privately held IT consulting firm, from 2004 until 2007 and its CFO from 2005 until 2007. He is a director of Noranda Aluminum Holding Corporation and was previously a director of UAP Holding Corp. Mr. Miklich is a CPA (inactive) and an attorney (inactive). Mr. Miklich can provide the board with valuable insight into the environment our customers face as he has over 30 years of diverse financial and legal experience with mid-to-large capitalization public companies, including those in the chemical industry.

**M. Ali Rashid (33)** has been a director of QDI since June 2005 and is a principal of Apollo. He has been employed with Apollo since 2000. Prior to joining Apollo, Mr. Rashid was employed by the Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. in the Financial Institutions Group of its Investment Banking Division from August 1998 to July 2000. Mr. Rashid received an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business and graduated Magna Cum Laude and Beta Gamma Sigma from Georgetown University with a B.S. in Business Administration. He is a director of Metals USA, Inc., Realogy Corporation and Noranda Aluminum Holding Corporation. Mr. Rashid brings to the board experience with complex financial issues facing highly-leveraged organizations like us from his current position at Apollo and his prior investment banking experience. He also provides the Board with an understanding of executive compensation and incentive arrangements from his work experience and service on other public company boards of directors.

**Alan H. Schumacher (63)** has been a director of QDI since May 2004. Mr. Schumacher is a member of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board. From 1977 to 2000, he served in various financial positions at American National Can and American National Can Group, the last four years serving as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Schumacher was a director of Anchor Glass Container Inc.

from 2003 until 2006. Mr. Schumacher is a director of BlueLinx Holdings, Inc.,

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Equable Ascent Financial, Traxis Group B.V. and Noranda Aluminum Holding Corporation. With his years of financial reporting experience, including service as a the Chief Financial Officer and other public company audit committees, Mr. Schumacher provides the board with experience in oversight of financial reporting and internal controls.

**Thomas M. White (52)** has been a director of QDI since November 6, 2007. Mr. White joined Apollo in May 2007 as an Operating Partner in the distribution and transportation industries. He is currently serving as Chief Financial Officer of SkyLink Aviation, Inc., an Apollo owned entity based in Toronto. During 2009, Mr. White served as interim Chief Financial Officer of CEVA Group, plc, an Apollo owned entity based in the Netherlands. From 2002 to 2007, Mr. White was the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Hub Group, Inc., a NASDAQ listed company providing transportation management, intermodal, truck brokerage and logistics services. Prior to joining Hub Group, Mr. White was a senior audit partner with Arthur Andersen, which he joined in 1979. Mr. White currently serves on the board of directors of CEVA Group plc, (audit committee) and Landauer, Inc., an NYSE listed company (audit committee chair and compensation committee). Mr. White served on the board of directors of FTD, Inc., an NYSE listed company until its sale in August 2008 (compensation committee chair and audit committee). Mr. White is a CPA. With his experience as a Chief Financial Officer, as a senior audit partner at Arthur Andersen, and service on other audit committees, including that of a public company, as well as his educational background, Mr. White brings an understanding of financial statements, financial reporting and internal controls, to our board. Mr. White also has management experience in the trucking sector.

**Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth the total compensation to our Chief Executive Officer, our two other most highly compensated executive officers and one other highly compensated officer who was an executive officer prior to the end of the year (the Named Executive Officers ) for 2009 and 2008.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock	Option	Nonqualified	All other	Total (\$)
				Awards	Awards	deferred	Compensation	
				(\$)(1)(2)	(\$)(1)(3)	earnings	(\$)(5)	
						(\$)(4)		
Gary R. Enzor	2009	350,000	200,000	1,004,997	702,348		783	2,258,128
President and Chief Executive Officer	2008	350,000		49,797	62,250		6,080	468,127
Stephen R. Attwood	2009	225,000	45,000	191,000	200,850		35,424	697,274
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2008(6)	150,586			81,500		371	232,457
Jonathan C. Gold	2009	210,000	30,000	38,200	95,286		456	373,942
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	2008	209,615			39,150		477	249,242
Dennis R. Copeland	2009(7)	213,210	100,000	28,650	105,475	12,109	1,385	460,829
Advisor to CEO	2008	212,971			33,930	9,058	4,869	260,828

- (1) The assumptions used in determining the compensation expense under Financial Accounting Standards Board ASC 718 ( ASC 718 ) (f.k.a. Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment*) can be found in Note 18 to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.
- (2) Stock Award amounts equal the aggregate grant date fair value pursuant to ASC 718 for the restricted stock grants in 2009 and 2008.
- (3) Option Award amounts for 2008 include the aggregate grant date fair value pursuant to ASC 718 for stock option grants in 2008. Option Award amounts for 2009 include the aggregate grant date fair value pursuant to ASC 718 for stock option grants in 2009 as well as the incremental fair value for certain stock options awarded in connection with an option exchange completed on March 11, 2009.
- (4) Amounts reflect above-market interest on deferred compensation earned by Mr. Copeland under our Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (5) Amounts shown for 2009 represent employer paid premiums for group term life insurance, other than the amount for Mr. Attwood, which also includes \$34,052 paid for travel and living expenses in connection with his commuting from his home to our headquarters in Tampa, Florida. Amounts shown for 2008 represent employer contributions to the 401(k) plan and employer paid premiums for group term life insurance.
- (6) Mr. Attwood joined the Company on July 28, 2008.
- (7) Mr. Copeland served the Company as Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer until December 31, 2009.

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### **Current Executive Officers**

We are led by a team of executives that is chosen by the Board of Directors. Currently, we have three executive officers. Set forth below is biographical information for QDI's executive officers other than Mr. Enzor, whose biographical information is included with QDI's other directors.

**Stephen R. Attwood (58)** joined QDI in July 2008 as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to joining QDI, Mr. Attwood served as Controller and Vice President of Swift Transportation Co., Inc. Previously, Mr. Attwood held senior management positions with Dell Computer and AlliedSignal Inc. (now Honeywell International, Inc.).

**Jonathan C. Gold (46)** has served as QDI's Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary since April 1, 2007. Mr. Gold joined QDI in January 2005 as Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary. Prior to his employment with the Company, Mr. Gold served as corporate counsel with CSX Transportation, Inc. and Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary with Softmart, Inc. In addition, Mr. Gold was in private practice in Washington, D.C. and served as Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Harvey E. Schlesinger, Senior U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. Mr. Gold retired from the U.S. Army Reserve in 2007 after more than 20 years of active and reserve military service and is a decorated veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**Randall T. Strutz (45)** joined QDI on April 5, 2010 as Senior Vice President of Sales. Mr. Strutz, 45, was CEO of Morgan Systems, Inc., a start-up third-party logistics provider from 2008 until 2010. Prior to that, he worked for six years at Pacer International Inc., a leading transportation and logistics provider. While at Pacer, he held various executive positions including Chief Commercial Officer, President of Rail Brokerage and Chief Operating Officer-Retail Intermodal.

### **Narrative Disclosure**

Our Named Executive Officers have employment agreements that govern their base pay and non-equity incentive plan compensation. None of our Named Executive Officers were granted increases in their salaries for 2010. Cash retention bonuses were paid in 2009 for service through the date of payment in 2009. During 2009, the Compensation Committee granted restricted shares and stock options to all of our Named Executive Officers. In addition, three of our Named Executive Officers participated in an option exchange (the Option Exchange) on March 11, 2009. Prior to the Option Exchange, the Compensation Committee recognized that due to the historically low trading prices of QDI's common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market, many options previously granted under the 2003 Stock Option Plan ceased to satisfy their intended purpose. As such, the Option Exchange was initiated and certain stock option grants were canceled and new stock options were issued covering shares of QDI's common stock at an exercise price equal to the closing price of QDI's common stock on March 11, 2009. All options issued in the Option Exchange vest in four equal annual installments on the anniversary of grant. Additional information regarding the compensation of each Named Executive Officer follows.

**Gary R. Enzor.** On November 3, 2004, QDI entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Enzor to perform the duties of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. On November 9, 2005, QDI appointed Mr. Enzor as its President and on June 14, 2007, Mr. Enzor assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer, at which time his employment agreement was amended. Mr. Enzor continues to serve as QDI's President. Under his employment agreement, Mr. Enzor is entitled to a base salary of \$350,000 per annum and with an annual cash bonus eligibility of up to 80% of his base salary. For 2009, Mr. Enzor received a retention bonus of \$200,000. Under his employment agreement, Mr. Enzor also received \$50,000 in value of restricted stock on each of December 15, 2008 and December 14, 2009, based on the closing price of QDI's common stock on the grant date. On January 2, 2008, Mr. Enzor received stock options covering 25,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price equal to \$4.50, the closing price of QDI's common stock on January 2, 2008. In 2009, Mr. Enzor was granted stock options covering 50,000 shares of common stock on January 29, 2009 with an exercise price equal to \$2.47, the closing price of QDI's common stock on January 29, 2009 and stock options covering 250,000 shares of common stock on November 4, 2009 at an exercise price equal to \$3.82, the closing price of QDI's common stock on November 4, 2009. Additionally, in connection with the Option Exchange, Mr. Enzor received stock options covering 8,560 shares of common stock on March 11, 2009 at an exercise price equal to \$1.25, the closing price of QDI's common stock on March 11, 2009, in exchange for 21,400 stock options with an exercise price of \$13.06. On November 4, 2009, Mr. Enzor was also granted 250,000 shares of restricted stock with a grant date fair value of \$3.82 per share based on the closing price of QDI's common stock on the grant date. The stock options and shares of restricted stock vest in equal annual installments over four years on the anniversary of the grant date.

Under his employment agreement, Mr. Enzor will also be entitled to receive his base salary for two years, the balance of any awarded, but unpaid, annual cash bonus or other incentive awards and to continue medical and other benefits if his employment is terminated without cause or if he resigns for good reason.

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**Stephen R. Attwood.** On July 28, 2008, Mr. Attwood entered into an employment agreement to serve as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of QDI. Pursuant to his employment agreement, Mr. Attwood is entitled to receive an annual base salary of \$225,000. He is eligible to receive an annual bonus with a target opportunity equal to 40% of his base salary. In 2009, Mr. Attwood was also granted stock options covering 10,000 shares of common stock on January 29, 2009 at an exercise price equal to \$2.47, the closing price of common stock on January 29, 2009 and stock options covering 75,000 shares of common stock on November 4, 2009 at an exercise price equal to \$3.82, the closing price of common stock on November 4, 2009. On November 4, 2009, Mr. Attwood was also granted 50,000 shares of restricted stock with a grant date fair value of \$3.82 per share based on the closing price of QDI's common stock on the grant date. The stock options and shares of restricted stock vest in equal annual installments over four years on the anniversary of the grant date. During 2009, Mr. Attwood received \$34,052 for reimbursement of travel and living expenses in connection with his commuting from his home to our headquarters in Tampa, Florida.

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Under his employment agreement, Mr. Attwood will be entitled to receive severance pay equal to his then-current base salary for 52 weeks, his target bonus for that fiscal year prorated through the date of termination, and to continue medical and other benefits if his employment is terminated without cause or if he resigns for good reason.

**Jonathan C. Gold.** On April 1, 2007, QDI entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Gold to perform duties of Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary with an initial base salary of \$200,000. His base salary for 2009 was \$210,000 and he received a retention bonus of \$30,000. The agreement includes an incentive bonus of up to 30% of his annual salary based upon pre-determined performance standards subject to the discretion of the QDI Board of Directors. On January 2, 2008, Mr. Gold received stock options covering 15,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price equal to \$4.50, the closing price of QDI's common stock on January 2, 2008. In 2009, Mr. Gold was granted stock options covering 20,000 shares of common stock on January 29, 2009 at an exercise price equal to \$2.47, the closing price of common stock on January 29, 2009 and stock options covering 25,000 shares of common stock on November 4, 2009 at an exercise price equal to \$3.82, the closing price of QDI's common stock on November 4, 2009. Additionally, in connection with the Option Exchange, Mr. Gold received stock options covering 2,920 shares of common stock on March 11, 2009 at an exercise price equal to \$1.25, the closing price of QDI's common stock on March 11, 2009, in exchange for 7,300 stock options with an exercise price of \$13.06. On November 4, 2009, Mr. Gold was also granted 10,000 shares of restricted stock with a grant date fair value of \$3.82 per share based on the closing price of QDI's common stock on the grant date. The stock options and shares of restricted stock vest in equal annual installments over four years on the anniversary of the grant date.

Under his employment agreement, Mr. Gold will also be entitled to receive his base salary for one year, to receive a bonus and to continue medical and other benefits if his employment is terminated without cause or if he resigns for good reason.

**Dennis R. Copeland.** On June 23, 1998, Mr. Copeland entered into an employment agreement with QDI in connection with the acquisition of CLC. Under his employment agreement, Mr. Copeland was initially entitled to receive a base salary of \$145,000. His base salary for 2009 as Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer was \$213,210 and he received a retention bonus of \$100,000. Mr. Copeland's agreement includes an incentive bonus of up to 30% of his annual salary based upon pre-determined performance standards subject to the discretion of the QDI Board of Directors. On January 2, 2008, Mr. Copeland received stock options covering 13,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price equal to \$4.50, the closing price of QDI's common stock on January 2, 2008. In 2009, Mr. Copeland was granted stock options covering 30,000 shares of common stock on January 29, 2009 at an exercise price equal to \$2.47, the closing price of QDI's common stock on January 29, 2009 and stock options covering 12,500 shares of common stock on November 4, 2009 at an exercise price equal to \$3.82, the closing price of QDI's common stock on November 4, 2009. Additionally, in connection with the Option Exchange, Mr. Copeland received stock options covering 34,750 shares of common stock on March 11, 2009 at an exercise price equal to \$1.25, the closing price of QDI's common stock on March 11, 2009, in exchange for 12,500 stock options with an exercise price of \$13.06 and 85,000 stock options with an exercise price of \$17.00. On November 4, 2009, Mr. Copeland was also granted 7,500 shares of restricted stock with a grant date fair value of \$3.82 per share based on the closing price of QDI's common stock on the grant date. The stock options and shares of restricted stock vest in equal annual installments over four years on the anniversary of the grant date.

Mr. Copeland also participates in a noncontributory defined benefit plan and our Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan. Retirement benefits under the noncontributory defined benefit plan are based on years of service and compensation levels. The Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan is an unfunded, unsecured and nonqualified deferred compensation arrangement that allows participants to defer payment of a portion of their salary or bonus. Amounts deferred are reflected by us as bookkeeping accounts in Mr. Copeland's name. Amounts deferred earned interest at a rate of 12% per annum for 2009. Amounts credited under this plan must be paid by us six months after the termination of a participant's employment.

On December 31, 2009, QDI entered into a Separation Agreement and General Release (the "Separation Agreement") with Mr. Copeland in connection with Mr. Copeland's cessation of service as Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of QDI. Under the Separation Agreement, Mr. Copeland will serve as an Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer through April 3, 2010. During this period, Mr. Copeland will continue to receive the same salary and benefits he received as Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer. Pursuant to the Separation Agreement, Mr. Copeland is entitled to receive, among other things, severance pay of \$1,366.73 per week for 156 weeks and continuing coverage under QDI's health plan for 18 months beginning April 3, 2010, as well as a cash bonus for 2010 of up to \$50,000, or such lower amount as QDI's Board of Directors may award to similarly situated employees.

In connection with the Separation Agreement, Mr. Copeland granted QDI and its affiliates a general release of all claims related to his employment. The Separation Agreement also includes certain restrictions on the disclosure of confidential information by Mr. Copeland, and prohibits Mr. Copeland from competing with QDI or from soliciting its customers or employees for a period of 36 months following the cessation of his employment.



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Additionally, QDI and Mr. Copeland entered into a Professional Services Agreement, dated December 31, 2009 (the Consulting Agreement ), pursuant to which Mr. Copeland agreed to perform certain consulting services related to labor and employment and other matters for a period of 12 months beginning April 4, 2010. The term of the Consulting Agreement is extended for up to two additional one year periods with the approval of QDI, which may not be unreasonably withheld as long as Mr. Copeland is meeting the Consulting Agreement s requirements. Under the Consulting Agreement, QDI has agreed to pay Mr. Copeland a fee equal of \$120,000 per year in equal monthly installments.

All stock options and restricted stock previously granted to Mr. Copeland will continue to vest until, and Mr. Copeland will have the right to exercise any vested stock options until 90 days after, the earlier of April 3, 2013 or the termination or expiration of the Consulting Agreement.

***Change in Control Benefits***

A change of control by itself does not trigger any benefit to any of the Named Executive Officers that have employment agreements. Rather, they would be entitled to cash benefits only if a termination without cause of their respective employment or a resignation by the executive for good reason occurs within one year of such change of control. Additionally, under the terms of the 2003 Restricted Stock Incentive Plan and the 2003 Stock Option Plan, any unvested shares of restricted stock and options held by any award recipient automatically vest upon the first anniversary of a change in control or the earlier termination of the employment of the award recipient, unless employment is terminated for cause in either case.



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The following table provides information on the holdings of stock options and stock awards by the named executives at December 31, 2009. This table includes unexercised and unvested option awards and unvested stock awards.

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards		Market Value of Shares of Stock that have not Vested (\$)
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable (1)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Stock Award Grant Date	Number of Shares that have not Vested (#) (2)	
Gary R. Enzor	200,000		5.15	11/3/2014			
	25,000		6.68	11/9/2015			
		25,000	4.50	1/2/2018			
		50,000	2.47	1/29/2019			
		8,560	1.25	3/11/2019			
		250,000	3.82	11/4/2019			
					12/13/2006	897	3,561
					6/14/2007	20,000	79,400
					12/13/2007	5,285	20,981
					12/13/2008	16,741	66,462
Stephen R. Attwood					11/4/2009	250,000	992,500
					12/14/2009	13,157	52,233
	12,500	37,500	2.75	7/28/2018			
		10,000	2.47	1/29/2019			
		75,000	3.82	11/4/2019			
Jonathan C. Gold					11/4/2009	50,000	198,500
	15,000		8.74	1/31/2015			
	3,750	1,250	7.94	1/3/2016			
	10,000	10,000	8.65	3/30/2017			
		15,000	4.50	1/2/2018			
		20,000	2.47	1/29/2019			
		2,920	1.25	3/11/2019			
		25,000	3.82	11/4/2019			
Dennis R. Copeland					11/4/2009	10,000	39,700
	17,100		8.45	12/31/2014			
	26,250	8,750	7.94	1/3/2016			
		13,000	4.50	1/2/2018			
		30,000	2.47	1/29/2019			
		34,750	1.25	3/11/2019			
	12,500	3.82	11/4/2019				
					11/4/2009	7,500	29,775

(1) Mr. Enzor's unvested options expiring:  
January 2, 2018 vest 33.3% on each January 2 beginning January 2, 2010.

January 29, 2019 vest 25% on each January 29 beginning January 29, 2010.

March 11, 2019 vest 25% on each March 11 beginning March 11, 2010.

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November 4, 2019 vest 25% on each November 4 beginning November 4, 2010.

Mr. Attwood's unvested options expiring:

July 28, 2018 vest 33.3% on July 28, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

January 29, 2019 vest 25% on each January 29 beginning January 29, 2010.

November 4, 2019 vest 25% on each November 4 beginning November 4, 2010.

Mr. Gold's unvested options expiring:

January 3, 2016 vest on January 3, 2010.

March 30, 2017 vest 50% on March 30, 2010 and 2011.

January 2, 2018 vest 33.3% on each January 2 beginning January 2, 2010.

January 29, 2019 vest 25% on each January 29 beginning January 29, 2010.

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March 11, 2019 vest 25% on each March 11 beginning March 11, 2010.

November 4, 2019 vest 25% on each November 4 beginning November 4, 2010.

Mr. Copeland's unvested options expiring:

January 3, 2016 vest on January 3, 2010.

January 2, 2018 vest 33.3% on each January 2 beginning January 2, 2010.

January 29, 2019 vest 25% on each January 29 beginning January 29, 2010.

March 11, 2019 vest 25% on each March 11 beginning March 11, 2010.

November 4, 2019 vest 25% on each November 4 beginning November 4, 2010.

(2) Mr. Enzor's unvested shares of restricted stock vest as follows:

Awarded December 2006 vest on December 31, 2010.

Awarded June 2007 in equal increments on June 14, 2010 and 2011.

Awarded December 2007 vest 50% on December 31, 2010 and 2011.

Awarded December 2008 vest 33.3% on December 31, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Awarded November 2009 vest 25% on each November 4 beginning November 4, 2010.

Awarded December 2009 vest 25% on each December 31 beginning December 31, 2010.

Mr. Attwood's unvested shares of restricted stock vest as follows:

Awarded November 2009 vest 25% on each November 4 beginning November 4, 2010.

Mr. Gold's unvested shares of restricted stock vest as follows:

Awarded November 2009 vest 25% on each November 4 beginning November 4, 2010.

Mr. Copeland's unvested shares of restricted stock vest as follows:

Awarded November 2009 vest 25% on each November 4 beginning November 4, 2010.

(3) Market value was determined by multiplying the number of shares set forth in the preceding column by \$3.97, the closing price of QDI's common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Global Market on December 31, 2009, the last trading day of the year.

**Director Compensation Table for 2009**

In 2009, QDI's directors received a cash retainer of \$50,000, paid in quarterly installments, and awards of restricted stock of \$40,000 in value except Mr. Enzor, who is compensated as described above. The restricted stock awards vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

During 2009, directors received board and committee meeting attendance fees ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500 per meeting based upon chairmanship, the type of meeting and the rate applicable when the meeting was held. In addition, committee chairs and the chairman of the board received annual retainers ranging from \$7,500 to \$22,500 depending upon how many committees chaired. Non-employee directors are not entitled to retirement benefits, incentive compensation or perquisites. All directors are reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses for meeting attendance. The following table sets forth total compensation to persons serving as QDI's directors at any time during 2009. All of these individuals have served as QDI's directors throughout 2009 except that Mr. Parker stepped down from the Board and Mr. Crowe was appointed in his place in November 2009.

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As noted above, an Option Exchange was initiated on March 11, 2009 and certain stock option grants were canceled and new stock option grants were made covering shares of QDI's common stock at an exercise price equal to the closing price of QDI's common stock on March 11, 2009. Three of QDI's directors participated in the Option Exchange. Mr. Becker received stock options covering 20,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price equal to \$1.25 in exchange for 20,000 stock options with an exercise price of \$17.00. Mr. Miklich received stock options covering 20,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price equal to \$1.25 in exchange for 15,000 stock options with an exercise price of \$15.36. Mr. Rashid received stock options covering 20,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price equal to \$1.25 in exchange for 15,000 stock options with an exercise price of \$15.36.

Name <sup>(1)</sup>	Fees			Total (\$)
	Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(2)(3)	Option Awards (\$)(2)(3)(4)	
Marc E. Becker <sup>(5)</sup>	91,250	40,000	16,000	147,250
Kevin E. Crowe <sup>(6)</sup>			61,750	61,750
Richard B. Marchese <sup>(7)</sup>	95,125	40,000	61,750	196,875
Thomas R. Miklich <sup>(8)</sup>	75,625	40,000	16,000	131,625
Stan Parker, Jr. <sup>(9)</sup>	57,625			57,625
M. Ali Rashid <sup>(10)</sup>	136,750	326,500	201,250	664,500
Alan H. Schumacher <sup>(11)</sup>	120,250	40,000	61,750	222,000
Thomas M. White <sup>(12)</sup>	98,000	135,500	140,550	342,050

- (1) Because Mr. Enzor was a Named Executive Officer in 2009, his compensation is reflected under the Summary Compensation Table.
- (2) The assumptions used in determining the compensation expense under ASC 718 can be found in Note 18 to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 included elsewhere in this prospectus.
- (3) Stock Award amounts equal the aggregate grant date fair value pursuant to ASC 718 for restricted stock grants in 2009.
- (4) Option Award amounts equal the aggregate grant date fair value pursuant to ASC 718 for option grants in 2009.

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- (5) During 2009, Mr. Becker received 13,651 shares of restricted stock and 20,000 options to purchase common stock with an exercise price of \$1.25 per share in exchange for 20,000 options with an exercise price of \$17.00. The option award reflects the incremental fair value for the stock options awarded in connection with the option exchange completed on March 11, 2009. As of December 31, 2009, Mr. Becker held 23,302 shares of restricted stock, of which 3,158 shares had vested, and 20,000 options to purchase common stock, all of which were unexercisable.
- (6) During 2009, Mr. Crowe received 25,000 options to purchase common stock with an exercise price of \$3.82 per share. He received no grants of restricted shares. As of December 31, 2009, none of his options were exercisable.
- (7) During 2009, Mr. Marchese received grants of 13,651 shares of restricted stock and 25,000 options to purchase common stock with an exercise price of \$3.82 per share. As of December 31, 2009, Mr. Marchese held 32,873 shares of restricted stock, of which 10,635 shares had vested, and 60,000 options to purchase common stock, 25,000 of which were unexercisable.
- (8) During 2009, Mr. Miklich received grants of 13,651 shares of restricted stock and 20,000 options to purchase common stock with an exercise price of \$1.25 per share in exchange for 15,000 options with an exercise price of \$15.36. The option award reflects the incremental fair value for the stock options awarded in connection with the option exchange completed on March 11, 2009. As of December 31, 2009, Mr. Miklich held 29,377 shares of restricted stock, of which 7,139 shares had vested, and 20,000 options to purchase common stock, all of which were unexercisable.
- (9) Mr. Parker stepped down from the Board in November 2009. He had no vested shares of restricted stock or options to purchase common stock and forfeited all unvested awards upon his resignation.
- (10) During 2009, Mr. Rashid received 13,651 shares of restricted stock and 75,000 shares of restricted stock with an aggregate grant date fair value of \$286,500, and 20,000 options to purchase common stock with an exercise price of \$1.25 per share in exchange for 15,000 options with an exercise price of \$15.36 plus 75,000 options to purchase common stock with an exercise price of \$3.82 per share. The option award amount includes the incremental fair value for the stock options awarded in connection with the option exchange completed on March 11, 2009. As of December 31, 2009, Mr. Rashid held 98,302 shares of restricted stock, of which 3,158 shares had vested, and 95,000 options to purchase common stock, all of which were unexercisable.
- (11) During 2009, Mr. Schumacher received grants of 13,651 shares of restricted stock and 25,000 options to purchase common stock with an exercise price of \$3.82 per share. As of December 31, 2009, Mr. Schumacher held 32,873 shares of restricted stock, of which 10,635 shares had vested, and 35,000 options to purchase common stock, 25,000 of which were unexercisable.
- (12) During 2009, Mr. White received grants of 13,651 shares of restricted stock and 25,000 restricted shares with an aggregate grant date fair value of \$95,500. He also received 30,000 options to purchase common stock with an exercise price of \$2.47 per share, 40,000 options to purchase common stock with an exercise price of \$1.25 per share and 25,000 options to purchase common stock with an exercise price of \$3.82 per share. As of December 31, 2009, Mr. White held 48,302 shares of restricted stock, of which 3,158 shares had vested, and 175,000 options to purchase common stock, 155,000 of which were unexercisable.

For 2010, our directors other than Mr. Enzor will be entitled to receive a cash retainer of \$50,000, payable in quarterly installments, and an award of restricted stock of \$40,000 in value. In addition, each director who also serves as the chair of a committee or the Board of Directors will receive an additional cash retainer of \$10,000. All of our directors will receive \$1,500 per Board of Directors meeting attended and \$1,500 per committee meeting attended. The chairman of each committee and the chairman of the board will receive \$2,500 per committee meeting.

**Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions**

Two of our customers (Hexion Specialty Chemicals and Momentive Performance Materials) are controlled by Apollo. Revenue from these two customers was \$12.6 and \$15.0 million in 2009 and 2008, respectively. All pricing with the companies controlled by Apollo were based on market rates, including such factors as total expected revenue to be generated by the customer, number of loads to be hauled and the number of miles to be driven.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE ABL FACILITY AND OTHER INDEBTEDNESS****The ABL Facility**

We entered into the ABL Facility on December 18, 2007. Effective December 18, 2009, the ABL Facility consists of a current asset tranche in the amount of \$200.0 million and a fixed asset tranche in the amount of \$25.0 million, with the total commitments under the fixed asset tranche to be reduced, and the total commitments under the current asset tranche correspondingly increased, by \$5.0 million on December 18, 2010. Borrowings of revolving loans under the ABL Facility are allocated pro rata to the current asset tranche and the fixed asset tranche based on the then-current asset borrowing base and the then-current fixed asset borrowing base. The ABL Facility includes letters of credit, which are to be allocated pro rata between the two tranches based on the then-current borrowing base for each tranche for so long as the fixed asset tranche remains in effect, and are available for working capital needs and general corporate purposes, including permitted acquisitions. The maturity date of the ABL Facility is June 18, 2013. The maturity date of the ABL Facility may be accelerated if we default on our obligations under the ABL Facility.

**Prepayments**

The ABL Facility is required to be prepaid only to the extent that aggregate amount of outstanding borrowings, unreimbursed letter of credit drawings and undrawn letters of credit under the relevant tranche exceeds the lesser of the applicable commitments and the applicable borrowing base in effect at such time for such tranche. The borrowing base for the current asset tranche consists of eligible accounts receivable, eligible inventory and eligible truck and trailer fleet, and the borrowing base for the fixed asset tranche consists of eligible real property and certain

eligible equipment.

Voluntary prepayments and commitment reductions are permitted in whole or in part, subject to minimum prepayment or reduction requirements, without premium or penalty provided that voluntary prepayments of Eurodollar loans on a date other than the last day of the relevant interest period are subject to payment of customary breakage costs, if any.

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### ***Interest and Fees***

The interest rate under the current asset tranche is based, at our option, on either the administrative agent's base rate plus 1.00% or on the Eurodollar LIBOR rate plus, 2.00%. The administrative base rate is equal to the greater of the federal funds overnight rate plus 0.50% or the prime rate. The interest rate under the fixed asset tranche is based, at our option, on either the administrative agent's base rate plus 1.25% or on LIBOR plus 2.25%, in each case subject to reductions in the applicable margins based upon the amounts available for borrowing under the ABL Facility. Overdue principal, interest and other amounts bear interest at a rate per annum equal to 2.0% in excess of the rate on such overdue borrowings.

With respect to LIBOR loans, we are able to elect interest periods of 1, 2, 3 or 6 months (or, if consented to by all lenders under the applicable tranche at the time of the relevant borrowing, 9 or 12 months). With respect to Eurodollar loans, interest is payable in arrears at the end of each interest period and, in any event, at least every 3 months. With respect to base rate loans, interest is payable quarterly in arrears on the last business day of each calendar quarter. Per annum rates are calculated on the basis of a 360-day year for LIBOR loans, or a 365/366 day year, for base rate loans.

### ***Letters of Credit and Fees***

The ABL Facility provides for payment of the following in respect of outstanding letters of credit:

a letter of credit fee, payable quarterly in arrears, equal to (i) for standby letters of credit, the spread over the LIBOR for LIBOR loans under the ABL Facility, and (ii) for trade letters of credit, the spread over the LIBOR for Eurodollar rate loans under the ABL Facility minus 0.50%, in each case from time to time in effect on the aggregate outstanding stated amounts of such letters of credit;

a fronting fee, payable quarterly in arrears, equal to 0.125% per annum on the aggregate outstanding stated amounts of such letter of credit; and

customary administrative charges.

We pay a commitment fee equal to 0.25% per annum on the available daily undrawn portion of the available commitment under the ABL Facility. This commitment fee is paid quarterly in arrears.

We may request up to \$150.0 million in letters of credit, subject to certain limitations based on availability under the ABL Facility. In the event we prepay all outstanding amounts under the fixed asset tranche of the ABL Facility, and all commitments thereunder are terminated, prior to the termination of the ABL Facility, no less than \$150.0 million under the current asset tranche will be available for letters of credit.

### ***Collateral and Guarantees***

The loans and letters of credit under the ABL Facility are guaranteed by our parent, QDI, and all of our existing and future direct and indirect wholly owned domestic restricted subsidiaries, other than our immaterial subsidiaries. Our obligations and the obligations of the guarantors under the current asset tranche are secured by a first lien on the current asset tranche priority collateral, and a second lien on the fixed asset tranche priority collateral. Our obligations and the obligations of the guarantors under the fixed asset tranche are secured by a first lien on the current asset tranche priority collateral and a second lien on the fixed asset tranche priority collateral. The collateral will also secure certain interest rate protection and other hedging agreements permitted by the ABL Facility that may be entered into from time to time by us.

### ***Representations and Warranties and Covenants***

The ABL Facility and related documentation contains certain customary representations and warranties. In addition, the ABL Facility contains customary covenants restricting, subject to certain exceptions, our ability and the ability of QDI and certain of our subsidiaries to, among other things:

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prepay other indebtedness (including the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes);

declare dividends and repurchase capital stock;

create liens on assets;

make investments;

incur additional indebtedness;

amend certain organizational, corporate and other documents (including those governing the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes);



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engage in mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures and asset sales;

enter into sale-leaseback transactions;

change the nature of our business;

engage in certain transactions with affiliates and formation of subsidiaries;

issue common stock and preferred stock, subject to certain exceptions; and

The ABL Facility contains a fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.0 to 1.0 which only needs to be met if borrowing availability is less than \$20.0 million.

### ***Events of Default***

Events of default under the ABL Facility include:

our failure to pay principal or interest when due or pay a reimbursement obligation on a letter of credit;

material breach of any representation or warranty;

covenant defaults;

cross defaults on other material indebtedness;

events of bankruptcy;

our change of control; and

other customary events of default.

### **The 9% Notes**

On September 30, 2003, we issued \$125.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 9% Notes. The offering and sale of the 9% Notes was not registered under the Securities Act. On March 10, 2005, we exchanged the original 9% Notes for a new issue of substantially identical notes registered under the Securities Act. Prior to August 28, 2009, we repurchased \$25.2 million in principal amount of 9% Notes. On August 28, 2009, we commenced exchange and tender offers to exchange new notes and cash consideration for any and all of our 9% Notes. These offers were completed on October 15, 2009. In connection with the exchange offer, we received approximately \$80.7 million of our 9% Notes in exchange for the issuance of approximately \$80.7 million aggregate principal amount of Existing 2013 PIK Notes and approximately 1.75 million warrants. In connection with the tender offer, we retired \$2.9 million of our 9% Notes for \$1.8 million in cash. The warrants are exercisable to purchase shares of QDI's common stock at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share, during the period beginning on the six-month anniversary of October 15, 2009 and ending on November 1, 2013. Upon the completion of the exchange and tender offers, we amended the indentures governing the 9% Notes to eliminate or waive substantially all of the restrictive covenants, to eliminate certain events of default, to

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modify covenants regarding mergers and consolidations and modify or eliminate certain other provisions contained in the indentures governing the 9% Notes. As of December 31, 2009, approximately \$16.0 million total principal amount of the 9% Notes remained outstanding.

Our payment obligations under the 9% Notes are guaranteed by our parent, QDI, and by all of our domestic subsidiaries (other than QD Capital, which is a co-issuer). The 9% Notes are senior subordinated unsecured obligations ranking junior in right of payment to all of our existing and future senior debt, and all liabilities of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the 9% Notes. In the event of liquidation, bankruptcy, insolvency or similar events, holders of senior debt, such as the lenders under the ABL Facility and holders of 2012 Notes or 2013 Senior Notes, are entitled to receive payment in full in cash or cash equivalents before holders of the 9% Notes are entitled to receive any payments. No payments may be made on the 9% Notes if we default on the payment of senior debt, and payments on the 9% Notes may be blocked for up to 180 days if we default on the senior debt in some other way until such default is cured or waived. Interest on the 9% Notes is payable at the rate of 9% per annum and is payable semi-annually in cash on each May 15 and November 15. The 9% Notes will mature on November 15, 2010. We have the right to redeem the 9% Notes in whole or in part from time to time at 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest if any, to the date of redemption.

### **The 2012 Notes**

On January 28, 2005, we issued \$85 million aggregate principal amount of our 2012 Notes. The offering and sale of the initial tranche of 2012 Notes was not registered under the Securities Act. In September 2005, we exchanged the initial tranche of the 2012 Notes for a new issue of substantially identical notes registered under the Securities Act. On December 18, 2007, we issued a second tranche of 2012 Notes consisting of \$50 million aggregate principal amount of our 2012 Notes. The offering and sale of the second tranche of the 2012 Notes was not registered under the Securities Act. In June 2008, we exchanged the second tranche of the 2012 Notes for a new issue of substantially identical notes registered under the Securities Act.

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On August 28, 2009, we commenced an exchange offer to exchange new notes for any and all of our 2012 Notes. This offer was completed on October 15, 2009. We received approximately \$134.5 million of our 2012 Notes in exchange for Existing 2013 Senior Notes. Upon the completion of the exchange offer, we amended the 2012 Notes to eliminate or waive substantially all of the restrictive covenants, to eliminate certain events of default, to modify covenants regarding mergers and consolidations and modify or eliminate certain other provisions contained in the indentures governing the 2012 Notes. As of December 31, 2009, approximately \$0.5 million total principal amount of the 2012 Notes remained outstanding.

Our payment obligations under the 2012 Notes are guaranteed by our parent, QDI, and by all of our domestic subsidiaries (other than QD Capital, which is a co-issuer). The 2012 Notes are senior unsecured obligations ranking equal in right of payment with all our existing and future senior obligations. The 2012 Notes are effectively subordinated to all existing and future secured debt of QD LLC, QD Capital and the guarantors, to the extent of the assets securing such debt, including indebtedness under the ABL Facility. The 2012 Notes are also effectively subordinated to any debt, preferred stock obligations and other liabilities of our subsidiaries (other than QD Capital) that are not guarantors. Interest on the 2012 Notes is payable quarterly in cash in arrears on each January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15. The 2012 Notes will mature on January 15, 2012. We may redeem all or any portion of the 2012 Notes upon not less than 30, nor more than 60, days notice at 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest if any, to the date of redemption.

### **The 2013 Senior Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes**

As noted above, on October 15, 2009, we completed exchange and tender offers for our 2012 Notes and our 9% Notes. In the exchange offers, we issued approximately \$134.5 million of our 2013 Senior Notes and approximately \$80.7 million of our 2013 PIK Notes as partial consideration for the 9% Notes and the 2012 Notes. The 2013 Senior Notes and 2013 PIK Notes are unsecured obligations and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured basis, jointly and severally, by QDI, our other subsidiary guarantors, and certain of our future U.S. restricted subsidiaries.

We have agreed pursuant to registration rights agreements to file a registration statement or statements within 120 days of October 15, 2009, and to use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause the registration statement to be declared effective by the SEC within 180 days of October 15, 2009, relating to an offer to exchange the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes for debt securities which are substantially identical in all material respects to the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes, respectively. The registration statement was filed pursuant to these obligations on December 18, 2009 and declared effective by the SEC on April 7, 2010. If we fail to consummate the exchange offer within 220 days from October 15, 2009, we will be required to pay additional interest.

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**DESCRIPTION OF 10% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2013**

The Existing 2013 Senior Notes were, and the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes will be, issued under an indenture (the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture ) among QD LLC, QD Capital, the 2013 Senior Note Guarantors (as defined below) and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

On October 15, 2009, we issued \$134,499,000 aggregate principal amount of Existing 2013 Senior Notes under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture. The terms of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes are identical in all material respects to the Existing 2013 Senior Notes, except the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes will not contain transfer restrictions and holders of Exchange 2013 Senior Notes will no longer have any registration rights or be entitled to any additional interest. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, will authenticate and deliver Exchange 2013 Senior Notes for original issue only in exchange for a like principal amount of Existing 2013 Senior Notes. Any Existing 2013 Senior Notes that remain outstanding after the consummation of the exchange offer covered by this prospectus, together with the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes, will be treated as a single class of securities under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture. Accordingly, all references in this section to specified percentages in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Exchange 2013 Senior Notes shall be deemed to mean, at any time after the exchange offer is consummated, such percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Existing 2013 Senior Notes and Exchange 2013 Senior Notes then outstanding.

The following description is a summary of the material provisions of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture. It does not restate the terms of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture in their entirety. We urge that you carefully read the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, because the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, and not this description, governs your rights as holders of the 2013 Senior Notes. A copy of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture may be obtained from the Issuers or from the SEC's website. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#). The definitions of certain capitalized terms used in the following summary are set forth below under [Certain Definitions](#).

**General**

The 2013 Senior Notes are and will be general senior unsecured obligations of the Issuers, on a joint and several basis, ranking equal in right of payment with all existing and future senior obligations of the Issuers, including the 2012 Notes. The 2013 Senior Notes will be effectively subordinated to all existing and future secured debt of the Issuers and the 2013 Senior Note Guarantors to the extent of the assets securing such debt, including the indebtedness under the ABL Facility. The 2013 Senior Notes will also be effectively subordinated to any debt, preferred stock obligations and other liabilities of Subsidiaries of QD LLC (other than QD Capital) that are not 2013 Senior Note Guarantors. As of December 31, 2009, the Issuers and the 2013 Senior Note Guarantors had approximately \$96.4 million of secured indebtedness, consisting of debt under the ABL Facility, capital lease obligations and other secured notes, and approximately \$44.7 million in borrowing availability under the ABL Facility.

The trustee will act as the initial paying agent and registrar for the 2013 Senior Notes. You may present your 2013 Senior Notes for registration of transfer and exchange at the offices of the registrar, which initially will be the trustee's corporate trust office. The 2013 Senior Notes will be issued in fully registered form only, without coupons, in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000. See [Book-Entry, Delivery and Form](#). The Issuers may change any paying agent and registrar without prior notice.

The Issuers will pay principal (and premium, if any) on the 2013 Senior Notes at the trustee's corporate office in New York, New York. At the Issuers' option, interest may be paid at the trustee's corporate trust office or by check mailed to the registered addresses of holders.

**Terms of the 2013 Senior Notes**

The 2013 Senior Notes will mature on June 1, 2013. Without the consent of any holder, additional 2013 Senior Notes may be issued under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture from time to time, subject to the limitations set forth under [Certain Covenants](#) [Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness](#). The 2013 Senior Notes and any additional 2013 Senior Notes subsequently issued will be treated as a single class for all purposes under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture.

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The 2013 Senior Notes bear interest at a rate of 10% per annum. Interest is payable semi-annually in cash in arrears on each June 1 and December 1, commencing June 1, 2010 to the persons who are registered holders at the close of business on the May 15 and November 15 immediately preceding the applicable interest payment date. Interest on the 2013 Senior Notes will accrue from the most recent date for which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from and including the date of issuance and will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

The 2013 Senior Notes are not entitled to the benefit of any mandatory sinking fund.

**Redemption*****Optional Redemption***

The Issuers may redeem all or any portion of the 2013 Senior Notes upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days notice at 100.00% (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount), plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption.

***Mandatory Redemption******Semi-Annual Mandatory Redemption***

The 2013 Senior Notes are subject to redemption on each June 1 and December 1, commencing December 1, 2010, at 100.00% (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount), plus accrued and unpaid interest, to the date of redemption, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the sum of (x) \$6 million and (y) any Mandatory Redemption Installment Carryover Amount. However, the required redemption amount will be reduced to the extent necessary, so that immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such redemption on a pro forma basis (a) the Payment Conditions under the ABL Facility will be satisfied and (b) the sum of borrowing availability under the ABL Facility, plus unrestricted cash and Cash Equivalents, will be greater than or equal to \$37.5 million. However, so long as the borrowing availability under the ABL Facility is subject to review or dispute pursuant to an ongoing collateral audit or collateral appraisal, the amount of the redemption obligation will be reduced by such amount as is necessary in the reasonable discretion of the management of QD LLC to ensure that the conditions listed above are satisfied, and the determination as to the amount of any remaining redemption and the requirement to make such remaining redemption will be deferred until such collateral audit or collateral appraisal has become effective. The amount of the semi-annual redemption obligation will be reduced by the lesser of the principal amount or purchase price of 2013 Senior Notes optionally redeemed or otherwise repurchased by the Issuers during the period from and excluding the immediately preceding semi-annual redemption date to and including the applicable redemption date (or from and including October 15, 2009 to and including December 1, 2010, in the case of the first semi-annual redemption), and to the extent the amount of such prior optional redemptions or repurchases exceeds the amount of the repurchase obligation with respect to a particular semi-annual redemption date, such amount may be applied to reduce the amount subject to redemption with respect to subsequent semi-annual redemption dates.

***Excess Cash Flow-Based Catch-Up Redemption***

Beginning with the fiscal year of QD LLC ending December 31, 2011, promptly following the delivery by QD LLC (or QDI if it is filing reports as permitted by the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture) of annual financial information for each fiscal year in accordance with Certain Covenants Reports to Holders, but in no event later than 105 days after the end of each fiscal year of QD LLC, the Issuers will, by written notice (which notice may be subject to the satisfaction of the conditions to the redemption obligation described below and will provide for a redemption date that is not less than 30 nor more than 60 days after the date of such notice), notify the holders of the redemption of a portion of the 2013 Senior Notes at 100.00% (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount), plus accrued and unpaid interest, to the date of redemption, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the Excess Cash Flow Catch-Up Amount, and will make such redemption on such date of redemption. However, the required redemption amount will be reduced to the extent necessary, so that immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such redemption on a pro forma basis (a) the Payment Conditions will be satisfied and (b) the sum of borrowing availability under the ABL Facility, plus unrestricted cash and Cash Equivalents, will be greater than or equal to \$37.5 million; and provided, further that so long as the borrowing availability under the ABL Facility is subject to review or dispute pursuant to an ongoing collateral audit or collateral appraisal, the amount of the redemption obligation will be reduced by such amount as is necessary in the reasonable discretion of the management of QD LLC to ensure that the conditions listed above are satisfied, and the determination as to the amount of any remaining redemption and the requirement to make such remaining redemption will be deferred until such collateral audit or collateral appraisal has become effective.

The Issuers must not amend or otherwise modify the ABL Facility to add any new restriction on, or make more restrictive any restriction on, the foregoing mandatory redemptions, (a) except as may be necessary in order to effect a refinancing or replacement of the ABL Facility at any time after June 18, 2011 and (b) unless either (x) any such amendment or modification does not affect the mandatory redemption due on December 1,

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2011 or (y) on or prior to the effectiveness of such amendment or modification, the Issuers have made optional redemptions and/or repurchases in an amount equal to the Issuer's the amount of the mandatory redemption that

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would otherwise have been required on December 1, 2011. The making of optional redemptions and/or repurchases pursuant to and in compliance with clause (y) of the immediately preceding sentence shall be deemed to replace and satisfy the mandatory redemption obligation otherwise due on December 1, 2011.

### ***Selection and Notice of Redemption***

If less than all of the 2013 Senior Notes are to be redeemed at any time, the trustee will select those 2013 Senior Notes for redemption in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange, if any, on which the 2013 Senior Notes are listed or, if the 2013 Senior Notes are not then listed on a national securities exchange, on a proportional basis, by lot or by such method as the trustee considers fair and appropriate. However, 2013 Senior Notes with a principal amount of \$1,000 or less may only be redeemed in full.

In the case of any optional redemption or any Consolidated Excess Cash Flow-based redemption, notice of redemption must be mailed by first-class mail at least 30 but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of 2013 Senior Notes to be redeemed at its registered address. If any 2013 Senior Note is to be so redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption that relates to the 2013 Senior Note will state the portion of the principal amount to be redeemed. A new 2013 Senior Note in a principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion will be issued in the name of the holder upon cancellation of the original 2013 Senior Note. On and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on those 2013 Senior Notes, or portions thereof, called for redemption or otherwise to be redeemed if the Issuers have deposited with the paying agent the funds needed to pay the applicable redemption price. See Book-Entry, Delivery and Form.

### **Guarantees**

Each 2013 Senior Note Guarantor unconditionally guarantees, on an unsecured senior basis, jointly and severally, to each holder of 2013 Senior Notes and the trustee, the full and prompt performance of the Issuers' obligations under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture and the 2013 Senior Notes, including the payment of principal of and interest on the 2013 Senior Notes. The obligations of each 2013 Senior Note Guarantor are limited to the maximum amount which, after giving effect to all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such 2013 Senior Note Guarantor and after giving effect to any collections from or payments made by or on behalf of any other 2013 Senior Note Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other 2013 Senior Note Guarantor under its 2013 Senior Note Guarantee or pursuant to its contribution obligations under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, will result in the obligations of such 2013 Senior Note Guarantor under the 2013 Senior Note Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under federal or state law.

Each 2013 Senior Note Guarantor may consolidate with or merge into or sell its assets to QD LLC or another 2013 Senior Note Guarantor or with other Persons upon the terms and conditions set forth in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture. See Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets. In the event all of the Capital Stock of a 2013 Senior Note Guarantor is disposed of by QD LLC, whether by merger, consolidation, sale or otherwise, and the disposition is not in violation of the provisions set forth in Certain Covenants Limitation on Asset Sales, the 2013 Senior Note Guarantor's 2013 Senior Note Guarantee will be released. In addition, upon the designation of a Restricted Subsidiary that is a 2013 Senior Note Guarantor as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in compliance with the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, such 2013 Senior Note Guarantor's 2013 Senior Note Guarantee will be released.

QDI will be a 2013 Senior Note Guarantor of the 2013 Senior Notes but since QDI is currently a holding company with no significant operations, the 2013 Senior Note Guarantee by QDI provides little, if any, additional credit support for the 2013 Senior Notes, and you should not rely on the 2013 Senior Note Guarantee by QDI in evaluating an investment in the 2013 Senior Notes. In addition, except in certain limited circumstances, the restrictive covenants contained in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture will not apply to QDI.

### **Change of Control**

The 2013 Senior Notes Indenture provides that upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder will have the right to require that the Issuers purchase all or a portion of such holder's 2013 Senior Notes pursuant to the offer described below (the Change of Control Offer), at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount plus accrued interest to the date of purchase. Notwithstanding the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Issuers will not be obligated to repurchase the 2013 Senior Notes under this covenant if the Issuers have exercised their right to redeem all the 2013 Senior Notes under the terms of the section titled Optional Redemption.

The 2013 Senior Notes Indenture provides that, prior to the mailing of the notice referred to below, but in any event within 30 days following any Change of Control, the Issuers covenant to:

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repay in full all Obligations, and terminate all commitments, under the ABL Facility or offer to repay in full all Obligations, and terminate all commitments, under the ABL Facility and to repay the Obligations owed to (and terminate all commitments of) each lender which has accepted such offer; or



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obtain consents required under the ABL Facility to permit the repurchase of the 2013 Senior Notes as provided below.

The Issuers will first comply with the covenant in the immediately preceding sentence before they are required to either repurchase 2013 Senior Notes or send the notice pursuant to the provisions described below. The Issuers' failure to comply with the covenant described in the second preceding sentence (and any failure to send the notice referred to in the succeeding paragraph as a result of the prohibition in the second preceding sentence) may (with notice and lapse of time) constitute an Event of Default described in clause (3), but shall not constitute an Event of Default described in clause (2) under "Events of Default" below.

Within 30 days following the date upon which the Change of Control occurred, the Issuers will send, by first-class mail, a notice to each holder, with a copy to the trustee, which notice shall govern the terms of the Change of Control Offer. The notice will state, among other things, the purchase date, which must be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date the notice is mailed, other than as may be required by law (the "Change of Control Payment Date"). Holders electing to have a 2013 Senior Note purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer must surrender the 2013 Senior Note, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the 2013 Senior Note completed, to the paying agent at the address specified in the notice prior to the close of business on the third business day prior to the Change of Control Payment Date.

The Issuers will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Issuers and purchases all 2013 Senior Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer.

If the Issuers make a Change of Control Offer, there can be no assurance that the Issuers will have available funds sufficient to pay the Change of Control purchase price for all the 2013 Senior Notes that might be delivered by holders seeking to accept the Change of Control Offer. In the event the Issuers are required to purchase outstanding 2013 Senior Notes pursuant to a Change of Control Offer, the Issuers expect that one or both of the Issuers would seek third party financing to the extent the Issuers lack available funds to meet their purchase obligations. However, there can be no assurance that either of the Issuers would be able to obtain such financing.

A Change of Control will be an Event of Default under the ABL Facility, upon which event all amounts outstanding under that ABL Facility shall, unless otherwise agreed by the required lenders thereunder, become due and payable. There can be no assurance in the event of a Change of Control that the Issuers would be able to obtain the necessary consents from the lenders under the ABL Facility to waive such default or consummate a Change of Control Offer.

The trustee may not waive the covenant relating to a holder's right to redemption upon a Change of Control. However, the covenant and other provisions contained in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture relating to the obligation to make a Change of Control Offer may be waived or modified with the written consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the 2013 Senior Notes. Restrictions described in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture on the ability of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries to incur additional Indebtedness, to grant Liens on their property, to make Restricted Payments and to make Asset Sales may also make it more difficult or discourage a takeover of QDI or QD LLC, whether favored or opposed by QD LLC's management. Consummation of any such transaction may require redemption or repurchase of the 2013 Senior Notes, and there can be no assurance that QD LLC or the acquiring party will have sufficient financial resources to effect such redemption or repurchase. Such restrictions and the restrictions on transactions with Affiliates may make more difficult or discourage any leveraged buyout of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries by QD LLC's management. While such restrictions cover a wide variety of arrangements which have traditionally been used to effect highly leveraged transactions, the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture may not afford you protection in all circumstances from the adverse aspects of a highly leveraged transaction, reorganization, restructuring, merger or similar transaction.

The Issuers will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of 2013 Senior Notes pursuant to a Change of Control Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the "Change of Control" provisions of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, the Issuers will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached their obligations under the "Change of Control" provisions of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture by so doing.

The definition of "Change of Control" includes, among other transactions, a disposition of all or substantially all of QD LLC's property and assets. With respect to the disposition of property or assets, the phrase "all or substantially all" as used in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture varies according to the facts and circumstances of the subject transaction, has no clearly established meaning under relevant law and is subject to judicial interpretation. Accordingly, in certain circumstances, there may be a degree of uncertainty in ascertaining whether a particular transaction would involve a disposition of all or substantially all of the property or assets of a Person, and therefore it may be unclear whether a Change of Control has occurred and whether the Issuers are required to make a Change of Control Offer.



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### **Certain Covenants**

Under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, QD LLC has agreed to the following covenants:

#### ***Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness***

At any time from and including the Series A Issue Date to and excluding October 15, 2009, QD LLC shall not have, and shall not have caused or permitted any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly incur any Indebtedness except in compliance with Section 4.04 of the indenture governing Series A of the 2012 Notes as in effect immediately prior to the consummation of the Transactions.

At any time from and after October 15, 2009,

(a) QD LLC will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume, guarantee, acquire, become liable, contingently or otherwise, with respect to, or otherwise become responsible for payment of (collectively, "incur"), any Indebtedness (other than Permitted Indebtedness); provided, however, that if no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of or as a consequence of the incurrence of any such Indebtedness, QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries may incur Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness) if on the date of the incurrence of such Indebtedness, after giving effect to the incurrence thereof, QD LLC's Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is (i) greater than 2.1 to 1.0 at any time on or prior to June 18, 2010 and (ii) thereafter, greater than 2.2 to 1.0; provided that the amount of Indebtedness (other than Acquired Indebtedness) that may be incurred since the Series A Issue Date in reliance on the preceding proviso by QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries (other than QD Capital) that have not provided 2013 Senior Notes Guarantees in compliance with the covenant described under "Certain Covenants - Limitation on Issuances of Guarantees by Restricted Subsidiaries" or "Certain Covenants - Future 2013 Senior Note Guarantors" shall not exceed \$20.0 million at any one time outstanding.

(b) QD LLC will not, and will not permit QD Capital or any 2013 Senior Note Guarantor to, directly or indirectly, incur, any Indebtedness that by its terms (or by the terms of any agreement governing such Indebtedness) is expressly subordinated in right of payment to any other Indebtedness of the Issuers or such 2013 Senior Note Guarantor, as the case may be, unless such Indebtedness is also by its terms (or by the terms of any agreement governing such Indebtedness) made expressly subordinate to the 2013 Senior Notes or the applicable 2013 Senior Note Guarantee, as the case may be, to the same extent and in the same manner as such Indebtedness is subordinated to other Indebtedness of the Issuers or such 2013 Senior Note Guarantor, as the case may be. For purposes of the foregoing, no Indebtedness will be deemed to be subordinated in right of payment to any other Indebtedness of the Issuers or any 2013 Senior Note Guarantor solely by virtue of such Indebtedness being unsecured or by virtue of the fact that the holders of such Indebtedness have entered into one or more intercreditor agreements giving one or more of such holders priority over the other holders in the collateral held by them.

#### ***Limitation on Restricted Payments***

At any time from and including the Series A Issue Date to and excluding October 15, 2009, QD LLC shall not, and shall not cause or permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, make any Restricted Payment except in compliance with Section 4.03 of the indenture governing Series A of the 2012 Notes as in effect immediately prior to the consummation of the Transactions.

At any time after October 15, 2009, QD LLC will not, and will not cause or permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly,

declare or pay any dividend or make any distribution (other than dividends or distributions payable in its Qualified Capital Stock) on or in respect of shares of QD LLC's Capital Stock to holders of that Capital Stock;

purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire for value any of its Capital Stock or any warrants, rights or options to purchase or acquire shares of any class of such Capital Stock;

make any principal payment on, purchase, defease, redeem, prepay, decrease or otherwise acquire or retire for value, prior to any scheduled final maturity, scheduled repayment or scheduled sinking fund payment, any of its Indebtedness that is subordinate or junior in right of payment to the 2013 Senior Notes or any 2013 Senior Note Guarantee (other than Indebtedness described in clause (7) of the definition of "Permitted Indebtedness"); provided, that the defeasance or discharge of the indenture governing the 9% Notes

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by QD LLC and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries after October 15, 2009 shall be deemed payment upon scheduled final maturity of such Indebtedness.

make any Investment (other than Permitted Investments) (each of the actions listed above being referred to as a Restricted Payment ), if at the time of such Restricted Payment or immediately after giving effect thereto:

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- (1) a Default or an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; or
- (2) QD LLC is not able to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness (other than Permitted Indebtedness) in compliance with the covenants described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness ; provided that solely for purposes of testing such ability to incur in connection with the permissibility of such Restricted Payment, the references to 2.1 to 1.0 and 2.2 to 1.0 set forth in such covenants shall be deemed replaced in each case with 2.0 to 1.0 ; or
- (3) the aggregate amount of Restricted Payments (including such proposed Restricted Payment) made after October 15, 2009 (the amount expended for such purposes, if other than in cash, being the fair market value of such property as determined reasonably and in good faith by its Board of Directors) exceeds the sum of, without duplication:
- (a) the Retained Consolidated Excess Cash Flow Amount, but only if the conditions precedent to the Issuers mandatory redemption obligation for any preceding semi-annual redemption date have been satisfied with respect to the full amount of any such mandatory redemption obligation and the full amount of any such mandatory redemption obligation has been satisfied; plus
- (b) 100% of the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds and the fair market value, as determined in good faith by QD LLC s Board of Directors, of property other than cash received by it from any Person (other than a Subsidiary of QD LLC) from the issuance and sale subsequent to October 15, 2009 and on or prior to the date the Restricted Payment is made ( Reference Date ) of its Qualified Capital Stock (other than Excluded Contributions); plus
- (c) 100% of the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds of any equity contribution received by it from a holder of QD LLC s Capital Stock (other than Excluded Contributions) after October 15, 2009 and on or prior to the Reference Date; plus
- (d) the amount by which Indebtedness of QD LLC or that of any of QD LLC s Restricted Subsidiaries is reduced on QD LLC s consolidated balance sheet upon the conversion or exchange after October 15, 2009 of any of its Indebtedness or any Indebtedness of its Restricted Subsidiaries incurred after October 15, 2009 into or for Qualified Capital Stock; plus
- (e) without duplication, the sum of:
- (I) the aggregate amount returned in cash on or with respect to Investments (other than Permitted Investments) made after October 15, 2009 whether through interest payments, principal payments, dividends or other distributions or payments;
- (II) the net cash proceeds received by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries from the disposition of all or any portion of such Investments (other than to a Subsidiary of QD LLC); and
- (III) upon redesignation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary, the fair market value of such Subsidiary (valued in each case as provided in the definition of Investment );

provided, however, that the sum of clauses (I), (II) and (III) above will not exceed the aggregate amount of all such Investments made by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary in the relevant Person or Unrestricted Subsidiary after October 15, 2009; provided, further, that the Retained Consolidated Excess Cash Flow Amount may only be applied to permit repurchases or other early retirements of 9% Notes or 2013 PIK Notes, and exchange notes issued in respect thereof, at less than or equal to 90.00% (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount); and provided, further, that the amounts described in clauses (b) through (e) above may only be applied to make Restricted Payments to the extent of the excess of (x) the aggregate of such amounts over (y) if QD LLC s cumulative Consolidated Net Income earned after October 15, 2009 is a loss, 100% of the amount of such loss.

However, the provisions set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph do not prohibit:

- (1) the payment of any dividend or other distribution within 60 days after the date of declaration of that dividend or other distribution if the dividend or other distribution would have been permitted on the date of declaration;
- (2) if no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the acquisition of any shares of QD LLC s Capital Stock, either (a) solely in exchange for shares of Qualified Capital Stock of QD LLC or Qualified Capital Stock of QDI or (b) through the application of net proceeds of a substantially concurrent sale for cash (other than to a Subsidiary of QD LLC) of shares of QD LLC s Qualified Capital Stock or, to the extent the proceeds are contributed by QDI to QD LLC, from the shares of Capital Stock of QDI;



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(3) if no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the acquisition of any Indebtedness of QD LLC or a 2013 Senior Note Guarantor that is subordinate or junior in right of payment to the 2013 Senior Notes or a 2013 Senior Note Guarantee either:

(a) solely in exchange for shares of Qualified Capital Stock of QD LLC or QDI, or

(b) through the application of the net proceeds of a substantially concurrent sale for cash (other than to a Subsidiary of QD LLC) of, or solely in exchange for:

shares of Qualified Capital Stock of QD LLC or QDI;

Refinancing Indebtedness; or

a combination of such Qualified Capital Stock or Refinancing Indebtedness, plus cash or other consideration in the amount of the Restricted Payment permitted under the restriction described in clause (7) below;

(4) if no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, repurchases by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC of, or dividends, distributions or advances to QDI to allow QDI to repurchase (and/or to make payments on notes previously issued by QDI representing the consideration for the previous repurchase of), securities of QDI or QD LLC from employees, managers, directors or consultants of QDI, QD LLC or any Subsidiary of QD LLC or their authorized representatives

(i) upon the death, disability or termination of employment of such employees, managers, directors or consultants or to the extent required pursuant to employee benefit plans, employment agreements or consulting agreements;

(ii) pursuant to any other agreement with such employees, managers, directors or consultants of QDI, QD LLC or any Subsidiary of QD LLC, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2.5 million in any calendar year (with unused amounts in any calendar year being carried over to succeeding years subject to a maximum of \$5.0 million in any calendar year), provided that the cancellation of Indebtedness owing to QDI, QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC from such employees, managers, directors or consultants of QD LLC or any of QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with a repurchase of QD LLC's Capital Stock will not be deemed to constitute a Restricted Payment under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture; or

(iii) to the extent required pursuant to the Option Plan;

(5) the declaration and payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of QD LLC's Preferred Stock; provided that for the most recently ended four full fiscal quarters for which internal financial statements are available immediately preceding the date of issuance of such Preferred Stock, after giving effect to such issuance on a pro forma basis, QD LLC would have been able to incur at least \$1.00 of Indebtedness (other than Permitted Indebtedness) under the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness ;

(6) the payment of dividends on QD LLC's Common Stock (or dividends, distributions or advances to QDI to allow QDI to pay dividends on QDI's Common Stock), following any public offering of QD LLC's Common Stock (or of QDI's Common Stock) after October 15, 2009, of:

in the case of any public offering of QD LLC's Common Stock, up to 6% per annum of the net proceeds received by us in such public offering, or

in the case of any public offering of QDI's Common Stock, up to 6% per annum of the amount contributed to QD LLC by QDI from the proceeds received by QDI from such offering, other than, in each case, public offerings with respect to QD LLC's Common Stock (or of QDI's Common Stock) registered on Form S-8 (or any successor form);

(7) other Restricted Payments made after October 15, 2009 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$15.0 million, less the amount of cash consideration (other than consideration in respect of accrued and unpaid interest) paid on October 15, 2009 to holders of the 9% Notes; provided,

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that such amount may only be applied to permit repurchases or other early retirements of 9% Notes or 2013 PIK Notes, and exchange notes issued in respect thereof, at less than or equal to 90.00% (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount);

(8) if no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, payments or distributions to, or dividends, distributions or advances to QDI to allow QDI to make payments or distributions to, dissenting stockholders pursuant to



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applicable law, pursuant to or in connection with a consolidation, merger or transfer of assets that complies with the provisions of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture applicable to mergers, consolidations and transfers of all or substantially all of QD LLC's property and assets;

(9) Investments that are made with Excluded Contributions;

(10) repurchases of Capital Stock deemed to occur upon the exercise of stock options, warrants or other convertible securities, to the extent such Capital Stock represents a portion of the consideration for such exercise;

(11) payment of dividends, other distributions or other amounts by QD LLC to QDI in amounts required for QDI to pay (x) reasonable fees and compensation incurred by QDI in respect of services provided by officers, managers or other employees of QDI in the ordinary course of business with respect to the operations and business of QD LLC and its Subsidiaries and (y) franchise taxes and other fees required to maintain its existence and provide for all other operating costs of QDI incurred by QDI in the ordinary course of business, either for its own benefit or for the benefit of QD LLC or its Subsidiaries, including in the case of clause (y), in respect of directors' fees and expenses, administrative, legal and accounting services provided by third parties and other costs and expenses, including all costs and expenses with respect to filings with the SEC or furnishing to holders of the securities of QD LLC the information to be provided pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act, provided that in no event shall the amount dividended or otherwise distributed pursuant to clause (y) of this clause (11) exceed \$2.5 million in any fiscal year;

(12) the acquisition of any shares of QD LLC's Disqualified Capital Stock either:

solely in exchange for shares of QD LLC's Disqualified Capital Stock or Capital Stock of QDI or

through the application of the net proceeds of a substantially concurrent sale for cash (other than to a Subsidiary of QD LLC) of shares of QD LLC's Disqualified Capital Stock or, to the extent the proceeds are contributed by QDI to QD LLC, from shares of Capital Stock of QDI;

(13) any purchase or redemption of Indebtedness that ranks junior to the 2013 Senior Notes utilizing any Net Cash Proceeds remaining after QD LLC has complied with the requirements of the covenants described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Asset Sales and Change of Control ;

(14) the payment of dividends, other distributions or amounts by QD LLC to QDI in amounts required to pay the tax obligations of QDI or any of its direct or indirect parents that are attributable to the income of QD LLC and its Subsidiaries by virtue of (i) QD LLC being a pass-through entity for federal or state income tax purposes or (ii) the inclusion of such income in a consolidated or combined or similar tax group of which QDI is the common parent, provided that:

the amount of dividends paid pursuant to this clause (14) to enable QDI or any of its direct or indirect parents to pay Federal and state income taxes at any time will not exceed the amount of such Federal and state income taxes actually owing by QDI or any of its direct or indirect parents at such time for the respective period (excluding any tax liability of QDI or any of its direct or indirect parents not attributable to QD LLC or its Subsidiaries) and

any refunds received by or on behalf of QDI or any of its direct or indirect parents attributable to QD LLC and its Subsidiaries shall promptly be returned by QDI or any of its direct or indirect parents to QD LLC; or

(15) if no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, payments of cash, or dividends, distributions or advances to QDI to allow QDI to make payments of cash, in lieu of the issuance of fractional shares upon the exercise of warrants or upon the conversion or exchange of, or issuance of Capital Stock in lieu of cash dividends on, any Capital Stock of QDI, QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary, which in the aggregate do not exceed \$5.0 million since the Series A Issue Date.

In determining the aggregate amount of Restricted Payments made after the Closing Date in accordance with clause (3) of the first paragraph of this covenant, amounts expended pursuant to clauses (1), (2)(b), (3)(b) (with respect to Qualified Capital Stock of QD LLC), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (13) and (15) will be included in the calculation.

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Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, in no event may QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries Refinance any Indebtedness that is subordinated in right of payment to the 2013 Senior Notes or the applicable Guarantees unless such refinancing Indebtedness is subordinated in right of payment to the 2013 Senior Notes or the Guarantees at least to the same level; provided that QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries may Refinance any 9% Notes with the proceeds of the ABL Facility or another revolving credit facility.

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The amount of all Restricted Payments other than cash shall be the fair market value on the date of the Restricted Payment of the asset(s) or securities proposed to be transferred or issued by QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, pursuant to the Restricted Payment.

Not later than the date of making any Restricted Payment, QD LLC will deliver to the trustee an officers' certificate stating that such Restricted Payment complies with the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture and setting forth in reasonable detail the basis upon which the required calculations were computed, which calculations may be based upon QD LLC's latest available internal quarterly financial statements.

***Limitation on Asset Sales***

QD LLC will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, consummate an Asset Sale unless:

(1) QD LLC or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, receives consideration at the time of such Asset Sale at least equal to the fair market value of the assets sold or otherwise disposed of (as determined in good faith by QD LLC's senior management or, in the case of an Asset Sale in excess of \$5.0 million, its Board of Directors);

(2) at least 75% of the consideration received by QD LLC or the Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, from such Asset Sale shall be in the form of:

cash or Cash Equivalents,

properties and assets to be owned by QD LLC or any of QD LLC Restricted Subsidiaries and used in a Permitted Business,  
or

Capital Stock in one or more Persons engaged in a Permitted Business that are or thereby become Restricted Subsidiaries of QD LLC,

and, in each case, such consideration is received at the time of such disposition; provided that the amount of:

any liabilities (as shown on QD LLC's or such Restricted Subsidiary's most recent balance sheet) of QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary (other than liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the 2013 Senior Notes or any 2013 Senior Note Guarantee of a 2013 Senior Note Guarantor) that are assumed by the transferee of any such assets, and

any notes or other securities received by QD LLC or any such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are converted by QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash within 180 days after such Asset Sale (to the extent of the cash received in the conversion) shall be deemed to be cash for the purposes of this provision only; and

(3) upon the consummation of an Asset Sale, QD LLC will apply, or cause such Restricted Subsidiary to apply, the Net Cash Proceeds relating to such Asset Sale within 360 days of receipt thereof either:

(a) to permanently reduce any Indebtedness that is secured by a Lien permitted under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, including Indebtedness under the ABL Facility, or any Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a 2013 Senior Note Guarantor and, in the case of any such Indebtedness under any revolving credit facility, effect a permanent reduction in the availability under such revolving credit facility (or effect a permanent reduction in the availability under such revolving credit facility regardless of the fact that no prepayment is required);

(b) to make an investment:

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in properties and assets that replace the properties and assets that were the subject of such Asset Sale,

in properties and assets that will be used by QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary in a Permitted Business or

permitted by the restriction described in clause (1) of the definition of Permitted Investments (collectively, Replacement Assets ); or

(c) a combination of prepayment and investment permitted under the restrictions described in the foregoing clauses (3)(a) and (3)(b).

Pending the final application of the Net Cash Proceeds, QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries may temporarily reduce Indebtedness or otherwise invest such Net Cash Proceeds in any manner not prohibited by the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture.

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On the 361st day after an Asset Sale or such earlier date, if any, as the senior management or the Board of Directors of QD LLC or of such Restricted Subsidiary determines not to apply the Net Cash Proceeds relating to such Asset Sale as set forth in clauses (3)(a), (3)(b) and (3)(c) of the next preceding paragraph (each a Net Proceeds Offer Trigger Date), such aggregate amount of Net Cash Proceeds which have not been applied on or before such Net Proceeds Offer Trigger Date as permitted under the restrictions described in clauses (3)(a), (3)(b) and (3)(c) of the next preceding paragraph (each a Net Proceeds Offer Amount) shall be applied by QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary to make an offer to purchase (the Net Proceeds Offer) on a date (the Net Proceeds Offer Payment Date) not less than 30 nor more than 60 days following the applicable Net Proceeds Offer Trigger Date, from all holders on a pro rata basis, that amount of 2013 Senior Notes equal to the Net Proceeds Offer Amount at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2013 Senior Notes to be purchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the date of purchase; provided, however, that if QD LLC so elects or is required by the terms of any Indebtedness that ranks *pari passu* with the 2013 Senior Notes, such Net Proceeds Offer may be made ratably to purchase the 2013 Senior Notes and such other Indebtedness of QD LLC that ranks *pari passu* with the 2013 Senior Notes.

If at any time any non-cash consideration received by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC, as the case may be, in connection with any Asset Sale is converted into or sold or otherwise disposed of for cash (other than interest received with respect to any such non-cash consideration), then such conversion or disposition shall be deemed to constitute an Asset Sale hereunder as of the date of such conversion or disposition and the Net Cash Proceeds thereof will be applied in accordance with this covenant.

QD LLC may defer the Net Proceeds Offer until there is an aggregate unutilized Net Proceeds Offer Amount equal to or in excess of \$10.0 million resulting from one or more Asset Sales since the Series A Issue Date (at which time, the entire unutilized Net Proceeds Offer Amount, and not just the amount in excess of \$10.0 million, shall be applied as required pursuant to the second preceding paragraph).

In the event of the transfer of substantially all (but not all) of the property and assets of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries as an entirety to a Person in a transaction permitted under the restrictions described in Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets, which transaction does not constitute a Change of Control, the successor corporation shall be deemed to have sold the properties and assets of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries not so transferred for purposes of this covenant and shall comply with the provisions of clause (3) of this covenant with respect to such deemed sale as if it were an Asset Sale. In addition, the fair market value of such properties and assets of QD LLC or its Restricted Subsidiaries deemed to be sold shall be deemed to be Net Cash Proceeds for purposes of this covenant.

Notice of each Net Proceeds Offer will be mailed to the record holders as shown on the register of holders within 25 days following the Net Proceeds Offer Trigger Date, with a copy to the trustee, and will comply with the procedures set forth in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture. Upon receiving notice of the Net Proceeds Offer, holders may elect to tender their 2013 Senior Notes in whole or in part in integral multiples of \$1,000 in exchange for cash. To the extent holders properly tender 2013 Senior Notes in an amount exceeding the Net Proceeds Offer Amount, 2013 Senior Notes of tendering holders will be purchased on a pro rata basis (based on amounts tendered). To the extent that the aggregate amount of the 2013 Senior Notes tendered pursuant to a Net Proceeds Offer is less than the Net Proceeds Offer Amount, QD LLC may use such excess Net Proceeds Offer Amount for general corporate purposes or for any other purposes not prohibited by the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture. Upon completion of any such Net Proceeds Offer, the Net Proceeds Offer Amount shall be reset at zero. A Net Proceeds Offer shall remain open for a period of 20 business days or such longer period as may be required by law.

QD LLC will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of 2013 Senior Notes pursuant to a Net Proceeds Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Asset Sale provisions of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, QD LLC shall comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and shall not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Asset Sale provisions of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture by virtue thereof. The covenant and other provisions contained in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture relating to QD LLC's obligation to make a Net Proceeds Offer may be waived or modified with the written consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the 2013 Senior Notes.

***Limitations on Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Subsidiaries***

QD LLC will not, and will not cause or permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than a Restricted Subsidiary that has executed a 2013 Senior Note Guarantee) to, directly or indirectly, create or otherwise cause or permit to exist or become effective any encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC to:

(a) pay dividends or make any other distribution on or in respect of its Capital Stock (it being understood that the priority of any Preferred Stock in receiving dividends or liquidating distributions prior to dividends or liquidating distributions being paid on Common Stock shall not be deemed a restriction on the ability to make distributions on Capital Stock);



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(b) make loans or advances or to pay any Indebtedness or other obligation owed to QD LLC or any other Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC; or

(c) transfer any of its property or assets to QD LLC or any other of QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries,

except for such encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of:

(1) applicable law, rule, regulation, order, grant or governmental permit;

(2) the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture;

(3) the ABL Facility;

(4) customary non-assignment provisions of any contract, license or any lease of any of QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries;

(5) any agreement or instrument governing Acquired Indebtedness, which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person or the properties or assets of the Person so acquired;

(6) agreements or instruments existing or entered into on the Series A Issue Date to the extent and in the manner such agreements or instruments were in effect on October 15, 2009;

(7) purchase money obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business or Capitalized Lease Obligations that impose restrictions of the nature discussed in clause (c) above on the property so acquired;

(8) contracts for the sale of assets, including customary restrictions with respect to a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC pursuant to an agreement that has been entered into for the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the Capital Stock or assets of such Restricted Subsidiary;

(9) secured Indebtedness otherwise permitted to be incurred pursuant to the covenants described under *Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness* and *Certain Covenants Limitation on Liens* that limit the right of the debtor to dispose of the assets securing such Indebtedness;

(10) customary provisions in joint venture agreements and other similar agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(11) customary net worth and restrictions on transfer, assignment or subletting provisions contained in leases and other agreements entered into by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC;

(12) any restriction in any agreement or instrument of a Receivables Subsidiary governing a Qualified Receivables Transaction;

(13) any agreement governing Indebtedness incurred to Refinance the Indebtedness issued, assumed or incurred pursuant to an agreement referred to in clauses (1), (2) and (5) through (12) above; provided, however, that the provisions relating to such encumbrance or restriction contained in any such Indebtedness, taken as a whole, are no less favorable to QD LLC or the respective Restricted Subsidiary in any material respect as determined by QD LLC's Board of Directors in its reasonable and good faith judgment than the provisions relating to such encumbrance or restriction contained in the agreements referred to in such clauses; or

(14) any agreement governing Indebtedness permitted to be incurred pursuant to the covenant described under *Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence on Additional Indebtedness*; provided that the provisions relating to such encumbrance or restriction contained in such Indebtedness, taken as a whole, are no less favorable to QD LLC or the respective Restricted Subsidiary in any material respect as determined by its Board of Directors in its reasonable and good faith judgment than the provisions contained in the ABL Facility or in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture as in effect on October 15, 2009.

***Limitation on Issuances of Guarantees by Restricted Subsidiaries***

QD LLC will not permit any of its Domestic Restricted Subsidiaries, directly or indirectly, to guarantee any of QD LLC's Indebtedness under the ABL Facility (*Guaranteed Indebtedness*), unless (1) such Domestic Restricted Subsidiary simultaneously executes and delivers a supplemental indenture to the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture providing for an unsecured senior 2013 Senior Note Guarantee of payment of the 2013 Senior

Notes by such Domestic Restricted Subsidiary, and (2) such Domestic Restricted



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Subsidiary waives and will not in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of any rights of reimbursement, indemnity or subrogation or any other rights against QD LLC or any other Domestic Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC as a result of any payment by such Domestic Restricted Subsidiary under its 2013 Senior Note Guarantee so long as any 2013 Senior Notes remain outstanding.

Notwithstanding the foregoing or the covenant set forth below under Future 2013 Senior Note Guarantors, any 2013 Senior Note Guarantee by a Restricted Subsidiary may provide by its terms that it shall be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged upon:

prevailing interest rates;

any sale, exchange or transfer, to any Person not an Affiliate of QD LLC, of all of QD LLC's and each of its Restricted Subsidiary's Capital Stock in, or all or substantially all the assets of, such Restricted Subsidiary (which sale, exchange or transfer is not prohibited by the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture),

the release or discharge of the guarantee, if any, which resulted in the creation of such 2013 Senior Note Guarantee, except a discharge or release by or as a result of payment under such guarantee, or

the designation of such Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in accordance with the provisions of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture.

***Future 2013 Senior Note Guarantors***

If QD LLC organizes or acquires any Domestic Restricted Subsidiary (each, a New Domestic Restricted Subsidiary) that, after giving pro forma effect to the acquisition or organization of such New Domestic Restricted Subsidiary or Subsidiaries (if applicable), together with each other New Domestic Restricted Subsidiary that has not theretofore become a 2013 Senior Note Guarantor, has consolidated assets or Consolidated EBITDA which exceeds 5 percent of the total consolidated assets, as of the end of the most recently completed fiscal quarter for which financial statements are internally available, or total Consolidated EBITDA, for the most recent preceding four fiscal quarters for which financial statements are internally available, of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries, QD LLC will cause each New Domestic Restricted Subsidiary to promptly execute and deliver to the trustee a supplemental indenture to the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture providing for an unsecured senior 2013 Senior Note Guarantee of payment of the 2013 Senior Notes by such New Domestic Restricted Subsidiary.

Thereafter, such New Domestic Restricted Subsidiary shall be a 2013 Senior Note Guarantor for all purposes of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture.

***Limitations on Liens***

At any time from and including the Series A Issue Date to and excluding October 15, 2009, QD LLC shall not, and shall not cause or permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or permit or suffer to exist any Lien of any kind against or upon any property or assets of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries whether owned on the Series A Issue Date or acquired after such date, or any proceeds therefrom, or assign or otherwise convey any right to receive income or profits therefrom, except in compliance with Section 4.15 of the indenture governing Series A of the 2012 Notes as in effect immediately prior to the consummation of the Transactions.

At any time from and after October 15, 2009, QD LLC will not, and will not cause or permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or permit or suffer to exist any Lien of any kind against or upon any property or assets of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries whether owned on October 15, 2009 or acquired after such date, or any proceeds therefrom, or assign or otherwise convey any right to receive income or profits therefrom unless:

(1) in the case of Liens securing Indebtedness that is expressly subordinate or junior in right of payment of the 2013 Senior Notes, the 2013 Senior Notes are secured by a Lien on such property, assets or proceeds that is senior in priority to such Liens; and

(2) in all other cases, the 2013 Senior Notes are equally and ratably secured, except for the following Liens which are expressly permitted:

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- (a) Liens existing as of the Series A Issue Date;
- (b) Liens securing Indebtedness under the ABL Facility incurred pursuant to clauses (2), and/or (10) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness ;
- (c) Liens securing the 2013 Senior Notes or any 2013 Senior Note Guarantee, if any;

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- (d) Liens in favor of QD LLC or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC on assets of any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (e) Liens securing Refinancing Indebtedness which is incurred to Refinance any Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness) which has been secured by a Lien permitted under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture and which has been incurred in accordance with the provisions of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture; provided, however, that such Liens:
- (I) are no less favorable to holders of the 2013 Senior Notes and are not more favorable to the lienholders with respect to such Liens than the Liens in respect of the Indebtedness being Refinanced; and
- (II) do not extend to or cover any property or assets of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries not securing the Indebtedness so Refinanced;
- (f) Liens securing Indebtedness of QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries that are not 2013 Senior Note Guarantors so long as such Indebtedness is otherwise permitted under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture; and
- (g) Liens securing Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness that is subordinated in right of payment to the 2013 Senior Notes or any 2013 Senior Note Guarantee) in an amount that does not exceed the maximum principal amount of Indebtedness that could be incurred on the date of the incurrence of such Indebtedness, such that after giving pro forma effect to the incurrence thereof and the application of proceeds thereof, the Consolidated Senior Secured Leverage Ratio of QD LLC does not exceed 3.25 to 1.0; and
- (h) Permitted Liens.

***Limitations on Transactions with Affiliates***

At any time from and including the Series A Issue Date to and excluding October 15, 2009, QD LLC shall not, and shall not cause or permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, enter into or permit to exist any Affiliate Transaction, except in compliance with Section 4.12 of the indenture governing Series A of the 2012 Notes as in effect immediately prior to the consummation of the Transactions.

At any time from and after October 15, 2009,

(1) QD LLC will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, enter into or permit to exist any transaction or series of related transactions (including the purchase, sale, lease or exchange of any property or the rendering of any service) with, or for the benefit of, any of its Affiliates (each an Affiliate Transaction ), other than

Affiliate Transactions permitted under the restriction described under paragraph (2) below and

Affiliate Transactions on terms that are no less favorable than those that could reasonably have been obtained in a comparable transaction at such time on an arm's-length basis from a Person that is not an Affiliate of QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary.

All Affiliate Transactions (and each series of related Affiliate Transactions which are similar or part of a common plan) involving aggregate payments or other property with a fair market value in excess of \$2.0 million shall be approved by QD LLC's Board of Directors, such approval to be evidenced by a Board Resolution stating that each such Board of Directors has determined that such transaction complies with the foregoing provisions. If QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries enters into an Affiliate Transaction (or a series of related Affiliate Transactions related to a common plan) that involves an aggregate fair market value of more than \$10.0 million, QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, shall, prior to the consummation thereof, obtain a favorable opinion as to the fairness of such transaction or series of related transactions to QD LLC or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, from a financial point of view, from an Independent Financial Advisor and file the same with the trustee.

(2) The restrictions set forth in clause (1) shall not apply to:

(a) reasonable fees and compensation paid to and indemnity provided on behalf of officers, managers, directors, employees or consultants of QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of QD LLC;



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(b) transactions exclusively between QD LLC and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or exclusively among such Restricted Subsidiaries; provided such transactions are not otherwise prohibited by the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture;

(c) any agreement as in effect or entered into as of the Series A Issue Date or any amendment thereto or any replacement agreement thereto or any transaction contemplated thereby so long as any such amendment or replacement agreement is not more disadvantageous to the holders in any material respect than the original agreement as in effect on the Series A Issue Date;

(d) Restricted Payments and Permitted Investments permitted by the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture;

(e) transactions in which QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, delivers to the trustee a letter from an Independent Financial Advisor stating that such transaction is fair to QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary from a financial point of view or meets the requirements of the first sentence of paragraph (1) above;

(f) the issuance of securities or other payments, awards or grants in cash, securities or otherwise pursuant to, or the funding of, employment arrangements, stock options and stock ownership plans or similar employee benefit plans approved by the Boards of Directors of QD LLC in good faith and loans to employees of QD LLC and its Subsidiaries which are approved by the Board of Directors of QD LLC in good faith;

(g) transactions with customers, clients, suppliers or purchasers or sellers of goods or services, in each case on ordinary business terms and otherwise in compliance with the terms of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, which are fair to QD LLC or its Restricted Subsidiaries, in the reasonable determination of the Board of Directors of QD LLC or the senior management thereof, or are on terms at least as favorable as could reasonably have been obtained at such time from an unaffiliated party;

(h) any contribution to QD LLC's capital by QDI or any sales of QD LLC's Capital Stock to QDI; and

(i) any tax-sharing agreement or arrangement and payments pursuant thereto among QD LLC and its Subsidiaries and any other Person with which QD LLC or any of its Subsidiaries is required or permitted to file a consolidated tax return or with which QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is or could be part of a consolidated group for tax purposes in amounts not otherwise prohibited by the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture.

## ***Reports to Holders***

The 2013 Senior Notes Indenture provides that, whether or not required by the rules and regulations of the SEC, so long as any 2013 Senior Notes are outstanding, QD LLC will file a copy of the following information and reports with the SEC for public availability (unless the SEC will not accept such a filing) and will furnish to the holders of 2013 Senior Notes and to securities analysts and prospective investors, upon their written request:

(1) all quarterly and annual financial information that would be required to be contained in a filing with the SEC on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if QD LLC were required to file such forms, including a Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations that describes the financial condition and results of operations of QD LLC and its consolidated Subsidiaries and, with respect to the annual information only, a report thereon by QD LLC's certified independent accountants; and

(2) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the SEC on Form 8-K if QD LLC were required to file such reports, in each case within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations.

In addition, whether or not required by the rules and regulations of the SEC, we will file a copy of all such information and reports with the SEC for public availability within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations (unless the SEC will not accept such a filing) and make such information available to securities analysts and prospective investors upon written request to us.

In addition, we have agreed that, for so long as any 2013 Senior Notes remain outstanding, we will furnish to the holders and to securities analysts and prospective investors, upon their request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as QDI is a 2013 Senior Note Guarantor, the information and reports required to be filed and provided as described above may be those of QDI, rather than QD LLC, so long as such filing would satisfy the requirements of the Exchange Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.



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Promptly following the filing of the annual financial information described above, but in no event later than 105 days after the end of each fiscal year, and concurrently with the delivery of any applicable notice of redemption, QD LLC will deliver to the trustee an officers' certificate stating the amount of Consolidated Excess Cash Flow for such fiscal year and setting forth in reasonable detail the basis upon which such amount was computed.

**Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets**

QD LLC will not, in a single transaction or series of related transactions, consolidate or merge with or into any Person, or sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of (or cause or permit any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC to sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of) all or substantially all of its assets (determined on a consolidated basis for QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries) whether as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to any Person unless:

(1) either (a) QD LLC shall be the surviving or continuing corporation, partnership, trust or limited liability company or (b) the Person (if other than QD LLC) formed by such consolidation or into which QD LLC is merged or the Person which acquires by sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition the properties and assets of QD LLC, and of its Restricted Subsidiaries substantially as an entirety (the Surviving Entity ):

(x) shall be a corporation, partnership, trust or limited liability company organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States or any State thereof or the District of Columbia; and

(y) shall expressly assume, by supplemental indenture (in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the trustee), executed and delivered to the trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on all of the 2013 Senior Notes and the performance of every covenant of the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture on the part of QD LLC to be performed or observed;

(2) immediately after giving effect to such transaction on a pro forma basis and the assumption contemplated by clause (1)(y) above (including giving effect to any Indebtedness and Acquired Indebtedness incurred or anticipated to be incurred in connection with or in respect of such transaction), QD LLC, or such Surviving Entity, as the case may be, shall be able to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness (other than Permitted Indebtedness) pursuant to the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness ;

(3) immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such transaction on a pro forma basis and the assumption contemplated by clause (1)(y) above (including giving effect to any Indebtedness and Acquired Indebtedness incurred or anticipated to be incurred or repaid and any Lien granted or to be released in connection with or in respect of the transaction), no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred or be continuing; and

(4) QD LLC, or the Surviving Entity, as the case may be, shall have delivered to the trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger, sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition and, if a supplemental indenture is required in connection with such transaction, such supplemental indenture comply with the applicable provisions of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture and that all conditions precedent in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture relating to such transaction have been satisfied;

provided that for so long as QD LLC or any successor Person of QD LLC is a limited liability company or a partnership there must be a co-issuer of the 2013 Senior Notes that is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) the merger of QD LLC with an Affiliate incorporated solely for the purpose of reincorporating QD LLC in another jurisdiction shall be permitted and (b) the merger of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC into QD LLC or the transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC to QD LLC shall be permitted so long as QD LLC delivers to the trustee an officers' certificate stating that the purpose of such merger, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition is not to consummate a transaction that would otherwise be prohibited by clause (3) of the covenant described above.

For purposes of the foregoing, the transfer (by lease, assignment, sale or otherwise, in a single transaction or series of transactions) of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of one or more Restricted Subsidiaries of QD LLC, the Capital Stock of which constitutes all or substantially all of the properties and assets of QD LLC shall be deemed to be the transfer of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of QD LLC.

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The 2013 Senior Notes Indenture provides that upon any consolidation, combination or merger or any transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of QD LLC in accordance with the foregoing in which QD LLC is not the continuing corporation, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which QD LLC is merged or to which such conveyance, lease or transfer is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, QD LLC under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture and the 2013 Senior Notes with the same effect as if such Surviving Entity had been named as such.



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Each 2013 Senior Note Guarantor (other than any 2013 Senior Note Guarantor whose 2013 Senior Note Guarantee is to be released in accordance with the terms of such 2013 Senior Note Guarantee and the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture in connection with any transaction complying with the provisions described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Asset Sales ) will not, and QD LLC will not cause or permit any 2013 Senior Note Guarantor to, consolidate with or merge with or into any Person or sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets to any Person other than the Issuers or any other 2013 Senior Note Guarantor (other than QDI) unless:

- (1) the entity formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the 2013 Senior Note Guarantor) or to which such sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any State thereof, the District of Columbia or the jurisdiction in which such 2013 Senior Note Guarantor is organized;
- (2) such entity assumes by supplemental indenture all of the obligations of the 2013 Senior Note Guarantor on its 2013 Senior Note Guarantee;
- (3) immediately after giving effect to such transaction on a pro forma basis, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and
- (4) immediately after giving effect to such transaction and the use of any net proceeds therefrom on a pro forma basis, QD LLC could satisfy the provisions described in clause (2) of the first paragraph of this section.

Any merger or consolidation of a 2013 Senior Note Guarantor with and into QD LLC (with QD LLC being the surviving entity) or another 2013 Senior Note Guarantor that is a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC need only comply with clause (4) of the first paragraph of this covenant.

## **Events of Default**

The following events are defined in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture as Events of Default :

- (1) the failure to pay interest on the 2013 Senior Notes when the same becomes due and payable and the default continues for a period of 30 days;
- (2) the failure to pay the principal of the 2013 Senior Notes when such principal becomes due and payable, at maturity, upon redemption (including as required with respect to semi-annual mandatory redemption dates and excess cash flow-based catch-up redemption dates) or otherwise (including the failure to make a payment to purchase 2013 Senior Notes tendered pursuant to a Change of Control Offer or a Net Proceeds Offer);
- (3) a default by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC in the observance or performance of any other covenant or agreement contained in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture which default continues for a period of 30 days after QD LLC receives written notice specifying the default (and demanding that such default be remedied) from the trustee or the record or beneficial holders (without duplication) of at least 25% of the outstanding principal amount of the 2013 Senior Notes;
- (4) the failure to pay at final stated maturity (giving effect to any applicable grace periods and any extensions thereof) the principal amount of any of QD LLC's Indebtedness or the Indebtedness of any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or the acceleration of the final stated maturity of any such Indebtedness by the holders thereof (which acceleration is not rescinded or otherwise cured within 30 days of receipt by QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary of such notice of acceleration), if the aggregate principal amount of such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness in default for failure to pay principal at final stated maturity or which has been accelerated (in each case with respect to which the 30-day period described above has elapsed), exceeds \$7.5 million or more at any time;
- (5) one or more judgments in an aggregate amount in excess of \$7.5 million (exclusive of amounts covered by insurance other than self-insurance) shall have been rendered against QD LLC or any of QD LLC's Significant Subsidiaries and such judgments remain undischarged, unpaid or unstayed for a period of 60 days after such judgments become final and non-appealable;
- (6) certain events of bankruptcy affecting QD LLC or any of its Significant Subsidiaries; or
- (7) any 2013 Senior Note Guarantee made by a Significant Subsidiary of QD LLC ceases to be in full force and effect or any 2013 Senior Note Guarantee made by a Significant Subsidiary of QD LLC is declared to be null and void and



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unenforceable or any 2013 Senior Note Guarantee made by a Significant Subsidiary is found to be invalid or any such 2013 Senior Note Guarantor denies its liability under its 2013 Senior Note Guarantee (other than by reason of release of a 2013 Senior Note Guarantor in accordance with the terms of the 2013 Senior Notes).

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in clause (6) above with respect to QD LLC) shall occur and be continuing, the trustee or the record or beneficial holders (without duplication) of at least 25% in principal amount of outstanding 2013 Senior Notes may declare the principal of and accrued interest on all the 2013 Senior Notes to be due and payable by notice in writing to QD LLC and the trustee specifying the respective Event of Default and that it is a notice of acceleration (the Acceleration Notice), and the same shall become immediately due and payable.

If an Event of Default specified in clause (6) above with respect to QD LLC occurs and is continuing, then all unpaid principal of and premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest on all of the outstanding 2013 Senior Notes shall automatically become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the trustee or any holder.

The 2013 Senior Notes Indenture provides that, at any time after a declaration of acceleration with respect to the 2013 Senior Notes as described in the preceding paragraph, the record or beneficial holders (without duplication) of a majority in principal amount of the 2013 Senior Notes may rescind and cancel such declaration and its consequences, except with respect to a Default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any 2013 Senior Notes:

- (1) if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree;
- (2) if all existing Events of Default have been cured or waived except nonpayment of principal or interest that has become due solely because of the acceleration;
- (3) to the extent the payment of such interest is lawful, interest on overdue installments of interest and overdue principal, which has become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration, has been paid;
- (4) if QD LLC has paid the trustee its reasonable compensation and reimbursed the trustee for its expenses, disbursements and advances; and
- (5) in the event of the cure or waiver of an Event of Default of the type described in clause (6) of the description above of Events of Default, the trustee shall have received an officers certificate and an opinion of counsel that such Event of Default has been cured or waived.

No such rescission will affect any subsequent Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

Holders of the 2013 Senior Notes may not enforce the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture or the 2013 Senior Notes except as provided in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture and under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. Subject to the provisions of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture relating to the duties of the trustee, the trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture at the request, order or direction of any of the holders, unless such holders have offered indemnity satisfactory to the trustee. Subject to all provisions of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture and applicable law, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding 2013 Senior Notes have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee.

Under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, QD LLC is required to provide an officers certificate to the trustee

promptly upon any such officer obtaining knowledge of any Default or Event of Default, describing such Default or Event of Default and the status thereof, and

annually, describing whether or not such officer knows of any Default or Event of Default.

**No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees, Members and Stockholders**

No Affiliate, director, manager, officer, employee, limited liability company member or stockholder of QD LLC or any Subsidiary, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of QD LLC or any 2013 Senior Note Guarantor under the 2013 Senior Notes or the 2013 Senior

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Notes Indenture or any 2013 Senior Note Guarantee or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each holder of 2013 Senior Notes by accepting a 2013 Senior Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release were part of the consideration for issuance of the 2013 Senior Notes.

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**Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance**

The Issuers may at any time elect to have their obligations and the obligations of the 2013 Senior Note Guarantors discharged with respect to the outstanding 2013 Senior Notes ( Legal Defeasance ). Such Legal Defeasance means that the Issuers will be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the outstanding 2013 Senior Notes, except for:

- (1) the rights of holders to receive payments in respect of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the 2013 Senior Notes when such payments are due;
- (2) their obligations with respect to the 2013 Senior Notes concerning issuing temporary 2013 Senior Notes, registration of 2013 Senior Notes, mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen 2013 Senior Notes, and the maintenance of an office or agency for payments;
- (3) the rights, powers, trust, duties and immunities of the trustee and their obligations in connection therewith; and
- (4) the Legal Defeasance provisions of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture.

In addition, the Issuers may at any time elect to have their obligations released with respect to certain covenants that are described in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture ( Covenant Defeasance ). Any omission to comply with such obligations would then not constitute a Default or Event of Default with respect to the 2013 Senior Notes. If Covenant Defeasance occurs, their failure to perform these covenants will no longer constitute an Event of Default with respect to the 2013 Senior Notes.

In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance:

(1) QD LLC must irrevocably deposit with the trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the holders cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable U.S. government obligations, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the 2013 Senior Notes on the stated date for payment thereof or on the applicable redemption date, as the case may be;

(2) in the case of Legal Defeasance, QD LLC must deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel in the United States reasonably acceptable to the trustee confirming that:

(a) QD LLC has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling; or

(b) since the date of the execution of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable Federal income tax law,

in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion of counsel shall confirm that, the holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. Federal income tax purposes as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred;

(3) in the case of Covenant Defeasance, QD LLC must deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel in the United States reasonably acceptable to the trustee confirming that the holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. Federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred;

(4) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit or insofar as Events of Default from bankruptcy or insolvency events are concerned, at any time in the period ending on the 91st day after the date of deposit;

(5) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance must not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, the ABL Facility or any other material agreement or instrument to which QD LLC or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which QD LLC or any of its Subsidiaries is bound;

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(6) QD LLC must deliver to the trustee an officers certificate stating that the deposit was not made by it with the intent of preferring the holders over any other of its creditors or with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding any other of its creditors or others;

(7) QD LLC must deliver to the trustee an officers certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent to the Legal Defeasance or the Covenant Defeasance were complied with;

(8) QD LLC must deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that if no intervening bankruptcy of QD LLC occurs between the date of deposit and the 91st day following the date of the deposit and no holder is an insider of QD LLC, then after the 91st day following the date of the deposit the trust funds will not be subject to the effect of Section 547 of the United States Bankruptcy Code or Section 15 of the New York Debtor and Creditor Law; and

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(9) certain other customary conditions precedent are satisfied.

However, the opinion of counsel required by clause (2) above is not required if all 2013 Senior Notes not theretofore delivered to the trustee for cancellation have become due and payable, will become due and payable on the maturity date within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the trustee in QD LLC's name and at its expense.

### **Satisfaction and Discharge**

The 2013 Senior Notes Indenture will be discharged when:

(1) either (a) all the 2013 Senior Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (except lost, stolen or destroyed 2013 Senior Notes which have been replaced or paid and 2013 Senior Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by QD LLC and thereafter repaid to QD LLC or discharged from such trust) have been delivered to the trustee for cancellation or (b) all 2013 Senior Notes not theretofore delivered to the trustee for cancellation have or will (upon the mailing of a notice or notices deposited with the trustee together with irrevocable instructions to mail such notice or notices to holders of the 2013 Senior Notes) become due and payable upon redemption or maturity and QD LLC has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the trustee funds in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on the 2013 Senior Notes not theretofore delivered to the trustee for cancellation, for principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the 2013 Senior Notes to the date of deposit together with irrevocable instructions from QD LLC directing the trustee to apply such funds to the payment thereof at maturity or redemption, as the case may be;

(2) QD LLC has paid all other sums payable under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture by it; and

(3) QD LLC has delivered to the trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel stating that all conditions precedent under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture relating to the satisfaction and discharge of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture have been complied with.

When the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture is discharged, it ceases to be of further effect except for surviving rights of registration or transfer or exchange of the 2013 Senior Notes.

### **Modification of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture**

From time to time, QD LLC, the 2013 Senior Note Guarantors and the trustee, without the consent of the holders, may amend the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture to cure ambiguities, defects or inconsistencies, and to add guaranties to secure the 2013 Senior Notes or similar provisions, so long as such change does not, in the good faith determination of the Board of Directors of QD LLC, adversely affect the rights of any of the holders in any material respect. In making its determination, such Board of Directors may rely on such evidence as it deems appropriate. Other modifications and amendments of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture may be made with the consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding 2013 Senior Notes issued under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, except that the consent of each holder affected thereby is required to:

(1) reduce the amount of 2013 Senior Notes whose holders must consent to an amendment;

(2) reduce the rate of or change or have the effect of changing the time for payment of interest, including defaulted interest, on any 2013 Senior Notes;

(3) reduce the principal of or change or have the effect of changing the fixed maturity of any 2013 Senior Notes, or change the date on which any 2013 Senior Notes may be subject to redemption or reduce the redemption price therefor as described under "Redemption"; *provided* that the holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding 2013 Senior Notes issued under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture may modify or waive compliance with the provisions set forth under "Redemption - Mandatory Redemption";

(4) make any 2013 Senior Notes payable in money other than in U.S. Dollars;

(5) make any changes in provisions of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture protecting the right of each holder to receive payment of principal of and interest on such 2013 Senior Notes on or after the due date thereof or to bring suit to enforce such payment, or permitting holders of a majority in principal amount of 2013 Senior Notes to waive Defaults or Events of Default;





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(6) modify or change any provision of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture or the related definitions affecting the ranking of the 2013 Senior Notes or any 2013 Senior Note Guarantee in a manner which adversely affects the holders of 2013 Senior Notes;

(7) amend, change or modify in any material respect the obligation of the Issuers to make and consummate a Change of Control Offer in the event of a Change of Control which has occurred or modify any of the provisions or definitions with respect thereto after a Change of Control has occurred;

(8) release any 2013 Senior Note Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary from any of its obligations under its 2013 Senior Note Guarantee or the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture other than in accordance with the terms of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture; or

(9) make any change in the foregoing amendment provisions or any provision which require each holder's consent or in the waiver provisions.

## **Governing Law**

The 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, the 2013 Senior Notes and each 2013 Senior Note Guarantee will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York but without giving effect to applicable principles of conflicts of law to the extent that the application of the law of another jurisdiction would be required thereby.

## **The Trustee**

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. is the trustee under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture and has been appointed to act as registrar and paying agent with respect to the 2013 Senior Notes. The 2013 Senior Notes Indenture provides that, except during the continuance of an Event of Default, the trustee will perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture. During the existence of an Event of Default, the trustee must exercise such rights and powers vested in it by the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture or the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 and must use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

If the trustee becomes a creditor of QD LLC, the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture and the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 limit the rights of the trustee to obtain payments of its claims or to realize on certain property received in respect of its claims. Subject to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the trustee will be permitted to engage in other transactions; however, if the trustee acquires any conflicting interest as described in the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, it must eliminate such conflict or resign.

## **Certain Definitions**

Set forth below is a summary of certain of the defined terms used in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture. You should read the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture for the full definition of all such terms and any other terms used herein for which no definition is provided. For purposes of disclosure contained under the heading Description of 10% Senior Notes due 2013 :

*2012 Notes* means the \$85 million original aggregate principal amount of the Issuers' Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2012, Series A and the \$50 million original aggregate principal amount of the Issuers' Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2012, Series B, in each case, outstanding on October 15, 2009.

*2013 PIK Notes* means the Issuers' 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013; provided that any references to the 2013 PIK Notes shall also include any increases in the aggregate principal amount as a result of the payment of interest thereon in the form of additional notes.

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*2013 Senior Note Guarantee* means the guarantee by each 2013 Senior Note Guarantor of the Issuers obligations under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture.

*2013 Senior Note Guarantor* means:

- (1) QDI;
- (2) each Domestic Restricted Subsidiary on October 15, 2009;
- (3) each Restricted Subsidiary required to execute and deliver a supplemental indenture pursuant to the covenants described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Issuances of Guarantees by Restricted Subsidiaries and Certain Covenants Future 2013 Senior Note Guarantors ; and
- (4) each of QD LLC s Restricted Subsidiaries that in the future executes and delivers a supplemental indenture in which such Restricted Subsidiary agrees to be bound by the terms of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture as a 2013 Senior Note Guarantor,

provided that any Person constituting a 2013 Senior Note Guarantor as described above shall cease to constitute a 2013 Senior Note Guarantor when its respective 2013 Senior Note Guarantee is released in accordance with the terms of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture.

*9% Notes* means the \$125 million aggregate principal amount of the Issuers 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2010 outstanding on October 15, 2009.

*9% Notes Maturity Amount* means the amount of principal repayment of the 9% Notes made at the final stated maturity thereof (including pursuant to a defeasance or a satisfaction and discharge), less \$20 million.

*ABL Facility*, means the ABL Facility, dated as of December 18, 2007, by and among QD LLC, QDI, or one or more of QD LLC s Subsidiaries, the lenders party thereto in their capacities as lenders thereunder and Credit Suisse, Cayman Islands Branch, as administrative agent, together with the related documents thereto (including any guarantee agreements and security documents), in each case as such agreements may be amended (including any amendment and restatement thereof), supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, including one or more credit agreements, loan agreements, indentures or similar agreements extending the maturity of, refinancing, replacing or otherwise restructuring (including increasing the amount of available borrowings thereunder or adding Restricted Subsidiaries of QD LLC as additional borrowers or guarantors thereunder) all or any portion of the Indebtedness under such agreement or agreements or any successor or replacement agreement or agreements and whether by the same or any other agent, lender or group of lenders.

*Acquired Indebtedness* means, with respect to any specified Person, Indebtedness of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries

- (1) existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or at the time it merges or consolidates with QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or
- (2) assumed in connection with the acquisition of assets from such Person

in each case, not incurred by such Person in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or such acquisition, merger or consolidation.

*Acquisitions/Investments* means any acquisitions or Investments other than those made pursuant to clauses (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (13) or (14) of the definition of Permitted Investments.

*Acquisitions and Investments Cap* means, for any fiscal year, \$10.0 million.

*Affiliate* of any specified Person means any other Person who directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified Person. The term *control* means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise. *Controlling* and *controlled* shall have correlative meanings.

*Asset Acquisition* means:

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(1) an Investment by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in any other Person pursuant to which such Person shall become a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC, or shall be merged with or into or consolidated with QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC; or

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(2) the acquisition by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of the assets of any Person (other than a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC) which constitute all or substantially all of the assets of such Person or comprise any division or line of business of such Person or any other properties or assets of such Person other than in the ordinary course of business.

*Asset Sale* means any direct or indirect sale, issuance, conveyance, transfer, lease (other than operating leases entered into in the ordinary course of business), assignment or other transfer for value by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, including any Sale and Leaseback Transaction, to any Person other than QD LLC or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC of

any Capital Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC (other than directors' qualifying shares); or

any other property or assets of QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC other than in the ordinary course of business. Notwithstanding the preceding, the following items shall not be deemed Asset Sales:

(1) a transaction or series of related transactions for which QD LLC or its Restricted Subsidiaries receive aggregate consideration of less than \$2.0 million;

(2) the sale or exchange of equipment in connection with the purchase or other acquisition of other equipment, in each case used in QD LLC's business and that of QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries;

(3) the sale, lease, conveyance, disposition or other transfer of all or substantially all of QD LLC's assets that would be permitted under the restrictions described in Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets ;

(4) disposals of tractors and trailers in connection with the reinvestment in or the replacement of its fleet and disposals of equipment in connection with the reinvestment in or the replacement of its equipment and disposals of worn-out or obsolete equipment, in each case in the ordinary course of business of QD LLC or QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries;

(5) the sale or transfer of accounts receivable pursuant to a Qualified Receivables Transaction;

(6) sales or grants of licenses to use QD LLC's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' patents, trade secrets, know-how and technology to the extent that such license does not prohibit the licensor from using the patent, trade secret, know-how or technology;

(7) the disposition of any Capital Stock or other ownership interest in or assets or property of an Unrestricted Subsidiary;

(8) any Restricted Payment permitted by the covenant described under Certain Covenants' Limitation on Restricted Payments or that constitutes a Permitted Investment; and

(9) one or more Sale and Leaseback Transactions for which QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC receives aggregate consideration of less than \$15.0 million after the Series A Issue Date.

*Beneficial Owner* has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular person (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such person will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition, regardless of when such right may be exercised.

*Board of Directors* of any Person means the board of directors, board of managers or equivalent governing board of such Person or any duly authorized committee thereof.

*Board Resolution* means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of any Person to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors of such Person and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification, and delivered to the trustee.

*Capital Expenditures* shall have the meaning given to such term in the ABL Facility as in effect on October 15, 2009.

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*Capital Expenditures Cap* means, for any fiscal year of QD LLC, \$13.0 million.

*Capitalized Lease Obligation* means, at the time any determination thereof is to be made, the amount of the liability of a Person under a capital lease that would at that time be required to be capitalized on a balance sheet in accordance with GAAP, with the stated maturity being the date of the last payment of rent or any other amount due under such lease prior to the first date upon which such lease may be prepaid by the lessee without payment of a penalty.

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*Capital Stock* means:

- (1) in the case of a corporation, any and all shares, interests, rights to purchase, warrants, options, participations or other equivalents (however designated and whether or not voting) of corporate stock including each class of Common Stock and Preferred Stock of such corporation or options to purchase the same; and
- (2) with respect to any other Person, any and all partnership, membership, limited liability company interests or other equity interests of such Person.

*Cash Equivalents* means:

- (1) U.S. dollars and, in the case of any of QD LLC's Foreign Restricted Subsidiaries, Canadian dollars, Mexican pesos and such other local currencies held by them from time to time in the ordinary course of business;
- (2) marketable direct obligations issued by, or unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States or Canada or issued by any agency of those countries and backed by the full faith and credit of the respective country, in each case maturing within one year from the date of acquisition;
- (3) marketable direct obligations issued by any State of the United States of America or any political subdivision of any such State or any public instrumentality maturing within one year from the date of acquisition and, at the time of acquisition, having one of the two highest ratings obtainable from either Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ( "S&P" ) or Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ( "Moody's" ) or, if Moody's and S&P cease to exist, any other nationally recognized statistical rating organization designated by QD LLC's Board of Directors;
- (4) commercial paper maturing no more than one year from the date it is created and, at the time of acquisition, having a rating of at least A-1 from S&P or at least P-1 from Moody's or, if Moody's and S&P cease to exist, the equivalent from any other nationally recognized statistical rating organization designated by QD LLC's Board of Directors;
- (5) time deposits, certificates of deposit or bankers' acceptances maturing within one year from the date of acquisition issued by any bank organized under the laws of the United States of America or any State or the District of Columbia or any foreign jurisdiction having at the date of acquisition combined capital and surplus of at least \$250.0 million;
- (6) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than thirty days for underlying securities of the types described in clause (2) above entered into with any bank meeting the qualifications specified in clause (5) above;
- (7) investments in money market funds which invest substantially all their assets in securities of the types described in clauses (2) through (6) above; and
- (8) overnight deposits and demand deposit accounts (in the respective local currencies) maintained in the ordinary course of business.

*Change of Control* means the occurrence of one or more of the following:

- (1) any sale, lease, exchange, conveyance, disposition or other transfer, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of QD LLC's assets to any Person or group of related Persons for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act (a "Group" ), together with any Affiliates of such Person or group, other than to the Permitted Holders;
- (2) any approval, adoption or initiation of a plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of either Issuer;
- (3) any Person or Group, together with any Affiliates, other than the Permitted Holders, shall become the Beneficial Owner or owner of record, by way of merger, consolidation or other business combinations or by purchase in one transaction or a series of related transactions, of shares representing more than 50% of the aggregate ordinary voting power represented by the issued and outstanding Capital Stock of QD LLC or QDI; or
- (4) any Person or Group, together with any Affiliates or Related Persons thereof, other than Permitted Holders, shall succeed in having a sufficient number of its nominees elected to the Board of Directors of QD LLC or QDI such that such nominees, when added to any existing director remaining on the Board of Directors of QD LLC or QDI after such election who was a nominee of or is an Affiliate or Related Person of such Person or Group, will constitute a majority of the Board of Directors of QD LLC or QDI



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*Commodity Agreement* means any commodity futures contract, commodity option or other similar agreement or arrangement entered into by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries designed to protect QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries against fluctuations in the price of the commodities at the time used in the ordinary course of QD LLC's business or the business of any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

*Common Stock* means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests or other participations in, and other equivalents (however designated and whether voting or nonvoting) of, such Person's common stock, whether outstanding on October 15, 2009 or issued thereafter, including all series and classes of such common stock.

*Consolidated EBITDA* means, with respect to any Person, for any period, the sum (without duplication) of:

(1) Consolidated Net Income;

(2) to the extent Consolidated Net Income has been reduced by the following,

(a) all income taxes of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries paid or accrued in accordance with GAAP for such period (other than income taxes attributable to extraordinary, unusual or nonrecurring gains or losses),

(b) Consolidated Interest Expense, and

(c) Consolidated Non-cash Charges less any Consolidated Non-cash Gains for such period; and

(3) fees and expenses related to, or paid concurrently with the consummation of, the initial public offering of shares of QDI's common stock, the offering of the 9% Notes by the Issuers and related transactions, the transactions involving the issuance of the 2012 Notes, the Transactions, and fees and expenses related to similar financing transactions that occurred on or prior to October 15, 2009, whether or not consummated,

in the case of clauses (1), (2)(a), (2)(b) and (2)(c), as determined on a consolidated basis for such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP.

*Consolidated Excess Cash Flow* means, with respect to any Person, for any period, Consolidated EBITDA, minus, without duplication and to the extent not already reducing Consolidated Net Income or Consolidated EBITDA,

(1) Debt Service for such applicable period,

(2) the amount of any voluntary prepayment of term Indebtedness that is not subordinated to the 2013 Senior Notes made in cash during such applicable period and the amount of any voluntary prepayment of old notes (as used in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture) made in cash during such applicable period, so long as the amount of such prepayment is not already reflected in Debt Service,

(3) (i) Capital Expenditures by QD LLC and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis during such applicable period that are paid in cash; provided that for any applicable period, the amount of Capital Expenditures deducted pursuant to this clause (3)(i) or any other clause of this definition shall not exceed the Capital Expenditures Cap for such fiscal year and (ii) the aggregate consideration paid in cash during the applicable period in respect of Acquisitions/Investments permitted under the restrictions described hereunder on a consolidated basis less any amounts received in respect thereof as a return of capital (including principal); provided that for any applicable period, the amount of such consideration deducted pursuant to this clause (3)(ii) or any other clause of this definition shall not exceed the Acquisitions and Investments Cap for such fiscal year,

(4) taxes paid in cash by QDI and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis during such applicable period,

(5) an amount equal to any increase in Working Capital of QD LLC and its Subsidiaries for such applicable period,

(6) cash expenditures made in respect of any Commodity Agreement, Currency Agreement or Interest Swap Obligation during such applicable period, to the extent not reflected in the computation of Consolidated EBITDA or Consolidated Interest Expense,

(7) permitted dividends or distributions or repurchases of its Capital Stock paid in cash by QD LLC to QDI during such applicable period described under clauses (11) and (14) of the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Restricted Payments ,





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(8) amounts paid in cash during such applicable period on account of items that were accounted for as noncash reductions of net income in determining Consolidated Net Income or as noncash reductions of Consolidated Net Income in determining Consolidated EBITDA of QD LLC and its Subsidiaries in a prior applicable period,

(9) the amount of any mandatory prepayment of Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness in respect of 2013 Senior Notes, the 2013 PIK Notes or the 9% Notes), together with any interest, premium or penalties required to be paid (and actually paid) in connection therewith, and

(10) the amount related to items that were added to or not deducted from net income in calculating Consolidated Net Income or were added to or not deducted from Consolidated Net Income in calculating Consolidated EBITDA to the extent such items represented a cash payment by QD LLC and its Subsidiaries or did not represent cash received by QD LLC and its Subsidiaries, in each case on a consolidated basis during such applicable period,

plus, without duplication and to the extent not already increasing Consolidated Net Income or Consolidated EBITDA,

(1) an amount equal to any decrease in Working Capital for such applicable period,

(2) all amounts referred to in clauses (2) and (3) of this definition to the extent funded with the proceeds of the issuance or the incurrence of term Indebtedness, the sale or issuance of any Capital Stock (including any capital contributions) and any loss, damage, destruction or condemnation of, or any sale, transfer or other disposition (including any sale and leaseback of assets and any mortgage or lease of real property) to any person of any asset or assets, in each case to the extent there is a corresponding deduction from Consolidated Excess Cash Flow above,

(3) cash payments received in respect of any Commodity Agreement, Currency Agreement or Interest Swap Obligation during such applicable period to the extent (i) not included in the computation of Consolidated EBITDA or (ii) such payments do not reduce cash Consolidated Interest Expense,

(4) any extraordinary or nonrecurring gain realized in cash during such applicable period; excluding any QSI Sale Gain,

(5) to the extent deducted in the computation of Consolidated EBITDA, cash interest income, and

(6) the amount related to items that were deducted from or not added to net income in connection with calculating Consolidated Net Income or were deducted from or not added to Consolidated Net Income in calculating Consolidated EBITDA to the extent such items represented cash received by QD LLC or any Subsidiary or did not represent cash paid by QD LLC or any Subsidiary, in each case on a consolidated basis during such applicable period, excluding any QSI Sale Proceeds.

*Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio* means, with respect to any Person, the ratio of Consolidated EBITDA of such Person during the four full fiscal quarters for which financial statements are available (the *Four Quarter Period*) ending on or prior to the date of the transaction giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (the *Transaction Date*) to Consolidated Fixed Charges of such Person for the Four Quarter Period. In addition to the foregoing, for purposes of this definition, Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Fixed Charges shall be calculated after giving effect on a pro forma basis (consistent with the provisions below) for the period of such calculation to:

(1) the incurrence or repayment of any Indebtedness of such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (and the application of the proceeds thereof) giving rise to the need to make such calculation and any incurrence or repayment of other Indebtedness (and the application of the proceeds thereof), other than the incurrence or repayment of Indebtedness in the ordinary course of business for working capital purposes pursuant to working capital facilities, occurring during the Four Quarter Period or at any time subsequent to the last day of the Four Quarter Period and on or prior to the Transaction Date, as if such incurrence or repayment, as the case may be (and the application of the proceeds thereof), occurred on the first day of the Four Quarter Period; and

(2) any asset sales or other dispositions or Asset Acquisitions (including any Asset Acquisition giving rise to the need to make such calculation as a result of such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries (including any Person who becomes a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of the Asset Acquisition) incurring, assuming or otherwise being liable for Acquired Indebtedness and also including any Consolidated EBITDA (including any pro forma expense and cost reductions, adjustments and other operating improvements or synergies both achieved by such Person during such period and to be achieved by such Person and with respect to the acquired assets, all as determined in good faith by a responsible financial or accounting officer) attributable to the assets which are the subject of the Asset Acquisition or asset sale or other disposition during the Four Quarter Period) occurring during the Four Quarter Period or at any time subsequent to the last day of the Four Quarter Period and on or prior to the Transaction Date, as if such asset sale or other disposition or Asset Acquisition (including the incurrence, assumption or liability for any such Acquired Indebtedness) occurred on



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the first day of the Four Quarter Period. If such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries directly or indirectly guarantees Indebtedness of a third Person, the preceding sentence shall give effect to the incurrence of such guaranteed Indebtedness as if such Person or any Restricted Subsidiary of such Person had directly incurred or otherwise assumed such guaranteed Indebtedness.

Furthermore, in calculating Consolidated Fixed Charges for purposes of determining the denominator (but not the numerator) of this Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio,

(1) interest on outstanding Indebtedness determined on a fluctuating basis as of the Transaction Date and which will continue to be so determined thereafter shall be deemed to have accrued at a fixed rate per annum equal to the rate of interest on such Indebtedness in effect on the Transaction Date; and

(2) notwithstanding clause (1) above, interest on Indebtedness determined on a fluctuating basis, to the extent such interest is covered by agreements relating to Interest Swap Obligations or Currency Agreements, shall be deemed to accrue at the rate per annum resulting after giving effect to the operation of such agreements.

*Consolidated Fixed Charges* means, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum, without duplication, of:

(1) Consolidated Interest Expense (excluding amortization or write-off of deferred financing costs and excluding non-cash interest (including pay-in-kind interest and capitalized interest), plus

(2) the product of (x) the amount of all dividend payments on any series of Preferred Stock of such Person or its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than dividends paid in Qualified Capital Stock) paid, accrued or scheduled to be paid or accrued during such period times (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is one and the denominator of which is one minus the then current effective consolidated federal, state and local income tax rate of such Person, expressed as a decimal.

*Consolidated Interest Expense* means, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum of, without duplication:

(1) the aggregate of the interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, including

(a) any amortization of debt discount and amortization or write-off of deferred financing costs (including the amortization of costs relating to interest rate caps or other similar agreements),

(b) the net costs under Interest Swap Obligations,

(c) all capitalized interest and

(d) the interest portion of any deferred payment obligation; and

(2) the interest component of Capitalized Lease Obligations paid, accrued and/or scheduled to be paid or accrued by such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries during such period as determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, minus interest income for such period.

*Consolidated Net Income* means, with respect to any Person for any period, the aggregate net income (or loss) of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period on a consolidated basis, determined in accordance with GAAP; provided that the following shall be excluded:

(1) after-tax gains or losses from Asset Sales (without regard to the \$2.0 million limitation set forth in the definition thereof) or abandonments or reserves relating thereto;

(2) after-tax items which are extraordinary gains or losses or nonrecurring gains, losses, expenses or income (including any gains or income resulting from the cancellation, retirement, repayment or other termination of any old notes (as used in the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture) or other Indebtedness, whether or not such gains or income is extraordinary or nonrecurring);

(3) the net income (but not loss) of any Restricted Subsidiary of the referent Person to the extent that the declaration of dividends or similar distributions by that Restricted Subsidiary of that income is prohibited by contract, operation of law or otherwise;

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(4) the net income of any Person, other than a Restricted Subsidiary of the referent Person, except to the extent of cash dividends or distributions paid to the referent Person or to a Restricted Subsidiary of the referent Person by such Person;

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(5) the establishment of accruals and reserves within twelve months after November 13, 2003 that are required to be so established in accordance with GAAP;

(6) income or loss attributable to discontinued operations (including operations disposed of during such period whether or not such operations were classified as discontinued);

(7) in the case of a successor to the referent Person by consolidation or merger or as a transferee of the referent Person's assets, any earnings of the successor corporation prior to such consolidation, merger or transfer of assets;

(8) the amount of dividends, other distributions or amounts paid by QD LLC to QDI in reliance on clause (14) of the second paragraph of the covenant entitled "Certain Covenants - Limitation on Restricted Payments"; and

(9) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles.

*Consolidated Non-cash Charges* means, with respect to any Person for any period, the aggregate depreciation, amortization and other non-cash expenses (solely for the purpose of determining compliance with the covenant described under "Certain Covenants - Limitation on Restricted Payments", excluding any non-cash items for which a future cash payment will be required and for which an accrual or reserve is required by GAAP to be made) of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries reducing Consolidated Net Income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

*Consolidated Non-cash Gains* means, with respect to any Person for any period, the aggregate non-cash gains or income (solely for the purpose of determining compliance with the covenant described under "Certain Covenants - Limitation on Restricted Payments", excluding any non-cash gains for which a cash payment will be received in a future period) of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries increasing Consolidated Net Income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

*Consolidated Senior Secured Debt* means, with respect to any Person for any period, the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness that is subordinated in right of payment to the 2013 Senior Notes or any 2013 Senior Note Guarantee) of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries that is secured by a consensual Lien on any assets of such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

*Consolidated Senior Secured Leverage Ratio* means, with respect to any Person at any date, the ratio of Consolidated Senior Secured Debt on such date to Consolidated EBITDA of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries during the Four Quarter Period ending on or prior to such calculation date, with Consolidated EBITDA being calculated on the pro forma basis set forth in the definition of "Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio".

*Currency Agreement* means any foreign exchange contract, currency swap agreement or other similar agreement or arrangement designed to protect QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC against fluctuations in currency values.

*Current Assets* shall mean, with respect to QD LLC and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis at any date of determination, the sum of all assets (other than cash and Cash Equivalents) that would, in accordance with GAAP, be classified on a consolidated balance sheet of QD LLC and its Subsidiaries as current assets at such date of determination, other than amounts related to current or deferred taxes based on income or profits.

*Current Liabilities* shall mean, with respect to QD LLC and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis at any date of determination, all liabilities that would, in accordance with GAAP, be classified on a consolidated balance sheet of QD LLC and its Subsidiaries as current liabilities at such date of determination, other than (a) the current portion of any long-term Indebtedness, (b) accruals of Consolidated Interest Expense (excluding Consolidated Interest Expense that is due and unpaid), (c) accruals for current or deferred taxes based on income or profits and (d) accruals of any costs or expenses related to bonuses, pension and other post retirement benefit obligations.

*Debt Service* shall mean, with respect to QD LLC and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis for any period, Consolidated Interest Expense paid in cash for such period plus scheduled principal amortization of Indebtedness for such period (it being understood that any scheduled principal amortization of revolving Indebtedness shall not constitute Debt Service unless accompanied by a permanent reduction in commitments).

*Default* means an event that is, or with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would be, an Event of Default.

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*Disqualified Capital Stock* means that portion of any Capital Stock which, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable at the option of the holder thereof), or upon the happening of any event (other than an event which would constitute a Change of Control or an Asset Sale), matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a

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sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or is redeemable at the sole option of the holder thereof (except, in each case, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control or an Asset Sale) on or prior to the final maturity date of the 2013 Senior Notes; provided that any class of Capital Stock of such Person that by its terms authorizes such Person to satisfy its obligations thereunder by delivery of Qualified Capital Stock shall not be deemed Disqualified Capital Stock.

*Domestic Restricted Subsidiary* means any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC incorporated or otherwise organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any State or the District of Columbia.

*Excess Cash Flow Catch-Up Amount* means, for any fiscal year of QD LLC beginning with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (a) 50% of Consolidated Excess Cash Flow for such fiscal year over (b) \$12.0 million; *provided* that if the amount of cash consideration paid in respect of 2013 PIK Notes optionally redeemed or otherwise repurchased by the Issuers during such fiscal year is less than \$12.0 million, then the Excess Cash Flow Catch-Up Amount shall equal zero for such fiscal year.

*Excluded Contribution* means Net Cash Proceeds received by QD LLC from (a) contributions to QD LLC's common equity capital and (b) the sale of QD LLC's Qualified Capital Stock, in each case designated as Excluded Contributions pursuant to an officers' certificate executed on the date such capital contributions are made or the date such Qualified Capital Stock is sold, as the case may be, which are excluded from the calculation set forth in clause (3) under Certain Covenants' Limitation on Restricted Payments.

*fair market value* means with respect to any asset or property, the price which could be negotiated in an arm's-length, free market transaction, for cash, between a willing seller and a willing and able buyer, neither of whom is under undue pressure or compulsion to complete the transaction. Fair market value shall be determined conclusively by QD LLC's Board of Directors acting reasonably and in good faith and shall be evidenced by a Board Resolution of QD LLC's Board of Directors delivered to the trustee.

*Foreign Restricted Subsidiary* means any of QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries organized in any jurisdiction outside of the United States.

*GAAP* means generally accepted accounting principles set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as may be approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession of the United States, which were in effect October 15, 2009.

*guarantee* means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of any Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Indebtedness of any other Person, including any obligation, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person

(1) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness of such other Person (whether arising by virtue of partnership arrangements, or by agreements to keep-well, to purchase assets, goods, securities or services (unless such purchase arrangements are on arm's-length terms and are entered into in the ordinary course of business), to take-or-pay or to maintain financial statement conditions or otherwise), or

(2) entered into for purposes of assuring in any other manner the obligee of such Indebtedness of the payment thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part).

Notwithstanding the preceding, *guarantee* does not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business. The term *guarantee* used as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

*Indebtedness* means, with respect to any Person, without duplication:

(1) all Obligations of such Person for borrowed money;

(2) all Obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments;

(3) all Capitalized Lease Obligations of such Person;

(4) the deferred and unpaid purchase price of property, all conditional sale obligations and all Obligations under any title retention agreement, but excluding trade accounts payable and other accrued liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business;



(5) all Obligations of such Person for the reimbursement of any obligor on any letter of credit, banker's acceptance or similar credit transaction;

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(6) guarantees and other contingent Obligations of such Person in respect of Indebtedness referred to in clauses (1) through (5) above and clause (8) below;

(7) all Obligations of any other Person of the type referred to in clauses (1) through (6) which are secured by any Lien on any property or asset of such Person, the amount of such Obligations being deemed to be the lesser of the fair market value of such property or asset or the amount of the Obligation so secured;

(8) all Obligations under Currency Agreements or Commodity Agreements and Interest Swap Obligations of such Person; and

(9) all Disqualified Capital Stock issued by such Person with the amount of Indebtedness represented by such Disqualified Capital Stock being equal to the greater of its voluntary or involuntary liquidation preference and its maximum fixed repurchase price, but excluding accrued dividends, if any.

For purposes of this definition of Indebtedness, the maximum fixed repurchase price of any Disqualified Capital Stock which does not have a fixed repurchase price shall be calculated in accordance with the terms of such Disqualified Capital Stock as if such Disqualified Capital Stock were purchased on any date on which Indebtedness shall be required to be determined pursuant to the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture, and if such price is based upon, or measured by, the fair market value of such Disqualified Capital Stock, such fair market value shall be determined reasonably and in good faith by the Board of Directors of QD LLC of such Disqualified Capital Stock. For purposes of the covenant described above under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness, in determining the principal amount of any Indebtedness to be incurred by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary or which is outstanding at any date, the principal amount of any Indebtedness which provides that an amount less than the principal amount shall be due upon any declaration of acceleration shall be the accreted value of the Indebtedness at the date of determination.

*Independent Financial Advisor* means a firm:

(1) which does not have a direct or indirect common equity interest in QD LLC; and

(2) which, in the judgment of QD LLC's Board of Directors, is otherwise independent and qualified to perform the task for which it is to be engaged.

*Interest Swap Obligations* means the obligations of any Person pursuant to any arrangement with any other Person, whereby, directly or indirectly, such Person is entitled to receive from time to time periodic payments calculated by applying either a floating or a fixed rate of interest on a stated notional amount in exchange for periodic payments made by such other Person calculated by applying a fixed or a floating rate of interest on the same notional amount and shall include interest rate swaps, caps, floors, collars and similar agreements.

*Investment* means, with respect to any Person, any direct or indirect loan or other extension of credit, including a guarantee, or capital contribution to (by means of any transfer of cash or other property to others or any payment for property or services for the account or use of others), or any purchase or acquisition by such Person of any Capital Stock, bonds, notes, debentures or other securities or evidences of Indebtedness issued by, any Person. *Investment* does not include extensions of trade credit by, prepayment of expenses by, and receivables owing to, QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries on commercially reasonable terms in accordance with QD LLC's normal trade practices or those of such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be. For purposes of the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Restricted Payments :

(1) *Investment* shall include and be valued at the fair market value of the net assets of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC at the time that such Restricted Subsidiary is designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary of QD LLC and shall exclude the fair market value of the net assets of any Unrestricted Subsidiary of QD LLC at the time that such Unrestricted Subsidiary is designated a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC; and

(2) the amount of any *Investment* shall be the original cost of such *Investment* plus the cost of all additional *Investments* by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, without any adjustments for increases or decreases in value, or write-ups, write-downs or write-offs with respect to such *Investment*, reduced by the payment of dividends or distributions in connection with such *Investment* or any other amounts received in respect of such *Investment*; *provided* that no such payment of dividends or distributions or receipt of any such other amounts shall reduce the amount of any *Investment* if such payment of dividends or distributions or receipt of any such amounts would be included in Consolidated Net Income.

If QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC sells or otherwise disposes of any Common Stock of any direct or indirect Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC such that, after giving effect to any such sale or disposition, such Person ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC,

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QD LLC shall be deemed to have made an Investment on the date of any such sale or disposition equal to the fair market value of the Common Stock of that Restricted Subsidiary not sold or disposed of.

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*Lien* means any lien, mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, security interest, charge or encumbrance of any kind, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof and any agreement to give any security interest.

*Mandatory Redemption Installment Carryover Amount* means, with respect to any mandatory redemption to be made as set forth in Redemption Mandatory Redemption Semi-Annual Mandatory Redemption , all amounts (a) that would previously have been the subject of such a mandatory redemption or the subject of a mandatory redemption to be made as set forth in Redemption Mandatory Redemption Excess Cash Flow-Based Catch-Up Redemption but for the application of the conditions precedent to such mandatory redemptions and (b) as to which a mandatory redemption has not been previously completed.

*Net Cash Proceeds* means (a) with respect to any Asset Sale, the proceeds in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents including payments in respect of deferred payment obligations when received in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents (other than the portion of any such deferred payment constituting interest) received by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries from such Asset Sale net of:

(1) reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and fees relating to such Asset Sale (including legal, accounting and investment banking fees and sales commissions);

(2) taxes paid or payable after taking into account any reduction in consolidated tax liability due to available tax credits or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements;

(3) any repayment of Indebtedness that is required to be repaid in connection with such Asset Sale;

(4) appropriate amounts to be provided by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC, as the case may be, as a reserve, in accordance with GAAP, against any liabilities associated with such Asset Sale and retained by QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, after such Asset Sale, including pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities, liabilities related to environmental matters and liabilities under any indemnification obligations associated with such Asset Sale; and

(5) all distributions and other payments required to be made to minority interest holders in Restricted Subsidiaries or joint ventures as a result of such Asset Sale;

and (b) with respect to any issuance or sale of Capital Stock, the cash proceeds of such issuance or sale, net of attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, underwriters' or placement agents' or initial purchasers' fees, discounts or commissions and brokerage, consultant and other fees and expenses actually incurred in connection with such issuance or sale and net of taxes paid or payable as a result thereof.

*Obligations* means all obligations for principal, premium, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements, damages and other liabilities payable under the documentation governing any Indebtedness (including any interest accruing subsequent to the filing of a petition of bankruptcy at that rate provided for in the documentation with respect thereto, whether or not such interest is an allowed claim under applicable law).

*Option Plan* means (i) the 1998 stock option plan of QDI and (ii) the option plan adopted by QDI on November 13, 2003 with respect to an aggregate of 2,210,000 shares of QDI's Common Stock, and (iii) the restricted stock plan adopted by QDI on November 13, 2003 with respect to an aggregate of 500,000 shares, in each case as the same may be amended from time to time in any manner that is not materially adverse to the holders of the 2013 Senior Notes.

*Payment Conditions* shall have the meaning given to such term in the ABL Facility as in effect on October 15, 2009; provided that the provision thereof requiring a minimum level of borrowing availability shall be deemed to be satisfied if the sum of such borrowing availability and unrestricted cash and Cash Equivalents held by the Issuers and their Subsidiaries exceeds such minimum level. In general, the Payment Conditions under the ABL Facility currently require that (i) the minimum borrowing availability requirements under the ABL Facility are satisfied; (ii) there is fixed charge coverage of at least 1.0 to 1.0 as calculated under the ABL Facility; and (iii) no other event of default is otherwise caused under the ABL Facility by the redemption. Upon any refinancing or replacement of the ABL Facility in compliance with the provisions set forth in the last sentence of Redemption Mandatory Redemption and in compliance with the other provisions of the Indenture, the term Payment Conditions shall refer to the satisfaction of any conditions precedent or restrictions set forth in the ABL Facility with respect to the making of the mandatory redemption described in Redemption Mandatory Redemption.

*Permitted Business* means the business of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries as existing on October 15, 2009 and any other businesses that are the same, similar or reasonably related, ancillary or complementary thereto and reasonable extensions thereof.

*Permitted Holders* means Apollo and other Related Parties.

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*Permitted Indebtedness* means, without duplication, each of the following:

- (1) Indebtedness under (a) the 2012 Notes and any guarantees thereof, (b) the 9% Notes and any guarantees thereof, (c) the 2013 PIK Notes and any exchange notes to be issued in respect thereof pursuant to registration rights and any guarantees thereof and (d) the 2013 Senior Notes, any exchange notes to be issued in respect thereof pursuant to registration rights and any 2013 Senior Note Guarantees thereof;
- (2) Indebtedness incurred pursuant to the ABL Facility in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed \$200.0 million less the amount of all repayments of term debt and permanent commitment reductions actually made under the ABL Facility after October 15, 2009 with Net Cash Proceeds of Asset Sales applied thereto as required by the Limitation on Asset Sales covenant; provided that the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness permitted to be incurred from time to time under the restriction described under this clause (2) shall be reduced dollar for dollar by the amount of any Indebtedness then outstanding under clause (12) below; and provided, further, that any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to the ABL Facility on December 18, 2007 shall be deemed to be incurred under this clause (2); and provided, further, that the amount of Indebtedness permitted to be incurred pursuant to the ABL Facility in accordance with this clause (2) shall be in addition to any Indebtedness to be incurred pursuant to the ABL Facility in reliance on and in accordance with clauses (10) and (16) below;
- (3) other Indebtedness of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries outstanding on the Series A Issue Date;
- (4) Interest Swap Obligations of QD LLC covering Indebtedness of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and Interest Swap Obligations of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC covering Indebtedness of QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary; provided, however, that such Interest Swap Obligations are entered into to protect the Issuers and their Restricted Subsidiaries from fluctuations in interest rates on Indebtedness incurred in accordance with the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture to the extent the notional principal amount of such Interest Swap Obligation does not exceed the principal amount of the Indebtedness to which such Interest Swap Obligation relates;
- (5) Indebtedness under Currency Agreements; provided that in the case of Currency Agreements which relate to Indebtedness, such Currency Agreements do not increase the Indebtedness of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries outstanding other than as a result of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates or by reason of fees, indemnities and compensation payable thereunder;
- (6) Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC to QD LLC or to a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC for so long as such Indebtedness is held by QD LLC, a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or the lenders or collateral agent under the ABL Facility, in each case subject to no Lien held by a Person other than QD LLC, a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or the lenders or collateral agent under the ABL Facility; *provided* that if as of any date any Person other than QD LLC, a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or the lenders or collateral agent under the ABL Facility owns or holds any such Indebtedness or holds a Lien in respect of such Indebtedness, such date shall be deemed the incurrence of Indebtedness not constituting Permitted Indebtedness under this clause (6) by the issuer of such Indebtedness;
- (7) Indebtedness of QD LLC to a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC for so long as such Indebtedness is held by a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or the lenders or the collateral agent under the ABL Facility and is subject to no Lien other than a Lien in favor of the lenders or collateral agent under the ABL Facility; provided that (a) any Indebtedness of QD LLC to any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC is unsecured and subordinated, pursuant to a written agreement, to QD LLC's obligations under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture and the 2013 Senior Notes and (b) if as of any date any Person other than a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC owns or holds any such Indebtedness or any Person holds a Lien other than a Lien in favor of the lenders or collateral agent under the ABL Facility in respect of such Indebtedness, such date shall be deemed the incurrence of Indebtedness not constituting Permitted Indebtedness under this clause (7) by QD LLC;
- (8) Indebtedness arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument inadvertently (except in the case of daylight overdrafts) drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business; provided, however, that such Indebtedness is extinguished within two business days of incurrence;
- (9) Indebtedness of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of performance bonds, bankers' acceptances, workers' compensation claims, surety or appeal bonds, payment obligations in connection with self-insurance or similar obligations, and bank overdrafts (and letters of credit in respect thereof);
- (10) Indebtedness represented by Capitalized Lease Obligations, Purchase Money Indebtedness or Acquired Indebtedness of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries not to exceed \$20.0 million in the aggregate at any one time outstanding, provided that all or a portion of the \$20.0 million permitted to be incurred under the restriction described in this clause (10) may, at QD LLC's option, be incurred under the ABL Facility or pursuant to clause (16) below (in addition to the amount set forth therein) instead of pursuant to Capitalized Lease Obligations, Purchase Money Indebtedness or Acquired Indebtedness;



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(11) Indebtedness arising from agreements of QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC providing for indemnification, adjustment of purchase price or similar obligations, in each case, incurred or assumed in connection with the disposition of any business, assets or a Subsidiary, other than guarantees by QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC of Indebtedness incurred by any Person acquiring all or any portion of such business, assets or a Subsidiary for the purpose of financing such acquisition; provided, however, that:

(a) such Indebtedness is not reflected on QD LLC's balance sheet or that of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC (contingent obligations referred to in a footnote to financial statements and not otherwise reflected on the balance sheet will not be deemed to be reflected on such balance sheet for purposes of this clause (a)); and

(b) the maximum assumable liability in respect of all such Indebtedness shall at no time exceed the gross proceeds including the fair market value of non-cash proceeds (the fair market value of such non-cash proceeds being measured at the time they are received as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of QD LLC or that of the Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, and without giving effect to any subsequent changes in value) actually received by QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with such disposition;

(12) the incurrence by a Receivables Subsidiary of QD LLC of Indebtedness in a Qualified Receivables Transaction that is without recourse (other than pursuant to representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities entered into in the ordinary course of business in connection with a Qualified Receivables Transaction) to QD LLC or to any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or its assets (other than such Receivables Subsidiary and its assets), and is not guaranteed by any such Person; provided that any outstanding Indebtedness incurred under this clause (12) shall reduce (for so long as, and to the extent that, the Indebtedness referred to in this clause (12) remains outstanding) the aggregate amount of the Indebtedness permitted to be incurred under the restriction described in clause (2) above to the extent set forth therein;

(13) Indebtedness under Commodity Agreements;

(14) guarantees of Indebtedness (a) of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC by QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries, including agreements of QD LLC to keep-well or maintain financial statement conditions of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC, and (b) incurred pursuant to the ABL Facility or pursuant to clauses (4), (5) and (13) above by any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC;

(15) Refinancing Indebtedness;

(16) additional Indebtedness of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$35.0 million at any one time outstanding (which amount may, but need not, be incurred in whole or in part under the ABL Facility) plus up to an additional amount as contemplated by, and to the extent not incurred under, clause (10) above;

(17) Indebtedness of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries consisting of (x) take-or-pay obligations contained in supply arrangements entered into in the ordinary course of business and on a basis consistent with past practice and (y) Indebtedness of QD LLC incurred in connection with an insurance program whereby an insurance financing company prepays on behalf of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries insurance premiums on insurance policies of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries and QD LLC from time to time makes premium payments directly to such insurance financing company to satisfy their obligations to such insurance financing company; provided that Indebtedness referred to in this clause (y) does not exceed \$16.0 million in the aggregate at any one time outstanding;

(18) Indebtedness of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries consisting of the financing of insurance premiums in the ordinary course of business;

(19) Indebtedness consisting of recourse obligations of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries to financial institutions in connection with Permitted Program Affiliate Transactions for lease obligations owing to such financial institutions by Program Affiliates in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10.0 million at any one time outstanding; and

(20) Indebtedness, the proceeds of which are irrevocably deposited with the trustee upon the incurrence of such Indebtedness for the purpose of defeasing all of the then outstanding 2013 Senior Notes in accordance with the procedures set forth under Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance .

For purposes of determining compliance with the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness,





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(a) in the event that an item of Indebtedness meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of Permitted Indebtedness described in clauses (1) through (20) above or is entitled to be incurred pursuant to the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio provisions of such covenant, QD LLC shall, in its sole discretion, classify (or later reclassify) such item of Indebtedness in any manner that complies with such covenant,

(b) accrual of interest, accretion or amortization of original issue discount, the payment of interest on any Indebtedness in the form of additional Indebtedness with the same terms or in the form of Capital Stock, the payment of dividends on Disqualified Capital Stock in the form of additional shares of the same class of Disqualified Capital Stock (or an increase in the aggregate liquidation preference thereof) and increases in the amount of Indebtedness outstanding solely as a result of fluctuations in the exchange rate of currencies will not be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness or an issuance of Disqualified Capital Stock for purposes of the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness,

(c) guarantees of, or obligations in respect of letters of credit relating to, Indebtedness which is otherwise included in the determination of a particular amount of Indebtedness shall not be included,

(d) if obligations in respect of letters of credit are incurred pursuant to the ABL Facility and are being treated as incurred pursuant to clause (2) above and the letters of credit relate to other Indebtedness, then such other Indebtedness shall not be included,

(e) if such Indebtedness is denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars, the U.S. dollar equivalent principal amount thereof will be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rates in effect on the date such Indebtedness was incurred, and

(f) Indebtedness need not be incurred solely by reference to one category of Permitted Indebtedness or the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio provisions of such covenant but may be permitted to be incurred in part under any combination of categories of Permitted Indebtedness and the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio provisions.

*Permitted Investments* means:

(1) Investments by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC in any Person that is or will become immediately after such Investment a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or that will merge or consolidate into QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC; provided that such Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC is not restricted from making dividends or similar distributions by contract, operation of law or otherwise other than as permitted by the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitations on Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Subsidiaries ;

(2) Investments in QD LLC by any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC; provided that any Indebtedness evidencing such Investment is unsecured and subordinated, pursuant to a written agreement, to QD LLC's obligations under the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture;

(3) Investments in cash and Cash Equivalents;

(4) loans and advances to employees and officers of QDI, QD LLC and QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries made (a) in the ordinary course of business for bona fide business purposes not to exceed \$5.0 million in the aggregate at any one time outstanding or (b) to fund purchases of Capital Stock of QDI or QD LLC under any stock option plan or similar employment arrangements so long as no cash is actually advanced by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to such employees and officers to fund such purchases;

(5) Currency Agreements, Commodity Agreements and Interest Swap Obligations entered into in the ordinary course of QD LLC's or its Restricted Subsidiaries' businesses and otherwise in compliance with the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture;

(6) Investments in securities of trade creditors or customers received:

(a) pursuant to any plan of reorganization or similar arrangement upon the bankruptcy or insolvency of such trade creditors or customers, or

(b) in settlement of delinquent obligations of, and other disputes with, customers, suppliers and others, in each case arising in the ordinary course of business or otherwise in satisfaction of a judgment;

(7) Investments



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- (a) made by QD LLC or its Restricted Subsidiaries consisting of consideration received in connection with an Asset Sale made in compliance with the covenant described under **Certain Covenants Limitation on Asset Sales**;
- (b) consisting of consideration received by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with a transaction that would be an Asset Sale if it consisted of aggregate consideration received by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of \$2.0 million or more; or
- (c) acquired in exchange for, or out of the proceeds of a substantially concurrent offering of, QD LLC's Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Capital Stock) (which proceeds of any such offering of QD LLC's Capital Stock shall not have been, and shall not be, included in clause (3)(b) of the first paragraph of the covenant described under **Certain Covenants Limitation on Restricted Payments**);
- (8) Investments of a Person or any of its Subsidiaries existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or at the time such Person merges or consolidates with QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in either case in compliance with the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture; provided that such Investments were not made by such Person in connection with, or in anticipation or contemplation of, such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or such merger or consolidation;
- (9) Investments in the 2013 Senior Notes;
- (10) Investments in existence on the Series A Issue Date;
- (11) guarantees of Indebtedness to the extent permitted pursuant to the covenants described under **Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness**, **Certain Covenants Limitation on Issuances of Guarantees by Restricted Subsidiaries** and **Certain Covenants Future 2013 Senior Note Guarantors**;
- (12) additional Investments (including Investments in joint ventures and Unrestricted Subsidiaries) not to exceed \$25.0 million at any one time outstanding;
- (13) QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries may make loans or advances to, prepay expenses of, make purchases on behalf of, or otherwise extend credit to (other than extensions of trade credit which are specifically excluded from the definition of **Investments**), Program Affiliates so long as such amounts are used to fund expenses or purchases incurred in the ordinary course of business, are being made on a basis consistent with past practice and are deducted from the weekly settlement paid to such Program Affiliates; and
- (14) any Investment by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC in a Receivables Subsidiary or any Investment by a Receivables Subsidiary in any other Person in connection with a Qualified Receivables Transaction; provided that any Investment in a Receivables Subsidiary is in the form of a Purchase Money Note that the Receivables Subsidiary or such other Person is required to pay as soon as practicable or equity interests.

*Permitted Liens* means the following types of Liens:

- (1) Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or claims that are either (a) not delinquent or (b) being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and as to which QD LLC or its Restricted Subsidiaries shall have set aside on their books such reserves, if any, as shall be required in conformity with

GAAP in the case of a Domestic Restricted Subsidiary, and

generally accepted accounting principles in effect from time to time in the applicable jurisdiction, in the case of a Foreign Restricted Subsidiary;

- (2) statutory and common law Liens of landlords and Liens of carriers, warehousemen, mechanics, suppliers, materialmen, repairmen, customs and revenue authorities and other Liens imposed by law incurred in the ordinary course of business for sums not yet delinquent or being contested in good faith, if such reserve or other appropriate provision, if any, as shall be required by GAAP shall have been made in respect thereof;

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(3) Liens incurred or deposits made in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other types of social security, including any Lien securing letters of credit issued in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice in connection therewith, or to secure the performance of tenders, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, bids, leases, government contracts, performance and return-of-money bonds and other similar obligations (exclusive of obligations for the payment of borrowed money);

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(4) judgment Liens not giving rise to an Event of Default so long as such Lien is adequately bonded and any appropriate legal proceedings which may have been duly initiated for the review of such judgment shall not have been finally terminated or the period within which such proceedings may be initiated shall not have expired;

(5) licenses, sublicenses, leases, subleases, easements, rights-of-way, zoning restrictions and other similar charges or encumbrances in respect of property not interfering in any material respect with the ordinary conduct of the business of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole;

(6) any interest or title of a lessor under any Capitalized Lease Obligation or operating lease; provided that such Liens do not extend to any property or asset which is not leased property subject to such Capitalized Lease Obligation or operating lease;

(7) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted under the restriction described in clause (10) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness ; provided, however, that in the case of Purchase Money Indebtedness (a) the Indebtedness shall not exceed the cost of such property or assets and shall not be secured by any property or assets of QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC other than the property and assets so acquired or constructed and any improvements thereon and (b) the Lien securing such Indebtedness shall be created within 180 days of such acquisition or construction or, in the case of a refinancing of any Purchase Money Indebtedness, within 180 days of such refinancing;

(8) Liens upon specific items of inventory or other goods and proceeds of any Person securing such Person's obligations in respect of bankers acceptances or similar credit transactions issued or created for the account of such Person to facilitate the purchase, shipment or storage of such inventory or other goods;

(9) Liens securing reimbursement obligations with respect to commercial letters of credit which encumber documents and other property relating to such letters of credit and products and proceeds thereof;

(10) Liens encumbering deposits made to secure obligations arising from statutory, regulatory, contractual or warranty requirements of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, including rights of offset and set-off;

(11) Liens securing Interest Swap Obligations so long as the Interest Swap Obligations relate to Indebtedness that is otherwise permitted under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture;

(12) Liens in the ordinary course of business not exceeding \$5.0 million at any one time outstanding that (a) are not incurred in connection with borrowing money and (b) do not materially detract from the value of the property or materially impair its use;

(13) Liens by reason of judgment or decree not otherwise resulting in an Event of Default;

(14) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted to be incurred under the restrictions described in clauses (12) and (16) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness ;

(15) Liens securing Indebtedness under Currency Agreements and Commodity Agreements permitted under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture;

(16) Liens in favor of customs and revenue authorities arising as a matter of law to secure payment of customs duties in connection with importation of goods;

(17) Liens arising out of conditional sale, title retention, consignment or similar arrangements for the sale of goods entered into by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

(18) Liens securing Acquired Indebtedness incurred in accordance with the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness (including clause (10) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness ); provided that:

(a) such Liens secured such Acquired Indebtedness at the time of and prior to the incurrence of such Acquired Indebtedness by QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC and were not granted in connection with, or in anticipation of, the incurrence of such Acquired Indebtedness by QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC; and

(b) such Liens do not extend to or cover any property or assets of QD LLC or of any of its Restricted Subsidiaries other than the property or assets that secured the Acquired Indebtedness prior to the time such Indebtedness became Acquired Indebtedness of QD LLC or a Restricted

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Subsidiary of QD LLC and are no more favorable to the lienholders than those securing the Acquired Indebtedness prior to the incurrence of such Acquired Indebtedness by QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC;

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(19) Liens securing insurance premium financing arrangements; provided that such Lien is limited to the applicable insurance contracts;

(20) Liens securing Indebtedness incurred under clause (20) of the definition of *Permitted Indebtedness* ; provided that such Liens do not extend to or cover any of the cash or Cash Equivalents that have been deposited with the trustee pursuant to *Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance* ; and

(21) Liens on Receivables and Related Assets to reflect sales of receivables pursuant to a *Qualified Receivables Transaction*.

*Permitted Program Affiliate Transactions* shall mean a transaction or series of transactions effected in the ordinary course of business of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and consistent with the past practices of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to which (A) (i) QD LLC and/or one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries lease equipment from a third party financial institution, (ii) transfer the lease (and the equipment subject thereto) to a Program Affiliate and (iii) guarantee a portion of the lease payments owing by such Program Affiliate to such financial institution and/or agree to assume from the Program Affiliate the lease initially so transferred to it upon the failure of such Program Affiliate to make the lease payments owing by it thereunder to such financial institution, (B) (i) QD LLC and/or one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries lease equipment from a third party financial institution, (ii) sublease such equipment to a Program Affiliate, (iii) transfer the account receivable related to the sublease (together with all collateral rights to the equipment that is the subject of the sublease) to a third party financial institution and (iv) guarantee the sublease payments owing by the Program Affiliate to such financial institution, (C) (i) QD LLC and/or one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries lease equipment to a Program Affiliate, (ii) transfer the account receivable related to such lease (together with all the collateral rights to the equipment that is the subject of the lease) to a third party financial institution and (iii) guarantee the lease payments owing by the Program Affiliate to such financial institution or (D) (i) QD LLC and/or one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries lease equipment to a Program Affiliate, (ii) transfer the lease (and the related account receivable and the equipment that is the subject of the lease) to a third party financial institution and (iii) guarantee the lease payments owing by the Program Affiliate to such financial institution and/or agree to assume such equipment lease from such Program Affiliate upon the failure of such Program Affiliate to make the lease payments owing by it thereunder to such financial institution.

*Person* means an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, unincorporated organization, trust or joint venture, or a governmental agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

*Preferred Stock* of any Person means any Capital Stock of such Person that has preferential rights to any other Capital Stock of such Person with respect to dividends or redemptions or upon liquidation.

*Program Affiliates* shall mean each of the independently-owned entities that operate under the name of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to an exclusive agreement with QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary.

*Purchase Money Indebtedness* means Indebtedness of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries incurred in the normal course of business for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price, or the cost of installation, construction or improvement, of property or equipment or other related assets and any Refinancing thereof.

*Purchase Money Note* means a promissory note of a Receivables Subsidiary evidencing a line of credit, which may be irrevocable, from QD LLC or any Subsidiary of QD LLC in connection with a *Qualified Receivables Transaction* to a Receivables Subsidiary, which note is intended to be repaid from cash available to the Receivables Subsidiary, other than amounts required to be established as reserves, amounts paid to investors in respect of interest, principal and other amounts owing to such investors and amounts paid in connection with the purchase of newly generated receivables.

*QSI Sale Proceeds* means any cash proceeds from the sale of the tank wash business conducted by QSI.

*QSI Sale Gain* means any gain or income resulting from the sale of the tank wash business conducted by QSI.

*Qualified Capital Stock* means any Capital Stock that is not *Disqualified Capital Stock*.

*Qualified Receivables Transaction* means any transaction or series of transactions that may be entered into by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in which QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries may sell, convey or otherwise transfer to (1) a Receivables Subsidiary (in the case of a transfer by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) and (2) any other Person (in the case of a transfer by a Receivables Subsidiary), or may grant a security interest in, any accounts receivable (whether now existing or arising in the future) of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, and any related assets, including all collateral securing such accounts receivable, all contracts and all guarantees or other obligations in respect of such accounts receivable, proceeds of such accounts receivable and other assets (including contract rights) which are



customarily transferred or in respect of which security interests are customarily granted in connection with asset securitization transactions involving accounts receivable.

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*Receivables and Related Assets* means any account receivable (whether now existing or arising thereafter) of QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC, and any assets related thereto including all collateral securing such accounts receivable, all contracts and contract rights and all guarantees or other obligations in respect of such accounts receivable, proceeds of such accounts receivable and other assets which are customarily transferred or in respect of which security interests are customarily granted in connection with asset securitization transactions involving accounts receivable.

*Receivables Subsidiary* means a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC that engages in no activities other than in connection with the financing of accounts receivable and that is designated by QD LLC's Board of Directors (as provided below) as a Receivables Subsidiary:

(1) no portion of the Indebtedness or any other Obligations (contingent or otherwise) of which

(a) is guaranteed by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC (excluding guarantees of Obligations (other than the principal of, and interest on, Indebtedness) pursuant to representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities entered into in the ordinary course of business in connection with a Qualified Receivables Transaction),

(b) is recourse to or obligates QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC in any way other than pursuant to representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities entered into in the ordinary course of business in connection with a Qualified Receivables Transaction or

(c) subjects any property or asset of QD LLC or of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC, directly or indirectly, contingently or otherwise, to the satisfaction thereof, other than pursuant to representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities entered into in the ordinary course of business in connection with a Qualified Receivables Transaction;

(2) with which neither QD LLC nor any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC has any material contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding other than on terms no less favorable to QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons who are not Affiliates of QD LLC, other than fees payable in the ordinary course of business in connection with servicing accounts receivable; and

(3) with which neither QD LLC nor any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC has any obligation to maintain or preserve such Restricted Subsidiary's financial condition or cause such Restricted Subsidiary to achieve certain levels of operating results.

Any such designation by the Board of Directors of QD LLC shall be evidenced to the trustee by filing with the trustee a Board Resolution giving effect to such designation and an officers' certificate certifying that such designation complied with the preceding conditions.

*Refinance* means, in respect of any security or Indebtedness, to refinance, extend, renew, refund, repay, prepay, redeem, defease or retire, or to issue a security or Indebtedness in exchange or replacement for, such security or Indebtedness in whole or in part. Refinanced and Refinancing shall have correlative meanings.

*Refinancing Indebtedness* means any Refinancing by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC of (A) for purposes of clause (15) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, Indebtedness incurred or existing in accordance with the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness (other than pursuant to clause (2), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (16), (17), (18), (19) or (20) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness ) or (B) for any other purpose, Indebtedness incurred in accordance with the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness, in each case that does not:

(1) result in an increase in the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness of such Person as of the date of such proposed Refinancing (plus the amount of any premium, accrued interest and defeasance costs required to be paid under the terms of the instrument governing such Indebtedness and plus the amount of reasonable fees, expenses, discounts and commissions incurred by QD LLC in connection with such Refinancing); or

(2) create Indebtedness which:

(a) if the Indebtedness being Refinanced was incurred pursuant to clause (3) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, a Weighted Average Life to Maturity that is less than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Indebtedness being Refinanced or a final maturity earlier than the final maturity of the Indebtedness being Refinanced, or



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(b) if the Indebtedness being Refinanced was otherwise incurred in accordance with the definition of Permitted Indebtedness or with the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness, a Weighted Average Life to Maturity that is less than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the 2013 Senior Notes or a final maturity earlier than the final maturity of the 2013 Senior Notes;

provided that

if such Indebtedness being Refinanced is solely QD LLC's Indebtedness, then such Refinancing Indebtedness shall be solely QD LLC's Indebtedness, and

if such Indebtedness being Refinanced is subordinate or junior to the 2013 Senior Notes, then such Refinancing Indebtedness shall be subordinate to the 2013 Senior Notes at least to the same extent and in the same manner as the Indebtedness being Refinanced.

*Related Parties* of a specified Person means

(a) if a natural person, (1) any spouse, parent or lineal descendant (including by adoption) of such Person or (2) the estate of such Person during any period in which such estate holds Capital Stock of QD LLC or of QDI for the benefit of any Person referred to in clause (a)(1) and

(b) if a trust, corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity, the beneficiaries, stockholders, partners, owners or Persons beneficially owning an interest of more than 50% of which consist of such Person and/or such other Persons referred to in the immediately preceding clause (a).

*Restricted Subsidiary* of any Person means any Subsidiary of such Person which at the time of determination is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

*Retained Consolidated Excess Cash Flow Amount* shall mean, at any date, an amount, determined on a cumulative basis, equal to (a) the sum of 50% of Consolidated Excess Cash Flow with respect to each fiscal year of QD LLC beginning with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011 minus (b) any 9% Notes Maturity Amount; it being understood and agreed that if any 9% Notes Maturity Amount comes to exist and the amount thereof exceeds the then-existing amount described in the preceding clause (a), such excess shall be carried over to subsequent fiscal years for purposes of determining the Retained Consolidated Excess Cash Flow Amount.

*Sale and Leaseback Transaction* means any direct or indirect arrangement with any Person or to which any such Person is a party, providing for the leasing to QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC of any property, whether owned by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC at October 15, 2009 or later acquired, which has been or is to be sold or transferred by QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary to such Person or to any other Person from whom funds have been or are to be advanced by such Person on the security of such property other than:

(a) arrangements between QD LLC and a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or between Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries of QD LLC or

(b) any arrangement whereby the transfer involves fixed or capital assets and is consummated within 120 days after the date QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC acquires or finishes construction of such fixed or capital assets.

*Series A Issue Date* means January 28, 2005.

*Significant Subsidiary* means any Restricted Subsidiary that would be a significant subsidiary as defined in Regulation S-X under the Securities Act.

*Subsidiary*, with respect to any Person, means:

(1) any corporation of which the outstanding Capital Stock having at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast in the election of directors under ordinary circumstances shall at the time be owned, directly or indirectly, by such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person; or

(2) any other Person of which at least a majority of the voting interest under ordinary circumstances is at the time, directly or indirectly, owned by such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person.

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*Transactions* means, collectively, (i) the exchange offers by the Issuers with respect to the 9% Notes and the 2012 Notes, (ii) the issuance of the Existing Notes, and (iii) the payment of fees and expenses in relation to the foregoing.

*Unrestricted Subsidiary* means (1) any Subsidiary of any Person (other than, in the case of QD LLC, QD Capital) that is designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary by the Board of Directors of such Person in the manner provided below and (2) any Subsidiary of an Unrestricted Subsidiary. The Board(s) of Directors may designate any Subsidiary, including any newly acquired or newly formed Subsidiary, to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary only if:

such Subsidiary does not own any Capital Stock of, or own or hold any Lien on any property of, QD LLC or any other Subsidiary of QD LLC that is not a Subsidiary of the Subsidiary to be so designated;

either (1) QD LLC certifies to the trustee in an officers' certificate that such designation complies with the covenant described under Certain Covenants' Limitation on Restricted Payments or (2) the Subsidiary to be so designated at the time of designation has total consolidated assets of \$1,000 or less; and

each Subsidiary to be so designated and each of its Subsidiaries has not and does not after the time of designation, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable with respect to any Indebtedness pursuant to which the lender has recourse to any of QD LLC's assets or those of any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the assets of such Unrestricted Subsidiary).

The Board of Directors of QD LLC may designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary only if

immediately after giving effect to such designation, QD LLC is able to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness (other than Permitted Indebtedness) in compliance with the covenant described under Certain Covenants' Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness and

immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such designation, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing. Any such designation by the Boards of Directors of QDI and QD LLC shall be evidenced to the trustee by promptly filing with the trustee a copy of the Board Resolution giving effect to such designation and an officers' certificate certifying that such designation complied with the foregoing provisions.

*Weighted Average Life to Maturity* means, when applied to any Indebtedness at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing

(1) the then outstanding aggregate principal amount of such Indebtedness into

(2) the sum of the total of the products obtained by multiplying (a) the amount of each then remaining installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required payment of principal, including payment at final maturity, in respect thereof, by (b) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) which will elapse between such date and the making of such payment.

*Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary* of any Person means any Restricted Subsidiary of such Person of which all the outstanding voting securities (other than in the case of a Foreign Restricted Subsidiary, directors' qualifying shares or an immaterial amount of shares required to be owned by other Persons pursuant to applicable law) are owned by such Person and/or by one or more Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person.

*Working Capital* shall mean, with respect to QD LLC and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis at any date of determination, Current Assets at such date of determination minus Current Liabilities at such date of determination; provided, that increases or decreases in Working Capital shall be calculated without regard to any changes in Current Assets or Current Liabilities as a result of (a) any reclassification in accordance with GAAP of assets or liabilities, as applicable, between current and noncurrent or (b) the effects of purchase accounting; provided that without duplication of the foregoing clause (b), in determining changes to Working Capital there shall be included with respect to any acquisition during the applicable period an amount (which may be a negative number) by which the Working Capital acquired in such acquisition as at the time of

such acquisition exceeds (or is less than) Working Capital at the end of such period.

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**DESCRIPTION OF 11.75% SENIOR SUBORDINATED PIK NOTES DUE 2013**

The Existing 2013 PIK Notes were, and the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes will be, issued under an indenture (the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture ) among QD LLC, QD Capital, the 2013 PIK Note Guarantors (as defined below) and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

On October 15, 2009, we issued \$80,742,000 aggregate principal amount of Existing 2013 PIK Notes under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture. As of the date of this prospectus, \$81,395,785 aggregate principal amount of Existing 2013 PIK Notes is outstanding resulting from the payment in kind of interest in the amount of \$653,785 on February 1, 2010, thereby increasing the outstanding principal amount of the Existing 2013 PIK Notes. The terms of the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes are identical in all material respects to the Existing 2013 PIK Notes, except the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes will not contain transfer restrictions and holders of Exchange 2013 PIK Notes will no longer have any registration rights or be entitled to any additional interest. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, will authenticate and deliver Exchange 2013 PIK Notes for original issue only in exchange for a like principal amount of Existing 2013 PIK Notes. Any Existing 2013 PIK Notes that remain outstanding after the consummation of the exchange offer covered by this prospectus, together with the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes, will be treated as a single class of securities under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture. Accordingly, all references in this section to specified percentages in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Exchange 2013 PIK Notes shall be deemed to mean, at any time after the exchange offer is consummated, such percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Existing 2013 PIK Notes and Exchange 2013 PIK Notes then outstanding.

The following description is a summary of the material provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture. It does not restate the terms of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture in their entirety. We urge that you carefully read the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, because the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, and not this description, governs your rights as holders of the 2013 PIK Notes. A copy of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture may be obtained from the Issuers or from the SEC's website. See Where You Can Find More Information. The definitions of certain capitalized terms used in the following summary are set forth below under Certain Definitions.

**General**

The 2013 PIK Notes are and will be unsecured obligations of the Issuers, on a joint and several basis, ranking subordinate in right of payment to all existing and future Senior Debt of the Issuers, including the ABL Facility, the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2012 Notes. The 2013 PIK Notes will be effectively subordinated to all existing and future secured debt of the Issuers and the 2013 PIK Note Guarantors to the extent of the assets securing such debt, including the indebtedness under the ABL Facility. The 2013 PIK Notes will also be effectively subordinated to any debt, preferred stock obligations and other liabilities of Subsidiaries of QD LLC (other than QD Capital) that are not 2013 PIK Note Guarantors. As of December 31, 2009, the Issuers and the 2013 PIK Note Guarantors had approximately \$231.4 million of Senior Debt outstanding, consisting of debt under the ABL Facility, the 2013 Senior Notes and other Senior Debt (including \$96.4 million of secured indebtedness, consisting of debt under the ABL Facility, capital lease obligations and other secured notes), and approximately \$44.7 million in borrowing availability under the ABL Facility.

The trustee will act as the initial paying agent and registrar for the 2013 PIK Notes. You may present your 2013 PIK Notes for registration of transfer and exchange at the offices of the registrar, which initially will be the trustee's corporate trust office. The 2013 PIK Notes will be issued in fully registered form only, without coupons, in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000. See Book-Entry, Delivery and Form. The Issuers may change any paying agent and registrar without prior notice.

The Issuers will pay principal (and premium, if any) on the 2013 PIK Notes at the trustee's corporate office in New York, New York. At the Issuers' option, interest may be paid at the trustee's corporate trust office or by check mailed to the registered addresses of holders.

**Terms of the 2013 PIK Notes**

The 2013 PIK Notes will mature on November 1, 2013. Without the consent of any holder, additional 2013 PIK Notes may be issued under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture from time to time, subject to the limitations set forth under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness. The 2013 PIK Notes and any additional 2013 PIK Notes subsequently issued will be treated as a single class for all purposes under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture.



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The 2013 PIK Notes bear interest at a rate of 11.75% per annum, which will be payable as follows: 9% in cash and 2.75% by increasing the principal amount of the outstanding 2013 PIK Notes. Interest will be payable quarterly in arrears on each February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 to the persons who are registered holders at the close of business on the January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15 immediately preceding the applicable interest payment date. The first regularly scheduled interest payment date occurred on February 1, 2010. In addition to cash interest paid on February 1, 2010, interest was paid in kind with respect to the 2013 PIK Notes, thereby increasing the outstanding principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes by \$653,785 in accordance with their terms. Interest on the 2013 PIK Notes will accrue from the most recent date for which interest has been paid and will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Under the terms of the Existing 2013 PIK Notes, a regularly scheduled interest payment is scheduled to occur on May 1, 2010, which is prior to the anticipated expiration of the exchange offer. Interest will be paid with respect to the Existing 2013 PIK Notes as scheduled on May 1, 2010 to holders of record on April 15, 2010, even if a holder's Existing 2013 PIK Notes have been tendered in the exchange offer, and no interest will be paid on May 1, 2010 with respect to Exchange 2013 PIK Notes. The portion of the interest that is paid-in-kind on May 1, 2010 will, when the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes are issued by us after the expiration of the exchange offer, be issued by increasing the outstanding principal amount of Exchange 2013 PIK Notes if the holder's Existing 2013 PIK Notes are accepted by us in the exchange offer.

In addition to interest that accrues as described in the previous paragraph, the Issuers made a special interest payment in cash on November 15, 2009 in the amount of the interest that would have accrued with respect to the 2013 PIK Notes at the rate per annum of 9% for the period from May 15, 2009 through October 15, 2009, to the persons who were registered holders at the close of business on November 1, 2009.

The 2013 PIK Notes are not entitled to the benefit of any mandatory sinking fund.

## **Redemption**

### ***Optional Redemption***

The Issuers may redeem all or any portion of the 2013 PIK Notes prior to October 15, 2010, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes plus the Applicable Premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption.

The Issuers may redeem all or any portion of the 2013 PIK Notes after October 15, 2010, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption.

### ***Optional Redemption upon Equity Offerings***

At any time, or from time to time, on or prior to October 15, 2010, the Issuers may, at their option, use the Net Cash Proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings to redeem up to 35% in aggregate principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes originally issued under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture at a redemption price equal to 111.75% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the date of redemption; *provided, however*, that after any such redemption the aggregate principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes outstanding must equal at least 65% of the aggregate amount of the 2013 PIK Notes originally issued under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture. In order to effect the foregoing redemption with the Net Cash Proceeds of any Equity Offering, the Issuers shall make such redemption not more than 120 days after the consummation of any such Equity Offering.

### ***Selection and Notice of Redemption***

If less than all of the 2013 PIK Notes are to be redeemed at any time, the trustee will select those 2013 PIK Notes for redemption in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange, if any, on which the 2013 PIK Notes are listed or, if the 2013 PIK Notes are not then listed on a national securities exchange, on a proportional basis, by lot or by such method as the trustee considers fair and appropriate. 2013 PIK Notes with a principal amount of \$1,000 or less may only be redeemed in full, other than PIK Notes, which may be redeemed in multiples of \$1.00. If a partial redemption is made with the Net Cash Proceeds of an Equity Offering or an Asset Sale, the trustee will select the 2013 PIK Notes or portions of the 2013 PIK Notes for redemption only on a pro rata basis or on as nearly a proportional basis as is practicable, unless the method is otherwise prohibited.

Notice of redemption must be mailed by first-class mail at least 30 but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of 2013 PIK Notes to be redeemed at its registered address. If any 2013 PIK Note is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption that relates to the 2013 PIK Note will state the portion of the principal amount to be redeemed. A new 2013 PIK Note in a principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion will be issued in the name of the holder upon cancellation of the original 2013 PIK Note. On and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on those 2013 PIK Notes, or portions thereof, called for redemption if the Issuers have deposited with the paying

agent the funds needed to pay the applicable redemption price. See Book-Entry, Delivery and Form.

**Subordination**

The payment of all Obligations on or relating to the 2013 PIK Notes is subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full in cash or Cash Equivalents of all Obligations on all existing and future Senior Debt of the Issuers (including the Obligations with respect to the ABL Facility).

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The holders of Senior Debt will be entitled to receive payment in full in cash or Cash Equivalents of all Obligations in respect of Senior Debt (including interest accruing after the commencement of any bankruptcy or other like proceeding at the rate specified in the applicable Senior Debt even if such interest is not an allowed claim in such proceeding) before the holders of 2013 PIK Notes will be entitled to receive any payment or distribution of any kind or character with respect to any Obligations on, or relating to, the 2013 PIK Notes in the event of any total or partial distribution to creditors of either of the Issuers:

- (1) in a total or partial liquidation or total or partial dissolution of either of the Issuers;
- (2) in a total or partial bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, receivership or similar proceeding relating to either of the Issuers or their respective properties;
- (3) in a total or partial assignment for the benefit of creditors of either of the Issuers; or
- (4) in any marshalling of all or part of the assets and liabilities of either of the Issuers.

Until all such Obligations in respect of Senior Debt have been paid in full in cash or Cash Equivalents, any payment or distribution to which holders of 2013 PIK Notes would have been entitled but for the subordination provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture will be made to holders of Senior Debt as their interests may appear. If a payment or distribution is made to holders of 2013 PIK Notes that due to the subordination provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture should not have been made to them, such holders of 2013 PIK Notes will be required to hold it in trust for the holders of Senior Debt and pay it over to such holders of Senior Debt as their interests may appear.

Neither of the Issuers may make any payment or distribution of any kind or character with respect to any Obligations on, or relating to, the 2013 PIK Notes or purchase, repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire any 2013 PIK Notes for cash or property or otherwise or set aside any funds or make any deposit with the trustee for any purpose (collectively, *pay the 2013 PIK Notes* ) if:

- (1) a payment default (including a default in the payment of any principal, premium (if any), liquidated damages (if any) or other Obligations) on any Designated Senior Debt of either Issuer occurs and is continuing; or
- (2) any other default occurs and is continuing on Designated Senior Debt of either Issuer that permits holders of the Designated Senior Debt to accelerate its maturity and the trustee receives a notice of such default (a *Payment Blockage Notice* ) from the Representative of any Designated Senior Debt.

Payments and distributions with respect to any Obligations on, or with respect to, the 2013 PIK Notes may and will be resumed:

- (1) in the case of a payment default, upon the date on which such default is cured or waived; and
- (2) in case of a nonpayment default, the earliest to happen of:

the date on which all nonpayment defaults are cured or waived (so long as no other event of default or payment default exists);

180 days after the date on which the applicable Payment Blockage Notice is received, unless the maturity of any Designated Senior Debt has been accelerated; or

the date on which the trustee receives notice from the Representative for such Designated Senior Debt rescinding the Payment Blockage Notice, unless the maturity of any Designated Senior Debt has been accelerated.

No new Payment Blockage Notice may be delivered unless and until 360 days have elapsed since the delivery of the immediately prior Payment Blockage Notice.

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No nonpayment default that existed or was continuing on the date of delivery of any Payment Blockage Notice to the trustee will be, or be made, the basis for a subsequent Payment Blockage Notice unless such default shall have been cured or waived for a period of not less than 90 consecutive days. However, under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, any subsequent action, or any breach of any financial covenants for a period commencing after the date of delivery of such initial Payment Blockage Notice, that in either case would give rise to a default pursuant to any provisions under which a default previously existed or was continuing would constitute a new default for this purpose.

The ABL Facility requires that QD LLC promptly notify each lender thereunder if payment of the 2013 PIK Notes is accelerated because of an Event of Default.

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Since the right to be paid principal, interest and other Obligations on or relating to the 2013 PIK Notes ranks junior to the rights of holders of the Issuers' Senior Debt, if either Issuer become bankrupt or insolvent, creditors of such Issuer who are not holders of Senior Debt, including the holders of the 2013 PIK Notes, may recover less proportionately than holders of Senior Debt.

As of December 31, 2009, the Issuers and the 2013 PIK Note Guarantors had approximately \$231.4 million of Senior Debt outstanding, consisting of debt under the ABL Facility, the 2013 Senior Notes and other Senior Debt, and an additional \$44.7 million available for borrowing under the ABL Facility (after giving effect to outstanding letters of credit) and Subsidiaries of the Issuers that are not 2013 PIK Note Guarantors had approximately \$0.9 million of debt and other liabilities outstanding, including trade payables, but excluding intercompany balances.

### **Guarantees**

Each 2013 PIK Note Guarantor unconditionally guarantees, on an unsecured senior subordinated basis, jointly and severally, to each holder of 2013 PIK Notes and the trustee, the full and prompt performance of the Issuers' obligations under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture and the 2013 PIK Notes, including the payment of principal of and interest on the 2013 PIK Notes. The 2013 PIK Note Guarantees are subordinated to Guarantor Senior Debt on the same basis as the 2013 PIK Notes are subordinated to Senior Debt. The obligations of each 2013 PIK Note Guarantor are limited to the maximum amount which, after giving effect to all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such 2013 PIK Note Guarantor (including all Guarantor Senior Debt of the respective 2013 PIK Note Guarantor) and after giving effect to any collections from or payments made by or on behalf of any other 2013 PIK Note Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other 2013 PIK Note Guarantor under its 2013 PIK Note Guarantee or pursuant to its contribution obligations under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, will result in the obligations of such 2013 PIK Note Guarantor under the 2013 PIK Note Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under federal or state law.

Each 2013 PIK Note Guarantor may consolidate with or merge into or sell its assets to QD LLC or another 2013 PIK Note Guarantor, or with other Persons upon the terms and conditions set forth in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture. See Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets. In the event all of the Capital Stock of an 2013 PIK Note Guarantor is disposed of by QD LLC, whether by merger, consolidation, sale or otherwise, and the disposition is not in violation of the provisions set forth in Certain Covenants' Limitation on Asset Sales, the 2013 PIK Note Guarantor's 2013 PIK Note Guarantee will be released. In addition, upon the designation of a Restricted Subsidiary that is an 2013 PIK Note Guarantor as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in compliance with the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, such 2013 PIK Note Guarantor's 2013 PIK Note Guarantee will be released.

QDI will be an 2013 PIK Note Guarantor of the 2013 PIK Notes but since QDI is currently a holding company with no significant operations, the 2013 PIK Note Guarantee by QDI provides little, if any, additional credit support for the 2013 PIK Notes, and you should not rely on the 2013 PIK Note Guarantee by QDI in evaluating an investment in the 2013 PIK Notes. In addition, except in certain limited circumstances, the restrictive covenants contained in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture will not apply to QDI.

### **Change of Control**

The 2013 PIK Notes Indenture provides that upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder will have the right to require that the Issuers purchase all or a portion of such holder's 2013 PIK Notes pursuant to the offer described below (the Change of Control Offer), at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount plus accrued interest to the date of purchase. Notwithstanding the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Issuers will not be obligated to repurchase the 2013 PIK Notes under this covenant if the Issuers have exercised their right to redeem all the 2013 PIK Notes under the terms of the section titled Optional Redemption.

The 2013 PIK Notes Indenture provides that, prior to the mailing of the notice referred to below, but in any event within 30 days following any Change of Control, the Issuers covenant to:

repay in full all Obligations, and terminate all commitments, under the ABL Facility and all other Senior Debt, the terms of which require repayment upon a Change of Control or offer to repay in full all Obligations, and terminate all commitments, under the ABL Facility and to repay the Obligations owed to (and terminate all commitments of) each lender which has accepted such offer; or

obtain consents required under the ABL Facility and all such other Senior Debt to permit the repurchase of the 2013 PIK Notes as provided below.

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The Issuers will first comply with the covenant in the immediately preceding sentence before they are required to either repurchase 2013 PIK Notes or send the notice pursuant to the provisions described below. The Issuers' failure to comply with the covenant described in the second preceding sentence (and any failure to send the notice referred to in the succeeding paragraph as a result of the prohibition in the second preceding sentence) may (with notice and lapse of time) constitute an Event of Default described in clause (3), but shall not constitute an Event of Default described in clause (2) under "Events of Default" below.

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Within 30 days following the date upon which the Change of Control occurred, the Issuers will send, by first-class mail, a notice to each holder, with a copy to the trustee, which notice shall govern the terms of the Change of Control Offer. The notice will state, among other things, the purchase date, which must be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date the notice is mailed, other than as may be required by law (the Change of Control Payment Date). Holders electing to have a 2013 PIK Note purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer must surrender the 2013 PIK Note, with the form entitled Option of Holder to Elect Purchase on the reverse of the 2013 PIK Note completed, to the paying agent at the address specified in the notice prior to the close of business on the third business day prior to the Change of Control Payment Date.

The Issuers will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Issuers and purchases all 2013 PIK Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer.

If the Issuers make a Change of Control Offer, there can be no assurance that the Issuers will have available funds sufficient to pay the Change of Control purchase price for all the 2013 PIK Notes that might be delivered by holders seeking to accept the Change of Control Offer. In the event the Issuers are required to purchase outstanding 2013 PIK Notes pursuant to a Change of Control Offer, the Issuers expect that one or both of the Issuers would seek third party financing to the extent the Issuers lack available funds to meet their purchase obligations. However, there can be no assurance that either of the Issuers would be able to obtain such financing.

A Change of Control will be an Event of Default under the ABL Facility, upon which event all amounts outstanding under that ABL Facility will, unless otherwise agreed by the required lenders thereunder, become due and payable and will also be a Change of Control under the Senior Notes entitling holders thereof to require the Issuers to redeem their notes. There can be no assurance in the event of a Change of Control that the Issuers would be able to obtain the necessary consents from the lenders under the ABL Facility to waive such default or consummate a Change of Control Offer.

The trustee may not waive the covenant relating to a holder's right to redemption upon a Change of Control. However, the covenant and other provisions contained in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture relating to the obligation to make a Change of Control Offer may be waived or modified with the written consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes. Restrictions described in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture on the ability of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries to incur additional Indebtedness, to grant Liens on their property, to make Restricted Payments and to make Asset Sales may also make more difficult or discourage a takeover of QDI or QD LLC, whether favored or opposed by QD LLC's management. Consummation of any such transaction may require redemption or repurchase of the 2013 PIK Notes, and there can be no assurance that QD LLC or the acquiring party will have sufficient financial resources to effect such redemption or repurchase. Such restrictions and the restrictions on transactions with Affiliates may make more difficult or discourage any leveraged buyout of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries by QD LLC's management. While such restrictions cover a wide variety of arrangements which have traditionally been used to effect highly leveraged transactions, the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture may not afford you protection in all circumstances from the adverse aspects of a highly leveraged transaction, reorganization, restructuring, merger or similar transaction.

The Issuers will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of 2013 PIK Notes pursuant to a Change of Control Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, the Issuers will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached their obligations under the Change of Control provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture by so doing.

The definition of Change of Control includes, among other transactions, a disposition of all or substantially all of QD LLC's property and assets. With respect to the disposition of property or assets, the phrase all or substantially all as used in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture varies according to the facts and circumstances of the subject transaction, has no clearly established meaning under relevant law and is subject to judicial interpretation. Accordingly, in certain circumstances, there may be a degree of uncertainty in ascertaining whether a particular transaction would involve a disposition of all or substantially all of the property or assets of a Person, and therefore it may be unclear whether a Change of Control has occurred and whether the Issuers are required to make a Change of Control Offer.

### **Certain Covenants**

Under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, QD LLC has agreed to the following covenants:

#### ***Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness***

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QD LLC will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume, guarantee, acquire, become liable, contingently or otherwise, with respect to, or otherwise become responsible for payment of (collectively, "incur"), any Indebtedness (other than Permitted Indebtedness); provided, however, that if no Default or Event of



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Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of or as a consequence of the incurrence of any such Indebtedness, QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries may incur Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness) if on the date of the incurrence of such Indebtedness, after giving effect to the incurrence thereof, QD LLC's Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is greater than 2.0 to 1.0; provided that the amount of Indebtedness (other than Acquired Indebtedness) that may be incurred in reliance on the preceding proviso by QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries (other than QD Capital) that have not provided 2013 PIK Note Guarantees in compliance with the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Issuances of Guarantees by Restricted Subsidiaries or Certain Covenants Future 2013 PIK Note Guarantors shall not exceed \$20.0 million at any one time outstanding.

***Limitation on Restricted Payments***

QD LLC will not, and will not cause or permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly,

declare or pay any dividend or make any distribution (other than dividends or distributions payable in its Qualified Capital Stock) on or in respect of shares of QD LLC's Capital Stock to holders of that Capital Stock;

purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire for value any of QD LLC's Capital Stock or any warrants, rights or options to purchase or acquire shares of any class of such Capital Stock;

make any principal payment on, purchase, defease, redeem, prepay, decrease or otherwise acquire or retire for value, prior to any scheduled final maturity, scheduled repayment or scheduled sinking fund payment, any of its Indebtedness that is subordinate or junior in right of payment to the 2013 PIK Notes or any 2013 PIK Note Guarantee (other than Indebtedness described in clause (7) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness );

make any Investment (other than Permitted Investments) (each of the actions listed above being referred to as a Restricted Payment ).

if at the time of such Restricted Payment or immediately after giving effect thereto:

(1) a Default or an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; or

(2) QD LLC is not able to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness (other than Permitted Indebtedness) in compliance with the covenants described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness ; or

(3) the aggregate amount of Restricted Payments (including such proposed Restricted Payment) made after October 15, 2009 (the amount expended for such purposes, if other than in cash, being the fair market value of such property as determined reasonably and in good faith by its Board of Directors) exceeds the sum of, without duplication:

(a) 50% of QD LLC's cumulative Consolidated Net Income (or if cumulative Consolidated Net Income shall be a loss, minus 100% of such loss) earned after June 30, 2009 and on or prior to the date the Restricted Payment is made (the Reference Date ) (treating such period as a single accounting period); plus

(b) 100% of the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds and the fair market value, as determined in good faith by QD LLC's Board of Directors, of property other than cash received by it from any Person (other than a Subsidiary of QD LLC) from the issuance and sale subsequent to October 15, 2009 and on or prior to the Reference Date of its Qualified Capital Stock (other than Excluded Contributions); plus

(c) 100% of the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds of any equity contribution received by it from a holder of QD LLC's Capital Stock (other than Excluded Contributions) after October 15, 2009 and on or prior to the Reference Date; plus

(d) the amount by which Indebtedness of QD LLC or that of any of QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries is reduced on QD LLC's consolidated balance sheet upon the conversion or exchange after October 15, 2009 of any of its Indebtedness or any Indebtedness of its Restricted

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Subsidiaries incurred after October 15, 2009 into or for Qualified Capital Stock; plus

(e) the sum of:

(I) the aggregate amount returned in cash on or with respect to Investments (other than Permitted Investments) made after October 15, 2009 whether through interest payments, principal payments, dividends or other distributions or payments;

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(II) the net cash proceeds received by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries from the disposition of all or any portion of such Investments (other than to a Subsidiary of QD LLC); and

(III) upon redesignation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary, the fair market value of such Subsidiary (valued in each case as provided in the definition of Investment );

provided, however, that the sum of clauses (I), (II) and (III) above will not exceed the aggregate amount of all such Investments made by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary in the relevant Person or Unrestricted Subsidiary after October 15, 2009.

However, the provisions set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph do not prohibit:

(1) the payment of any dividend or other distribution within 60 days after the date of declaration of that dividend or other distribution if the dividend or other distribution would have been permitted on the date of declaration;

(2) if no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the acquisition of any shares of QD LLC's Capital Stock, either (a) solely in exchange for shares of Qualified Capital Stock of QD LLC or Qualified Capital Stock of QDI or (b) through the application of net proceeds of a substantially concurrent sale for cash (other than to a Subsidiary of QD LLC) of shares of QD LLC's Qualified Capital Stock or, to the extent the proceeds are contributed by QDI to QD LLC, from the shares of Capital Stock of QDI;

(3) if no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the acquisition of any Indebtedness of QD LLC or an 2013 PIK Note Guarantor that is subordinate or junior in right of payment to the 2013 PIK Notes or an 2013 PIK Note Guarantee either:

(a) solely in exchange for shares of Qualified Capital Stock of QD LLC or QDI, or

(b) through the application of the net proceeds of a substantially concurrent sale for cash (other than to a Subsidiary of QD LLC) of, or solely in exchange for:

shares of Qualified Capital Stock of QD LLC or QDI;

Refinancing Indebtedness; or

a combination of such Qualified Capital Stock or Refinancing Indebtedness, plus cash or other consideration in the amount of the Restricted Payment permitted to be made under the restriction described in clause (7) below;

(4) if no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, repurchases by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC of, or dividends, distributions or advances to QDI to allow QDI to repurchase (and/or to make payments on notes previously issued by QDI representing the consideration for the previous repurchase of), securities of QDI or QD LLC from employees, managers, directors or consultants of QDI, QD LLC or any Subsidiary of QD LLC or their authorized representatives

(i) upon the death, disability or termination of employment of such employees, managers, directors or consultants or to the extent required pursuant to employee benefit plans, employment agreements or consulting agreements;

(ii) pursuant to any other agreement with such employees, managers, directors or consultants of QDI, QD LLC or any Subsidiary of QD LLC, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2.5 million in any calendar year (with unused amounts in any calendar year being carried over to succeeding years subject to a maximum of \$5.0 million in any calendar year), provided that the cancellation of Indebtedness owing to QDI, QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC from such employees, managers, directors or consultants of QD LLC or any of QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with a repurchase of QD LLC's Capital Stock will not be deemed to constitute a Restricted Payment under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture; or

(iii) to the extent required pursuant to the Option Plan;

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(5) the declaration and payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of QD LLC s Preferred Stock; provided that for the most recently ended four full fiscal quarters for which internal financial statements are available immediately preceding the date of issuance of such Preferred Stock, after giving effect to such issuance on a pro forma basis, QD LLC would have been able to incur at least \$1.00 of Indebtedness (other than Permitted Indebtedness) under the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness ;

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(6) the payment of dividends on QD LLC's Common Stock (or dividends, distributions or advances to QDI to allow QDI to pay dividends on QDI's Common Stock), following any public offering of QD LLC's Common Stock (or of QDI's Common Stock) after October 15, 2009, of:

in the case of any public offering of QD LLC's Common Stock, up to 6% per annum of the net proceeds received by us in such public offering, or

in the case of any public offering of QDI's Common Stock, up to 6% per annum of the amount contributed to QD LLC by QDI from the proceeds received by QDI from such offering, other than, in each case, public offerings with respect to QD LLC's Common Stock (or of QDI's Common Stock) registered on Form S-8 (or any successor form);

(7) other Restricted Payments made after October 15, 2009 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$15.0 million;

(8) if no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, payments or distributions to, or dividends, distributions or advances to QDI to allow QDI to make payments or distributions to, dissenting stockholders pursuant to applicable law, pursuant to or in connection with a consolidation, merger or transfer of assets that complies with the provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture applicable to mergers, consolidations and transfers of all or substantially all of QD LLC's property and assets;

(9) Investments that are made with Excluded Contributions;

(10) repurchases of Capital Stock deemed to occur upon the exercise of stock options, warrants or other convertible securities, to the extent such Capital Stock represents a portion of the consideration for such exercise;

(11) payment of dividends, other distributions or other amounts by QD LLC to QDI in amounts required for QDI to pay (x) reasonable fees and compensation incurred by QDI in respect of services provided by officers, managers or other employees of QDI in the ordinary course of business with respect to the operations and business of QD LLC and its Subsidiaries and (y) franchise taxes and other fees required to maintain its existence and provide for all other operating costs of QDI incurred by QDI in the ordinary course of business, either for its own benefit or for the benefit of QD LLC or its Subsidiaries, including in the case of clause (y), in respect of directors' fees and expenses, administrative, legal and accounting services provided by third parties and other costs and expenses, including all costs and expenses with respect to filings with the SEC or furnishing to holders of the securities of QD LLC the information to be provided pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act, provided that in no event shall the amount dividended or otherwise distributed pursuant to clause (y) of this clause (11) exceed \$2.5 million in any fiscal year;

(12) the acquisition of any shares of QD LLC's Disqualified Capital Stock either:

solely in exchange for shares of QD LLC's Disqualified Capital Stock or Capital Stock of QDI or

through the application of the net proceeds of a substantially concurrent sale for cash (other than to a Subsidiary of QD LLC) of shares of QD LLC's Disqualified Capital Stock or, to the extent the proceeds are contributed by QDI to QD LLC, from shares of Capital Stock of QDI;

(13) any purchase or redemption of Indebtedness that ranks junior to the 2013 PIK Notes utilizing any Net Cash Proceeds remaining after QD LLC has complied with the requirements of the covenants described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Asset Sales and Change of Control ;

(14) the payment of dividends, other distributions or amounts by QD LLC to QDI in amounts required to pay the tax obligations of QDI or any of its direct or indirect parents that are attributable to the income of QD LLC and its Subsidiaries by virtue of (i) QD LLC being a pass-through entity for federal or state income tax purposes or (ii) the inclusion of such income in a consolidated or combined or similar tax group of which QDI is the common parent, provided that:

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the amount of dividends paid pursuant to this clause (14) to enable QDI or any of its direct or indirect parents to pay Federal and state income taxes at any time will not exceed the amount of such Federal and state income taxes actually owing by QDI or any of its direct or indirect parents at such time for the respective period (excluding any tax liability of QDI or any of its direct or indirect parents not attributable to QD LLC or its Subsidiaries) and

any refunds received by or on behalf of QDI or any of its direct or indirect parents attributable to QD LLC and its Subsidiaries shall promptly be returned by QDI or any of its direct or indirect parents to QD LLC; and

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(15) if no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, payments of cash, or dividends, distributions or advances to QDI to allow QDI to make payments of cash, in lieu of the issuance of fractional shares upon the exercise of warrants or upon the conversion or exchange of, or issuance of Capital Stock in lieu of cash dividends on, any Capital Stock of QDI, QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary, which in the aggregate do not exceed \$5.0 million.

In determining the aggregate amount of Restricted Payments made after October 15, 2009 in accordance with clause (3) of the first paragraph of this covenant, amounts expended pursuant to clauses (1), (2)(b), (3)(b) (with respect to Qualified Capital Stock of QD LLC), (4), (5), (6), (7),(8), (13) and (15) will be included in the calculation.

The amount of all Restricted Payments other than cash shall be the fair market value on the date of the Restricted Payment of the asset(s) or securities proposed to be transferred or issued by QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, pursuant to the Restricted Payment.

Not later than the date of making any Restricted Payment, QD LLC will deliver to the trustee an officers' certificate stating that such Restricted Payment complies with the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture and setting forth in reasonable detail the basis upon which the required calculations were computed, which calculations may be based upon QD LLC's latest available internal quarterly financial statements.

***Limitation on Asset Sales***

QD LLC will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, consummate an Asset Sale unless:

(1) QD LLC or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, receives consideration at the time of such Asset Sale at least equal to the fair market value of the assets sold or otherwise disposed of (as determined in good faith by QD LLC's senior management or, in the case of an Asset Sale in excess of \$5.0 million, its Board of Directors);

(2) at least 75% of the consideration received by QD LLC or the Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, from such Asset Sale shall be in the form of:

cash or Cash Equivalents,

properties and assets to be owned by QD LLC or any of QD LLC Restricted Subsidiaries and used in a Permitted Business, or

Capital Stock in one or more Persons engaged in a Permitted Business that are or thereby become Restricted Subsidiaries of QD LLC,

and, in each case, such consideration is received at the time of such disposition; provided that the amount of

any liabilities (as shown on QD LLC's or such Restricted Subsidiary's most recent balance sheet) of QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary (other than liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the 2013 PIK Notes or any 2013 PIK Note Guarantee of an 2013 PIK Note Guarantor) that are assumed by the transferee of any such assets, and

any notes or other securities received by QD LLC or any such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are converted by QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash within 180 days after such Asset Sale (to the extent of the cash received in the conversion) shall be deemed to be cash for the purposes of this provision only; and

(3) upon the consummation of an Asset Sale, QD LLC will apply, or cause such Restricted Subsidiary to apply, the Net Cash Proceeds relating to such Asset Sale within 360 days of receipt thereof either:

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(a) to prepay any Senior Debt or Guarantor Senior Debt or any Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not an 2013 PIK Note Guarantor and, in the case of any such Senior Debt, Guarantor Senior Debt or Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary under any revolving credit facility, effect a permanent reduction in the availability under such revolving credit facility (or effect a permanent reduction in the availability under such revolving credit facility regardless of the fact that no prepayment is required);

(b) to make an investment

in properties and assets that replace the properties and assets that were the subject of such Asset Sale,



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in properties and assets that will be used by QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary in a Permitted Business, or

permitted by the restriction described in clause (1) of the definition of Permitted Investments (collectively, Replacement Assets ); or

(c) a combination of prepayment and investment permitted by the restrictions described in foregoing clauses (3)(a) and (3)(b).

Pending the final application of the Net Cash Proceeds, QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries may temporarily reduce Indebtedness or otherwise invest such Net Cash Proceeds in any manner not prohibited by the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture.

On the 361st day after an Asset Sale or such earlier date, if any, as the senior management or the Board of Directors of QD LLC or of such Restricted Subsidiary determines not to apply the Net Cash Proceeds relating to such Asset Sale as set forth in clauses (3)(a), (3)(b) and (3)(c) of the next preceding paragraph (each, a Net Proceeds Offer Trigger Date ), such aggregate amount of Net Cash Proceeds which have not been applied on or before such Net Proceeds Offer Trigger Date as permitted under the restrictions described in clauses (3)(a), (3)(b) and (3)(c) of the next preceding paragraph (each a Net Proceeds Offer Amount ) shall be applied by QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary to make an offer to purchase (the Net Proceeds Offer ) on a date (the Net Proceeds Offer Payment Date ) not less than 30 nor more than 60 days following the applicable Net Proceeds Offer Trigger Date, from all holders on a pro rata basis, that amount of 2013 PIK Notes equal to the Net Proceeds Offer Amount at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes to be purchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the date of purchase; provided, however, that if QD LLC so elects or is required by the terms of any Senior Subordinated Debt, such Net Proceeds Offer may be made ratably to purchase the 2013 PIK Notes and such other Indebtedness of QD LLC that ranks *pari passu* with the 2013 PIK Notes.

Notice of each Net Proceeds Offer will be mailed to the record holders as shown on the register of holders within 25 days following the Net Proceeds Offer Trigger Date, with a copy to the trustee, and will comply with the procedures set forth in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture. Upon receiving notice of the Net Proceeds Offer, holders may elect to tender their 2013 PIK Notes in whole or in part in integral multiples of \$1,000 in exchange for cash, except that PIK Notes may be tendered in whole or in part in integral multiples of \$1.00. To the extent holders properly tender 2013 PIK Notes in an amount exceeding the Net Proceeds Offer Amount, 2013 PIK Notes of tendering holders will be purchased on a pro rata basis (based on amounts tendered). To the extent that the aggregate amount of the 2013 PIK Notes tendered pursuant to a Net Proceeds Offer is less than the Net Proceeds Offer Amount, QD LLC may use such excess Net Proceeds Offer Amount for general corporate purposes or for any other purposes not prohibited by the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture. Upon completion of any such Net Proceeds Offer, the Net Proceeds Offer Amount shall be reset at zero. A Net Proceeds Offer shall remain open for a period of 20 business days or such longer period as may be required by law.

If at any time any non-cash consideration received by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC, as the case may be, in connection with any Asset Sale is converted into or sold or otherwise disposed of for cash (other than interest received with respect to any such non-cash consideration), then such conversion or disposition shall be deemed to constitute an Asset Sale hereunder as of the date of such conversion or disposition and the Net Cash Proceeds thereof will be applied in accordance with this covenant.

QD LLC may defer the Net Proceeds Offer until there is an aggregate unutilized Net Proceeds Offer Amount equal to or in excess of \$10.0 million resulting from one or more Asset Sales (at which time, the entire unutilized Net Proceeds Offer Amount, and not just the amount in excess of \$10.0 million, shall be applied as required pursuant to the second preceding paragraph).

In the event of the transfer of substantially all (but not all) of the property and assets of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries as an entirety to a Person in a transaction permitted under the restrictions described in Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets, which transaction does not constitute a Change of Control, the successor corporation shall be deemed to have sold the properties and assets of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries not so transferred for purposes of this covenant and shall comply with the covenant described in clause (3) of this section with respect to such deemed sale as if it were an Asset Sale. In addition, the fair market value of such properties and assets of QD LLC or its Restricted Subsidiaries deemed to be sold shall be deemed to be Net Cash Proceeds for purposes of this covenant.

QD LLC will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of 2013 PIK Notes pursuant to a Net Proceeds Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Asset Sale provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, QD LLC shall comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and shall not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Asset Sale provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture by virtue thereof. The covenant and other provisions contained in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture relating to QD LLC's obligation to make a Net Proceeds Offer may be waived or modified with the written consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes.



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***Limitations on Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Subsidiaries***

QD LLC will not, and will not cause or permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than a Restricted Subsidiary that has executed an 2013 PIK Note Guarantee) to, directly or indirectly, create or otherwise cause or permit to exist or become effective any encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC to:

(a) pay dividends or make any other distribution on or in respect of its Capital Stock (it being understood that the priority of any Preferred Stock in receiving dividends or liquidating distributions prior to dividends or liquidating distributions being paid on Common Stock shall not be deemed a restriction on the ability to make distributions on Capital Stock);

(b) make loans or advances or to pay any Indebtedness or other obligation owed to QD LLC or any other Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC; or

(c) transfer any of its property or assets to QD LLC or any other of QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries,

except for such encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of:

(1) applicable law, rule, regulation, order, grant or governmental permit;

(2) the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture;

(3) the ABL Facility;

(4) customary non-assignment provisions of any contract, license or any lease of any of QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries;

(5) any agreement or instrument governing Acquired Indebtedness, which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person or the properties or assets of the Person so acquired;

(6) agreements or instruments existing or entered into on October 15, 2009 to the extent and in the manner such agreements or instruments were in effect on October 15, 2009;

(7) purchase money obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business or Capitalized Lease Obligations that impose restrictions of the nature discussed in clause (c) above on the property so acquired;

(8) contracts for the sale of assets, including customary restrictions with respect to a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC pursuant to an agreement that has been entered into for the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the Capital Stock or assets of such Restricted Subsidiary;

(9) secured Indebtedness otherwise permitted to be incurred pursuant to the covenants described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness and Certain Covenants Limitation on Liens that limit the right of the debtor to dispose of the assets securing such Indebtedness;

(10) customary provisions in joint venture agreements and other similar agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(11) customary net worth and restrictions on transfer, assignment or subletting provisions contained in leases and other agreements entered into by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC;

(12) any restriction in any agreement or instrument of a Receivables Subsidiary governing a Qualified Receivables Transaction;

(13) any agreement governing Indebtedness incurred to Refinance the Indebtedness issued, assumed or incurred pursuant to an agreement referred to in clauses (1), (2) and (5) through (12) above; provided, however, that the provisions relating to such encumbrance or restriction contained in any such Indebtedness, taken as a whole, are no less favorable to QD LLC or the respective Restricted Subsidiary in any material respect as determined by QD LLC's Board of Directors in its reasonable and good faith judgment than the provisions relating to such encumbrance or restriction contained in the agreements referred to in such clauses; or

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(14) any agreement governing Indebtedness permitted to be incurred pursuant to the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence on Additional Indebtedness ; provided that the provisions relating to such encumbrance or restriction contained in such Indebtedness, taken as a whole, are no less favorable to QD LLC or the

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respective Restricted Subsidiary in any material respect as determined by its Board of Directors in its reasonable and good faith judgment than the provisions contained in the ABL Facility or in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture as in effect on October 15, 2009.

***Limitation on Issuances of Guarantees by Restricted Subsidiaries***

QD LLC will not permit any of its Domestic Restricted Subsidiaries, directly or indirectly, to guarantee any of QD LLC's Indebtedness under the ABL Facility ( Guaranteed Indebtedness ), unless (1) such Domestic Restricted Subsidiary simultaneously executes and delivers a supplemental indenture to the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture providing for an unsecured senior subordinated 2013 PIK Note Guarantee of payment of the 2013 PIK Notes by such Domestic Restricted Subsidiary, which 2013 PIK Note Guarantee shall be subordinated to the guarantee of the Indebtedness under the ABL Facility to the same extent that the 2013 PIK Notes are subordinated to the ABL Facility, and (2) such Domestic Restricted Subsidiary waives and will not in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of any rights of reimbursement, indemnity or subrogation or any other rights against QD LLC or any other Domestic Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC as a result of any payment by such Domestic Restricted Subsidiary under its 2013 PIK Note Guarantee so long as any 2013 PIK Notes remain outstanding.

Notwithstanding the foregoing or the covenant described below under Future 2013 PIK Note Guarantors, any 2013 PIK Note Guarantee by a Restricted Subsidiary may provide by its terms that it shall be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged upon:

any sale, exchange or transfer, to any Person not an Affiliate of QD LLC, of all of QD LLC's and each of its Restricted Subsidiary's Capital Stock in, or all or substantially all the assets of, such Restricted Subsidiary (which sale, exchange or transfer is not prohibited by the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture),

the release or discharge of the guarantee, if any, which resulted in the creation of such 2013 PIK Note Guarantee, except a discharge or release by or as a result of payment under such guarantee, or

the designation of such Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in accordance with the provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture.

***Future 2013 PIK Note Guarantors***

If QD LLC organizes or acquires any Domestic Restricted Subsidiary (each, a New Domestic Restricted Subsidiary ) that, after giving pro forma effect to the acquisition or organization of such New Domestic Restricted Subsidiary or Subsidiaries (if applicable), together with each other New Domestic Restricted Subsidiary that has not theretofore become a 2013 PIK Note Guarantor, has consolidated assets or Consolidated EBITDA which exceeds 5% of the total consolidated assets, as of the end of the most recently completed fiscal quarter for which financial statements are internally available, or total Consolidated EBITDA, for the most recent preceding four fiscal quarters for which financial statements are internally available, of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries, QD LLC will cause each New Domestic Restricted Subsidiary to promptly execute and deliver to the trustee a supplemental indenture to the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture providing for an unsecured senior subordinated guarantee of payment of the 2013 PIK Notes by such New Domestic Restricted Subsidiary.

Thereafter, such New Domestic Restricted Subsidiary shall be a 2013 PIK Note Guarantor for all purposes of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture.

***Limitations on Liens***

QD LLC will not, and will not cause or permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or permit or suffer to exist any Lien of any kind against or upon any property or assets of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries whether owned on October 15, 2009 or acquired after such date, or any proceeds therefrom, or assign or otherwise convey any right to receive income or profits therefrom unless:

(1) in the case of Liens securing Indebtedness that is expressly subordinate or junior in right of payment of the 2013 PIK Notes, the 2013 PIK Notes are secured by a Lien on such property, assets or proceeds that is senior in priority to such Liens; and

(2) in all other cases, the 2013 PIK Notes are equally and ratably secured, except for the following Liens which are expressly permitted:

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(a) Liens existing as of October 15, 2009;

(b) Liens Senior Debt, Guarantor Senior Debt and Indebtedness (including any guarantee) incurred by a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC under the ABL Facility;

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- (c) Liens securing the 2013 PIK Notes or any 2013 PIK Note Guarantee, if any;
- (d) Liens in favor of QD LLC or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC on assets of any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (e) Liens securing Refinancing Indebtedness which is incurred to Refinance any Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness) which has been secured by a Lien permitted under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture and which has been incurred in accordance with the provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture; provided, however, that such Liens:
  - (I) are no less favorable to holders of the 2013 PIK Notes and are not more favorable to the lienholders with respect to such Liens than the Liens in respect of the Indebtedness being Refinanced; and
  - (II) do not extend to or cover any property or assets of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries not securing the Indebtedness so Refinanced; and
- (f) Liens securing Indebtedness of QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries that are not 2013 PIK Note Guarantors so long as such indebtedness is otherwise permitted under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture;
- (g) Permitted Liens.

***Prohibition on Incurrence of Senior Subordinated Debt***

QD LLC and the 2013 PIK Note Guarantors will not incur or suffer to exist Indebtedness that is senior in right of payment by its terms to the 2013 PIK Notes or any 2013 PIK Note Guarantee and subordinated in right of payment by its terms to any other Indebtedness of QD LLC or such 2013 PIK Note Guarantor, as the case may be.

***Limitations on Transactions with Affiliates***

(1) QD LLC will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, enter into or permit to exist any transaction or series of related transactions (including the purchase, sale, lease or exchange of any property or the rendering of any service) with, or for the benefit of, any of its Affiliates (each an Affiliate Transaction), other than

Affiliate Transactions permitted under the restriction described under paragraph (2) below, and

Affiliate Transactions on terms that are no less favorable than those that could reasonably have been obtained in a comparable transaction at such time on an arm's-length basis from a Person that is not an Affiliate of QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary.

All Affiliate Transactions (and each series of related Affiliate Transactions which are similar or part of a common plan) involving aggregate payments or other property with a fair market value in excess of \$2.0 million shall be approved by QD LLC's Board of Directors, such approval to be evidenced by a Board Resolution stating that each such Board of Directors has determined that such transaction complies with the foregoing provisions. If QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries enters into an Affiliate Transaction (or a series of related Affiliate Transactions related to a common plan) that involves an aggregate fair market value of more than \$10.0 million, QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, shall, prior to the consummation thereof, obtain a favorable opinion as to the fairness of such transaction or series of related transactions to QD LLC or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, from a financial point of view, from an Independent Financial Advisor and file the same with the trustee.

(2) The restrictions set forth in clause (1) shall not apply to:

- (a) reasonable fees and compensation paid to and indemnity provided on behalf of officers, managers, directors, employees or consultants of QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of QD LLC;

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(b) transactions exclusively between QD LLC and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or exclusively among such Restricted Subsidiaries; provided such transactions are not otherwise prohibited by the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture;

(c) any agreement as in effect or entered into as of October 15, 2009 or any amendment thereto or any replacement agreement thereto or any transaction contemplated thereby so long as any such amendment or replacement agreement is not more disadvantageous to the holders in any material respect than the original agreement as in effect on October 15, 2009;



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(d) Restricted Payments and Permitted Investments permitted by the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture;

(e) transactions in which QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, delivers to the trustee a letter from an Independent Financial Advisor stating that such transaction is fair to QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary from a financial point of view or meets the requirements of the first sentence of paragraph (1) above;

(f) the issuance of securities or other payments, awards or grants in cash, securities or otherwise pursuant to, or the funding of, employment arrangements, stock options and stock ownership plans or similar employee benefit plans approved by the Boards of Directors of QD LLC in good faith and loans to employees of QD LLC and its Subsidiaries which are approved by the Board of Directors of QD LLC in good faith;

(g) transactions with customers, clients, suppliers or purchasers or sellers of goods or services, in each case on ordinary business terms and otherwise in compliance with the terms of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, which are fair to QD LLC or its Restricted Subsidiaries, in the reasonable determination of the Board of Directors of QD LLC or the senior management thereof, or are on terms at least as favorable as could reasonably have been obtained at such time from an unaffiliated party;

(h) any contribution to QD LLC's capital by QDI or any sales of QD LLC's Capital Stock to QDI; and

(i) any tax-sharing agreement or arrangement and payments pursuant thereto among QD LLC and its Subsidiaries and any other Person with which QD LLC or any of its Subsidiaries is required or permitted to file a consolidated tax return or with which QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is or could be part of a consolidated group for tax purposes in amounts not otherwise prohibited by the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture.

***Reports to Holders***

The 2013 PIK Notes Indenture provides that, whether or not required by the rules and regulations of the SEC, so long as any 2013 PIK Notes are outstanding, QD LLC will file a copy of the following information and reports with the SEC for public availability (unless the SEC will not accept such a filing) and will furnish to the holders of 2013 PIK Notes and to securities analysts and prospective investors, upon their written request:

(1) all quarterly and annual financial information that would be required to be contained in a filing with the SEC on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if QD LLC were required to file such forms, including a Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations that describes the financial condition and results of operations of QD LLC and its consolidated Subsidiaries and, with respect to the annual information only, a report thereon by QD LLC's certified independent accountants; and

(2) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the SEC on Form 8-K if QD LLC were required to file such reports, in each case within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations.

In addition, whether or not required by the rules and regulations of the SEC, we will file a copy of all such information and reports with the SEC for public availability within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations (unless the SEC will not accept such a filing) and make such information available to securities analysts and prospective investors upon written request to us.

In addition, we have agreed that, for so long as any 2013 PIK Notes remain outstanding, we will furnish to the holders and to securities analysts and prospective investors, upon their request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as QDI is an 2013 PIK Note Guarantor, the information and reports required to be filed and provided as described above may be those of QDI, rather than QD LLC, so long as such filing would satisfy the requirements of the Exchange Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

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**Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets**

QD LLC will not, in a single transaction or series of related transactions, consolidate or merge with or into any Person, or sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of (or cause or permit any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC to sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of) all or substantially all of its assets (determined on a consolidated basis for QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries) whether as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to any Person unless:

(1) either (a) QD LLC shall be the surviving or continuing corporation, partnership, trust or limited liability company or (b) the Person (if other than QD LLC) formed by such consolidation or into which QD LLC is merged or the Person which acquires by sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition the properties and assets of QD LLC, and of its Restricted Subsidiaries substantially as an entirety (the Surviving Entity ):

(x) shall be a corporation, partnership, trust or limited liability company organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States or any State thereof or the District of Columbia; and

(y) shall expressly assume, by supplemental indenture (in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the trustee), executed and delivered to the trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on all of the 2013 PIK Notes and the performance of every covenant of the 2013 PIK Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture on the part of QD LLC to be performed or observed;

(2) immediately after giving effect to such transaction on a pro forma basis and the assumption contemplated by clause (1)(y) above (including giving effect to any Indebtedness and Acquired Indebtedness incurred or anticipated to be incurred in connection with or in respect of such transaction), QD LLC, or such Surviving Entity, as the case may be, shall be able to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness (other than Permitted Indebtedness) pursuant to the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness ;

(3) immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such transaction on a pro forma basis and the assumption contemplated by clause (1)(y) above (including giving effect to any Indebtedness and Acquired Indebtedness incurred or anticipated to be incurred or repaid and any Lien granted or to be released in connection with or in respect of the transaction), no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred or be continuing; and

(4) QD LLC, or the Surviving Entity, as the case may be, shall have delivered to the trustee an officers certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger, sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition and, if a supplemental indenture is required in connection with such transaction, such supplemental indenture comply with the applicable provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture and that all conditions precedent in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture relating to such transaction have been satisfied;

provided that for so long as QD LLC or any successor Person of QD LLC is a limited liability company or a partnership there must be a co-issuer of the 2013 PIK Notes that is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) the merger of QD LLC with an Affiliate incorporated solely for the purpose of reincorporating QD LLC in another jurisdiction shall be permitted and (b) the merger of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC into QD LLC or the transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC to QD LLC shall be permitted so long as QD LLC delivers to the trustee an officers certificate stating that the purpose of such merger, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition is not to consummate a transaction that would otherwise be prohibited by clause (3) of the covenant described above.

For purposes of the foregoing, the transfer (by lease, assignment, sale or otherwise, in a single transaction or series of transactions) of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of one or more Restricted Subsidiaries of QD LLC, the Capital Stock of which constitutes all or substantially all of the properties and assets of QD LLC shall be deemed to be the transfer of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of QD LLC.

The 2013 PIK Notes Indenture provides that upon any consolidation, combination or merger or any transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of QD LLC in accordance with the foregoing in which QD LLC is not the continuing corporation, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which QD LLC is merged or to which such conveyance, lease or transfer is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, QD LLC under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture and the 2013 PIK Notes with the same effect as if such Surviving Entity had been named as such.

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Each 2013 PIK Note Guarantor (other than any 2013 PIK Note Guarantor whose 2013 PIK Note Guarantee is to be released in accordance with the terms of such 2013 PIK Note Guarantee and the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture in connection with any transaction complying with the provisions of Certain Covenants Limitation on Asset Sales ) will not, and QD LLC will not cause or permit any 2013 PIK Note Guarantor to, consolidate with or merge with or into any Person or sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets to any Person other than the Issuers or any other 2013 PIK Note Guarantor (other than QDI) unless:

(1) the entity formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the 2013 PIK Note Guarantor) or to which such sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, the District of Columbia or the jurisdiction in which such 2013 PIK Note Guarantor is organized;

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- (2) such entity assumes by supplemental indenture all of the obligations of the 2013 PIK Note Guarantor on its 2013 PIK Note Guarantee;
- (3) immediately after giving effect to such transaction on a pro forma basis, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and
- (4) immediately after giving effect to such transaction and the use of any net proceeds therefrom on a pro forma basis, QD LLC could satisfy the provisions of clause (2) of the first paragraph of this covenant.

Any merger or consolidation of an 2013 PIK Note Guarantor with and into QD LLC (with QD LLC being the surviving entity) or another 2013 PIK Note Guarantor that is a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC need only comply with clause (4) of the first paragraph of this covenant.

**Events of Default**

The following events are defined in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture as Events of Default :

- (1) the failure to pay interest on the 2013 PIK Notes when the same becomes due and payable and the default continues for a period of 30 days (whether or not such payment shall be prohibited by the subordination provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture);
- (2) the failure to pay the principal of the 2013 PIK Notes when such principal becomes due and payable, at maturity, upon redemption or otherwise (including the failure to make a payment to purchase 2013 PIK Notes tendered pursuant to a Change of Control Offer or a Net Proceeds Offer) (whether or not such payment shall be prohibited by the subordination provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture);
- (3) a default by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC in the observance or performance of any other covenant or agreement contained in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture which default continues for a period of 30 days after QD LLC receives written notice specifying the default (and demanding that such default be remedied) from the trustee or the record or beneficial holders (without duplication) of at least 25% of the outstanding principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes;
- (4) the failure to pay at final stated maturity (giving effect to any applicable grace periods and any extensions thereof) the principal amount of any of QD LLC's Indebtedness or the Indebtedness of any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or the acceleration of the final stated maturity of any such Indebtedness by the holders thereof (which acceleration is not rescinded or otherwise cured within 30 days of receipt by QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary of such notice of acceleration), if the aggregate principal amount of such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness in default for failure to pay principal at final stated maturity or which has been accelerated (in each case with respect to which the 30-day period described above has elapsed), exceeds \$7.5 million or more at any time;
- (5) one or more judgments in an aggregate amount in excess of \$7.5 million (exclusive of amounts covered by insurance other than self-insurance) shall have been rendered against QD LLC or any of QD LLC's Significant Subsidiaries and such judgments remain undischarged, unpaid or unstayed for a period of 60 days after such judgments become final and non-appealable;
- (6) certain events of bankruptcy affecting QD LLC or any of its Significant Subsidiaries; or
- (7) any 2013 PIK Note Guarantee made by a Significant Subsidiary of QD LLC ceases to be in full force and effect or any 2013 PIK Note Guarantee made by a Significant Subsidiary of QD LLC is declared to be null and void and unenforceable or any 2013 PIK Note Guarantee made by a Significant Subsidiary is found to be invalid or any such 2013 PIK Note Guarantor denies its liability under its 2013 PIK Note Guarantee (other than by reason of release of an 2013 PIK Note Guarantor in accordance with the terms of the 2013 PIK Notes).

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in clause (6) above with respect to QD LLC) shall occur and be continuing, the trustee or the record or beneficial holders (without duplication) of at least 25% in principal amount of outstanding 2013 PIK Notes may declare the principal of and accrued interest on all the 2013 PIK Notes to be due and payable by notice in writing to QD LLC and the trustee specifying the respective Event of Default and that it is a notice of acceleration (the Acceleration Notice), and the same shall become immediately due and payable or if there are any amounts outstanding under the ABL Facility, it shall become immediately due and payable upon the first to occur of an acceleration under the ABL Facility or five business days after receipt by QD LLC and the Representative under the ABL Facility of such Acceleration Notice (but only if such Event of Default is then continuing).



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If an Event of Default specified in clause (6) above with respect to QD LLC occurs and is continuing, then all unpaid principal of and premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest on all of the outstanding 2013 PIK Notes shall automatically become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the trustee or any holder.

The 2013 PIK Notes Indenture provides that, at any time after a declaration of acceleration with respect to the 2013 PIK Notes as described in the preceding paragraph, the record or beneficial holders (without duplication) of a majority in principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes may rescind and cancel such declaration and its consequences, except with respect to a Default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any 2013 PIK Notes:

- (1) if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree;
- (2) if all existing Events of Default have been cured or waived except nonpayment of principal or interest that has become due solely because of the acceleration;
- (3) to the extent the payment of such interest is lawful, interest on overdue installments of interest and overdue principal, which has become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration, has been paid;
- (4) if QD LLC has paid the trustee its reasonable compensation and reimbursed the trustee for its expenses, disbursements and advances; and
- (5) in the event of the cure or waiver of an Event of Default of the type described in clause (6) of the description above of Events of Default, the trustee shall have received an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel that such Event of Default has been cured or waived.

No such rescission will affect any subsequent Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

Holders of the 2013 PIK Notes may not enforce the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture or the 2013 PIK Notes except as provided in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture and under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. Subject to the provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture relating to the duties of the trustee, the trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture at the request, order or direction of any of the holders, unless such holders have offered indemnity satisfactory to the trustee. Subject to all provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture and applicable law, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding 2013 PIK Notes have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee.

Under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, QD LLC is required to provide an officers' certificate to the trustee

promptly upon any such officer obtaining knowledge of any Default or Event of Default, describing such Default or Event of Default and the status thereof, and

annually, describing whether or not such officer knows of any Default or Event of Default.

### **No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees, Members and Stockholders**

No Affiliate, director, manager, officer, employee, limited liability company member or stockholder of QD LLC or any Subsidiary, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of QD LLC or any 2013 PIK Note Guarantor under the 2013 PIK Notes or the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture or any 2013 PIK Note Guarantee or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each holder of 2013 PIK Notes by accepting an 2013 PIK Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release were part of the consideration for issuance of the 2013 PIK Notes.

### **Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance**

The Issuers may at any time elect to have their obligations and the obligations of the 2013 PIK Note Guarantors discharged with respect to the outstanding 2013 PIK Notes ( Legal Defeasance ). Such Legal Defeasance means that the Issuers will be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the outstanding 2013 PIK Notes, except for:

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(1) the rights of holders to receive payments in respect of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the 2013 PIK Notes when such payments are due;

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(2) their obligations with respect to the 2013 PIK Notes concerning issuing temporary 2013 PIK Notes, registration of 2013 PIK Notes, mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen 2013 PIK Notes, and the maintenance of an office or agency for payments;

(3) the rights, powers, trust, duties and immunities of the trustee and their obligations in connection therewith; and

(4) the Legal Defeasance provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture.

In addition, the Issuers may at any time elect to have their obligations released with respect to certain covenants that are described in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture ( Covenant Defeasance ). Any omission to comply with such obligations would then not constitute a Default or Event of Default with respect to the 2013 PIK Notes. If Covenant Defeasance occurs, their failure to perform these covenants will no longer constitute an Event of Default with respect to the 2013 PIK Notes.

In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance:

(1) QD LLC must irrevocably deposit with the trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the holders cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable U.S. government obligations, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the 2013 PIK Notes on the stated date for payment thereof or on the applicable redemption date, as the case may be;

(2) in the case of Legal Defeasance, QD LLC must deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel in the United States reasonably acceptable to the trustee confirming that:

(a) QD LLC has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling; or

(b) since the date of the execution of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable Federal income tax law,

in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion of counsel shall confirm that, the holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. Federal income tax purposes as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred;

(3) in the case of Covenant Defeasance, QD LLC must deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel in the United States reasonably acceptable to the trustee confirming that the holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. Federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred;

(4) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit or insofar as Events of Default from bankruptcy or insolvency events are concerned, at any time in the period ending on the 91st day after the date of deposit;

(5) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance must not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, the ABL Facility or any other material agreement or instrument to which QD LLC or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which QD LLC or any of its Subsidiaries is bound;

(6) QD LLC must deliver to the trustee an officers certificate stating that the deposit was not made by it with the intent of preferring the holders over any other of its creditors or with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding any other of its creditors or others;

(7) QD LLC must deliver to the trustee an officers certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent to the Legal Defeasance or the Covenant Defeasance were complied with;

(8) QD LLC must deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the trust funds will not be subject to any rights of holders of Senior Debt or Guarantor Senior Debt, including those arising under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, and if no intervening bankruptcy of QD LLC occurs between the date of deposit and the 91st day following the date of the deposit and no holder is an insider of QD LLC, then after the 91st day following the date of the deposit the trust funds will not be subject to the effect of Section 547 of the United States Bankruptcy Code or Section 15 of the New York Debtor and Creditor Law; and

(9) certain other customary conditions precedent are satisfied.





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However, the opinion of counsel required by clause (2) above is not required if all 2013 PIK Notes not theretofore delivered to the trustee for cancellation have become due and payable, will become due and payable on the maturity date within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the trustee in QD LLC's name and at its expense.

### **Satisfaction and Discharge**

The 2013 PIK Notes Indenture will be discharged when:

- (1) either (a) all the 2013 PIK Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (except lost, stolen or destroyed 2013 PIK Notes which have been replaced or paid and 2013 PIK Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by QD LLC and thereafter repaid to QD LLC or discharged from such trust) have been delivered to the trustee for cancellation or (b) all 2013 PIK Notes not theretofore delivered to the trustee for cancellation have or will (upon the mailing of a notice or notices deposited with the trustee together with irrevocable instructions to mail such notice or notices to holders of the 2013 PIK Notes) become due and payable upon redemption or maturity and QD LLC has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the trustee funds in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on the 2013 PIK Notes not theretofore delivered to the trustee for cancellation, for principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the 2013 PIK Notes to the date of deposit together with irrevocable instructions from QD LLC directing the trustee to apply such funds to the payment thereof at maturity or redemption, as the case may be;
- (2) QD LLC has paid all other sums payable under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture by it; and
- (3) QD LLC has delivered to the trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel stating that all conditions precedent under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture relating to the satisfaction and discharge of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture have been complied with.

When the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture is discharged, it ceases to be of further effect except for surviving rights of registration or transfer or exchange of the 2013 PIK Notes.

### **Modification of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture**

From time to time, QD LLC, the 2013 PIK Note Guarantors and the trustee, without the consent of the holders, may amend the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture to cure ambiguities, defects or inconsistencies, and to add guaranties to secure the 2013 PIK Notes or similar provisions, so long as such change does not, in the good faith determination of the Board of Directors of QD LLC, adversely affect the rights of any of the holders in any material respect. In making its determination, such Board of Directors may rely on such evidence as it deems appropriate. Other modifications and amendments of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture may be made with the consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding 2013 PIK Notes issued under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, except that the consent of each holder affected thereby is required to:

- (1) reduce the amount of 2013 PIK Notes whose holders must consent to an amendment;
- (2) reduce the rate of or change or have the effect of changing the time for payment of interest, including defaulted interest, on any 2013 PIK Notes;
- (3) reduce the principal of or change or have the effect of changing the fixed maturity of any 2013 PIK Notes, or change the date on which any 2013 PIK Notes may be subject to redemption or reduce the redemption price therefor as described under "Redemption";
- (4) make any 2013 PIK Notes payable in money other than in U.S. Dollars;
- (5) make any changes in provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture protecting the right of each holder to receive payment of principal of and interest on such 2013 PIK Notes on or after the due date thereof or to bring suit to enforce such payment, or permitting holders of a majority in principal amount of 2013 PIK Notes to waive Defaults or Events of Default;
- (6) modify or change any provision of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture or the related definitions affecting the subordination or ranking of the 2013 PIK Notes or any 2013 PIK Note Guarantee in a manner which adversely affects the holders of 2013 PIK Notes;

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(7) amend, change or modify in any material respect the obligation of the Issuers to make and consummate a Change of Control Offer in the event of a Change of Control which has occurred or modify any of the provisions or definitions with respect thereto after a Change of Control has occurred;

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(8) release any 2013 PIK Note Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary from any of its obligations under its 2013 PIK Note Guarantee or the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture other than in accordance with the terms of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture; or

(9) make any change in the foregoing amendment provisions or any provision which require each holder's consent or in the waiver provisions.

However, no modification, amendment or waiver may be made to or of any provision of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture or the related definitions affecting the subordination or ranking of the 2013 PIK Notes or any 2013 PIK Note Guarantee that adversely affects the rights of any holder of Senior Debt of the Issuers or any Guarantor Senior Debt then outstanding unless the holders of such Senior Debt or Guarantor Senior Debt, as the case may be (or any group or Representative thereof authorized to give a consent), consent to such amendment.

## **Governing Law**

The 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, the 2013 PIK Notes and each 2013 PIK Note Guarantee will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York but without giving effect to applicable principles of conflicts of law to the extent that the application of the law of another jurisdiction would be required thereby.

## **The Trustee**

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. is the trustee under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture and has been appointed to act as registrar and paying agent with respect to the 2013 PIK Notes. The 2013 PIK Notes Indenture provides that, except during the continuance of an Event of Default, the trustee must perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture. During the existence of an Event of Default, the trustee will exercise such rights and powers vested in it by the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture or the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 and must use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

If the trustee becomes a creditor of QD LLC, the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture and the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 limit the rights of the trustee to obtain payments of its claims or to realize on certain property received in respect of its claims. Subject to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the trustee will be permitted to engage in other transactions; however, if the trustee acquires any conflicting interest as described in the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, it must eliminate such conflict or resign.

## **Certain Definitions**

Set forth below is a summary of certain of the defined terms used in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture. You should read the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture for the full definition of all such terms and any other terms used herein for which no definition is provided. For purposes of disclosure contained under the heading Description of 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013 :

*2012 Notes* means the \$85 million aggregate principal amount of the Issuers' Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2012, Series A and the \$50 million aggregate principal amount of the Issuers' Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2012, Series B, in each case, outstanding on October 15, 2009.

*2013 PIK Note Guarantee* means the guarantee by each 2013 PIK Note Guarantor of the Issuers' obligations under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture.

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*2013 PIK Note Guarantor* means:

- (1) QDI;
- (2) each Domestic Restricted Subsidiary on October 15, 2009;
- (3) each Restricted Subsidiary required to execute and deliver a supplemental indenture pursuant to the covenants described under *Certain Covenants Limitation on Issuances of Guarantees by Restricted Subsidiaries* and *Certain Covenants Future 2013 PIK Note Guarantors*; and
- (4) each of QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries that in the future executes and delivers a supplemental indenture in which such Restricted Subsidiary agrees to be bound by the terms of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture as an 2013 PIK Note Guarantor,

provided that any Person constituting an 2013 PIK Note Guarantor as described above shall cease to constitute an 2013 PIK Note Guarantor when its respective 2013 PIK Note Guarantee is released in accordance with the terms of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture.

*2013 Senior Notes* means the Issuers' 10% Senior Notes due 2013.

*9% Notes* means the \$125 million aggregate principal amount of the Issuers' 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2010 outstanding on October 15, 2009.

*ABL Facility*, means the ABL Facility, dated as of December 18, 2007, by and among QD LLC, QDI, or one or more of QD LLC's Subsidiaries, the lenders party thereto in their capacities as lenders thereunder and Credit Suisse, Cayman Islands Branch, as administrative agent, together with the related documents thereto (including any guarantee agreements and security documents), in each case as such agreements may be amended (including any amendment and restatement thereof), supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, including one or more credit agreements, loan agreements, indentures or similar agreements extending the maturity of, refinancing, replacing or otherwise restructuring (including increasing the amount of available borrowings thereunder or adding Restricted Subsidiaries of QD LLC as additional borrowers or guarantors thereunder) all or any portion of the Indebtedness under such agreement or agreements or any successor or replacement agreement or agreements and whether by the same or any other agent, lender or group of lenders.

*Acquired Indebtedness* means, with respect to any specified Person, Indebtedness of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries

- (1) existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or at the time it merges or consolidates with QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or
- (2) assumed in connection with the acquisition of assets from such Person,

in each case, not incurred by such Person in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or such acquisition, merger or consolidation.

*Affiliate* of any specified Person means any other Person who directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified Person. The term *control* means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise. *Controlling* and *controlled* shall have correlative meanings.

*Applicable Premium* means, with respect to an 2013 PIK Note, the greater of

- (1) 1.0% of the then outstanding principal amount of such 2013 PIK Note, and
- (2) (a) the present value of all remaining required interest and principal payments due on such 2013 PIK Note and all premium payments relating to such 2013 PIK Note assuming a redemption date of October 15, 2010, computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate plus 50 basis points, minus
- (b) the then outstanding principal amount of such 2013 PIK Note minus

(c) accrued interest paid on the date of redemption.

*Asset Acquisition* means:

(1) an Investment by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in any other Person pursuant to which such Person shall become a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC, or shall be merged with or into or consolidated with QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC; or

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(2) the acquisition by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of the assets of any Person (other than a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC) which constitute all or substantially all of the assets of such Person or comprise any division or line of business of such Person or any other properties or assets of such Person other than in the ordinary course of business.

*Asset Sale* means any direct or indirect sale, issuance, conveyance, transfer, lease (other than operating leases entered into in the ordinary course of business), assignment or other transfer for value by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, including any Sale and Leaseback Transaction, to any Person other than QD LLC or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC of:

any Capital Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC (other than directors' qualifying shares); or

any other property or assets of QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC other than in the ordinary course of business.

Notwithstanding the preceding, the following items shall not be deemed Asset Sales:

(1) a transaction or series of related transactions for which QD LLC or its Restricted Subsidiaries receive aggregate consideration of less than \$2.0 million;

(2) the sale or exchange of equipment in connection with the purchase or other acquisition of other equipment, in each case used in QD LLC's business and that of QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries;

(3) the sale, lease, conveyance, disposition or other transfer of all or substantially all of QD LLC's assets that is permitted under the restrictions described in Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets ;

(4) disposals of tractors and trailers in connection with the reinvestment in or the replacement of its fleet and disposals of equipment in connection with the reinvestment in or the replacement of its equipment and disposals of worn-out or obsolete equipment, in each case in the ordinary course of business of QD LLC or QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries;

(5) the sale or transfer of accounts receivable pursuant to a Qualified Receivables Transaction;

(6) sales or grants of licenses to use QD LLC's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' patents, trade secrets, know-how and technology to the extent that such license does not prohibit the licensor from using the patent, trade secret, know-how or technology;

(7) the disposition of any Capital Stock or other ownership interest in or assets or property of an Unrestricted Subsidiary;

(8) any Restricted Payment permitted by the covenant described under Certain Covenants' Limitation on Restricted Payments or that constitutes a Permitted Investment; and

(9) one or more Sale and Leaseback Transactions for which QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC receives aggregate consideration of less than \$15.0 million.

*Beneficial Owner* has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular person (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such person will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition, regardless of when such right may be exercised.

*Board of Directors* of any Person means the board of directors, board of managers or equivalent governing board of such Person or any duly authorized committee thereof.

*Board Resolution* means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of any Person to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors of such Person and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification, and delivered to the trustee.

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*Capitalized Lease Obligation* means, at the time any determination thereof is to be made, the amount of the liability of a Person under a capital lease that would at that time be required to be capitalized on a balance sheet in accordance with GAAP, with the stated maturity being the date of the last payment of rent or any other amount due under such lease prior to the first date upon which such lease may be prepaid by the lessee without payment of a penalty.



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*Capital Stock* means:

- (1) in the case of a corporation, any and all shares, interests, rights to purchase, warrants, options, participations or other equivalents (however designated and whether or not voting) of corporate stock including each class of Common Stock and Preferred Stock of such corporation or options to purchase the same; and
- (2) with respect to any other Person, any and all partnership, membership, limited liability company interests or other equity interests of such Person.

*Cash Equivalents* means:

- (1) U.S. dollars and, in the case of any of QD LLC's Foreign Restricted Subsidiaries, Canadian dollars, Mexican pesos and such other local currencies held by them from time to time in the ordinary course of business;
- (2) marketable direct obligations issued by, or unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States or Canada or issued by any agency of those countries and backed by the full faith and credit of the respective country, in each case maturing within one year from the date of acquisition;
- (3) marketable direct obligations issued by any state of the United States of America or any political subdivision of any such state or any public instrumentality maturing within one year from the date of acquisition and, at the time of acquisition, having one of the two highest ratings obtainable from either Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ( *S&P* ) or Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ( *Moody's* ) or, if Moody's and S&P cease to exist, any other nationally recognized statistical rating organization designated by QD LLC's Board of Directors;
- (4) commercial paper maturing no more than one year from the date it is created and, at the time of acquisition, having a rating of at least A-1 from S&P or at least P-1 from Moody's or, if Moody's and S&P cease to exist, the equivalent from any other nationally recognized statistical rating organization designated by QD LLC's Board of Directors;
- (5) time deposits, certificates of deposit or bankers' acceptances maturing within one year from the date of acquisition issued by any bank organized under the laws of the United States of America or any state or the District of Columbia or any foreign jurisdiction having at the date of acquisition combined capital and surplus of at least \$250.0 million;
- (6) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than thirty days for underlying securities of the types described in clause (2) above entered into with any bank meeting the qualifications specified in clause (5) above;
- (7) investments in money market funds which invest substantially all their assets in securities of the types described in clauses (2) through (6) above; and
- (8) overnight deposits and demand deposit accounts (in the respective local currencies) maintained in the ordinary course of business.

*provided* that for purposes of the subordination provisions contained in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, the term *Cash Equivalents* shall not include the cash equivalents referred to in clause (6) above or cash denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars.

*Change of Control* means the occurrence of one or more of the following:

- (1) any sale, lease, exchange, conveyance, disposition or other transfer, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of QD LLC's assets to any Person or group of related Persons for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act (a *Group* ), together with any Affiliates of such Person, other than to the Permitted Holders;
- (2) any approval, adoption or initiation of a plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of either Issuer;
- (3) any Person or Group, together with any Affiliates, other than the Permitted Holders, shall become the Beneficial Owner or owner of record, by way of merger, consolidation or other business combinations or by purchase in one transaction or a series of related transactions, of shares representing more than 50% of the aggregate ordinary voting power represented by the issued and outstanding Capital Stock of QD LLC or QDI; or

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(4) any Person or Group, together with any Affiliates or Related Persons thereof, other than Permitted Holders, shall succeed in having a sufficient number of its nominees elected to the Board of Directors of QD LLC or QDI such that such nominees, when added to any existing director remaining on the Board of Directors of QD LLC or QDI after such election who was a nominee of or is an Affiliate or Related Person of such Person or Group, will constitute a majority of the Board of Directors of QD LLC or QDI

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*Commodity Agreement* means any commodity futures contract, commodity option or other similar agreement or arrangement entered into by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries designed to protect QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries against fluctuations in the price of the commodities at the time used in the ordinary course of QD LLC's business or the business of any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

*Common Stock* means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests or other participations in, and other equivalents (however designated and whether voting or nonvoting) of, such Person's common stock, whether outstanding on October 15, 2009 or issued thereafter, including all series and classes of such common stock.

*Consolidated EBITDA* means, with respect to any Person, for any period, the sum (without duplication) of:

(1) Consolidated Net Income;

(2) to the extent Consolidated Net Income has been reduced by the following,

(a) all income taxes of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries paid or accrued in accordance with GAAP for such period (other than income taxes attributable to extraordinary, unusual or nonrecurring gains or losses),

(b) Consolidated Interest Expense, and

(c) Consolidated Non-cash Charges less any Consolidated Non-cash Gains for such period; and

(3) fees and expenses related to, or paid concurrently with the consummation of, the initial public offering of shares of QDI's common stock, the offering of the 9% Notes by the Issuers and related transactions, the transactions involving the issuance of the 2012 Notes, the Transactions, and fees and expenses related to similar financing transactions that occurred on or prior to October 15, 2009, whether or not consummated,

in the case of clauses (1), (2)(a), (2)(b) and (2)(c), as determined on a consolidated basis for such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP.

*Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio* means, with respect to any Person, the ratio of Consolidated EBITDA of such Person during the four full fiscal quarters for which financial statements are available (the Four Quarter Period) ending on or prior to the date of the transaction giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (the Transaction Date) to Consolidated Fixed Charges of such Person for the Four Quarter Period. In addition to the foregoing, for purposes of this definition, Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Fixed Charges shall be calculated after giving effect on a pro forma basis (consistent with the provisions below) for the period of such calculation to:

(1) the incurrence or repayment of any Indebtedness of such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (and the application of the proceeds thereof) giving rise to the need to make such calculation and any incurrence or repayment of other Indebtedness (and the application of the proceeds thereof), other than the incurrence or repayment of Indebtedness in the ordinary course of business for working capital purposes pursuant to working capital facilities, occurring during the Four Quarter Period or at any time subsequent to the last day of the Four Quarter Period and on or prior to the Transaction Date, as if such incurrence or repayment, as the case may be (and the application of the proceeds thereof), occurred on the first day of the Four Quarter Period; and

(2) any asset sales or other dispositions or Asset Acquisitions (including any Asset Acquisition giving rise to the need to make such calculation as a result of such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries (including any Person who becomes a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of the Asset Acquisition) incurring, assuming or otherwise being liable for Acquired Indebtedness and also including any Consolidated EBITDA (including any pro forma expense and cost reductions, adjustments and other operating improvements or synergies both achieved by such Person during such period and to be achieved by such Person and with respect to the acquired assets, all as determined in good faith by a responsible financial or accounting officer) attributable to the assets which are the subject of the Asset Acquisition or asset sale or other disposition during the Four Quarter Period) occurring during the Four Quarter Period or at any time subsequent to the last day of the Four Quarter Period and on or prior to the Transaction Date, as if such asset sale or other disposition or Asset Acquisition (including the incurrence, assumption or liability for any such Acquired Indebtedness) occurred on the first day of the Four Quarter Period. If such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries directly or indirectly guarantees Indebtedness of a third Person, the preceding sentence shall give effect to the incurrence of such guaranteed Indebtedness as if such Person or any Restricted Subsidiary of such Person had directly incurred or otherwise assumed such guaranteed Indebtedness.



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Furthermore, in calculating Consolidated Fixed Charges for purposes of determining the denominator (but not the numerator) of this Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio,

(1) interest on outstanding Indebtedness determined on a fluctuating basis as of the Transaction Date and which will continue to be so determined thereafter shall be deemed to have accrued at a fixed rate per annum equal to the rate of interest on such Indebtedness in effect on the Transaction Date; and

(2) notwithstanding clause (1) above, interest on Indebtedness determined on a fluctuating basis, to the extent such interest is covered by agreements relating to Interest Swap Obligations or Currency Agreements, shall be deemed to accrue at the rate per annum resulting after giving effect to the operation of such agreements.

*Consolidated Fixed Charges* means, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum, without duplication, of:

(1) Consolidated Interest Expense (excluding amortization or write-off of deferred financing costs and excluding non-cash interest (including pay-in-kind interest and capitalized interest)), plus

(2) the product of (x) the amount of all dividend payments on any series of Preferred Stock of such Person or its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than dividends paid in Qualified Capital Stock) paid, accrued or scheduled to be paid or accrued during such period times (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is one and the denominator of which is one minus the then current effective consolidated federal, state and local income tax rate of such Person, expressed as a decimal.

*Consolidated Interest Expense* means, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum of, without duplication:

(1) the aggregate of the interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, including,

(a) any amortization of debt discount and amortization or write-off of deferred financing costs (including the amortization of costs relating to interest rate caps or other similar agreements),

(b) the net costs under Interest Swap Obligations,

(c) all capitalized interest, and

(d) the interest portion of any deferred payment obligation; and

(2) the interest component of Capitalized Lease Obligations paid, accrued and/or scheduled to be paid or accrued by such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries during such period as determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, minus interest income for such period.

*Consolidated Net Income* means, with respect to any Person for any period, the aggregate net income (or loss) of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period on a consolidated basis, determined in accordance with GAAP; provided that the following shall be excluded:

(1) after-tax gains or losses from Asset Sales (without regard to the \$2.0 million limitation set forth in the definition thereof) or abandonments or reserves relating thereto;

(2) after-tax items which are extraordinary gains or losses or nonrecurring gains, losses, expenses or income (including any gains resulting from the cancellation, retirement, repayment or other termination of any old notes (as used in the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture));

(3) the net income (but not loss) of any Restricted Subsidiary of the referent Person to the extent that the declaration of dividends or similar distributions by that Restricted Subsidiary of that income is prohibited by contract, operation of law or otherwise;

(4) the net income of any Person, other than a Restricted Subsidiary of the referent Person, except to the extent of cash dividends or distributions paid to the referent Person or to a Restricted Subsidiary of the referent Person by such Person;

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(5) the establishment of accruals and reserves within twelve months after November 13, 2003 that are required to be so established in accordance with GAAP;

(6) income or loss attributable to discontinued operations (including operations disposed of during such period whether or not such operations were classified as discontinued);

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(7) in the case of a successor to the referent Person by consolidation or merger or as a transferee of the referent Person's assets, any earnings of the successor corporation prior to such consolidation, merger or transfer of assets;

(8) the amount of dividends, other distributions or amounts paid by QD LLC to QDI in reliance on clause (14) of the second paragraph of the covenant entitled "Certain Covenants - Limitation on Restricted Payments"; and

(9) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles.

*Consolidated Non-cash Charges* means, with respect to any Person for any period, the aggregate depreciation, amortization and other non-cash expenses (solely for the purpose of determining compliance with the covenant described under "Certain Covenants - Limitation on Restricted Payments", excluding any non-cash items for which a future cash payment will be required and for which an accrual or reserve is required by GAAP to be made) of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries reducing Consolidated Net Income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

*Consolidated Non-cash Gains* means, with respect to any Person for any period, the aggregate non-cash gains or income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries increasing Consolidated Net Income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

*Currency Agreement* means any foreign exchange contract, currency swap agreement or other similar agreement or arrangement designed to protect QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC against fluctuations in currency values.

*Default* means an event that is, or with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would be, an Event of Default.

*Designated Senior Debt* means

(1) Indebtedness under or in respect of the ABL Facility, the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2012 Notes; and

(2) any other Indebtedness constituting Senior Debt which, at the time of determination, has an aggregate principal amount of at least \$25.0 million and is specifically designated in the instrument or agreement evidencing such Senior Debt as "Designated Senior Debt" by QD LLC.

*Disqualified Capital Stock* means that portion of any Capital Stock which, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable at the option of the holder thereof), or upon the happening of any event (other than an event which would constitute a Change of Control or an Asset Sale), matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or is redeemable at the sole option of the holder thereof (except, in each case, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control or an Asset Sale) on or prior to the final maturity date of the 2013 PIK Notes; provided that any class of Capital Stock of such Person that by its terms authorizes such Person to satisfy its obligations thereunder by delivery of Qualified Capital Stock shall not be deemed Disqualified Capital Stock.

*Domestic Restricted Subsidiary* means any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC incorporated or otherwise organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state or the District of Columbia.

*Equity Offering* means a public or private sale of Qualified Capital Stock (other than on Form S-8) of QD LLC or QDI or any other direct or indirect parent of QD LLC; provided that with respect to any Equity Offering by QDI or any such other direct or indirect parent of QD LLC, such person contributes the net cash proceeds from such Equity Offering to QD LLC.

*Excluded Contribution* means Net Cash Proceeds received by QD LLC from (a) contributions to QD LLC's common equity capital and (b) the sale of QD LLC's Qualified Capital Stock, in each case designated as Excluded Contributions pursuant to an officers' certificate executed on the date such capital contributions are made or the date such Qualified Capital Stock is sold, as the case may be, which are excluded from the calculation set forth in clause (3) under "Certain Covenants - Limitation on Restricted Payments."

*fair market value* means with respect to any asset or property, the price which could be negotiated in an arm's-length, free market transaction, for cash, between a willing seller and a willing and able buyer, neither of whom is under undue pressure or compulsion to complete the transaction. Fair market value shall be determined conclusively by QD LLC's Board of Directors acting reasonably and in good faith and shall be evidenced by a Board Resolution of QD LLC's Board of Directors delivered to the trustee.

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*Foreign Restricted Subsidiary* means any of QD LLC's Restricted Subsidiaries organized in any jurisdiction outside of the United States.

*GAAP* means generally accepted accounting principles set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as may be approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession of the United States, which were in effect as of October 15, 2009.



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*guarantee* means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of any Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Indebtedness of any other Person, including any obligation, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person

(1) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness of such other Person (whether arising by virtue of partnership arrangements, or by agreements to keep-well, to purchase assets, goods, securities or services (unless such purchase arrangements are on arm's-length terms and are entered into in the ordinary course of business), to take-or-pay or to maintain financial statement conditions or otherwise), or

(2) entered into for purposes of assuring in any other manner the obligee of such Indebtedness of the payment thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part).

Notwithstanding the preceding, *guarantee* does not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business. The term *guarantee* used as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

*Guarantor Senior Debt* means, with respect to any 2013 PIK Note Guarantor, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest (including any interest accruing subsequent to the filing of a petition of bankruptcy at the rate provided for in the documentation with respect thereto, whether or not such interest is an allowed claim under applicable law) on any Indebtedness of an 2013 PIK Note Guarantor, whether outstanding on October 15, 2009 or created, incurred or assumed after October 15, 2009, unless, in the case of any particular Indebtedness, the instrument creating or evidencing the Indebtedness or pursuant to which the Indebtedness is outstanding expressly provides that such Indebtedness shall not be senior in right of payment to the 2013 PIK Note Guarantor Guarantee of such 2013 PIK Note Guarantor. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, *Guarantor Senior Debt* shall also include the principal of, premium, if any, interest (including any interest accruing subsequent to the filing of a petition of bankruptcy at the rate provided for in the documentation with respect thereto, whether or not such interest is an allowed claim under applicable law) on, and all other amounts owing by any 2013 PIK Note Guarantor in respect of,

all monetary obligations of every nature of such Guarantor under, or with respect to, the ABL Facility, including obligations to pay principal, premium and interest, reimbursement obligations under letters of credit, fees, expenses and indemnities (including guarantees thereof);

all Interest Swap Obligations (including guarantees thereof); and

all obligations under Currency Agreements (including guarantees thereof), in each case whether outstanding on or incurred after October 15, 2009.

Notwithstanding the preceding, *Guarantor Senior Debt* shall not include:

(1) any Indebtedness of such 2013 PIK Note Guarantor to a Restricted Subsidiary of such 2013 PIK Note Guarantor;

(2) Indebtedness to, or guaranteed on behalf of, any director, manager, officer or employee of such 2013 PIK Note Guarantor or any director, manager, officer or employee of any Subsidiary of such 2013 PIK Note Guarantor (including amounts owed for compensation);

(3) Indebtedness or other liabilities to trade creditors and other amounts incurred in connection with obtaining goods, materials or services (other than if incurred under the ABL Facility);

(4) Indebtedness represented by Disqualified Capital Stock;

(5) any liability for federal, state, local or other taxes owed or owing by such Guarantor;

(6) that portion of any Indebtedness incurred in violation of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture provisions described under *Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness*; *provided* that (x) as to any such obligation, no such violation shall be deemed to exist for purposes of this clause (6) if the holder(s) of such obligation or their representative shall have received an officers' certificate of (or representation or warranty from) QD LLC to the effect that the incurrence of such Indebtedness does not (or, in the case of revolving credit Indebtedness, that the incurrence of the entire committed amount thereof at the date on which the initial borrowing thereunder is made would not) violate such provisions of the 2013

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PIK Notes Indenture) and (y) any revolving Indebtedness under the ABL Facility (or guarantee Indebtedness in respect thereof) incurred in violation of such covenant as a result of the application of the first proviso appearing in clause (2) of the definition of Permitted Debt shall not be excluded from Guarantor Senior Debt, so long as such Indebtedness was extended in good faith to such 2013 PIK Note Guarantor;

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(7) with respect to any 2013 PIK Note Guarantor, that portion of Indebtedness which, when incurred and without respect to any election under Section 1111(b) of Title 11, United States Code, is without recourse to the Issuers or any 2013 PIK Note Guarantor; and

(8) with respect to any 2013 PIK Note Guarantor, that portion of Indebtedness or other Obligation which is, by its express terms, subordinated in right of payment to any other Indebtedness or other Obligation of such 2013 PIK Note Guarantor.

*provided*, if any Guarantor Senior Debt is disallowed under Section 548 of Title 11, United States Code, or any applicable state fraudulent conveyance law, such Guarantor Senior Debt shall nevertheless constitute Guarantor Senior Debt for all purposes of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture.

*Indebtedness* means, with respect to any Person, without duplication:

- (1) all Obligations of such Person for borrowed money;
- (2) all Obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments;
- (3) all Capitalized Lease Obligations of such Person;
- (4) the deferred and unpaid purchase price of property, all conditional sale obligations and all Obligations under any title retention agreement, but excluding trade accounts payable and other accrued liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business;
- (5) all Obligations of such Person for the reimbursement of any obligor on any letter of credit, banker's acceptance or similar credit transaction;
- (6) guarantees and other contingent Obligations of such Person in respect of Indebtedness referred to in clauses (1) through (5) above and clause (8) below;
- (7) all Obligations of any other Person of the type referred to in clauses (1) through (6) which are secured by any Lien on any property or asset of such Person, the amount of such Obligations being deemed to be the lesser of the fair market value of such property or asset or the amount of the Obligation so secured;
- (8) all Obligations under Currency Agreements or Commodity Agreements and Interest Swap Obligations of such Person; and
- (9) all Disqualified Capital Stock issued by such Person with the amount of Indebtedness represented by such Disqualified Capital Stock being equal to the greater of its voluntary or involuntary liquidation preference and its maximum fixed repurchase price, but excluding accrued dividends, if any.

For purposes of this definition of Indebtedness, the maximum fixed repurchase price of any Disqualified Capital Stock which does not have a fixed repurchase price shall be calculated in accordance with the terms of such Disqualified Capital Stock as if such Disqualified Capital Stock were purchased on any date on which Indebtedness shall be required to be determined pursuant to the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, and if such price is based upon, or measured by, the fair market value of such Disqualified Capital Stock, such fair market value shall be determined reasonably and in good faith by the Board of Directors of QD LLC of such Disqualified Capital Stock. For purposes of the covenant described above under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness, in determining the principal amount of any Indebtedness to be incurred by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary or which is outstanding at any date, the principal amount of any Indebtedness which provides that an amount less than the principal amount shall be due upon any declaration of acceleration shall be the accreted value of the Indebtedness at the date of determination.

*Independent Financial Advisor* means a firm:

- (1) which does not have a direct or indirect common equity interest in QD LLC; and
- (2) which, in the judgment of QD LLC's Board of Directors, is otherwise independent and qualified to perform the task for which it is to be engaged.

*Interest Swap Obligations* means the obligations of any Person pursuant to any arrangement with any other Person, whereby, directly or indirectly, such Person is entitled to receive from time to time periodic payments calculated by applying either a floating or a fixed rate of

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interest on a stated notional amount in exchange for periodic payments made by such other Person calculated by applying a fixed or a floating rate of interest on the same notional amount and shall include interest rate swaps, caps, floors, collars and similar agreements.

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*Investment* means, with respect to any Person, any direct or indirect loan or other extension of credit, including a guarantee, or capital contribution to (by means of any transfer of cash or other property to others or any payment for property or services for the account or use of others), or any purchase or acquisition by such Person of any Capital Stock, bonds, notes, debentures or other securities or evidences of Indebtedness issued by, any Person. *Investment* does not include extensions of trade credit by, prepayment of expenses by, and receivables owing to, QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries on commercially reasonable terms in accordance with QD LLC's normal trade practices or those of such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be. For purposes of the covenant described under *Certain Covenants Limitation on Restricted Payments* :

(1) *Investment* shall include and be valued at the fair market value of the net assets of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC at the time that such Restricted Subsidiary is designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary of QD LLC and shall exclude the fair market value of the net assets of any Unrestricted Subsidiary of QD LLC at the time that such Unrestricted Subsidiary is designated a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC; and

(2) the amount of any *Investment* shall be the original cost of such *Investment* plus the cost of all additional *Investments* by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, without any adjustments for increases or decreases in value, or write-ups, write-downs or write-offs with respect to such *Investment*, reduced by the payment of dividends or distributions in connection with such *Investment* or any other amounts received in respect of such *Investment*; *provided* that no such payment of dividends or distributions or receipt of any such other amounts shall reduce the amount of any *Investment* if such payment of dividends or distributions or receipt of any such amounts would be included in Consolidated Net Income.

If QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC sells or otherwise disposes of any Common Stock of any direct or indirect Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC such that, after giving effect to any such sale or disposition, such Person ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC, QD LLC shall be deemed to have made an *Investment* on the date of any such sale or disposition equal to the fair market value of the Common Stock of that Restricted Subsidiary not sold or disposed of.

*Lien* means any lien, mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, security interest, charge or encumbrance of any kind, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof and any agreement to give any security interest.

*Net Cash Proceeds* means (a) with respect to any Asset Sale, the proceeds in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents including payments in respect of deferred payment obligations when received in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents (other than the portion of any such deferred payment constituting interest) received by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries from such Asset Sale net of:

(1) reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and fees relating to such Asset Sale (including legal, accounting and investment banking fees and sales commissions);

(2) taxes paid or payable after taking into account any reduction in consolidated tax liability due to available tax credits or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements;

(3) any repayment of Indebtedness that is required to be repaid in connection with such Asset Sale;

(4) appropriate amounts to be provided by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC, as the case may be, as a reserve, in accordance with GAAP, against any liabilities associated with such Asset Sale and retained by QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, after such Asset Sale, including pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities, liabilities related to environmental matters and liabilities under any indemnification obligations associated with such Asset Sale; and

(5) all distributions and other payments required to be made to minority interest holders in Restricted Subsidiaries or joint ventures as a result of such Asset Sale;

and (b) with respect to any issuance or sale of Capital Stock, the cash proceeds of such issuance or sale, net of attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, underwriters' or placement agents' or initial purchasers' fees, discounts or commissions and brokerage, consultant and other fees and expenses actually incurred in connection with such issuance or sale and net of taxes paid or payable as a result thereof.

*Obligations* means all obligations for principal, premium, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements, damages and other liabilities payable under the documentation governing any Indebtedness (including any interest accruing subsequent to the filing of a petition of bankruptcy at that rate provided for in the documentation with respect thereto, whether or not such interest is an allowed claim under applicable law).



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*Option Plan* means (i) the 1998 stock option plan of QDI and (ii) the option plan adopted by QDI on November 13, 2003 with respect to an aggregate of 2,210,000 shares of QDI's Common Stock, and (iii) the restricted stock plan adopted by QDI on November 13, 2003 with respect to an aggregate of 500,000 shares, in each case as the same may be amended from time to time in any manner that is not materially adverse to the holders of the 2013 PIK Notes.

*Permitted Business* means the business of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries as existing on October 15, 2009 and any other businesses that are the same, similar or reasonably related, ancillary or complementary thereto and reasonable extensions thereof.

*Permitted Holders* means Apollo and other Related Parties.

*Permitted Indebtedness* means, without duplication, each of the following:

- (1) Indebtedness under (a) the 2012 Notes and any guarantees thereof, (b) the 9% Notes and any guarantees thereof, (c) the 2013 Senior Notes and any guarantees thereof and (d) the 2013 PIK Notes and any 2013 PIK Note Guarantees thereof;
- (2) Indebtedness incurred pursuant to the ABL Facility in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed \$235.0 million less the amount of all repayments of term debt and permanent commitment reductions actually made under the ABL Facility after October 15, 2009 with Net Cash Proceeds of Asset Sales applied thereto as required by the Limitation on Asset Sales covenant; provided that the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness permitted to be incurred from time to time under the restrictions described in this clause (2) shall be reduced dollar for dollar by the amount of any Indebtedness then outstanding under clause (12) below; and provided, further, that any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to the ABL Facility on December 18, 2007 shall be deemed to be incurred under this clause (2); and provided, further, that the amount of Indebtedness permitted to be incurred pursuant to the ABL Facility in accordance with this clause (2) shall be in addition to any Indebtedness to be incurred pursuant to the ABL Facility in reliance on and in accordance with clauses (10) and (16) below;
- (3) other Indebtedness of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries outstanding on October 15, 2009;
- (4) Interest Swap Obligations of QD LLC covering Indebtedness of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and Interest Swap Obligations of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC covering Indebtedness of QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary; provided, however, that such Interest Swap Obligations are entered into to protect the Issuers and their Restricted Subsidiaries from fluctuations in interest rates on Indebtedness incurred in accordance with the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture to the extent the notional principal amount of such Interest Swap Obligation does not exceed the principal amount of the Indebtedness to which such Interest Swap Obligation relates;
- (5) Indebtedness under Currency Agreements; provided that in the case of Currency Agreements which relate to Indebtedness, such Currency Agreements do not increase the Indebtedness of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries outstanding other than as a result of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates or by reason of fees, indemnities and compensation payable thereunder;
- (6) Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC to QD LLC or to a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC for so long as such Indebtedness is held by QD LLC, a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or the lenders or collateral agent under the ABL Facility, in each case subject to no Lien held by a Person other than QD LLC, a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or the lenders or collateral agent under the ABL Facility; *provided* that if as of any date any Person other than QD LLC, a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or the lenders or collateral agent under the ABL Facility owns or holds any such Indebtedness or holds a Lien in respect of such Indebtedness, such date shall be deemed the incurrence of Indebtedness not constituting Permitted Indebtedness under this clause (6) by the issuer of such Indebtedness;
- (7) Indebtedness of QD LLC to a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC for so long as such Indebtedness is held by a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or the lenders or the collateral agent under the ABL Facility and is subject to no Lien other than a Lien in favor of the lenders or collateral agent under the ABL Facility; provided that (a) any Indebtedness of QD LLC to any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC is unsecured and subordinated, pursuant to a written agreement, to QD LLC's obligations under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture and the 2013 PIK Notes and (b) if as of any date any Person other than a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC owns or holds any such Indebtedness or any Person holds a Lien other than a Lien in favor of the lenders or collateral agent under the ABL Facility in respect of such Indebtedness, such date shall be deemed the incurrence of Indebtedness not constituting Permitted Indebtedness under this clause (7) by QD LLC;

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(8) Indebtedness arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument inadvertently (except in the case of daylight overdrafts) drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business; provided, however, that such Indebtedness is extinguished within two business days of incurrence;

(9) Indebtedness of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of performance bonds, bankers' acceptances, workers' compensation claims, surety or appeal bonds, payment obligations in connection with self-insurance or similar obligations, and bank overdrafts (and letters of credit in respect thereof);

(10) Indebtedness represented by Capitalized Lease Obligations, Purchase Money Indebtedness or Acquired Indebtedness of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries not to exceed \$20.0 million in the aggregate at any one time outstanding, provided that all or a portion of the \$20.0 million permitted to be incurred under the restriction described in this clause (10) may, at QD LLC's option, be incurred under the ABL Facility or pursuant to clause (16) below (in addition to the amount set forth therein) instead of pursuant to Capitalized Lease Obligations, Purchase Money Indebtedness or Acquired Indebtedness;

(11) Indebtedness arising from agreements of QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC providing for indemnification, adjustment of purchase price or similar obligations, in each case, incurred or assumed in connection with the disposition of any business, assets or a Subsidiary, other than guarantees by QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC of Indebtedness incurred by any Person acquiring all or any portion of such business, assets or a Subsidiary for the purpose of financing such acquisition; provided, however, that:

(a) such Indebtedness is not reflected on QD LLC's balance sheet or that of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC (contingent obligations referred to in a footnote to financial statements and not otherwise reflected on the balance sheet will not be deemed to be reflected on such balance sheet for purposes of this clause (a)); and

(b) the maximum assumable liability in respect of all such Indebtedness shall at no time exceed the gross proceeds including the fair market value of non-cash proceeds (the fair market value of such non-cash proceeds being measured at the time they are received as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of QD LLC or that of the Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, and without giving effect to any subsequent changes in value) actually received by QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with such disposition;

(12) the incurrence by a Receivables Subsidiary of QD LLC of Indebtedness in a Qualified Receivables Transaction that is without recourse (other than pursuant to representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities entered into in the ordinary course of business in connection with a Qualified Receivables Transaction) to QD LLC or to any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or its assets (other than such Receivables Subsidiary and its assets), and is not guaranteed by any such Person; provided that any outstanding Indebtedness incurred under this clause (12) shall reduce (for so long as, and to the extent that, the Indebtedness referred to in this clause (12) remains outstanding) the aggregate amount of the Indebtedness permitted to be incurred under the restriction described in clause (2) above to the extent set forth therein;

(13) Indebtedness under Commodity Agreements;

(14) guarantees of Indebtedness (a) of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC by QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries, including agreements of QD LLC to keep-well or maintain financial statement conditions of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC, and (b) incurred pursuant to the ABL Facility or pursuant to clauses (4), (5) and (13) above by any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC;

(15) Refinancing Indebtedness;

(16) additional Indebtedness of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$35.0 million at any one time outstanding (which amount may, but need not, be incurred in whole or in part under the ABL Facility) plus up to an additional amount as contemplated by, and to the extent not incurred under, clause (10) above;

(17) Indebtedness of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries consisting of (x) take-or-pay obligations contained in supply arrangements entered into in the ordinary course of business and on a basis consistent with past practice and (y) Indebtedness of QD LLC incurred in connection with an insurance program whereby an insurance financing company prepays on behalf of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries insurance premiums on insurance policies of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries and QD LLC from time to time makes premium payments directly to such insurance financing company to satisfy their obligations to such insurance financing company; provided that Indebtedness referred to in this clause (y) does not exceed \$16.0 million in the aggregate at any one time outstanding;





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(18) Indebtedness of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries consisting of the financing of insurance premiums in the ordinary course of business;

(19) Indebtedness consisting of recourse obligations of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries to financial institutions in connection with Permitted Program Affiliate Transactions for lease obligations owing to such financial institutions by Program Affiliates in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10.0 million at any one time outstanding; and

(20) Indebtedness, the proceeds of which are irrevocably deposited with the trustee upon the incurrence of such Indebtedness for the purpose of defeasing all of the then outstanding 2013 PIK Notes in accordance with the procedures set forth under Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance .

For purposes of determining compliance with the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness,

(a) in the event that an item of Indebtedness meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of Permitted Indebtedness described in clauses (1) through (20) above or is entitled to be incurred pursuant to the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio provisions of such covenant, QD LLC shall, in its sole discretion, classify (or later reclassify) such item of Indebtedness in any manner that complies with such covenant,

(b) accrual of interest, accretion or amortization of original issue discount, the payment of interest on any Indebtedness in the form of additional Indebtedness with the same terms or in the form of Capital Stock, the payment of dividends on Disqualified Capital Stock in the form of additional shares of the same class of Disqualified Capital Stock (or an increase in the aggregate liquidation preference thereof) and increases in the amount of Indebtedness outstanding solely as a result of fluctuations in the exchange rate of currencies will not be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness or an issuance of Disqualified Capital Stock for purposes of the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness,

(c) guarantees of, or obligations in respect of letters of credit relating to, Indebtedness which is otherwise included in the determination of a particular amount of Indebtedness shall not be included,

(d) if obligations in respect of letters of credit are incurred pursuant to the ABL Facility and are being treated as incurred pursuant to clause (2) above and the letters of credit relate to other Indebtedness, then such other Indebtedness shall not be included,

(e) if such Indebtedness is denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars, the U.S. dollar equivalent principal amount thereof will be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rates in effect on the date such Indebtedness was incurred, and

(f) Indebtedness need not be incurred solely by reference to one category of Permitted Indebtedness or the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio provisions of such covenant but may be permitted to be incurred in part under any combination of categories of Permitted Indebtedness and the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio provisions.

*Permitted Investments* means:

(1) Investments by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC in any Person that is or will become immediately after such Investment a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or that will merge or consolidate into QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC; provided that such Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC is not restricted from making dividends or similar distributions by contract, operation of law or otherwise other than as permitted by the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitations on Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Subsidiaries ;

(2) Investments in QD LLC by any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC; provided that any Indebtedness evidencing such Investment is unsecured and subordinated, pursuant to a written agreement, to QD LLC s obligations under the 2013 PIK Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture;

(3) Investments in cash and Cash Equivalents;

(4) loans and advances to employees and officers of QDI, QD LLC and QD LLC s Restricted Subsidiaries made (a) in the ordinary course of business for bona fide business purposes not to exceed \$5.0 million in the aggregate at any one time outstanding or (b) to fund purchases of Capital Stock of QDI or QD LLC under any stock option plan or similar employment arrangements so long as no cash is actually advanced by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to such employees and officers to fund such purchases;



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- (5) Currency Agreements, Commodity Agreements and Interest Swap Obligations entered into in the ordinary course of QD LLC's or its Restricted Subsidiaries' businesses and otherwise in compliance with the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture;
- (6) Investments in securities of trade creditors or customers received:
- (a) pursuant to any plan of reorganization or similar arrangement upon the bankruptcy or insolvency of such trade creditors or customers, or
- (b) in settlement of delinquent obligations of, and other disputes with, customers, suppliers and others, in each case arising in the ordinary course of business or otherwise in satisfaction of a judgment;
- (7) Investments
- (a) made by QD LLC or its Restricted Subsidiaries consisting of consideration received in connection with an Asset Sale made in compliance with the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Asset Sales;
- (b) consisting of consideration received by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with a transaction that would be an Asset Sale if it consisted of aggregate consideration received by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of \$2.0 million or more; or
- (c) acquired in exchange for, or out of the proceeds of a substantially concurrent offering of, QD LLC's Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Capital Stock) (which proceeds of any such offering of QD LLC's Capital Stock shall not have been, and shall not be, included in clause (3)(b) of the first paragraph of the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Restricted Payments );
- (8) Investments of a Person or any of its Subsidiaries existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or at the time such Person merges or consolidates with QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in either case in compliance with the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture; provided that such Investments were not made by such Person in connection with, or in anticipation or contemplation of, such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or such merger or consolidation;
- (9) Investments in the 2013 PIK Notes;
- (10) Investments in existence on October 15, 2009;
- (11) guarantees of Indebtedness to the extent permitted pursuant to the covenants described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness, Certain Covenants Limitation on Issuances of Guarantees by Restricted Subsidiaries and Certain Covenants Future 2013 PIK Note Guarantors;
- (12) additional Investments (including Investments in joint ventures and Unrestricted Subsidiaries) not to exceed \$25.0 million at any one time outstanding;
- (13) QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries may make loans or advances to, prepay expenses of, make purchases on behalf of, or otherwise extend credit to (other than extensions of trade credit which are specifically excluded from the definition of Investments ), Program Affiliates so long as such amounts are used to fund expenses or purchases incurred in the ordinary course of business, are being made on a basis consistent with past practice and are deducted from the weekly settlement paid to such Program Affiliates; and
- (14) any Investment by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC in a Receivables Subsidiary or any Investment by a Receivables Subsidiary in any other Person in connection with a Qualified Receivables Transaction; provided that any Investment in a Receivables Subsidiary is in the form of a Purchase Money Note that the Receivables Subsidiary or such other Person is required to pay as soon as practicable or equity interests.

*Permitted Liens* means the following types of Liens:

- (1) Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or claims that are either (a) not delinquent or (b) being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and as to which QD LLC or its Restricted Subsidiaries shall have set aside on their books such reserves, if any, as shall be required in conformity with

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generally accepted accounting principles in effect from time to time in the applicable jurisdiction, in the case of a Foreign Restricted Subsidiary;

(2) statutory and common law Liens of landlords and Liens of carriers, warehousemen, mechanics, suppliers, materialmen, repairmen, customs and revenue authorities and other Liens imposed by law incurred in the ordinary course of business for sums not yet delinquent or being contested in good faith, if such reserve or other appropriate provision, if any, as shall be required by GAAP shall have been made in respect thereof;

(3) Liens incurred or deposits made in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other types of social security, including any Lien securing letters of credit issued in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice in connection therewith, or to secure the performance of tenders, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, bids, leases, government contracts, performance and return-of-money bonds and other similar obligations (exclusive of obligations for the payment of borrowed money);

(4) judgment Liens not giving rise to an Event of Default so long as such Lien is adequately bonded and any appropriate legal proceedings which may have been duly initiated for the review of such judgment shall not have been finally terminated or the period within which such proceedings may be initiated shall not have expired;

(5) licenses, sublicenses, leases, subleases, easements, rights-of-way, zoning restrictions and other similar charges or encumbrances in respect of property not interfering in any material respect with the ordinary conduct of the business of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole;

(6) any interest or title of a lessor under any Capitalized Lease Obligation or operating lease; provided that such Liens do not extend to any property or asset which is not leased property subject to such Capitalized Lease Obligation or operating lease;

(7) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted under the restriction described in clause (10) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness; provided, however, that in the case of Purchase Money Indebtedness (a) the Indebtedness shall not exceed the cost of such property or assets and shall not be secured by any property or assets of QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC other than the property and assets so acquired or constructed and any improvements thereon and (b) the Lien securing such Indebtedness shall be created within 180 days of such acquisition or construction or, in the case of a refinancing of any Purchase Money Indebtedness, within 180 days of such refinancing;

(8) Liens upon specific items of inventory or other goods and proceeds of any Person securing such Person's obligations in respect of bankers' acceptances or similar credit transactions issued or created for the account of such Person to facilitate the purchase, shipment or storage of such inventory or other goods;

(9) Liens securing reimbursement obligations with respect to commercial letters of credit which encumber documents and other property relating to such letters of credit and products and proceeds thereof;

(10) Liens encumbering deposits made to secure obligations arising from statutory, regulatory, contractual or warranty requirements of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, including rights of offset and set-off;

(11) Liens securing Interest Swap Obligations so long as the Interest Swap Obligations relate to Indebtedness that is otherwise permitted under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture;

(12) Liens in the ordinary course of business not exceeding \$5.0 million at any one time outstanding that (a) are not incurred in connection with borrowing money and (b) do not materially detract from the value of the property or materially impair its use;

(13) Liens by reason of judgment or decree not otherwise resulting in an Event of Default;

(14) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted under the restrictions described in clauses (12) and (16) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness;

(15) Liens securing Indebtedness under Currency Agreements and Commodity Agreements permitted under the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture;

(16) Liens in favor of customs and revenue authorities arising as a matter of law to secure payment of customs duties in connection with importation of goods;

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(17) Liens arising out of conditional sale, title retention, consignment or similar arrangements for the sale of goods entered into by QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

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(18) Liens securing Acquired Indebtedness incurred in accordance with the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness (including clause (10) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness ); provided that:

(a) such Liens secured such Acquired Indebtedness at the time of and prior to the incurrence of such Acquired Indebtedness by QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC and were not granted in connection with, or in anticipation of, the incurrence of such Acquired Indebtedness by QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC; and

(b) such Liens do not extend to or cover any property or assets of QD LLC or of any of its Restricted Subsidiaries other than the property or assets that secured the Acquired Indebtedness prior to the time such Indebtedness became Acquired Indebtedness of QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC and are no more favorable to the lienholders than those securing the Acquired Indebtedness prior to the incurrence of such Acquired Indebtedness by QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC;

(19) Liens securing insurance premium financing arrangements; provided that such Lien is limited to the applicable insurance contracts;

(20) Liens securing Indebtedness incurred under clause (20) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness ; provided that such Liens do not extend to or cover any of the cash or Cash Equivalents that have been deposited with the trustee pursuant to Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance ; and

(21) Liens on Receivables and Related Assets to reflect sales of receivables pursuant to a Qualified Receivables Transaction.

*Permitted Program Affiliate Transactions* shall mean a transaction or series of transactions effected in the ordinary course of business of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and consistent with the past practices of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to which (A) (i) QD LLC and/or one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries lease equipment from a third party financial institution, (ii) transfer the lease (and the equipment subject thereto) to a Program Affiliate and (iii) guarantee a portion of the lease payments owing by such Program Affiliate to such financial institution and/or agree to assume from the Program Affiliate the lease initially so transferred to it upon the failure of such Program Affiliate to make the lease payments owing by it thereunder to such financial institution, (B) (i) QD LLC and/or one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries lease equipment from a third party financial institution, (ii) sublease such equipment to a Program Affiliate, (iii) transfer the account receivable related to the sublease (together with all collateral rights to the equipment that is the subject of the sublease) to a third party financial institution and (iv) guarantee the sublease payments owing by the Program Affiliate to such financial institution, (C) (i) QD LLC and/or one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries lease equipment to a Program Affiliate, (ii) transfer the account receivable related to such lease (together with all the collateral rights to the equipment that is the subject of the lease) to a third party financial institution and (iii) guarantee the lease payments owing by the Program Affiliate to such financial institution or (D) (i) QD LLC and/or one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries lease equipment to a Program Affiliate, (ii) transfer the lease (and the related account receivable and the equipment that is the subject of the lease) to a third party financial institution and (iii) guarantee the lease payments owing by the Program Affiliate to such financial institution and/or agree to assume such equipment lease from such Program Affiliate upon the failure of such Program Affiliate to make the lease payments owing by it thereunder to such financial institution.

*Person* means an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, unincorporated organization, trust or joint venture, or a governmental agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

*PIK Interest* means the portion of interest paid on 2013 PIK Notes by increasing the outstanding principal amount of the outstanding 2013 PIK Notes by the amount of such interest accrued since the last interest payment date.

*PIK Notes* means 2013 PIK Notes, or increases in the outstanding principal amount of outstanding 2013 PIK Notes, issued in payment of PIK Interest after the date of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture.

*Preferred Stock* of any Person means any Capital Stock of such Person that has preferential rights to any other Capital Stock of such Person with respect to dividends or redemptions or upon liquidation.

*Program Affiliates* shall mean each of the independently-owned entities that operate under the name of QD LLC or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to an exclusive agreement with QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary.

*Purchase Money Indebtedness* means Indebtedness of QD LLC and its Restricted Subsidiaries incurred in the normal course of business for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price, or the cost of installation, construction or improvement, of property or equipment or other related assets and any Refinancing thereof.





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*Purchase Money Note* means a promissory note of a Receivables Subsidiary evidencing a line of credit, which may be irrevocable, from QD LLC or any Subsidiary of QD LLC in connection with a Qualified Receivables Transaction to a Receivables Subsidiary, which note is intended to be repaid from cash available to the Receivables Subsidiary, other than amounts required to be established as reserves, amounts paid to investors in respect of interest, principal and other amounts owing to such investors and amounts paid in connection with the purchase of newly generated receivables.

*Qualified Capital Stock* means any Capital Stock that is not Disqualified Capital Stock.

*Receivables and Related Assets* means any account receivable (whether now existing or arising thereafter) of QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC, and any assets related thereto including all collateral securing such accounts receivable, all contracts and contract rights and all guarantees or other obligations in respect of such accounts receivable, proceeds of such accounts receivable and other assets which are customarily transferred or in respect of which security interests are customarily granted in connection with asset securitization transactions involving accounts receivable.

*Receivables Subsidiary* means a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC that engages in no activities other than in connection with the financing of accounts receivable and that is designated by QD LLC's Board of Directors (as provided below) as a Receivables Subsidiary:

- (1) no portion of the Indebtedness or any other Obligations (contingent or otherwise) of which
  - (a) is guaranteed by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC (excluding guarantees of Obligations (other than the principal of, and interest on, Indebtedness) pursuant to representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities entered into in the ordinary course of business in connection with a Qualified Receivables Transaction),
  - (b) is recourse to or obligates QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC in any way other than pursuant to representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities entered into in the ordinary course of business in connection with a Qualified Receivables Transaction or
  - (c) subjects any property or asset of QD LLC or of any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC, directly or indirectly, contingently or otherwise, to the satisfaction thereof, other than pursuant to representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities entered into in the ordinary course of business in connection with a Qualified Receivables Transaction;
- (2) with which neither QD LLC nor any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC has any material contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding other than on terms no less favorable to QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons who are not Affiliates of QD LLC, other than fees payable in the ordinary course of business in connection with servicing accounts receivable; and
- (3) with which neither QD LLC nor any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC has any obligation to maintain or preserve such Restricted Subsidiary's financial condition or cause such Restricted Subsidiary to achieve certain levels of operating results.

Any such designation by the Board of Directors of QD LLC shall be evidenced to the trustee by filing with the trustee a Board Resolution giving effect to such designation and an officers' certificate certifying that such designation complied with the preceding conditions.

*Refinance* means, in respect of any security or Indebtedness, to refinance, extend, renew, refund, repay, prepay, redeem, defease or retire, or to issue a security or Indebtedness in exchange or replacement for, such security or Indebtedness in whole or in part. Refinanced and Refinancing shall have correlative meanings.

*Refinancing Indebtedness* means any Refinancing by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC of (A) for purposes of clause (15) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, Indebtedness incurred or existing in accordance with the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness (other than pursuant to clause (2), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (16), (17), (18), (19) or (20) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness ) or (B) for any other purpose, Indebtedness incurred in accordance with the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness, in each case that does not:

- (1) result in an increase in the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness of such Person as of the date of such proposed Refinancing (plus the amount of any premium, accrued interest and defeasance costs required to be paid under the terms of the instrument governing such Indebtedness and plus the amount of reasonable fees, expenses, discounts and commissions incurred by QD LLC in connection with such Refinancing); or



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(2) create Indebtedness which:

(a) if the Indebtedness being Refinanced was incurred pursuant to clause (3) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, a Weighted Average Life to Maturity that is less than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Indebtedness being Refinanced or a final maturity earlier than the final maturity of the Indebtedness being Refinanced, or

(b) if the Indebtedness being Refinanced was otherwise incurred in accordance with the definition of Permitted Indebtedness or with the covenant described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness, a Weighted Average Life to Maturity that is less than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the 2013 PIK Notes or a final maturity earlier than the final maturity of the 2013 PIK Notes;

provided that

if such Indebtedness being Refinanced is solely QD LLC's Indebtedness, then such Refinancing Indebtedness shall be solely QD LLC's Indebtedness, and

if such Indebtedness being Refinanced is subordinate or junior to the 2013 PIK Notes, then such Refinancing Indebtedness shall be subordinate to the 2013 PIK Notes at least to the same extent and in the same manner as the Indebtedness being Refinanced.

*Related Parties* of a specified Person means:

(a) if a natural person, (1) any spouse, parent or lineal descendant (including by adoption) of such Person or (2) the estate of such Person during any period in which such estate holds Capital Stock of QD LLC or of QDI for the benefit of any Person referred to in clause (a)(1) and

(b) if a trust, corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity, the beneficiaries, stockholders, partners, owners or Persons beneficially owning an interest of more than 50% of which consist of such Person and/or such other Persons referred to in the immediately preceding clause (a).

*Representative* means the indenture trustee or other trustee, agent or representative in respect of any Designated Senior Debt; provided that if, and for so long as, any Designated Senior Debt lacks such a Representative, then the Representative for such Designated Senior Debt shall at all times constitute the holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of such Designated Senior Debt.

*Restricted Subsidiary* of any Person means any Subsidiary of such Person which at the time of determination is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

*Sale and Leaseback Transaction* means any direct or indirect arrangement with any Person or to which any such Person is a party, providing for the leasing to QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC of any property, whether owned by QD LLC or any Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC at October 15, 2009 or later acquired, which has been or is to be sold or transferred by QD LLC or such Restricted Subsidiary to such Person or to any other Person from whom funds have been or are to be advanced by such Person on the security of such property other than:

(a) arrangements between QD LLC and a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC or between Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries of QD LLC or

(b) any arrangement whereby the transfer involves fixed or capital assets and is consummated within 120 days after the date QD LLC or a Restricted Subsidiary of QD LLC acquires or finishes construction of such fixed or capital assets.

*Senior Debt* means the principal of, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest (including any interest accruing subsequent to the filing of a petition of bankruptcy or other like proceeding at the rate provided for in the documentation with respect thereto, whether or not such interest is an allowed claim under applicable law) on any Indebtedness of the Issuers, whether outstanding on October 15, 2009 or thereafter created, incurred or assumed, unless, in the case of any particular Indebtedness, the instrument creating or evidencing the same or pursuant to which the same is outstanding expressly provides that such Indebtedness shall not be senior in right of payment to the 2013 PIK Notes. Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, Senior Debt shall also include the principal of, premium, if any, interest (including any interest accruing subsequent to the filing of petition of bankruptcy or other like proceeding at the rate provided for in the documentation with respect thereto, whether or not such interest is an allowed claim under applicable law) on, and all other amounts owing by the Issuers in respect of,



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all of its monetary obligations of every nature (including guarantees thereof) under the ABL Facility, including obligations to pay principal, premium and interest, reimbursement obligations under letters of credit, fees, expenses and indemnities (including guarantees thereof);

all of its monetary obligations of every nature under the 2013 Senior Notes, including obligations to pay principal, premium or interest;

all Interest Swap Obligations (including guarantees thereof); and

all obligations under Currency Agreements and Commodity Agreements (including guarantees thereof), in each case whether outstanding on or incurred after October 15, 2009.

Notwithstanding the preceding, Senior Debt shall not include:

(1) any Indebtedness of QD LLC to any of its Subsidiaries;

(2) Indebtedness to, or guaranteed on behalf of, any director, manager, officer or employee of QD LLC or any director, manager, officer or employee of any Subsidiary of QD LLC (including amounts owed for compensation);

(3) Indebtedness or other liabilities to trade creditors and other amounts incurred in connection with obtaining goods, materials or services (other than if incurred under the ABL Facility);

(4) Indebtedness represented by Disqualified Capital Stock;

(5) any liability for federal, state, local or other taxes owed or owing by the Issuers;

(6) that portion of any Indebtedness incurred in violation of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture provisions described under Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness ; *provided* that (x) as to any such obligation, no such violation shall be deemed to exist for purposes of this clause (6) if the holder(s) of such obligation or their representative shall have received an officers certificate (or representation and warranty) from QD LLC to the effect that the incurrence of such Indebtedness does not (or, in the case of revolving credit Indebtedness, that the incurrence of the entire committed amount thereof at the date on which the initial borrowing thereunder is made would not) violate such provisions of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture) and (y) any revolving Indebtedness under the ABL Facility incurred in violation of such covenant as a result of the application of the first proviso appearing in clause (2) of the definition of Permitted Debt shall not be excluded from Senior Debt, so long as such Indebtedness was extended in good faith to QD LLC;

(7) that portion of Indebtedness which, when incurred and without respect to any election under Section 1111(b) of Title 11, United States Code, is without recourse to the Issuers; and

(8) that portion of any Indebtedness or other Obligation which is, by its express terms, subordinated in right of payment to any of the Issuers other Indebtedness or other Obligations;

*provided*, if any Senior Debt is disallowed under Section 548 of Title 11, United States Code, or any applicable state fraudulent conveyance law, such Senior Debt shall nevertheless constitute Senior Debt for all purposes of the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture.

*Senior Subordinated Debt* means, with respect to a Person, the 2013 PIK Notes and the 9% Notes and any other Indebtedness of such Person that specifically provides that such Indebtedness is to rank on an equal basis with the 2013 PIK Notes and the 9% Notes in right of payment and is not subordinated by its terms in right of payment to any Indebtedness or other obligations of such Person which are not Senior Debt of such Person.

*Significant Subsidiary* means any Restricted Subsidiary that would be a significant subsidiary as defined in Regulation S-X under the Securities Act.

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*Subsidiary*, with respect to any Person, means:

(1) any corporation of which the outstanding Capital Stock having at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast in the election of directors under ordinary circumstances shall at the time be owned, directly or indirectly, by such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person; or

(2) any other Person of which at least a majority of the voting interest under ordinary circumstances is at the time, directly or indirectly, owned by such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person.

*Transactions* means, collectively, (i) the exchange offers by the Issuers with respect to the 9% Notes and the 2012 Notes, (ii) the issuance of the Existing Notes, and (iii) the payment of fees and expenses in relation to the foregoing.

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*Treasury Rate* means the rate per annum equal to the yield to maturity at the time of computation of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity most nearly equal to the period from such date of redemption to October 15, 2010; provided, however, that if the period from such date of redemption to October 15, 2010 is not equal to the constant maturity of a United States Treasury security for which a weekly average yield is given, the Treasury Rate shall be obtained by linear interpolation (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth of a year) from the weekly average yields of United States Treasury securities for which such yields are given, except that if the period from such date of redemption to October 15, 2010 is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year shall be used.

*Unrestricted Subsidiary* means (1) any Subsidiary of any Person (other than, in the case of QD LLC, QD Capital) that is designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary by the Board of Directors of such Person in the manner provided below and (2) any Subsidiary of an Unrestricted Subsidiary. The Board(s) of Directors may designate any Subsidiary, including any newly acquired or newly formed Subsidiary, to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary only if:

such Subsidiary does not own any Capital Stock of, or own or hold any Lien on any property of, QD LLC or any other Subsidiary of QD LLC that is not a Subsidiary of the Subsidiary to be so designated;

either (1) QD LLC certifies to the trustee in an officers' certificate that such designation complies with the covenant described under *Certain Covenants - Limitation on Restricted Payments* or (2) the Subsidiary to be so designated at the time of designation has total consolidated assets of \$1,000 or less; and

each Subsidiary to be so designated and each of its Subsidiaries has not and does not after the time of designation, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable with respect to any Indebtedness pursuant to which the lender has recourse to any of QD LLC's assets or those of any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the assets of such Unrestricted Subsidiary).

The Board of Directors of QD LLC may designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary only if

immediately after giving effect to such designation, QD LLC is able to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness (other than Permitted Indebtedness) in compliance with the covenant described under *Certain Covenants - Limitation on Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness* and

immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such designation, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing. Any such designation by the Boards of Directors of QDI and QD LLC shall be evidenced to the trustee by promptly filing with the trustee a copy of the Board Resolution giving effect to such designation and an officers' certificate certifying that such designation complied with the foregoing provisions.

*Weighted Average Life to Maturity* means, when applied to any Indebtedness at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing

(1) the then outstanding aggregate principal amount of such Indebtedness into

(2) the sum of the total of the products obtained by multiplying (a) the amount of each then remaining installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required payment of principal, including payment at final maturity, in respect thereof, by (b) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) which will elapse between such date and the making of such payment.

*Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary* of any Person means any Restricted Subsidiary of such Person of which all the outstanding voting securities (other than in the case of a Foreign Restricted Subsidiary, directors' qualifying shares or an immaterial amount of shares required to be owned by other Persons pursuant to applicable law) are owned by such Person and/or by one or more Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person.





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**BOOK-ENTRY, DELIVERY AND FORM**

Except as set forth below, the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes will initially be issued in the form of one or more fully registered notes in global form without coupons (the Global 2013 Senior Note ) and the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes will initially be issued in the form of one or more fully registered notes in global form without coupons (the Global 2013 PIK Note ). The Global 2013 Senior Note and the Global 2013 PIK Note shall each be deposited with the trustee, as custodian for, and registered in the name of, DTC or a nominee thereof. The Existing Notes, to the extent that they are validly tendered and accepted and directed by their holders in their letters of transmittal, will be exchanged through book-entry electronic transfer for the Exchange Notes.

Except as set forth below, the global note may be transferred, in whole but not in part, solely to another nominee of DTC or to a successor of DTC or its nominee. Beneficial interests in the global note may not be exchanged for notes in certificated form except in the limited circumstances described below.

***Depository Procedures***

The following description of the operations and procedures of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream are provided solely as a matter of convenience. These operations and procedures are solely within the control of the respective settlement systems and are subject to changes by them. We take no responsibility for these operations and procedures and urge investors to contact the system or their participants directly to discuss these matters.

DTC has advised us that it is a limited-purpose trust company created to hold securities for its participating organizations and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of transactions in those securities between participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of its participants. The participants include securities brokers and dealers, including the Dealer Managers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Access to DTC's system is also available to other entities such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly. Persons who are not participants may beneficially own securities held by or on behalf of DTC only through the participants or indirect participants. The ownership interests in, and transfers of ownership interests in, each security held by or on behalf of DTC are recorded on the records of the participants and indirect participants.

DTC has also advised us that, pursuant to procedures established by it:

upon deposit of the Global 2013 Senior Note and the Global 2013 PIK Note, DTC will credit the accounts of participants designated by the exchange agent with portions of the principal amount of the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note, as applicable; and

ownership of these interests in the Global 2013 Senior Note and the Global 2013 PIK Note will be shown on, and the transfer of ownership of these interests will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC, with respect to participants, or by participants and indirect participants, with respect to other owners of beneficial interest in the Global 2013 Senior Note and the Global 2013 PIK Note.

Investors in the Global 2013 Senior Note and the Global 2013 PIK Note who are participants in DTC's system may hold their interests therein directly through DTC. Investors in the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note who are not participants may hold their interests therein indirectly through other systems that are participants in DTC's system. All interests in the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note may be subject to the procedures and requirements of DTC. The laws of some states require that certain persons take physical delivery in definitive form of securities that they own. Consequently, the ability to transfer beneficial interests in the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note to those persons will be limited to that extent. Because DTC can act only on behalf of participants, which in turn act on behalf of indirect participants, the ability of a person having beneficial interests in the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note to pledge its interests to persons that do not participate in DTC system, or otherwise take actions in respect of such interests, may be affected by the lack of a physical certificate evidencing those interests.

Except as described below, owners of interests in the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note will not have the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note registered in their names, will not receive physical delivery of the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note in certificated form and will not be considered the registered owners or Holders thereof under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture or the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture for any purpose.

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Payments in respect of the principal of, and interest and premium on the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note registered in the name of DTC or its nominee will be payable to DTC in its capacity as the registered holder under the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture or the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture. Under the terms of the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture and the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture, we and the trustee will treat the persons in whose names the 2013 Senior Notes, including the Global 2013 Senior Note, and the 2013 PIK Notes, including the Global 2013 PIK Note, are registered as the owners of the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note, as applicable, for the purpose of receiving payments and for all other purposes. Consequently, neither we, the trustee nor any agent of ours or the trustee has or will have any responsibility or liability for:

any aspect of DTC's records or any participant's or indirect participant's records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interest in the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of DTC's records or any participant's or indirect participant's records relating to the beneficial ownership interests in the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note; or

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any other matter relating to the actions and practices of DTC or any of its participants or indirect participants.

DTC has advised us that its current practice, upon receipt of any payment in respect of securities such as the 2013 Senior Notes or the 2013 PIK Notes, including principal and interest, is to credit the accounts of the relevant participants with the payment on the payment date unless DTC has reason to believe it will not receive payment on such payment date. Each relevant participant is credited with an amount proportionate to its beneficial ownership of an interest in the principal amount of the relevant security as shown on the records of DTC. Payments by the participants and the indirect participants to the beneficial owners of the 2013 Senior Notes or the 2013 PIK Notes will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices and will be the responsibility of the participants or the indirect participants and will not be the responsibility of DTC, the trustee or us. Neither we nor the trustee will be liable for any delay by DTC or any of its participants in identifying the beneficial owners of the 2013 Senior Notes or the 2013 PIK Notes, and we and the trustee may conclusively rely on and will be protected in relying on instructions from DTC or its nominee for all purposes.

Transfers of beneficial interests in the 2013 Senior Notes Global Note or the 2013 PIK Notes Global Note will be subject to the applicable rules and procedures of DTC and its direct and indirect participants, which may change from time to time. Transfers between participants in DTC will be effected in accordance with DTC's procedures, and will be settled in same-day funds, and transfers between participants in Euroclear and Clearstream will be effected in accordance with their respective rules and operating procedures.

Cross-market transfers between the participants in DTC, on the one hand, and Euroclear or Clearstream participants, on the other hand, will be effected through DTC in accordance with DTC's rules on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, by its respective depository; however, these cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, by the counterparty in such system in accordance with the rules and procedures and within the established deadlines, Brussels time, of such system. Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its respective depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving interests in the relevant Global 2013 Senior Note or Global 2013 PIK Note in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Euroclear participants and Clearstream participants may not deliver instructions directly to the depositories for Euroclear or Clearstream.

DTC has advised us that it will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes only at the direction of one or more participants to whose account DTC has credited the interests in the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note and only in respect of such portion of the aggregate principal amount of the 2013 Senior Notes or the 2013 PIK Notes as to which the participant or participants has or have given such direction. However, if there is an event of default under the 2013 Senior Notes or the 2013 PIK Notes, DTC reserves the right to exchange the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note for legended 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes in certificated form, and to distribute the 2013 Senior Notes or the 2013 PIK Notes to its participants.

Although DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream have agreed to the foregoing procedures to facilitate transfers of interests in the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note among participants in DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, they are under no obligation to perform or to continue to perform these procedures, and may discontinue these procedures at any time. Neither we nor the trustee nor any of their respective agents will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream or their respective participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

***Exchange of Global 2013 Senior Note or Global 2013 PIK Note for Certificated 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes***

The Global 2013 Senior Note or Global 2013 PIK Note is exchangeable for definitive 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes in registered certificated form if:

DTC (a) notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for the Global 2013 Senior Note or Global 2013 PIK Note or (b) has ceased to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in either case, we fail to appoint a successor depository; or

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there has occurred and is continuing an event of default with respect to the 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes and the registrar for the Global 2013 Senior Note or Global 2013 PIK Note has received a written request from DTC or the trustee. In addition, beneficial interests in a Global 2013 Senior Note or Global 2013 PIK Note may be exchanged for certificated 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes only in accordance with the rules and procedures of DTC and in accordance with the 2013 Senior Notes Indenture or the 2013 PIK Notes Indenture. In all cases, certificated 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes delivered in exchange for the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note or beneficial interests in the Global 2013 Senior Note or the Global 2013 PIK Note will be registered in the names, and issued in any approved denominations, requested by or on behalf of the depository in accordance with its customary procedures.

***Same Day Settlement and Payment***

We will make payments in respect of the 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes represented by the Global 2013 Senior Note or Global 2013 PIK Note, including principal, premium, if any, and interest by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by the holder of the Global 2013 Senior Note or Global 2013 PIK Note. We will make all payments of principal, interest and premium with respect to certificated 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by the holders of the certificated 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes or, if no such account is specified, by mailing a check to each such holder's registered address. The 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes represented by the Global 2013 Senior Note or Global 2013 PIK Note are expected to be eligible to trade in DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System, and any permitted secondary market trading activity in such 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes will, therefore, be required by DTC to be settled in immediately available funds. We expect that secondary trading in any certificated 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes will also be settled in immediately available funds.

Because of time zone differences, the securities account of a Euroclear or Clearstream participant purchasing an interest in a Global 2013 Senior Note or Global 2013 PIK Note from a participant in DTC will be credited, and any such crediting will be reported to the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream participant, during the securities settlement processing day, which must be a business day for Euroclear and Clearstream, immediately following the settlement date of DTC. DTC has advised us that cash received in Euroclear or Clearstream as a result of sales of interests in the Global 2013 Senior Note or Global 2013 PIK Note by or through a Euroclear or Clearstream participant to a participant in DTC will be received with value on the settlement date of DTC but will be available in the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream cash account only as of the business day for Euroclear or Clearstream following DTC's settlement date.

**CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

**TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH TREASURY DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR 230, WE NOTIFY YOU THAT: (A) ANY DISCUSSION OF FEDERAL TAX ISSUES HEREIN IS NOT INTENDED OR WRITTEN TO BE RELIED UPON, AND CANNOT BE RELIED UPON, BY ANY TAXPAYER FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE CODE); (B) SUCH DISCUSSION IS BEING USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROMOTION OR MARKETING (WITHIN THE MEANING OF CIRCULAR 230) OF THE TRANSACTIONS OR MATTERS ADDRESSED HEREIN; AND (C) TAXPAYERS SHOULD SEEK ADVICE BASED ON THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM AN INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISOR.**

The following discussion summarizes certain U.S. federal income tax consequences to holders relating to the exchange of Existing Notes for Exchange Notes pursuant to the exchange offer and the ownership and disposition of Exchange Notes acquired in the exchange offer. This summary is based upon the provisions of the Code, Treasury regulations promulgated under the Code (the Regulations), and administrative rulings and judicial decisions, in each case as of the date hereof. These authorities are subject to differing interpretations and may be changed, perhaps retroactively, resulting in U.S. federal income tax consequences materially different from those summarized below. We have not obtained, nor do we intend to obtain, any ruling from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service with respect to the statements made and the conclusions reached in the following summary, and there can be no assurance that the IRS will agree with our statements and conclusions, or that if the IRS were to challenge such conclusions such challenge would not be sustained by a court.

This summary assumes that the Existing Notes and the Exchange Notes are and will be held as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code. This discussion only addresses tax considerations for beneficial owners of the Existing Notes that acquired the Existing Notes at their original issuance at their issue price and that exchange their Existing Notes for the Exchange Notes pursuant to the exchange offer. This summary does not address the tax considerations arising under the U.S. federal estate and gift tax laws or the laws of any foreign, state or local jurisdiction. In addition, this summary does not purport to address all tax considerations that may be applicable to a particular holder's circumstances or to holders that may be subject to special tax rules, including holders subject to the alternative minimum tax, banks, insurance companies or other financial institutions, tax-exempt



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organizations, dealers, brokers or traders in securities, currencies or commodities, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, holders that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for their securities holdings, U.S. Holders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, controlled foreign corporations, passive foreign investment companies, former U.S. citizens or long-term residents, partnerships or other pass-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes or investors therein, holders holding the Existing Notes or the Exchange Notes as a position in a hedging transaction, straddle, conversion transaction, other synthetic security or integrated transaction, or other risk reduction transaction, holders deemed to sell the Existing Notes or the Exchange Notes under the constructive sale provisions of the Code, or subsequent purchasers of Exchange Notes.

For purposes of this discussion, the term **U.S. Holder** means a beneficial owner of Existing Notes or Exchange Notes that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- (i) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;
- (ii) a corporation, including any entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- (iii) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- (iv) a trust, if its administration is subject to the primary supervision of a U.S. court and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or if it has made a valid election in effect under applicable Regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

For purpose of this discussion, the term **Non-U.S. Holder** means a beneficial owner of Existing Notes or Exchange Notes (other than a partnership or other entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) that is not a U.S. Holder.

If a partnership (or other entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds Existing Notes or Exchange Notes, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partnership or a partner of a partnership holding Existing Notes or Exchange Notes, you should consult your tax advisor regarding the tax consequences of this offering and the ownership and disposition of Exchange Notes.

**THIS SUMMARY IS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY, AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE, AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED TO BE, LEGAL OR TAX ADVICE TO ANY PARTICULAR HOLDER. YOU ARE URGED TO CONSULT YOUR OWN TAX ADVISOR WITH REGARD TO THE APPLICATION OF THE U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS, AS WELL AS THE APPLICATION OF NON-INCOME TAX LAWS AND THE LAWS OF ANY STATE, LOCAL OR FOREIGN TAXING JURISDICTION, TO YOUR PARTICULAR SITUATION.**

### **Debt Treatment**

Whether an instrument is characterized as debt or equity for U.S. federal income tax purposes depends upon the facts and circumstances surrounding the issuer and the terms and operation of the instrument. We believe that the Exchange Notes should be treated as debt for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If the Exchange Notes were recharacterized as equity for U.S. federal income tax purposes, adverse consequences could result to us and the holders of the Exchange Notes. Such adverse consequences could include, but are not limited to, stated interest and payments of original issue discount (OID) on the Exchange Notes being treated as nondeductible dividends to the Issuers. Under U.S. federal income tax law, dividends paid to a Non-U.S. Holder generally would be subject to U.S. withholding tax at a rate of 30%, unless eliminated or reduced by an applicable treaty. We do not intend to withhold tax on payments of interest on the Exchange Notes (subject to the exceptions noted below in **Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders Ownership of Exchange 2013 Senior Notes**) absent action taken by the IRS to recharacterize the Exchange Notes as equity, but there can be no assurance that a withholding agent other than the Issuers will not withhold on such amounts. The following discussion assumes that the Exchange Notes are properly characterized as debt for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

### **The Exchange of Existing Notes for Exchange Notes Pursuant to this Offering**

The exchange of an Existing Note for an Exchange Note pursuant to this offering should not constitute a taxable exchange for U.S. federal income tax purposes because the Exchange Note should not be considered to differ materially in kind or extent from the Existing Note. Accordingly, the Exchange Note should be treated for U.S. federal tax purposes as a continuation of the Existing Note in the hands of a U.S. Holder or a Non-U.S. Holder. As a result, (1) a holder should not recognize any gain or loss on the exchange, (2) the holder's holding period for an Exchange Note should include the holding period for the Existing Note, and (3) the holder's adjusted tax basis in the Exchange Note should be

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the same as the holder's adjusted basis in the Existing Note. The Exchange Offer should not have any U.S. federal income tax consequences to a nonexchanging holder of an Existing Note.



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We believe that the Existing 2013 Senior Notes should be treated as contingent payment debt instruments under applicable IRS Regulations and, consequently, the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes, as a mere continuation of the Existing 2013 Senior Notes for federal tax purposes, should also be so treated. This is because we may be obligated to redeem a portion of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes prior to their maturity (see Description of 10% Senior Notes due 2013 Redemption Mandatory Redemption Semi-Annual Mandatory Redemption and Description of 10% Senior Notes due 2013 Redemption Mandatory Redemption Excess Cash Flow-Based Catch-Up Redemption ). There is limited guidance in this area, however, and it is possible the IRS could treat the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes in a different manner, in which case the timing and the amount of interest accruals and other tax consequences may differ significantly from those described below. The remainder of this discussion of the ownership of Exchange 2013 Senior Notes assumes that the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes are properly classified as contingent payment debt instruments.

Under this classification, a U.S. Holder will be required to accrue interest income on the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes on a constant-yield basis at an assumed yield determined at the time of issuance of the notes (the comparable yield ), regardless of its method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes, subject to certain adjustments if actual payments differ from those projected on the projected payment schedule (described below). Such interest income determined under the projected payment schedule is treated as OID for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

The IRS Regulations provide that a U.S. Holder must accrue an amount of ordinary interest income, as OID for U.S. federal income tax purposes, for each accrual period prior to and including the maturity date of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes (subject to a sale, exchange, redemption or retirement) that equals: (i) the product of (x) the adjusted issue price (as defined below) of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes as of the beginning of the accrual period and (y) the comparable yield of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes, adjusted for the length of the accrual period; (ii) divided by the number of days in the accrual period; and (iii) multiplied by the number of days during the accrual period that the U.S. Holder held the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes.

The adjusted issue price of an Exchange 2013 Senior Note is its issue price increased by any interest income previously accrued, determined without regard to any adjustments to interest accruals described below, and decreased by the projected amount of any prior scheduled projected payment (without regard to the actual amount of any prior payment).

Solely for purposes of determining the amount of interest income that a U.S. Holder will be required to accrue, we are required to construct a projected payment schedule in respect of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes representing a series of payments the amount and timing of which would produce a yield to maturity on the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes equal to the comparable yield. The projected payment schedule includes each noncontingent payment and an estimate of the amount and timing of each contingent payment on the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes determined as of the issue date of the Existing 2013 Senior Notes. The comparable yield for the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes is based on the yield at which we would issue as of the settlement date a fixed-rate debt instrument with no contingent payments but with terms and conditions otherwise similar to those of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes. The precise manner of calculating the comparable yield and projected payment schedule is not entirely clear. The IRS may not respect the projected payment schedule or the Issuers' determination of the comparable yield, in which case a U.S. Holder could be required for any particular taxable year to include a greater or lesser amount of interest in income. U.S. Holders that wish to obtain the projected payment schedule and comparable yield may do so by contacting us at the address set forth under Where You Can Find More Information beginning 10 days after the settlement date. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, a U.S. Holder is required under the Regulations to use the comparable yield and the projected payment schedule established by us in determining interest accruals and adjustments in respect of an Exchange 2013 Senior Note, unless such U.S. Holder timely discloses and justifies the use of a different comparable yield and projected payment schedule to the IRS.

**The comparable yield and the project payment schedule are not determined for any purpose other than for the determination of a holder's interest accruals and adjustments thereof in respect of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes and do not constitute a projection or representation regarding the actual amounts payable to holders of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes.**

***Adjustments to Interest Accruals***

In addition to the interest accrual discussed above, a U.S. Holder is required to recognize as additional interest income an amount equal to the amount of any excess of actual payments over projected payments for a taxable year (a net positive adjustment ) on an Exchange 2013 Senior Note in the same manner as has been required for a U.S. Holder of an Existing 2013 Senior Note. If a U.S. Holder receives actual payments that are less than the projected payments for a taxable year on an Exchange 2013 Senior Note, the U.S. Holder will incur a net negative adjustment

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equal to the amount of such difference. This net negative adjustment will (i) first reduce the amount of interest in respect of the Exchange 2013 Senior Note that a U.S. Holder would otherwise be required to include in the taxable year, and (ii) to the extent of any excess after application of clause (i), give rise to an ordinary loss to the extent of the U.S. Holder's interest income on the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes previously included in income during prior taxable years, reduced to the extent such interest was offset by prior net negative adjustments. A net negative adjustment is not subject to the two

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percent floor limitation imposed on miscellaneous deductions under Section 67 of the Code. Any net negative adjustment in excess of the amounts described in (i) and (ii) will be carried forward to offset future interest income in respect of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes or to reduce the amount realized on a sale, exchange, or other disposition of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes. If any portion of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes is redeemed pursuant to Description of 10% Senior Notes due 2013 Redemption Mandatory Redemption Semi-Annual Mandatory Redemption or Description of 10% Senior Notes due 2013 Redemption Mandatory Redemption Excess Cash Flow-Based Catch-Up Redemption such redemption should not be treated as an adjustment, but rather as a repurchase of such portion as discussed below under the heading Sale, Exchange, Redemption or Retirement of Exchange 2013 Senior Notes.

*Sale, Exchange, Redemption or Retirement of Exchange 2013 Senior Notes*

As is the case with the Existing 2013 Senior Notes, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss upon a sale, exchange, redemption or retirement of an Exchange 2013 Senior Note in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the amount of any cash and the fair market value of any property received reduced by any unused net negative adjustment carryforward, as described above, and (ii) such holder's adjusted tax basis in the Exchange 2013 Senior Note. A U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in an Exchange 2013 Senior Note will, in general, be its initial tax basis in the 2013 Senior Note, increased by any OID previously included in income (determined without regard to any positive or negative adjustment to interest accruals described above that reflect the difference between actual and projected payments) and decreased by the projected amount of all prior scheduled payments on the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes to the U.S. Holder (without regard to the amounts actually paid). If any portion of the Exchange 2013 Senior Notes is redeemed prior to their maturity as described under Description of 10% Senior Notes due 2013 - Redemption - Mandatory Redemption Semi-Annual Mandatory Redemption or Description of 10% Senior Notes due 2013 Redemption Mandatory Redemption Excess Cash Flow-Based Catch-Up Redemption, the Issuers intend to treat such a redemption as a repurchase of such portion by the Issuers for the amount paid to the redeemed U.S. Holder. A U.S. Holder generally will treat any gain as interest income and any loss as ordinary loss to the extent of the excess of previous interest inclusions over the total net negative adjustments previously taken into account as ordinary loss, and the balance as capital loss. Holders are strongly urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences to them of a sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other disposition of an Exchange 2013 Senior Note. The deduction of capital losses is subject to significant limitations. If you recognize a loss above certain thresholds, you may be required to file a disclosure statement with the IRS.

***Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders - Ownership of Exchange 2013 PIK Notes****Payments of Stated Interest*

As is the case with the Existing 2013 PIK Notes, the stated interest payments (other than PIK interest, discussed below) on the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes (qualified stated interest) will generally be taxed to a U.S. Holder as ordinary income at the time they are paid or accrued in accordance with such holder's method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

*Original Issue Discount*

For United States federal income tax purposes, the Existing 2013 PIK Notes were issued as part of an investment unit consisting of Existing 2013 PIK Notes and warrants. The issue price of a unit was allocated between the Existing 2013 PIK Notes and the warrants that comprised the unit based on the relative fair market values of the Existing 2013 PIK Notes and the warrants on the issue date. After allocating to the warrants an amount of the issue price equal to their fair market value, we allocated the remaining portion of the issue price of the unit to the Existing 2013 PIK Notes.

You may request information from us regarding the allocation of the issue price of a unit between the Existing 2013 PIK Notes and the warrants. A holder is generally bound by our allocation for United States federal income tax purposes unless, in the case of a holder that purchased the Existing 2013 PIK Notes upon their original issuance as part of the investment unit, the holder discloses, on a statement attached to its United States federal income tax return for the taxable year that includes the acquisition date of such unit, that its allocation differs from ours. Our allocation is not, however, binding on the IRS, and if our allocation were successfully challenged by the IRS, the issue price, OID accrual on the Existing 2013 PIK Notes, and gain or loss on the sale or disposition of the Existing 2013 PIK Notes would be different from that resulting under our allocation, and could possibly result in less favorable United States federal income tax consequences than would have applied if our allocation were respected.

The issue price allocated to the Existing 2013 PIK Notes was less than their stated principal amount by more than a specified de minimis amount, such that the Existing 2013 PIK Notes are treated as issued with OID in an amount equal to the sum of (i) such difference and (ii) the amount of PIK interest to be paid on the Existing 2013 PIK Notes. Since the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes are a mere continuation of the Existing 2013 PIK Notes for federal tax purposes, this same treatment will apply to the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes. A U.S. Holder must generally include

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OID in gross income as it accrues over the term of an Exchange 2013 PIK Note without regard to its regular method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes and in advance of the receipt of cash payments attributable to that income.

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The amount of OID that a U.S. Holder must include in income will generally equal the sum of the daily portions of OID with respect to the Exchange 2013 PIK Note for each day during the taxable year or portion of the taxable year in which such Exchange 2013 PIK Note ( accrued OID ) was held. The daily portion is determined by allocating to each day in any accrual period a pro rata portion of the OID allocable to that accrual period. The accrual period for an Exchange 2013 PIK Note may be of any length and may vary in length over the term of the Exchange 2013 PIK Note, provided that each accrual period is no longer than one year and each scheduled payment of principal or interest occurs on the first day or the final day of an accrual period. The amount of OID allocable to any accrual period other than the final accrual period is an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (i) the product of the Exchange 2013 PIK Note's adjusted issue price at the beginning of such accrual period and its yield to maturity (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period) over (ii) the aggregate of all qualified stated interest allocable to the accrual period. OID allocable to a final accrual period is the difference between the amount payable at maturity (other than a payment of qualified stated interest) and the adjusted issue price of the Exchange 2013 PIK Note at the beginning of the final accrual period. The adjusted issue price of an Exchange 2013 PIK Note at the beginning of any accrual period is equal to its issue price increased by the accrued OID for each prior accrual period.

A U.S. Holder may elect to treat all interest on an Exchange 2013 PIK Note as OID and calculate the amount includible in gross income under the constant-yield method described above. However, this election had to be made during the taxable year in which the Exchange 2013 PIK Note was acquired, and may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS. U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors about this election. Since the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes are a mere continuation of the Existing 2013 PIK Notes for federal tax purposes, the date the holder acquired the Existing 2013 PIK Note will be the relevant date for these purposes.

*Sale, Exchange, Redemption or Retirement of Exchange 2013 PIK Notes*

A U.S. Holder will generally recognize taxable gain or loss upon a sale, exchange, redemption or retirement of an Exchange 2013 PIK Note in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property received (less an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid qualified stated interest, which will be taxed in the manner described above under *Payments of Stated Interest* ) and (ii) such holder's adjusted tax basis in the Exchange 2013 PIK Note. A U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in an Exchange 2013 PIK Note will, in general, be its initial tax basis in the 2013 PIK Note, increased by any OID previously included in income.

Any gain or loss on the sale, exchange, redemption or retirement of an Exchange 2013 PIK Note will generally be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the Exchange 2013 PIK Note has a holding period of more than one year at the time of the sale, exchange, redemption or retirement. Long-term capital gain recognized by non-corporate U.S. Holders is generally eligible for a reduced rate of taxation. The deduction of capital losses is subject to significant limitations. Since the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes are a mere continuation of the Existing 2013 PIK Notes for federal tax purposes, the date the holder acquired the Existing 2013 PIK Note will be the relevant date for these purposes.

*Possible Alternative Treatment*

The Issuers may be obligated to pay amounts in excess of the stated interest or principal on the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes, including as described under *Description of 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013 Change of Control*. These potential payments may implicate the provisions of Regulations relating to contingent payment debt instruments discussed above under *Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders Ownership of Exchange 2013 Senior Notes*. According to the applicable Regulations, certain contingencies will not cause a debt instrument to be treated as a contingent payment debt instrument if such contingencies, as of the date of issuance, are remote or incidental. The Issuers believe and intend to take the position that the foregoing contingencies are remote or incidental, and the Issuers do not intend to treat the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes as contingent payment debt instruments. Our position that such contingencies are remote or incidental is binding on a holder unless such holder discloses its contrary position in the manner required by applicable Regulations. Our position is not, however, binding on the IRS, and if the IRS were to successfully challenge this position, a holder might be required to accrue interest income at a higher rate than the yield on the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes as determined in the manner specified above under the heading *Original Issue Discount*, and to treat as ordinary interest income any gain realized on the taxable disposition of an Exchange 2013 PIK Note. The discussion above assumes that the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes will not be treated as contingent payment debt instruments. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the possible application of the contingent payment debt instrument rules to the Exchange 2013 PIK Notes.

**Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders***Ownership of Exchange Notes**Payments of Interest*

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The 30% U.S. federal withholding tax will not apply to any payment of interest (which for purposes of this discussion includes OID) on the Exchange Notes under the portfolio interest rule, provided that (i) such interest is not effectively connected with the

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conduct of a trade or business in the United States; (ii) the Non-U.S. Holder does not actually or constructively own 10% or more of the Issuers voting stock within the meaning of the Code and the Regulations; (iii) the Non-U.S. Holder is not a controlled foreign corporation that is related to the Issuers actually or constructively through stock ownership; (iv) the Non-U.S. Holder is not a bank receiving interest on a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business; and (v) the Non-U.S. Holder has provided a validly completed IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) establishing such Non-U.S. Holder status (or has otherwise met certain documentary evidence requirements for establishing such Non-U.S. Holder status).

If a Non-U.S. Holder cannot satisfy the requirements described above, payments of interest on the Exchange Notes (including OID) made to such Non-U.S. Holder will be subject to a 30% U.S. federal withholding tax, unless such Non-U.S. Holder provides the Issuers (or their paying agent) with a properly executed (i) IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) claiming an exemption from or reduction in withholding under the benefit of an applicable income tax treaty; or (ii) IRS Form W-8ECI (or other applicable form) certifying that interest paid on the Exchange Notes is not subject to withholding tax because it is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States.

If a Non-U.S. Holder is engaged in a trade or business in the United States and interest (including OID) on the Exchange Notes is effectively connected with the conduct of that trade or business, then such Non-U.S. Holder will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on that interest (including OID) on a net income basis generally in the same manner as if the Non-U.S. Holder were a U.S. Holder unless an applicable income tax treaty provides otherwise (although the Non-U.S. Holder will be exempt from the 30% U.S. federal withholding tax, provided the certification requirements discussed above are satisfied). In addition, if the Non-U.S. Holder is a corporate Non-U.S. Holder, it may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% (or lower applicable income tax treaty rate) of such interest (including OID), subject to adjustments.

***Sale, Exchange, Redemption or Retirement of Exchange Notes***

A Non-U.S. Holder of an Exchange Note will not be subject to United States federal income tax on gain realized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of that Exchange Note, unless: (i) the Non-U.S. Holder is an individual who is present in the U.S. for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the disposition and specific other conditions are met, (ii) the gain is effectively connected with the conduct by the Non-U.S. Holder of a trade or business in the U.S. or (iii) the gain represents accrued interest (including OID), in which case the rules for interest (described in the preceding paragraph) would apply.

**Backup Withholding and Information Reporting**

*U.S. Holders.* A U.S. Holder may be subject to information reporting and backup withholding (currently at a rate of 28%) with respect to interest (including OID) and the proceeds from the sale or redemption of a note unless such holder (a) is an entity that is exempt from withholding (including, among others, corporations and certain tax-exempt organizations) and when required, demonstrates this fact, or (b) provides the payor with its correct taxpayer identification number on the mandated form, which, for an individual, is ordinarily his or her social security number, and otherwise complies with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules.

*Non-U.S. Holders.* Under U.S. federal income tax law, backup withholding tax (at the rate of 28%) generally will not apply to payments of interest (including OID) on a note, provided the Non-U.S. Holder meets applicable certification requirements or otherwise establishes an exemption. A Non-U.S. Holder will, however, be subject to information reporting requirements with respect to interest payments on the notes.

Payments of the proceeds of a sale of the Exchange Notes made to or through a foreign office of foreign, non-U.S.-related financial intermediaries will not be subject to information reporting or back-up withholding. In addition, a non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to backup withholding or information reporting with respect to the proceeds of the sale of a note within the United States or conducted through certain U.S.-related financial intermediaries, if the Non-U.S. Holder meets applicable certification requirements and does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such holder is a U.S. person, as defined under the Code, or such holder otherwise establishes an exemption.

Backup withholding does not represent an additional income tax. Any amounts withheld from a payment to a holder under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a credit against the holder's U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle the holder to a refund, provided that the required information or returns are timely furnished by the holder to the IRS.

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**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

Each broker-dealer that receives Exchange Notes for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of Exchange Notes received in exchange for Existing Notes only where such Existing Notes were acquired as a result of market-making or other trading activities. We have agreed that, for a period of 180 days from the date on which the exchange offer is consummated, we will make this prospectus, as amended or supplemented, available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale.

We will not receive any proceeds from any sale of Exchange Notes by broker-dealers. Exchange Notes received by broker-dealers for their own account pursuant to the exchange offer may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market, in negotiated transactions, through the writing of options on the Exchange Notes or a combination of such methods of resale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. Any such resale may be made directly to purchasers or to or through brokers or dealers who may receive compensation in the form of commissions or concessions from any such broker-dealer or the purchasers of any Exchange Notes. Any broker-dealer that resells Exchange Notes that were received by it for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer and any broker or dealer that participates in a distribution of such Exchange Notes may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act and any profit on any such resale of Exchange Notes and any commissions or concessions received by any such persons may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under the Securities Act. The letter of transmittal states that by acknowledging that it will deliver and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act.

For a period of 180 days from the date on which the exchange offer is consummated, we will promptly send additional copies of this prospectus and any amendment or supplement to this prospectus to any broker-dealer that requests such documents in the letter of transmittal. We have agreed to pay all expenses incident to the exchange offer, other than commissions or concessions of any broker-dealers and will indemnify the holders of the notes, including any broker-dealers, against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

**LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the Exchange Notes will be passed upon for QD LLC and QD Capital by Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP, Chicago, Illinois. Barack Ferrazzano will rely (i) on the opinion of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, Tampa, Florida as to certain matters of Florida law, (ii) on the opinion of Shumway Van & Hansen, Chtd., Las Vegas, Nevada, as to certain matters of Nevada law, (iii) on the opinion of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as to certain matters of Pennsylvania law with respect to Chemical Leaman Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation and a subsidiary guarantor, and (iv) on the opinion of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C., New Orleans, Louisiana, as to certain matters of Louisiana law.

**EXPERTS**

The financial statements as of December 31, 2008 and 2009 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009 included in this prospectus have been so included in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered certified public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

QDI, our parent, currently files annual and quarterly reports and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any reports, statements and other information that QDI files at the SEC's public reference room located at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may request copies of the documents, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by writing the Public Reference Section of the SEC. Please call 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. QDI's filings will also be available to the public from commercial document retrieval services and at the web site maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The reports that QDI files are also available free of charge on our website at [www.qualitydistribution.com](http://www.qualitydistribution.com). We regularly post or otherwise make available information on the Investor Relations section of our website that may be important to investors. Any information on or linked from our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus. In addition, for so long as any of 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes remain outstanding, we have agreed to make available to any holder of the 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes or prospective purchaser of the 2013 Senior Notes or 2013 PIK Notes, at their request, the information required by Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To: Board of Directors and shareholders of Quality Distribution, Inc.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of operations, of shareholders' equity (deficit) and comprehensive income (loss) and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Quality Distribution, Inc. and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Tampa, Florida

March 12, 2010

**Table of Contents****QUALITY DISTRIBUTION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

For the Years Ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007

(In thousands) Except Per Share Data

	Years ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>			
Transportation	\$ 454,658	\$ 565,814	\$ 580,676
Other service revenue	104,954	104,039	76,221
Fuel surcharge	53,997	145,437	94,661
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>613,609</b>	<b>815,290</b>	<b>751,558</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>			
Purchased transportation	373,539	466,823	471,531
Compensation	76,955	109,110	85,820
Fuel, supplies and maintenance	62,448	114,351	81,316
Depreciation and amortization	20,218	21,002	17,544
Selling and administrative	24,572	35,836	31,291
Insurance costs	14,119	14,999	23,883
Taxes and licenses	3,578	5,242	3,980
Communication and utilities	7,910	12,716	11,381
Gain on sale of tank wash assets	(7,130)		
Loss (gain) on disposal of property and equipment	450	(3,092)	959
Impairment charge	148,630		
Restructuring costs	3,496	5,325	
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>728,785</b>	<b>782,312</b>	<b>727,705</b>
Operating (loss) income	(115,176)	32,978	23,853
Interest expense	28,335	35,546	31,342
Interest income	(288)	(426)	(818)
Write-off of debt issuance costs	20	283	2,031
Gain on extinguishment of debt	(1,870)	(16,532)	
Other expense (income)	1,912	(2,945)	940
(Loss) income before income taxes	(143,285)	17,052	(9,642)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	37,249	4,940	(2,079)
<b>Net (loss) income</b>	<b>\$ (180,534)</b>	<b>\$ 12,112</b>	<b>\$ (7,563)</b>
<b>PER SHARE DATA:</b>			
<b>Net (loss) income per common share</b>			
Basic	\$ (9.28)	\$ 0.63	\$ (0.39)
Diluted	\$ (9.28)	\$ 0.62	\$ (0.39)
<b>Weighted-average number of shares</b>			
Basic	19,449	19,379	19,336

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Diluted	19,449	19,539	19,336
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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December 31, 2009 and 2008

(In thousands)

	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,633	\$ 6,787
Accounts receivable, net	69,625	81,612
Prepaid expenses	8,584	12,922
Deferred tax asset, net	5,506	14,707
Other	4,420	7,950
Total current assets	93,768	123,978
Property and equipment, net	127,329	148,692
Goodwill	27,023	173,519
Intangibles, net	18,467	22,698
Non-current deferred tax asset, net		22,636
Other assets	13,029	10,580
Total assets	\$ 279,616	\$ 502,103
<b>LIABILITIES, REDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTEREST AND SHAREHOLDERS (DEFICIT) EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities of indebtedness	\$ 19,866	\$ 8,361
Current maturities of capital lease obligations	5,322	7,994
Accounts payable	6,182	16,126
Affiliates and independent owner-operators payable	9,734	7,649
Accrued expenses	21,378	25,357
Environmental liabilities	3,408	4,819
Accrued loss and damage claims	8,862	8,705
Total current liabilities	74,752	79,011
Long-term indebtedness, less current maturities	284,253	330,409
Capital lease obligations, less current maturities	11,843	15,822
Environmental liabilities	8,241	6,035
Accrued loss and damage claims	10,534	12,815
Other non-current liabilities	28,896	25,158
Total liabilities	418,519	469,250
Commitments and contingencies Note 19		
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	1,833	1,833
<b>SHAREHOLDERS (DEFICIT) EQUITY</b>	364,046	362,945

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Common stock, no par value; 29,000 shares authorized; 20,297 issued and 20,077 outstanding at December 31, 2009 and 19,754 issued and 19,549 outstanding at December 31, 2008, respectively		
Treasury stock, 220 and 205 shares at December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively	(1,580)	(1,580)
Accumulated deficit	(294,568)	(114,034)
Stock recapitalization	(189,589)	(189,589)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(25,587)	(26,488)
Stock purchase warrants	6,696	
Stock subscriptions receivable	(154)	(234)
<b>Total shareholders (deficit) equity</b>	<b>(140,736)</b>	<b>31,020</b>
Total liabilities, redeemable noncontrolling interest and shareholders (deficit) equity	\$ 279,616	\$ 502,103

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For the Years Ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 (In thousands)

	Compre- hensive Income (Loss)	Shares of Common Stock	Shares of Treasury Stock	Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Deficit	Stock Recapitalization	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Stock Purchase Warrant	Stock Subscription Receivables	Total Shareholders Equity (Deficit)
Balance, December 31, 2006		19,210	(172)	359,995	(1,527)	(118,255)	(189,589)	(18,531)	21	(340)	31,774
Net loss	\$ (7,563)					(7,563)					(7,563)
Issuance of restricted stock		47	11	(25)	25						
Forfeiture of restricted stock			(2)	11	(11)						
Amortization of restricted stock				295							295
Amortization of non-employee options				125							125
Amortization of stock options				1,143							1,143
Stock warrant exercise		80		21					(21)		
Stock option exercise			8	52	19						71
Acquisition of treasury stock		(3)	(3)		(70)					70	
FIN 48 Adjustment						(328)					(328)
Translation adjustment, net of tax	182							182			182
Adjustment to pension obligation, net of a deferred tax liability of \$1,009	1,601							1,601			1,601
Balance, December 31, 2007	\$ (5,780)	19,334	(158)	\$ 361,617	\$ (1,564)	\$ (126,146)	\$ (189,589)	\$ (16,748)	\$	\$ (270)	\$ 27,300
Net income	\$ 12,112					12,112					12,112
Issuance of restricted stock		468									
Forfeiture of restricted stock		(48)	(47)								
Amortization of restricted stock				208							208
Amortization of non-employee options				119							119
Amortization of stock options				1,001							1,001
Acquisition of treasury stock					(16)					36	20
Translation adjustment, net of tax	(79)							(79)			(79)
Adjustment to pension obligation, net of tax	(9,661)							(9,661)			(9,661)
Balance, December 31, 2008	\$ 2,372	\$ 19,754	(205)	\$ 362,945	\$ (1,580)	\$ (114,034)	\$ (189,589)	\$ (26,488)		\$ (234)	\$ 31,020

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For the Years Ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 (In thousands) continued

	Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Shares of Common Stock	Shares of Treasury Stock	Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Deficit	Stock Recapitalization	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Stock Purchase Warrants	Subscription Receivables	Total Shareholders Equity (Deficit)
Balance, December 31, 2008		19,754	(205)	\$ 362,945	\$ (1,580)	\$ (114,034)	\$ (189,589)	\$ (26,488)		\$ (234)	\$ 31,020
Net loss	\$ (180,534)					(180,534)					(180,534)
Issuance of restricted stock		543									
Forfeiture of restricted stock			(15)								
Amortization of restricted stock				388							388
Amortization of stock options				713							713
Forgiveness of stock subscription receivable										80	80
Issuance of stock purchase warrants									6,696		6,696
Translation adjustment, net of tax	(134)							(134)			(134)
Adjustment to pension obligation, net of tax	1,035							1,035			1,035
Balance, December 31, 2009	\$ (179,633)	20,297	(220)	\$ 364,046	\$ (1,580)	\$ (294,568)	\$ (189,589)	\$ (25,587)	\$ 6,696	\$ (154)	\$ (140,736)

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	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net (loss) income	\$ (180,534)	\$ 12,112	\$ (7,563)
Adjustments to reconcile to net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Deferred income tax benefit	(4,222)	(657)	(6,029)
Depreciation and amortization	20,218	21,002	17,544
Bad debt expense	1,838	1,086	796
Gain on sale of tank wash assets	(7,130)		
Loss (gain) on disposal of property and equipment	450	(3,092)	959
Impairment charge	148,630		
Gain on pension settlement		(3,410)	
PIK interest on Senior Subordinated Notes	469		
Gain on extinguishment of debt	(1,870)	(16,532)	
Financing costs	2,323		
Write-off of deferred financing costs	20	283	2,031
Stock based compensation	1,101	1,328	1,563
Amortization of deferred financing costs	2,826	3,005	1,865
Amortization of bond discount	1,358	1,100	279
Noncontrolling interest dividends	145	145	145
Increase in deferred tax asset valuation allowance	41,566		1,403
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts and other receivables	9,945	16,755	(2,545)
Prepaid expenses	5,254	1,765	(309)
Other assets	2,776	2,456	910
Accounts payable	(2,844)	(2,685)	(288)
Accrued expenses	(4,150)	(860)	2,784
Environmental liabilities	794	(315)	(657)
Accrued loss and damage claims	(2,124)	(10,392)	(1,155)
Affiliates and independent owner-operators payable	2,085	(4,949)	816
Other liabilities	233	3,127	545
Current income taxes	599	(1,679)	958
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>39,756</b>	<b>19,593</b>	<b>14,052</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Capital expenditures	(8,221)	(14,791)	(10,557)
Acquisition of businesses and assets		(1,399)	(6,836)
Acquisition of Boasso America Corporation			(53,415)
Cash acquired from Boasso America Corporation			1,015
Boasso purchase adjustment	266	1,318	
Proceeds from sale of tank wash assets	10,000		
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	7,532	6,348	6,394
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>9,577</b>	<b>(8,524)</b>	<b>(63,399)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		1,049	46,809
Principal payments on long-term debt	(9,829)	(12,900)	(65,450)
Principal payments on capital lease obligations	(7,913)	(3,835)	(1,204)
Proceeds from revolver	28,600	115,700	123,030
Payments on revolver	(47,600)	(112,830)	(41,400)

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Payments on acquisition notes	(966)	(1,015)	(592)
Financing costs	(2,323)		
Deferred financing costs	(2,554)	(860)	(9,170)
Stock offering costs			(787)
Change in book overdraft	(7,785)	1,331	1,033
Minority dividends	(145)	(145)	(145)
Other stock transactions		20	70
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(50,515)	(13,485)	52,194
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	28	(508)	23
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,154)	(2,924)	2,870
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	6,787	9,711	6,841
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 5,633	\$ 6,787	\$ 9,711
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>			
Cash paid during the year for:			
Interest	\$ 22,704	\$ 30,690	\$ 28,850
Income Taxes	182	2,019	438
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF NON-CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>			
Minimum pension liability accrual, net of tax	\$ 248	\$ 12,565	\$ 2,422
Original and amended capital lease obligations	1,280	22,368	1,094
Notes issued to seller for sale (purchase) of business assets	3,000	(1,121)	(4,956)
Notes payable - capital expenditures		12,658	
Notes payable - insurance fundings	1,879	6,537	
Deferred tax adjustment related to Boasso acquisition			10,050
Adjustment to deferred taxes for FIN 48 adoption			972
Transfer of tractors from other assets to fixed assets			2,950
Warrant discount on notes issuance	6,696		
Long-term liability assumed with purchase of business		(3,410)	

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**1. BUSINESS ORGANIZATION**

Quality Distribution, Inc. (the Company, QDI, or we) and its subsidiaries are engaged primarily in truckload transportation of bulk chemicals in North America. We conduct a significant portion of our business through a network of affiliates and independent owner-operators. Affiliates are independent companies, which enter into various term contracts with the Company. Affiliates are responsible for paying for their own power equipment (including debt service), fuel and other operating costs. Certain affiliates lease trailers from us. Independent owner-operators are independent contractors, who, through a contract with us, supply one or more tractors and drivers for our use. Contracts with independent owner-operators may be terminated by either party on short notice. We charge affiliates and third parties for the use of tractors and trailers as necessary. In exchange for the services rendered, affiliates and independent owner-operators are normally paid a percentage of the revenues collected on each load hauled.

**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*Basis of Presentation*

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States using U.S. dollars as the reporting currency as the majority of our business is in the U.S. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of QDI and its subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Redeemable noncontrolling interest reflects outstanding preferred stock of Chemical Leaman Corp. (CLC), a subsidiary of QDI.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents*

We consider all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Book overdrafts are included in accounts payable.

*Allowance for Uncollectible Receivables*

We have established a reserve for uncollectible receivables based on a combination of historical data, cash payment trends, specific customer issues, write-off trends, general economic conditions and other factors. We charge uncollectible amounts to our allowance based on various issues, including cash payment trends and specific customer issues. These factors are continuously monitored by our management to arrive at the estimate for the amount of accounts receivable that may be ultimately uncollectible. The receivables analyzed include trade receivables, as well as loans and advances made to independent owner-operators.

*Inventories*

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market and consist primarily of tires, parts, fuel and supplies for servicing our revenue equipment (tractors and trailers).

*Tires*

We capitalize the cost of tires mounted on purchased revenue equipment as a part of the total equipment cost and depreciate the cost over the useful life of the related equipment. Subsequent replacement tires are expensed at the time those tires are placed in service similar to other repairs and maintenance costs.

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Property and equipment expenditures, including tractor and trailer rebuilds that extend the useful lives of such equipment, are capitalized and recorded at cost. For financial statement purposes, these assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets to an estimated salvage value.

The asset lives used are presented in the following table:

	<b>Average Lives (in years)</b>
Buildings and improvements	10 - 25
Tractors and terminal equipment	5 - 7
Trailers	15 - 20
Furniture and fixtures	3 - 5
Other equipment	3 - 10

Tractor and trailer rebuilds, which are recurring in nature and extend the lives of the related assets, are capitalized and depreciated over the period of extension, generally 3 to 10 years, based on the type and extent of these rebuilds. Maintenance and repairs are charged directly to expense as incurred. Major improvements that extend the lives of the assets are capitalized. Management estimates the useful lives of these assets based on historical trends and the age of the assets when placed in service, and any changes in the actual lives could result in material changes in the periodic depreciation and resulting net book value of these assets. Additionally, we estimate the salvage values of these assets based on historical sales of disposals, and any changes in the actual salvage values could also affect the periodic depreciation and resulting net book value of these assets.

Furthermore, we evaluate the recoverability of our long-lived assets whenever adverse events or changes in the business climate indicate that the expected undiscounted future cash flows from the related category of assets may be less than previously anticipated. We assess whether there has been an impairment of long-lived assets and definite lived intangibles in accordance with the FASB guidance. If the carrying value of an asset, including associated intangibles, exceeds the sum of estimated undiscounted future cash flows, then an impairment loss is recognized for the difference between estimated fair value and carrying value. When assets are disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any gains or losses are reflected in operating expenses.

*Goodwill and Intangible Assets*

We evaluate goodwill and indefinite lived intangible assets for impairment annually during the second quarter with a measurement date of June 30, or more frequently if indicators of impairment arise, in accordance the FASB guidance. We have identified three reporting units: trucking, container services and other. Our evaluation of goodwill is measured through a two-step impairment test. The first step compares the fair value of a reporting unit to its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, goodwill of the reporting unit is considered not impaired, thus the second step of the impairment test is unnecessary. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step of the goodwill impairment test shall be performed to measure the amount of impairment loss. The second step compares the implied fair value of reporting unit goodwill with the carrying amount of that goodwill. If the carrying amount of reporting unit goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss must be recognized in an amount equal to the excess. The loss recognized cannot exceed the carrying amount of goodwill. After a

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goodwill impairment loss is recognized, the adjusted carrying amount of goodwill will be its new accounting basis. Subsequent reversal of a previously recognized goodwill impairment loss is prohibited once the measurement of that loss is completed.

*Impairment of Long-Lived Assets Other than Goodwill*

Long-lived assets held and used, including revenue earning equipment, operating property and equipment and intangible assets with finite lives, are tested for recoverability when circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of assets may not be recoverable. Recoverability of long-lived assets is evaluated by comparing the carrying amount of an asset or asset group to management's best estimate of the undiscounted future operating cash flows (excluding interest charges) expected to be generated by the asset or asset group. If these comparisons indicate that the asset or asset group is not recoverable, an impairment loss is recognized at the amount by which the carrying value of the asset or asset group exceeds fair value. Fair value is determined by quoted market price, if available, or an estimate of projected future operating cash flows, discounted using a rate that reflects the related operating segment's average cost of funds. Long-lived assets to be disposed of including revenue earning equipment, operating property and equipment and indefinite-lived intangible assets, are reported at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.

*Other Assets - Deferred Loan Costs*

Costs incurred to issue debt are deferred and amortized as a component of interest expense over the estimated term of the related debt using the effective interest rate method.

*Taxation* We use the liability method of accounting for income taxes. If, on the basis of available evidence, it is more likely than not that all or a portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized, the asset must be reduced by a valuation allowance. Since realization is not assured as of December 31, 2009, management has deemed it appropriate to establish a valuation allowance against the net deferred tax assets. Any change in the actual future results of operations could impact the valuation of the net deferred tax asset.

A valuation allowance has been established for 100% of our net deferred tax asset as we no longer believe it meets the more likely than not criteria. Our judgments regarding future taxable income may change due to changes in market conditions, changes in tax laws or other factors. If any of the assumptions and related estimates change in the future, it may increase or decrease the valuation allowance and related income tax expense in the same period.

During the second quarter of 2009, an impairment charge of \$148.6 million was recorded and as result we were in a cumulative loss position. We base this cumulative loss analysis on a rolling thirty-six month calculation of U.S. earnings. As a result of this negative evidence it was determined that is was no longer more likely than not our net deferred tax asset was realizable. For purposes of assessing realizability of the deferred tax assets, this cumulative financial reporting loss position is considered significant negative evidence and has caused us to conclude that we will not fully realize the deferred tax assets. This evidence was weighed against positive evidence such as positive forecasted earnings and when net operating losses are expected to expire. The negative evidence out weighed the positive evidence and as a result, a \$41.2 million deferred tax valuation allowance was recorded.

At December 31, 2009 we had an estimated \$95.7 million in federal net operating loss carryforwards, \$2.3 million in alternative minimum tax credit carryforwards and \$3.1 million in foreign tax credit carryforwards. The net operating loss carryforwards will expire in the years 2018 through 2027, while the alternative minimum tax credits may be carried forward indefinitely and the foreign tax credits may be carried forward for 10 years. We

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do not have a history of net operating loss or tax credit carryforwards expiring unused; however, we have determined based on the weight of available evidence that it is more likely than not that some or all of the carryforwards may expire.

We continue to evaluate quarterly, the positive and negative evidence regarding the realization of net deferred tax assets in accordance with FASB guidance for income taxes. Included in this assessment are estimates of projected future taxable income. Significant management judgment is required in this process and although realization is not assured, based on our assessment, we concluded it is more likely than not, such assets will not continue to be realized.

FASB guidance requires that companies recognize the effect of a tax position in their consolidated financial statements if there is a greater likelihood than not of the position being sustained upon audit based on the technical merits of the position. We adopted accounting for uncertain tax positions effective January 1, 2007. As a result of the implementation, we recognized an increase to reserves for uncertain tax positions of \$0.3 million. The increase to the reserve was accounted for as an adjustment to accumulated deficit to recognize the cumulative effect of adoption on the balance sheet.

Under FASB guidance, we account for uncertain tax positions using a two-step process. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step requires us to estimate and measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that is more than 50% likely to be realized upon ultimate settlement. It is inherently difficult and subjective to estimate such amounts, as we have to determine the probability of various possible outcomes. We re-evaluate these uncertain tax positions on a quarterly basis. This evaluation is based on factors including, but not limited to, changes in facts or circumstances, changes in tax law, effectively settled issues under audit, and new audit activity. Such a change in recognition or measurement would result in the recognition of a tax benefit or an additional charge to the tax provision

*Environmental liabilities*

We have reserved for potential environmental liabilities based on the best estimates of potential clean-up and remediation for known environmental sites. We employ a staff of environmental professionals to administer all phases of our environmental programs and use outside experts where needed. These professionals develop estimates of potential liabilities at these sites based on projected and known remediation costs. These cost projections are determined through previous experiences with other sites and through bids from third-party contractors. Management believes current reserves are reasonable based on current information.

*Accrued Loss and Damage and Claims*

We currently maintain liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage claims, covering all employees, independent owner-operators and affiliates, and workers' compensation insurance coverage on our employees and company drivers. This insurance includes deductibles of \$2.0 million per incident for bodily injury and property damage and \$1.0 million for workers' compensation for periods after March 31, 2008. Prior to March 30, 2008, our insurance deductible was \$5.0 million per incident for bodily injury and property damage. As such, we are subject to liability as a self-insurer to the extent of these deductibles under the policy. We are self-insured for damage to the equipment we own or lease and for cargo losses. As of December 31, 2009, we had \$33.6 million in an outstanding letter of credit to our insurance administrator to guarantee the self-insurance portion of our liability. If we fail to meet certain terms of our agreement, the insurance administrator may draw

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down the letter of credit. In developing liability reserves, we rely on professional third party claims administrators, insurance company estimates and the judgment of our own safety department personnel, and independent professional actuaries and attorneys. The most significant assumptions used in the estimation process include determining the trends in loss costs, the expected consistency in the frequency and severity of claims incurred but not yet reported to prior-year claims, and expected costs to settle unpaid claims. Management believes reserves are reasonable given known information, but as each case develops, estimates may change to reflect the effect of new information.

*Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest*

Shares of Series C preferred stock of our subsidiary, Chemical Leaman Corporation ( CLC ) are held by two shareholders that are not affiliated with us. These shareholders are entitled to dividends on their shares of Series C preferred stock, payable quarterly, at a rate of 8.0% (or \$480 per share) per annum on each share of Series C preferred stock. As of December 31, 2009 all 302 shares were outstanding, fully redeemable and carried at a maximum aggregate redemption value of \$1.8 million in accordance with FASB guidance. In 2009, we adopted FASB guidance that requires us to report the noncontrolling interest as a temporary equity item.

*Foreign Currency Translation*

The translation from Canadian dollars to U.S. dollars is performed for balance sheet accounts using current exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date and for revenue and expense accounts using a weighted-average exchange rate in effect during the period. The gains or losses, net of income taxes, resulting from such translation are included in shareholders' deficit as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss. Gains or losses from foreign currency transactions are included in other expense.

*Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss*

The components of accumulated other comprehensive loss are as follows at December 31 (in thousands):

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Unrecognized loss and prior service costs	\$ 24,511	\$ 25,546
Foreign currency translation adjustment	1,076	942
	<b>\$ 25,587</b>	<b>\$ 26,488</b>

*Revenue Recognition*

Transportation revenue, including fuel surcharges, and related costs are recognized on the date freight is delivered. Other service revenue consists primarily of rental revenues, container revenues and tank wash revenues. Rental revenues from affiliates, independent owner-operators and third parties, are recognized ratably over the lease period. Container revenues, consisting primarily of repair and storage services, are recognized when the services are rendered. Tank wash revenues are recognized when the wash is completed. Service revenues on insurance policies are recorded as a contractual percentage of premiums received ratably over the period that the insurance covers. We recognize all revenues on a gross basis as the principal and primary obligor with risk of loss in relation to our responsibility for completion of services as contracted with our customers.



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The components of Other service revenue are as follows at December 31 (in thousands):

	2009	2008	2007
Rental revenue	\$ 42,115	\$ 30,508	\$ 31,422
Container revenues	31,161	31,413	2,264
Tank wash revenue	19,530	28,395	31,136
Other revenue	12,148	13,723	11,399
	\$ 104,954	\$ 104,039	\$ 76,221

*Share-Based Compensation*

Under the FASB guidance, we apply the Black-Scholes valuation model in determining the fair value of share-based payments to employees. The resulting compensation expense is recognized over the requisite service period, which is generally the option vesting term of four years. Please refer to Note 18 for further discussion regarding stock-based compensation.

*Leased Assets*

We have both capital and operating leases. The leases for most of our tractors and trailers have terms that range from three to seven years. Some leases require us to pay the lessor a minimum residual amount at the end of the lease. For operating leases, we accrue this residual by recording a prepaid rent amount and amortizing a monthly amount as rental expense and also record a liability that is increased every year by recognizing interest expense. This residual amount is recorded in the balance sheet category Other non-current liabilities. For capital leases, the residual is included as part of the cost of the capitalized leased asset.

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Net (Loss) Income Per Common Share*

Basic net (loss) income per common share is calculated based on the weighted-average common shares outstanding during each period. Diluted (loss) income per common share includes the dilutive effect, if any, of common equivalent shares outstanding during each period.

*New Accounting Pronouncements*

During 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued the FASB Accounting Standards Codification, or Codification. The Codification became the single source for all authoritative generally accepted accounting principles. The Codification does not change GAAP and did not impact our financial position or results of operations.



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In June 2009, FASB issued new guidance which revises and updates previously issued guidance related to variable interest entities. The new guidance eliminates the exceptions to consolidating qualifying special-purpose entities that were included in the prior guidance. The new guidance contains new criteria for determining the primary beneficiary and increases the frequency of required reassessments to determine whether a company is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity. The guidance also contains a new requirement that any term, transaction, or arrangement that does not have a substantive effect on an entity's status as a variable interest entity, a company's power over a variable interest entity, or a company's obligation to absorb losses or its right to receive benefits of an entity must be disregarded. The elimination of the qualifying special-purpose entity concept and its consolidation exceptions means more entities will be subject to consolidation assessments and reassessments. The new guidance will be effective for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010. This guidance has no impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2009, the FASB issued guidance that eliminates the concept of a qualifying special-purpose entity, creates more stringent conditions for reporting a transfer of a portion of a financial asset as a sale, clarifies other sale-accounting criteria, and changes the initial measurement of a transferor's interest in transferred financial assets. This guidance will be effective for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010. This guidance has no impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2009, the FASB issued guidance related to subsequent events that provides general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. It requires the disclosure of the date through which an entity has evaluated subsequent events and the basis for that date; that is, whether that date represents the date the financial statements were issued or were available to be issued. We adopted this guidance in the second quarter of 2009, as it became effective for interim or annual financial periods ending after June 15, 2009. In February 2010 the guidance was amended, eliminating the requirement to disclose the date through which subsequent events were evaluated.

On April 9, 2009, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued guidance that amended and supplemented its previous guidance on other than temporary impairment of certain investments in debt and equity securities. The newly issued guidance maintains the SEC staff's previous views related to equity securities; however, debt securities are excluded from its scope. The guidance provides that other-than-temporary impairment is not necessarily the same as permanent impairment and unless evidence exists to support a value equal to or greater than the carrying value of the equity security investment, a write-down to fair value should be recorded and accounted for as a realized loss. The guidance was effective upon issuance and had no impact on our consolidated financial statements.

On April 9, 2009, the FASB issued guidance which requires an entity to provide disclosures about fair value of financial instruments in interim financial information. The disclosures are required prospectively and are effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. We adopted this guidance, and the required disclosures are included herein. This guidance had no impact on our consolidated financial statements.

On April 1, 2009, the FASB issued guidance requiring that assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination that arise from a contingency must be recognized at fair value. If fair value cannot be determined during the measurement period defined in the guidance, the asset or liability can still be recognized if it can be determined that it is probable that the asset existed or the liability had been incurred as of the measurement date and if the amount of the asset or liability can be reasonably estimated. If it is not determined to be probable that the asset/liability existed/was incurred or no reasonable amount can be determined, no asset or liability is recognized. The entity should determine a rational basis for subsequently measuring the acquired assets and assumed liabilities. Contingent consideration agreements should be recognized initially at fair value.

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and subsequently reevaluated in accordance with the guidance. The guidance is effective for business combinations with an acquisition date on or after the beginning of the Company's first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The Company will assess the impact of this guidance if and when a future acquisition occurs.

On January 1, 2009, we adopted newly issued guidance from the FASB regarding business combinations. This guidance significantly changes the financial accounting and reporting of business combination transactions but retains the fundamental requirements of the prior guidance, including utilizing the purchase method for all business combinations and identifying an acquirer for each business combination. The impact of adopting the new guidance will depend on the nature, terms and size of business combinations completed.

On January 1, 2009, we adopted the FASB's amended guidance on noncontrolling interests in consolidated financial statements. This guidance requires the reporting of all noncontrolling interests as a separate component of stockholders' equity, the reporting of consolidated net income (loss) as the amount attributable to both the parent and the noncontrolling interests, and the separate disclosure of net income (loss) attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interests. Other than the reporting requirements described above which require retrospective application, the remaining provisions are to be applied prospectively in the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The adoption of this guidance had an immaterial impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In conjunction with guidance on noncontrolling interests, we adopted guidance on classification and measurement of redeemable securities. This standard is applicable for all noncontrolling interests where the Company is subject to equity classified securities that are redeemable or may become redeemable at a fixed or determinable price on a fixed or determinable date, at the option of the holder, or upon the occurrence of an event that is not solely within the control of the issuer. A subsidiary of QDI has issued and outstanding preferred stock that is held by holders other than QDI and its other subsidiaries. The holders have the right to cause us to redeem their shares of preferred stock. The redemption value of the preferred stock held by these noncontrolling holders equals the fair value of \$1.8 million at December 31, 2009 and is reflected in our consolidated balance sheets as redeemable noncontrolling interest.

On January 1, 2009, we adopted new guidance from the FASB on determining the useful life of intangible assets which amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset. The amended guidance removes an earlier requirement to consider whether an intangible asset can be renewed without substantial cost or material modifications to the existing terms and conditions; instead, it requires an entity to consider its own historical experience in renewing similar arrangements. The guidance also requires expanded disclosure related to the determination of intangible asset useful lives. The adoption of this guidance had no impact on our consolidated financial statements.

On January 1, 2009, we adopted the FASB's guidance to assist in determining whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities. The guidance addresses whether unvested equity-based awards are participating securities and, therefore, need to be included in the earnings allocation in computing earnings per share under the two-class method. The adoption of this guidance had no impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2008, the FASB issued guidance on an employer's disclosures about plan assets of a defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan. This guidance is intended to ensure that an employer meets the objectives of the disclosures about plan assets in an employer's defined benefit pension or other postretirement

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plan to provide users of financial statements with an understanding of the following: how investment allocation decisions are made, the major categories of plan assets, the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of plan assets, the effect of fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs on changes in plan assets, and significant concentrations of risk within plan assets. The disclosures required become effective for us on December 31, 2009. We have determined that the adoption of this guidance will not have an impact on our consolidated financial statements.

On January 1, 2008, we adopted the FASB's guidance on fair value measurements which provides a consistent definition of fair value that focuses on exit price and prioritizes, within a measurement of fair value, the use of market-based inputs over company-specific inputs. The guidance requires expanded disclosures about fair value measurements and establishes a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based on the observable inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability at the measurement date. The standard also requires that a company consider its own nonperformance risk when measuring liabilities carried at fair value, including derivatives. In February 2008, the FASB permitted companies to partially defer the effective date of its fair value measurement guidance for one year for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a nonrecurring basis, and we elected to do so. On January 1, 2009, we adopted the fair value measurement guidance for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities. The effect of our adoption was not material to our consolidated financial statements.

On January 1, 2008, we adopted the FASB's guidance on the fair value option for financial assets and financial liabilities which permits a company to measure certain financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value that were not previously required to be measured at fair value. We have not elected to measure any financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value which were not previously required to be measured at fair value; therefore, the adoption of this guidance has had no effect on our results of operations.

**3. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The three-level valuation hierarchy for fair value measurements is based upon observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect our market assumptions. These two types of inputs create the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets;

Level 2 Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations whose significant inputs are observable; and

Level 3 Instruments whose significant inputs are unobservable.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies we used for instruments measured at fair value, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy.

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The following tables summarize assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis subsequent to initial recognition:

	December 31, 2009	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total Loss
<b>Assets</b>			
Goodwill	\$ 27,023	\$ 27,023	\$ (146,230)
Intangibles	18,467	18,467	(2,400)
<b>Total</b>	\$ 45,490	\$ 45,490	\$ (148,630)

We review the carrying value of our assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis when events and circumstances warrant. This review requires the comparison of the fair value of our assets to their respective carrying values. The fair value of our assets is determined based on valuation techniques using the best information that is available, and may include quoted market prices, market comparables, and discounted cash flow projections. An impairment charge is recorded whenever a decline in fair value below the carrying value is determined to be other than temporary.

*Goodwill and Intangibles*

Goodwill and intangible assets may become impaired as a result of declines in profitability due to changes in volume, pricing or costs. Fair value is determined using a combination of two valuation approaches: the market approach and the income approach. As of December 31, 2009, the carrying value of our goodwill was \$27.0 million, and the carrying value of our intangibles was \$18.5 million. These values reflect adjustments to fair value made as of June 30, 2009 as a result of our annual impairment analysis. Refer to Note 2 for further information on the valuation process of our goodwill and intangibles.

*Long-term indebtedness*

The fair value of our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes ( 9% Notes ), our Senior Floating Rate Notes ( 2012 Notes ), our 10% Senior Notes ( 2013 Senior Notes ) and our 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes ( 2013 PIK Notes ) were based on quoted market prices. As of December 31, 2009, the carrying value of our 9% Notes was \$16.0 million with a fair value of \$14.0 million. As of December 31, 2009, the carrying value of our 2012 Notes was \$0.5 million with a fair value of \$0.4 million. As of December 31, 2009, the carrying value of our 2013 Senior Notes was \$134.5 million with a fair value of \$118.4 million. As of December 31, 2009, the carrying value of our 2013 PIK Notes was \$81.2 million with a fair value of \$64.2 million. Our asset-based loan facility (the ABL Facility ) is variable rate debt and approximates fair value.

The carrying amounts reported in the accompanying balance sheets for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, and accounts payable approximate fair value because of the immediate or short-term maturities of these financial instruments.

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A reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted (loss) earnings from continuing operations to (loss) earnings per share computations follows (in thousands except per share amounts):

	December 31, 2009			December 31, 2008			December 31, 2007		
	Loss from continuing operations (numerator)	Shares (denominator)	Per-share amount	Earnings from continuing operations (numerator)	Shares (denominator)	Per-share amount	Loss from continuing operations (numerator)	Shares (denominator)	Per-share amount
<b>Basic (loss) earnings available to common shareholders:</b>									
Net (loss) earnings from continuing operations	\$ (180,534)			\$ 12,112			\$ (7,563)		
Dividends and accretion on preferred stock and minority stock dividends									
(Loss) earnings	(180,534)	19,449	\$ (9.28)	12,112	19,379	\$ 0.63	(7,563)	19,336	\$ (0.39)
<b>Effect of dilutive securities:</b>									
Stock options					8				
Unvested restricted stock					152				
Stock units									
Stock warrants									
<b>Diluted (loss) earnings available to common shareholders:</b>									
(Loss) earnings	\$ (180,534)	19,449	\$ (9.28)	\$ 12,112	19,539	\$ 0.62	\$ (7,563)	19,336	\$ (0.39)

The effect of our stock options, restricted stock and stock warrants which represent the shares shown in the table above are included in the computation of diluted earnings per share for each year. There is no effect of our stock options, restricted stock and stock warrants in the computation of diluted earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2009 due to a net loss in the period.

The following securities were not included in the calculation of diluted EPS because such inclusion would be anti-dilutive (in thousands):

	For the years ended December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
Stock options	2,171	1,917	2,790
Restricted stock	610		125
Warrants	1,747		

**5. ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS**

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During 2009, we did not complete any asset or other acquisitions of businesses or affiliates.

On October 10, 2009, we sold substantially all of the operating assets of our tank wash subsidiary, QSI, for \$13.0 million, of which \$10.0 million was paid in cash and the remaining \$3.0 million in a subordinated note.

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The subordinated note is a five year non-amortizing note which matures on December 31, 2014. The principal is payable in a lump sum at maturity. Interest is payable quarterly at 7% per annum commencing December 31, 2009. In connection with the sale, QSI entered into various agreements with the purchaser, which is not affiliated with us, including long-term leases of real estate used in the tank wash business and various operating agreements. The assets sold had a net book value of \$4.9 million which included \$4.3 million of equipment, \$0.4 million of inventory, and \$0.2 million of intangibles. The sold QSI business generated approximately \$19.5 million of revenue in 2009 from tank wash and related operations. Following the sale of the QSI business, we have purchased tank wash services (which were previously provided by QSI) from the acquirer of QSI's tank wash assets and we expect to continue to do so in the future. Since we expect these continuing cash outflows to be significant, the sold QSI business does not qualify as a discontinued operation under FASB guidance. Therefore, we recorded a pre-tax gain in the fourth quarter of \$7.1 million as part of our operating income.

During 2008, we purchased assets of two transportation companies and the assets of an affiliate for \$2.1 million, in the aggregate, of which \$1.4 million was paid in cash at closing and the remaining \$0.7 million is payable over future periods. Of the total \$2.1 million, we allocated \$1.0 million to property and equipment, \$0.9 million to goodwill, and \$0.2 million to other intangible assets such as non-compete agreements.

**6. SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (Unaudited) (In thousands, except per share data)**

	Quarter Ended			
	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31
<b>2009</b>				
Operating revenues	\$ 149,732	\$ 149,786	\$ 162,805	\$ 151,286
Operating income (loss)	5,993	(143,231)	7,896	14,166
Net (loss) income	(302)	(186,227)	1,426	4,569
(Loss) income per share basic	(0.02)	(9.58)	0.07	0.23
(Loss) income per share diluted	(0.02)	(9.58)	0.07	0.21
<b>2008</b>				
Operating revenues	\$ 208,501	\$ 223,962	\$ 214,741	\$ 168,086
Operating income	5,797	9,576	9,763	7,842
Net (loss) income	(1,919)	352	717	12,962
(Loss) income per share basic	(0.10)	0.02	0.04	0.67
(Loss) income per share diluted	(0.10)	0.02	0.04	0.66

In 2009, we recognized \$3.5 million in restructuring costs. Results for the second quarter of 2009 include an impairment charge of \$148.6 million related to goodwill and intangible assets. Results for the fourth quarter of 2009 include a \$7.1 million gain on sale of tank wash assets, \$1.2 million gain on extinguishment of debt and \$2.3 million of refinancing costs.

In 2008, we recognized \$5.3 million in restructuring costs. Results for the fourth quarter of 2008 include \$16.5 million of gain on extinguishment of debt and \$0.3 million write-off of debt issuance costs due to the repurchase of our 9% Notes. In addition, results for the fourth quarter in 2008 include a gain of \$3.4 million related to the reduction of an acquired pension liability.

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We account for restructuring costs associated with one-time termination benefits, costs associated with lease and contract terminations and other related exit activities in accordance with FASB guidance. We have made estimates of the costs to be incurred as part of our restructuring plan. During the quarter ended June 30, 2008, we committed to a plan of restructure resulting in the termination of non-driver positions and the consolidation, closure or affiliation of underperforming company terminals. We continued our plan of restructure throughout 2008 which resulted in a restructuring charge of \$5.3 million of which the majority related to our trucking segment. As of December 31, 2008, approximately \$0.8 million was accrued related to the restructuring charges, which was paid during 2009.

In the year ended December 31, 2008, we had the following activity in our restructuring accruals (in thousands):

	Balance at December 31, 2007	Additions	Payments	Reductions	Balance at December 31, 2008
Restructuring costs	\$	\$ 5,325	\$ (3,909)	\$ (630)	\$ 786

Our restructuring plan continued in 2009 and resulted in charges of \$3.5 million of which the majority related to our trucking segment. At December 31, 2009, \$1.1 million was accrued related to the restructuring charges, which are expected to be paid through 2010.

In the year ended December 31, 2009, we had the following activity in our restructuring accruals (in thousands):

	Balance at December 31, 2008	Additions	Payments	Reductions	Balance at December 31, 2009
Restructuring costs	\$ 786	\$ 3,496	\$ (3,219)	\$	\$ 1,063

The charges in 2008 and 2009 related to employee termination benefits and other related exit activities, and included the termination of approximately 350 non-driver positions. We expect to conclude our restructuring plan in 2010 and to take additional related charges during the year.

**8. SEGMENT REPORTING***Reportable Segments*

We have two reportable business segments for financial reporting purposes that are distinguished primarily on the basis of services offered:

Trucking, which consists of truckload transportation of bulk chemicals; and

Container Services, specifically International Organization for Standardization, or ISO tank container transportation and depot services.

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Segment revenues and operating income include the allocation of fuel surcharge to the trucking and container services segments. The operating income reported in our segments excludes amounts reported in Other operating income, such as gains and losses on disposal of property and equipment, restructuring costs, impairment charge, corporate and other unallocated amounts. Corporate and unallocated amounts include depreciation and amortization and other gains and losses. Although these amounts are excluded from the business segment results, they are included in reported consolidated earnings. Included in Other revenue are revenues from our tank wash services and other value-added services. We have not provided specific asset information by segment, as it is not regularly provided to our chief operating decision maker for review.

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Summarized segment data and a reconciliation to (loss) income before income taxes for the years ended December 31 (in thousands):

	2009	2008	2007
<b>Operating revenues:</b>			
Trucking	\$ 460,390	\$ 653,618	\$ 666,199
Container Services	79,499	89,715	12,168
Other revenue	73,720	71,957	73,191
<b>Total</b>	<b>613,609</b>	<b>815,290</b>	<b>751,558</b>
<b>Operating income:</b>			
Trucking	35,217	41,291	37,421
Container Services	11,287	10,934	(93)
Other operating income	3,984	3,988	5,028
<b>Total segment operating income</b>	<b>50,488</b>	<b>56,213</b>	<b>42,356</b>
Depreciation and amortization expense	20,218	21,002	17,544
Impairment charge (1)	148,630		
Other (income) expense	(3,184)	2,233	959
<b>Total</b>	<b>(115,176)</b>	<b>32,978</b>	<b>23,853</b>
Interest expense	28,335	35,545	31,342
Interest income	(288)	(426)	(818)
Other expense (income)	62	(19,193)	2,971
<b>(Loss) Income before income taxes</b>	<b>\$ (143,285)</b>	<b>\$ 17,052</b>	<b>\$ (9,642)</b>

- (1) Includes an impairment charge of \$144.3 million related to our trucking segment and an impairment charge of \$4.3 million related to our container services segment.

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Our operations are located primarily in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Inter-area sales are not significant to the total revenue of any geographic area. Information about our operations in different geographic areas for the years ended December 31 is as follows (in thousands):

	<b>2009</b>		
	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>International</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Total operating revenues	\$ 576,405	\$ 37,204	\$ 613,609
Operating (loss) income	(119,288)	4,112	(115,176)
Long-term identifiable assets (1)	137,807	7,989	145,796

  

	<b>2008</b>		
	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>International</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Total operating revenues	\$ 763,155	\$ 52,135	\$ 815,290
Operating income	28,043	4,935	32,978
Long-term identifiable assets (1)	164,068	7,322	171,390

  

	<b>2007</b>		
	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>International</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Total operating revenues	\$ 698,797	\$ 52,761	\$ 751,558
Operating income	17,415	6,438	23,853
Long-term identifiable assets (1)	138,827	7,332	146,159

(1) includes property and equipment and intangible assets.

**10. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts receivable consisted of the following at December 31 (in thousands):

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 64,810	\$ 76,871
Affiliate and independent owner-operator receivables	5,401	4,981
Other receivables	1,218	2,698
	71,429	84,550
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,804)	(2,938)
	\$ 69,625	\$ 81,612

The activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts for the years ended December 31 is as follows (in thousands):

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	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 2,938	\$ 3,454
Adjustment to bad debt expense	1,838	1,086
Write-offs, net of recoveries	(2,972)	(1,602)
Balance, end of period	\$ 1,804	\$ 2,938

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Property and equipment consisted of the following at December 31 (in thousands):

	2009	2008
Land and improvements	\$ 12,041	\$ 12,041
Buildings and improvements	21,642	27,248
Revenue equipment	247,110	266,482
Other equipment	29,739	53,377
<b>Total property and equipment</b>	<b>310,532</b>	<b>359,148</b>
Accumulated depreciation	(183,203)	(210,456)
<b>Property and equipment, net</b>	<b>\$ 127,329</b>	<b>\$ 148,692</b>

From time to time, we identify real properties that are not needed in our current operations and such properties are sold. During 2008, we sold four properties with a net book value of approximately \$0.7 million for which we recognized a \$2.2 million gain.

Depreciation expense was \$18.6 million, \$19.3 million and \$17.2 million for the years ending December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, we had \$23.5 million and \$26.5 million of capitalized cost and \$6.1 million and \$4.0 million of accumulated depreciation of equipment under capital leases, respectively, included in revenue equipment in the above schedule.

**12. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS***Goodwill*

Under the FASB guidance, goodwill and intangible assets are subject to an annual impairment test as well as impairment assessments of certain triggering events. We evaluate goodwill for impairment by determining the fair value based on criteria in the FASB guidance for each reporting unit, our trucking segment and our container services segment. These reporting units contain goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets as a result of previous business acquisitions. Our annual impairment test is performed during the second quarter with a measurement date of June 30<sup>th</sup>. The methodology applied in the analysis performed this current fiscal year at June 30, 2009 was consistent with the methodology applied in prior years, but was based on updated assumptions, as appropriate. As a result of our analysis we concluded a total impairment charge to goodwill of \$146.2 million was necessary at June 30, 2009, of which \$144.3 million was related to our trucking segment, eliminating 100% of the carrying amount of goodwill of that segment, and \$1.9 million was related to our container services segment. We continued to evaluate indicators of impairment quarterly following our annual goodwill impairment test at June 30, 2009 through year end 2009, including the quarter ended December 31, 2009. There were no indications that a triggering event had occurred for the remainder of the year ended December 31, 2009. As of December 31, 2009, we had total goodwill of \$27.0 million, all of which relates to our container services segment.

We have evaluated at least quarterly whether indicators of impairment in accordance with applicable guidance. Prior to our June 30, 2009 analysis, we did not believe that factors attributable to the economic downturn would impact the recoverability of our goodwill. Our performance since the prior period's goodwill impairment test at June 30, 2008 through year end 2008 trended positive and there were no indications from our quarterly reviews that a triggering event had occurred. The first quarter of 2009 showed improved operating income year over year and strong operating cash flow; however, due to the continuing economic downturn, we





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reviewed not only our market capitalization, but also performed a discounted cash flow analysis based on assumptions adjusted to reflect the current economic environment and which we believed to be appropriate at the time. The conclusions from our extended analysis at March 31, 2009 did not indicate a trend in operating results that would foretell of impairment to our goodwill. For our June 30, 2009 analysis, we adjusted further our assumptions used, such as growth and discount rates, in the annual impairment test to reflect the persistence of the downward economic trend.

As the result of the impairment charge, we determined that we were in a cumulative loss position. Based on this negative evidence we concluded that it was no longer more likely than not that our net deferred tax asset was realizable. For purposes of assessing realizability of the deferred tax assets, this cumulative financial reporting loss position is considered significant negative evidence we will not be able to fully realize the deferred tax assets in the future. As a result, a \$41.2 million deferred tax valuation allowance was recorded. Our judgments regarding future taxable income may change due to changes in market conditions, changes in tax laws, operating results or other factors. If any of these factors and related estimates change in the future, it may increase or decrease the valuation allowance and related income tax expense in the same period

Under the FASB guidance, the process of evaluating the potential impairment of goodwill requires significant judgment at many points during the analysis and involves a two-step process. In the first step, we determine whether there is an indication of impairment by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit to its carrying amount, including goodwill. If, based on the first step, we determine that there is an indication of goodwill impairment, the Company will measure any identified goodwill impairment in accordance with the FASB guidance.

In the first step, we determine the fair value for our reporting units using a combination of two valuation approaches: the market approach and the income approach. The market approach uses a guideline company methodology which is based upon a comparison of us to similar publicly-traded companies within our industry. We derive a market value of invested capital or business enterprise value for each comparable company by multiplying the price per share of common stock of the publicly traded companies by their total common shares outstanding and adding each company's current level of debt. We calculate a business enterprise multiple based on revenue and earnings from each company then apply those multiples to each reporting unit's revenue and earnings to conclude a reporting unit business enterprise value. Assumptions regarding the selection of comparable companies are made based on, among other factors, capital structure, operating environment and industry. As the comparable companies were typically larger and more diversified than our reporting units, multiples were adjusted prior to application to our reporting units' revenues and earnings to reflect differences in margins, long-term growth prospects and market capitalization.

The income approach uses a discounted debt-free cash flow analysis to measure fair value by estimating the present value of future economic benefits. To perform the discounted debt-free cash flow analysis, we develop a pro forma analysis of each reporting unit to estimate future available debt-free cash flow and discounting estimated debt-free cash flow by an estimated industry weighted average cost of capital based on the same comparable companies used in the market approach. Per the FASB guidance, the weighted average cost of capital is based on inputs (e.g., capital structure, risk, etc.) from a market participant's perspective and not necessarily from the reporting unit or QDI's perspective. Future cash flow is projected based on assumptions for our economic growth, industry expansion, future operations and the discount rate, all of which require significant judgments by management.

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As of December 31, 2008 and 2007 the goodwill balance was \$173.5 million and \$173.6 million, respectively. The allocation of goodwill changed from 2007 to 2008 due to the requirement to report segment operating results because of our December 2007 acquisition of Boasso, which created two reportable business segments for financial reporting purposes specifically, trucking and container services. Per FASB guidance, when an entity reorganizes its reporting structure, goodwill shall be reassigned to reporting units affected using a relative fair value allocation approach. Based on the relative fair values of the reporting units, goodwill of \$3.9 million and \$1.1 million was reallocated from Other and Container Services, respectively, to the Trucking segment.

Pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement between our company and Boasso America Corporation, and based on an evaluation of the net working capital as of the date of the acquisition, approximately \$1.3 million of the purchase price was refunded to us in cash. Additionally during fiscal 2008, \$0.3 million of additional liabilities were recorded with a corresponding increase in goodwill. Therefore, the goodwill in fiscal 2008 was reduced by a net \$1.0 million related to these purchase price adjustments. The goodwill in fiscal 2009 was reduced by \$0.3 million due to a final purchase price adjustment.

Goodwill by segment and the related changes for each segment for 2008 were as follows (in thousands):

	2007	Acquisitions	Purchase Price Adjustments	Reallocation	2008
Trucking	\$ 138.4	\$ 0.9		\$ 5.0	\$ 144.3
Container services	31.3		(1.0)	(1.1)	29.2
Other revenue	3.9			(3.9)	
	\$ 173.6	\$ 0.9	\$ (1.0)	\$	\$ 173.5

Goodwill by segment and the related changes by segment for 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

	2008	Impairment	Purchase Price Adjustments	2009
Trucking	\$ 144.3	\$ (144.3)		\$
Container services	29.2	(1.9)	(0.3)	27.0
Other revenue				
	\$ 173.5	\$ (146.2)	\$ (0.3)	\$ 27.0

*Intangible Assets*

Intangible assets at December 31, 2009 are as follows (in thousands):

	Gross value	Accumulated amortization	Impairment Charge	Sold to third party	Net book value	Average lives (in years)
Tradename	\$ 9,800	\$	\$ (2,400)	\$	\$ 7,400	Indefinite

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Customer relationships	11,998	(2,031)	(51)	9,916	12
Non-compete agreements	3,053	(1,768)	(134)	1,151	3 5
	\$ 24,851	\$ (3,799)	\$ (2,400)	\$ (185)	\$ 18,467

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Amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007 was \$1.6 million, \$1.7 million and \$0.3 million, respectively. Estimated amortization expense for intangible assets are as follows (in thousands):

2010	\$ 1,543
2011	1,369
2012	1,205
2013	996
2014 and after	5,954

**13. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES**

Accounts payable includes \$0.1 million and \$7.9 million of book overdrafts at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Accrued expenses include the following at December 31 (in thousands):

	2009	2008
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 5,505	\$ 7,215
Accrued interest	4,679	4,375
Claims and deposits	3,747	4,917
Taxes	1,435	1,671
Other	6,012	7,179
	\$ 21,378	\$ 25,357

**14. LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS**

Long-term debt consisted of the following at December 31 (in thousands):

	2009	2008
Capital lease obligations	\$ 17,165	\$ 23,816
ABL Facility	68,000	87,000
Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2012	501	135,000
9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2010	16,031	100,761
10% Senior Notes due 2013	134,499	
11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013	81,211	
Boasso Note		2,500
Other Notes	12,560	16,855
Long-term debt, including current maturities	329,967	365,932
Discount on Senior Floating Rate Notes	(8,683)	(3,346)

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	321,284	362,586
Less current maturities of long-term debt (including capital lease obligations)	(25,188)	(16,355)
Long-term debt, less current maturities	\$ 296,096	\$ 346,231

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Our principal debt sources at December 31, 2009 comprise \$16.0 million aggregate principal amount of 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2010 (the 9% Notes ), \$0.5 million principal amount of our Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2012 (the 2012 Notes ), \$134.5 million aggregate principal amount of 10% Senior Notes due 2013 (the 2013 Senior Notes ), \$81.2 million aggregate principal amount of 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013 ( 2013 PIK Notes ) and a \$225 million asset-based loan facility (the ABL Facility ).

*The ABL Facility*

The ABL Facility which was effective December 18, 2007, consists of a current asset-based revolving facility in an amount of \$200.0 million (the current asset tranche ) and a fixed asset-based revolving facility in an amount of \$25.0 million (the fixed asset tranche ). The total commitments under the fixed asset tranche will be reduced and the total commitments under the current asset tranche correspondingly increased by \$5.0 million on December 18, 2010. Borrowings of revolving loans under the ABL Facility are allocated pro rata to the current asset tranche and the fixed asset tranche based on the then-current asset borrowing base and the then-current fixed asset borrowing base. The ABL Facility matures June 18, 2013. The maturity date of the ABL Facility may be accelerated if we default on our obligations under the ABL Facility.

The ABL Facility includes borrowing capacity of up to \$150.0 million for letters of credit, which are allocated pro rata between the two tranches based on the then-current borrowing base for each tranche (or, if the credit extensions under the fixed asset tranche are repaid and the commitments there under are terminated prior to the termination of the ABL Facility, to the current asset tranche), and up to \$10.0 million for swingline borrowings on same-day notice, which are allocated under the current asset tranche. The proceeds of the ABL Facility were used, together with the proceeds from an additional private offering of \$50 million of Senior Floating Rate Notes (described below under Senior Floating Rate Notes ), to finance a portion of the Boasso acquisition. The ABL Facility contains a fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.0 to 1.0 which only needs to be met if borrowing availability is less than \$20 million. At December 31, 2009, we had \$44.7 million of borrowing availability under the ABL Facility.

Borrowings under the ABL Facility bear interest at a rate equal to an applicable margin plus, at our option, either a base rate or LIBOR. The applicable margin for borrowings under the current asset tranche at December 31, 2009 was 1.00% with respect to base rate borrowings and 2.00% with respect to LIBOR borrowings. The applicable margin for borrowings under the fixed asset tranche at December 31, 2009 was 1.25% with respect to base rate borrowings and 2.25% with respect to LIBOR borrowings. The applicable margin for such borrowings will be reduced or increased based on the aggregate borrowing base availability under the ABL Facility over the life of the ABL Facility. The base rate for the ABL Facility is the higher of the prime rate and the federal funds overnight rate plus 0.50%. We are also required to pay a fee for utilized commitments under the ABL Facility at a rate equal to 0.25% per annum. The ABL Facility is required to be prepaid only to the extent that the aggregate amount of outstanding borrowings, unreimbursed letter of credit drawings and undrawn letters of credit under the relevant tranche exceeds the lesser of the applicable commitments and the applicable borrowing base in effect at such time for such tranche. The borrowing base for the current asset tranche consists of eligible accounts receivable, eligible inventory and eligible truck and trailer fleet, and the borrowing base for the fixed asset tranche consists of eligible real property and certain eligible equipment. We may voluntarily repay outstanding loans under the ABL Facility at any time without premium or penalty, other than customary breakage costs with respect to LIBOR loans. The interest rate on the ABL Facility at December 31, 2009 and 2008 was 2.4% and 3.3%, respectively. The weighted average interest rate during fiscal year 2009 was 2.4%. All obligations under the ABL Facility are guaranteed by QDI and each of our wholly-owned domestic restricted subsidiaries (other than our immaterial subsidiaries). Obligations under the current

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asset tranche, and the guarantees of those obligations (as well as cash management obligations and any interest hedging or other swap agreements), are secured by a first priority lien on certain assets of QD LLC and the guarantors, including eligible accounts, eligible inventory and eligible truck and trailer fleet ( current asset tranche priority collateral ) and a second priority lien on all other assets of QD LLC and the guarantors, including eligible real property and certain eligible equipment ( fixed asset tranche priority collateral ). Obligations under the fixed asset tranche, and the guarantees of those obligations, are secured by a first-priority lien on fixed asset tranche priority collateral and a second priority lien on current asset tranche priority collateral.

We incurred \$6.9 million in debt issuance costs relating to the ABL Facility. We are amortizing these costs over the term of the ABL Facility.

*9% Senior Subordinated Notes Due 2010*

On September 30, 2003, we issued \$125.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 9% Notes. During the fourth quarter of 2008 and the first quarter of 2009, we repurchased \$25.2 million in principal amount of the 9% Notes. On October 15, 2009, we completed exchange and tender offers to exchange approximately \$80.7 million of our 9% Notes for \$80.7 million aggregate principal amount of our new 2013 PIK Notes and approximately 1.75 million warrants and retired an additional \$2.9 million of our 9% Notes for \$1.8 million in cash. Upon the completion of the exchange and tender offer, we also amended the 9% Notes to eliminate or waive substantially all of the restrictive covenants, to eliminate certain events of default, to modify covenants regarding mergers and consolidations and modify or eliminate certain other provisions contained in the indentures governing the 9% Notes. As of December 31, 2009, approximately \$16.0 million total principal amount of the 9% Notes remained outstanding.

The 9% Notes are the unsecured and senior subordinated obligations of QD LLC and QD Capital and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured and senior subordinated basis, jointly and severally, by QDI and certain of its U.S. restricted subsidiaries. We have the right to redeem the 9% Notes in whole or in part from time to time at 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest if any, to the date of redemption. The 9% Notes will mature on November 15, 2010. Interest on the 9% Notes is payable at the rate of 9% per annum and is payable semi-annually in cash on each May 15 and November 15.

We incurred \$5.5 million in debt issuance costs relating to the issuance of the 9% Notes. During 2008 and 2009, we wrote-off approximately \$0.3 million in debt issuance costs relating to repurchases of 9% Notes. Additionally \$0.5 million of unamortized debt issuance costs relating to the 9% Notes are included in debt issuance costs related to the 2013 PIK Notes following their exchange for the 9% Notes. We are amortizing the remaining \$0.1 million of debt issuance costs over the remaining term of the 9% Notes.

*Senior Floating Rate Notes Due 2012*

On January 28, 2005, we issued \$85.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 2012 Notes. On December 18, 2007, we issued a second series of 2012 Notes in the original principal amount of \$50.0 million. On October 15, 2009, we completed exchange and tender offers to exchange approximately \$134.5 million of 2012 Notes for \$134.5 million of our 2013 Senior Notes. Upon the completion of the exchange offer, we amended the 2012 Notes to eliminate or waive substantially all of the restrictive covenants, to eliminate certain events of default, to modify covenants regarding mergers and consolidations and modify or eliminate certain other provisions contained in the indentures governing the 2012 Notes. As of December 31, 2009, approximately \$0.5 million total principal amount of the 2012 Notes remained outstanding.

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The 2012 Notes are the unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of QD LLC and QD Capital and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured and unsubordinated basis, jointly and severally, by QDI and certain of its U.S. restricted subsidiaries. We may redeem all or any portion of the 2012 Notes upon not less than 30, nor more than 60, days' notice at 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest if any, to the date of redemption. The 2012 Notes will mature on January 15, 2012. Interest on the 2012 Notes is payable quarterly in cash in arrears on each January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15. The interest rate on the 2012 Notes at December 31, 2009 and 2008 was 4.8% and 9.3%, respectively. The weighted average interest rate during fiscal year 2009 and 2008 was 5.3% and 8.4%, respectively.

We incurred \$2.5 million in debt issuance costs relating to the initial \$85.0 million of the 2012 Notes and \$2.3 million related to the second \$50.0 million of the 2012 Notes. All of these unamortized debt issuance costs are included in debt issuance costs related to the 2013 Senior Notes in connection with the exchange offer.

*10% Senior Notes Due 2013*

On October 15, 2009, we issued approximately \$134.5 million aggregate principal amount of our 2013 Senior Notes. The 2013 Senior Notes are the unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of QD LLC and QD Capital and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured and unsubordinated basis, jointly and severally, by QDI and certain of our U.S. restricted subsidiaries.

In connection with the issuance of the 2013 Senior Notes, we have agreed pursuant to a registration rights agreement to file a registration statement, relating to an offer to exchange the 2013 Senior Notes for new debt securities which are substantially identical in all material respects, by February 12, 2010, and to use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause the registration statement to be declared effective by the SEC by April 13, 2010. The registration statement was filed pursuant to these obligations on December 18, 2009. If the registration statement is not declared effective by the SEC by April 13, 2010 or if we do not consummate the exchange offer by May 23, 2010, we will be required to pay additional interest.

Interest on the 2013 Senior Notes is payable at a rate of 10% per annum, semiannually on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing on June 1, 2010. The 2013 Senior Notes mature on June 1, 2013.

We may redeem the 2013 Senior Notes, in whole or part, at any time at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2013 Senior Notes redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. Subject to certain conditions, we are obligated to redeem \$6.0 million of 2013 Senior Notes on each June 1 and December 1, commencing December 1, 2010. Beginning in 2011, promptly following the delivery of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for each fiscal year, the 2013 Senior Notes are subject to additional mandatory redemption in an amount equal to 50% of the excess cash flow we generate minus \$12.0 million. Both required redemption amounts will be reduced to the extent necessary so that:

the sum of borrowing availability under the ABL Facility, plus unrestricted cash and cash equivalents, is at least \$37.5 million;

the minimum borrowing availability requirements under the ABL Facility are satisfied;

there is fixed charge coverage ratio of at least 1.0 to 1.0 as calculated under the ABL Facility; and

no other event of default is otherwise caused under the ABL Facility by the redemption.



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The required redemption amounts are also reduced by any optional redemptions and repurchases during the redemption period.

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We recorded \$3.6 million in debt issuance costs relating to the 2013 Senior Notes, of which \$2.0 million of unamortized debt issuance costs related to the 2012 Notes and \$1.6 million was related to the new issuance. We are amortizing these costs over the remaining term of the 2013 Senior Notes.

*11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes Due 2013*

On October 15, 2009, we issued \$80.7 million aggregate principal amount of our 2013 PIK Notes. The 2013 PIK Notes are the unsecured and senior subordinated obligations of QD LLC and QD Capital and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured and senior subordinated basis, jointly and severally, by QDI and certain of our U.S. restricted subsidiaries.

In connection with the issuance of the 2013 PIK Notes, we have agreed pursuant to registration rights agreements to file a registration statement, relating to an offer to exchange the 2013 PIK Notes for new debt securities which are substantially identical in all material respects, by February 12, 2010, and to use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause the registration statement to be declared effective by the SEC by April 13, 2010. The registration statement was filed pursuant to these obligations on December 18, 2009. If the registration statement is not declared effective by the SEC by April 13, 2010 or if we do not consummate the exchange offer by May 23, 2010, we will be required to pay additional interest.

Interest is payable on the 2013 PIK Notes at 11.75% per annum, payable 9% in cash and 2.75% in the form of additional 2013 PIK Notes, quarterly on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing on February 1, 2010.

The 2013 PIK Notes mature on November 1, 2013. We may redeem the 2013 PIK Notes, in whole or part, at any time prior to October 15, 2010, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date plus an additional make-whole premium. After October 15, 2010, we may redeem the Subordinated Notes, in whole or part, at any time at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Subordinated Notes redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. Additionally, at any time prior to October 15, 2010, we may redeem up to 35% of the principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes at a redemption price equal to 11.75% of the face amount thereof with the net proceeds of one or more equity offerings so long as at least 65% of the aggregate original principal amount of the 2013 PIK Notes remains outstanding afterwards.

We recorded \$1.5 million in debt issuance costs relating to the 2013 PIK Notes, of which \$0.5 million of unamortized debt issuance costs related to the 9% Notes and \$1.0 million was related to the new issuance. In addition, we recorded \$6.7 million in note issuance discount due to the warrants issued. The amount represents the fair market value of the warrants at time of issuance. We are amortizing these costs over the remaining term of the 2013 PIK Notes.

*Accounting Treatment of Note Exchanges and Redemption of Notes for Cash*

Upon settlement of our offers to exchange our 9% Notes and 2012 Notes (the "Old Notes") for our new 2013 PIK Notes and 2013 Senior Notes (collectively, the "2013 Notes") and warrants to purchase our common stock (collectively the "Exchange Offer") and completion of a cash option payment of \$1.8 million for validly tendered 9% Notes (the "Retail Tender Offer"), there were: (1) Old Notes that were exchanged for New Notes, (2) Old Notes that were extinguished as a result of the Retail Tender Offer, (3) Old Notes that were not exchanged or tendered, and (4) warrants that were issued in connection with the exchange of 9% Notes for 2013 PIK Notes (see Note 17). Respectively, all tenders described above were treated as a debt modification in accordance with applicable FASB guidance. We did not recognize a gain or loss on the modification since the exchanges were a par for par exchange.

*1. Old Notes for which holders chose to exchange for New Notes*

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The issuance of the 2013 PIK Notes in exchange for 9% Notes and the issuance of the 2013 Senior Notes in exchange for 2012 Notes were each accounted for as a debt modification in accordance with applicable FASB guidance.

In accordance with FASB guidance, since the prepayment option (or any put or call feature) of the Old Notes is exercisable at any time, we assumed that the prepayment option was exercised immediately on the date the exchange offers were completed. Further, FASB guidance provides that if debt is callable or puttable and the exercise of the put or call would usually result in the smallest change in cash flows, then the issuance is presumed to be a modification. We have performed the cash flows analysis assuming exercise by the Company of the prepayment option on the amendment date which resulted in less than a 10% change in cash flows. Accordingly, we have accounted for the transaction as a debt modification. Since the exchange of the Old Notes for the New Notes was a par for par exchange, no gain or loss resulted for the settlement of that exchange.

Under applicable FASB guidance, costs incurred with the Exchange Offer are associated with the replacement or modified debt instrument and, along with any existing unamortized premium or discount, are amortized as an adjustment to interest expense over the remaining term of the replacement or modified debt instruments using the effective interest method. Therefore, the original pro-rata share of the deferred financing costs and original issue discounts related to the Old Notes that were exchanged in the Exchange Offer will remain with, and be amortized over the remaining terms of, the New Notes. The balance of deferred finance costs associated with the 2013 PIK Notes and the 2013 Senior Notes at December 31, 2009 was \$1.4 million and \$3.4 million, respectively. Any third party costs were expensed as incurred.

### 2. 9% Notes that were extinguished as a result of the Retail Tender Offer

Since the Retail Tender Offer provided cash consideration for the 9% Notes, the Retail Tender Offer was accounted for as an extinguishment of debt in accordance with FASB guidance. As such, the Company wrote off the value of any 9% Notes for which we paid cash consideration in accordance with the Retail Tender Offer. The Company paid \$1.8 million in cash consideration for \$2.9 million of the 9% Notes which resulted in a gain on extinguishment of \$1.1 million. The pro-rata share of the deferred financing costs related to the extinguished debt was minimal and was written off. Any third party costs associated with the extinguishment, which were also minimal, were expensed as incurred.

### 3. Costs associated with Remaining Old Notes

The remaining Old Notes will continue to be accounted for in the same manner prior to the Exchange Offer and the Retail Tender Offer. The original terms of the remaining balances did not change. The deferred financing costs associated with the remaining Old Notes continue to be amortized over the original term of the Old Notes. The balance of deferred finance costs associated with the 9% Notes and the 2012 Notes at December 31, 2009 was \$0.1 million and \$0.0 million, respectively.

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*Boasso Note*

The Boasso Note was a \$2.5 million 7% promissory note with a maturity on December 18, 2009 issued as part of the purchase price of the Boasso acquisition. The holder of the Boasso Note had the option to require prepayment of the Boasso note, which he exercised on December 18, 2008. The Boasso Note was paid in full in January 2009.

*Collateral, Guarantees and Covenants*

The ABL Facility contains a number of covenants that, among other things, restrict, subject to certain exceptions, our ability to (i) sell assets; (ii) incur additional indebtedness; (iii) prepay other indebtedness (including the 2013 Senior Notes, the 2012 Notes, the 2013 PIK Notes and the 9% Notes); (iv) repurchase or pay dividends on QDI's common stock; (v) create liens on assets; (vi) make investments; (vii) make certain acquisitions; (viii) engage in mergers or consolidations; (ix) engage in certain transactions with affiliates; (x) amend certain charter documents and material agreements governing subordinated indebtedness, including the 2013 Senior Notes, the 2012 Notes, the 2013 PIK Notes and the 9% Notes; (xi) change the business conducted by us and our subsidiaries; and (xii) enter into agreements that restrict dividends from subsidiaries. The ABL Facility also contains certain customary events of default, which, if any of them occurs, may result in the principal, interest and any other monetary obligations under the ABL Facility becoming immediately payable.

The indentures governing our 2013 Senior Notes and our 2013 PIK Notes contain covenants that restrict, subject to certain exceptions, our ability to, among other things: (i) incur additional debt or issue certain preferred shares; (ii) pay dividends on or make other distributions in respect of QDI's common stock or make other restricted payments; (iii) make certain investments; (iv) sell certain assets; (v) create or permit to exist dividend and/or payment restrictions affecting their restricted subsidiaries; (vi) create liens on certain assets to secure debt; (vii) consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of their assets; (viii) enter into certain transactions with their affiliates; and (ix) designate their subsidiaries as unrestricted subsidiaries. The indentures also provide certain customary events of default, which, if any of them occurs, may result in the principal, interest and any other monetary obligations on the then outstanding 2013 Senior Notes and 2013 PIK Notes becoming payable immediately.

The payment obligations under the ABL Facility are senior secured obligations of QD LLC and QD Capital and are secured by certain assets and its subsidiaries. The payment obligations of QD LLC and QD Capital under the 9% Notes, the 2012 Notes, the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes are guaranteed by QDI, and by all of its domestic subsidiaries. The 9% Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes, and the guarantees thereof are senior subordinated unsecured obligations ranking junior in right of payment to all of our existing and future senior

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debt, and all liabilities of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the 9% Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes, as applicable. All of the notes are effectively junior to all of our existing and future secured debt, including borrowings under the ABL Facility, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt.

We were in compliance with the covenants under the ABL Facility, the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes at December 31, 2009.

*Debt Retirement*

The following is a schedule of our indebtedness at December 31, 2009 over the periods we are required to pay such indebtedness (in thousands):

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 and after	Total
Capital lease obligations	\$ 5,322	\$ 4,279	\$ 4,748	\$ 2,253	\$ 563	\$ 17,165
ABL Facility				68,000		68,000
9% Senior Subordinated Notes, due 2010	16,031					16,031
Senior Floating Rate Notes, due 2012			501			501
10% Senior Notes, due 2013 (1)				134,499		134,499
11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes, due 2013 (1)				81,211		81,211
Other Notes	3,835	2,311	2,104	2,231	2,079	12,560
Total	\$ 25,188	\$ 6,590	\$ 7,353	\$ 288,194	\$ 2,642	\$ 329,967

(1) Amounts do not include the remaining aggregate unamortized original issue discount of \$8.7 million.

The following table represents our debt issuance costs at December 31, 2009 and 2008 (in thousands):

	2008	Write-off of Issuance Costs	Additional Debt Issuance Costs	Transfer Related to Exchange Offers	Current year amortization expense	2009
ABL Facility	\$ 5,552	\$	\$	\$	\$ (1,268)	\$ 4,284
9% Senior Subordinated Notes, due 2010	1,150	(20)		(537)	(524)	69
Senior Floating Rate Notes, due 2012	2,794			(2,059)	(735)	
10% Senior Notes, due 2013			1,584	2,059	(218)	3,425
11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes, due 2013			970	537	(81)	1,426
Total	\$ 9,496	\$ (20)	\$ 2,554	\$	\$ (2,826)	\$ 9,204

Amortization expense of deferred issuance costs was \$2.8 million, \$3.0 million, and \$1.9 million for years ending December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively. We are amortizing these costs over the term of the debt instruments.



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We believe that, based on current operations and anticipated growth, our cash flow from operations, together with available sources of liquidity, including borrowings under the ABL Facility, will be sufficient to fund anticipated capital expenditures, make required payments of principal and interest on our debt, including obligations under our credit agreement, and satisfy other long-term contractual commitments for the next twelve months.

However, for periods extending beyond twelve months, if our operating cash flow and borrowings under the revolving portions of the ABL Facility are not sufficient to satisfy our capital expenditures, debt service and other long-term contractual commitments, we would be required to seek alternative financing. These alternatives would likely include another restructuring or refinancing of our long-term debt, the sale of a portion or all of our assets or operations, or the sale of additional debt or equity securities. If these alternatives were not available in a timely manner or on satisfactory terms, or were not permitted under our existing agreements, we might default on some or all of our obligations. If we default on our obligations under our ABL Facility, the maturity date of the ABL may be accelerated. If this occurs, our assets might not be sufficient to repay in full all of our indebtedness, and we might be forced into bankruptcy.

**15. INCOME TAXES**

For financial reporting purposes, (loss) income before income taxes includes the following components (in thousands):

	2009	2008	2007
Domestic	\$ (144,136)	\$ 15,950	\$ (10,805)
Mexico	637	1,058	694
Canada	214	44	469
	(143,285)	17,052	(9,642)

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The components of the provision for (benefit from) income tax for the years ended December 31 are as follows (in thousands):

	2009	2008	2007
Current taxes:			
Federal	\$ (792)	\$ (211)	\$ (168)
State	486	(820)	1,119
Mexico	92	298	300
Canada	120	245	1,296
	(94)	(488)	2,547
Deferred taxes:			
Federal	(3,609)	5,635	(7,325)
State	(625)	(417)	2,218
Mexico			(106)
Canada			(131)
	(4,234)	5,218	(5,344)
Valuation Allowance			
Federal	38,131	210	1,625
State	3,446		(907)
Mexico			
Canada			
	41,577	210	718
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	\$ 37,249	\$ 4,940	\$ (2,079)



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The net deferred tax asset (liability) consisted of the following at December 31 (in thousands):

	2009	2008
Deferred tax assets:		
Environmental reserve	\$ 7,848	\$ 8,302
Tax credit carryforwards	5,812	5,292
Self-insurance reserves	7,639	8,357
Allowance for doubtful accounts	699	1,109
Pension	7,409	7,414
Net operating loss carryforwards	36,596	37,559
Accrued interest and original issue discount	974	
Other accruals	3,989	3,980
Accrued losses and damage claims	91	209
	71,057	72,222
Less valuation allowance	(43,032)	(1,855)
	28,025	70,367
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Property and equipment basis differences	(25,625)	(24,687)
Intangible basis differences	(2,400)	(8,337)
Net deferred tax asset		37,343
Comprised of:		
Current deferred tax asset	5,506	14,707
Long-term deferred tax asset		22,636
Long-term deferred tax liability	(5,506)	
Net deferred tax asset	\$	\$ 37,343

We have established a 100% valuation allowance against net deferred tax assets as it is no longer more likely than not that the deferred asset will be realized. This determination is based on the weight of available evidence which includes cumulative historical losses in recent years. The valuation allowance against net deferred tax assets increased by \$41.2 million from 2008 to 2009.

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Our effective tax rate differs from the federal statutory rate. The reasons for those differences are as follows for the years ended December 31 (in thousands):

	2009	2008	2007
Tax (benefit) expense at the statutory rate	\$ (50,150)	\$ 5,968	\$ (3,375)
State income taxes, net of federal benefit	(225)	(127)	299
FIN 48 adjustments	(937)	(698)	
Goodwill impairment	46,688		
Restricted stock	154	423	
Pension adjustment		(1,193)	
Foreign taxes	(86)	158	951
Valuation allowance	41,577	210	1,625
Work Opportunity Tax Credit	(206)		
Increase in federal NOL			(1,007)
IRC Section 956 income	419	253	401
Foreign tax credit	(190)	(302)	(1,122)
Secondary offering costs			(304)
Other	205	248	453
<b>Provision for (benefit from) income taxes</b>	<b>\$ 37,249</b>	<b>\$ 4,940</b>	<b>\$ (2,079)</b>

At December 31, 2009, we had approximately \$95.7 million in federal net operating loss carryforwards, \$2.3 million in alternative minimum tax credit carry forwards and \$3.1 million in foreign tax credit carryforwards. We do not have a history of net operating loss or tax credit carryforwards expiring unused; however, we have determined based on the weight of available evidence that it is more likely than not that some or all of the carryforwards may expire. As a result, we have established a valuation allowance of \$43.0 million. The net operating loss carryforwards will expire in the years 2018 through 2027 while the alternative minimum tax credits may be carried forward indefinitely and the foreign tax credits may be carried forward for ten years. We have approximately \$47.0 million in state net operating loss carryforwards, which expire over the next 1 to 18 years.

Significant judgment is required in determining our provision for income taxes. In the ordinary course of an international business, there are many transactions for which the ultimate tax outcome is uncertain. We review our tax contingencies on a regular basis and make appropriate accruals as needed. As of December 31, 2009, United States taxes were not provided on income of our foreign subsidiaries, as we have invested or expect to invest the undistributed earnings indefinitely.

Rollforward of valuation allowance (in thousands):

	2009	2008
Beginning balance	\$ (1,855)	\$ (1,645)
(Increase)/decrease attributable to current year operations	(417)	
(Increase)/decrease attributable to other comprehensive income	400	
(Increase)/decrease attributable to FIN 48		
(Increase)/decrease attributable to AMT & foreign tax credit carryforwards	(3,628)	(210)
(Increase)/decrease attributable to Federal & State NOL carryforwards	(37,532)	

Ending balance	\$ (43,032)	\$ (1,855)
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At December 31, 2009 and 2008, we had approximately \$1.8 and \$2.0 million, respectively, of total gross unrecognized tax benefits. Of the total gross unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2009, \$1.2 million (net of federal benefit on state tax issues) represents the amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized would favorably affect the effective income tax rate in any future periods.

Included in the balance of gross unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2009 is \$0.7 million related to tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts could significantly change during the next twelve months due to expiration of the applicable statute of limitations. A reconciliation of the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits follows (in thousands):

	2009	2008
Total unrecognized tax benefits as of January 1, 2009	\$ 2,043	\$ 3,193
Increases in tax positions taken during prior period		209
Decreases in tax positions taken during prior period	(118)	(381)
Increases in tax positions taken during the current period	10	32
Settlements with taxing authorities		(212)
Decrease due to lapse of applicable statute of limitations	(159)	(798)
<b>Total unrecognized tax benefits as of December 31, 2009</b>	<b>\$ 1,776</b>	<b>\$ 2,043</b>

Our continuing practice is to recognize interest and/or penalties related to income tax matters in income tax expense. For the year ended December 31, 2009, we recognized additional benefit of \$0.7 million of interest and penalties in the provision for income taxes. As of January 1, 2009 we had accrued interest of \$1.3 million (net of federal benefit) and \$0.4 million accrued for penalties. At December 31, 2009 we had accrued interest of \$0.7 million (net of federal benefit) and \$0.3 million accrued for penalties.

We are subject to the income tax jurisdiction of U.S., Canada, and Mexico, as well as income tax of multiple state jurisdictions. We believe we are no longer subject to U.S. federal income tax examinations for the years before 2006, to international examinations for years before 2004 and with few exceptions, to state exams before 2005.

In accordance with FASB guidance, we updated the presentation of our deferred tax asset and valuation allowance to remove any unrecognized tax benefit. In the first quarter of 2007, we reversed the remaining \$0.9 million deferred tax valuation allowance and the associated deferred tax asset on state tax net operating losses that contained unrecognized tax benefits.

**16. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS**

We maintain two noncontributory defined benefit plans resulting from a prior acquisition that cover certain full-time salaried employees ( CLC Plan ) and certain other employees under a collective bargaining agreement ( TTWU Plan ). Retirement benefits for employees covered by the salaried plan are based on years of service and compensation levels. The monthly benefit for employees under the collective bargaining agreement plan is based on years of service multiplied by a monthly benefit factor. Pension costs are funded in accordance with the provisions of the applicable law. Both pension plans have been frozen since prior to January 1, 1998. There are no new participants and no future accruals of benefits from the time the plans were frozen.

We use a December 31 measurement date for both of our plans.

We follow the recognition and disclosure requirements under the FASB guidance that require us to recognize the funded status of our postretirement benefit plans in the consolidated statement of financial position



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at December 31, 2009, with a corresponding adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income. The funded status is the difference between the fair value of plan assets and the benefit obligation. The adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income represents the net unrecognized actuarial gains or losses and unrecognized prior service costs. Future actuarial gains or losses that are not recognized as net periodic benefit cost in the same periods will be recognized as a component of other comprehensive income (in thousands):

	<b>2009</b>
Items not yet recognized as a component of net periodic cost:	
Unrecognized net actuarial loss	\$ 28,062
Unamortized prior service cost	604
Unrecognized loss and prior service costs recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ 28,666
Items to be recognized in 2010 as a component of net periodic cost:	
Net actuarial loss	\$ 1,200
Prior service cost	94
Net periodic cost to be recorded in 2010 as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ 1,294

*Obligations and Funded Status*

The following table sets forth the change in the projected benefit obligation, change in plan assets and unfunded status of the two plans at December 31 (in thousands):

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Change in Projected Benefit Obligation</b>		
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 45,641	\$ 45,827
Service cost	203	214
Interest cost	2,752	2,729
Actuarial loss	2,175	354
Benefits and expenses paid	(3,469)	(3,483)
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$ 47,302	\$ 45,641
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Change in Plan Assets</b>		
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 26,989	\$ 42,138
Actual return (loss) on plan assets	3,964	(12,545)
Contributions by company	1,005	878
Benefits and expenses paid	(3,469)	(3,483)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$ 28,489	\$ 26,988

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	2009	2008
<b>Unfunded Status of Plans</b>		
Projected benefit obligation	\$ (47,302)	\$ (45,641)
Fair value of plan assets	28,489	26,988
Unfunded status	\$ (18,813)	\$ (18,653)

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The accumulated benefit obligation for both defined benefit pension plans equaled the projected benefit obligations of \$47.3 million and \$45.6 million at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

*Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss (in thousands)*

	2009	2008	2007
Net actuarial loss, net of tax of \$0, \$6,087 and (\$1,009), respectively	\$ 941	\$ (9,755)	\$ 1,507
Prior service cost	94	94	94
Adjustment to pension benefit obligation	\$ 1,035	\$ (9,661)	\$ 1,601

We had an accumulated net pension equity credit of \$1.0 million at December 31, 2009 compared to a charge of \$9.7 million at December 31, 2008. The equity charge in 2008 reflected the decline in our funded status as a result of significant negative asset returns during 2008.

*Periodic Pension Costs*

The components of net periodic pension cost are as follows for the years ended December 31 (in thousands):

	2009	2008	2007
Service cost	\$ 203	\$ 214	\$ 256
Interest cost	2,752	2,729	2,680
Amortization of loss	1,154	354	415
Amortization of prior service cost	94	94	94
Expected return on plan assets	(2,003)	(3,202)	(3,284)
Net periodic pension cost	\$ 2,200	\$ 189	\$ 161

Pension expense significantly increased in 2009 due to poor performance in the overall stock market in 2008.

*Assumptions*

Weighted average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations at December 31:

	2009	2008	2007
Discount rate	5.60%	6.28%	6.13%

Weighted average assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost at December 31:



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	2009	2008	2007
<b>TTWU Plan</b>			
Discount rate	6.30%	6.00%	5.75%
Expected long-term rate of return on plan assets	7.00%	7.50%	7.50%
<b>CLC Plan</b>			
Discount rate	6.25%	6.25%	5.50%
Expected long-term rate of return on plan assets	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%

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The discount rate is based on a model portfolio of AA-rated bonds with a maturity matched to the estimated payouts of future pension benefits. The TTWU Plan's expected return on plan assets is based on our expectation of the long-term average rate of return on assets in the pension funds, which is based on the allocation of assets and includes approximately 16% of the assets being held in a low return insurance company annuity. The CLC Plan's expected return on plan assets is based on historical and future returns of the multiple asset classes from which a weighted average was developed based on the asset allocation of the Plan.

*Asset Mix*

Our pension plan weighted-average asset allocations by asset category at December 31 are as follows:

	2009	2008
<b>TTWU Plan</b>		
Equity securities and mutual funds	58.7%	57.3%
Debt securities	11.2%	22.6%
Other investments	25.1%	18.4%
Cash and cash equivalents	5.0%	1.7%
<b>CLC Plan</b>		
Equity securities and mutual funds	70.3%	58.0%
Debt securities	12.9%	42.0%
Other investments	10.3%	
Cash and cash equivalents	6.5%	

*Plan Assets*

Our investment policy is that plan assets will be managed utilizing an investment philosophy and approach characterized by all of the following, but listed in priority order: (1) emphasis on total return, (2) emphasis on high-quality securities, (3) sufficient income and stability of income, (4) safety of principal with limited volatility of capital through proper diversification and (5) sufficient liquidity. None of our equity or debt securities are included in plan assets.

Our retirement plans' assets were accounted for at fair value and are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. For a description of the fair value hierarchy, see Note 3.

Our actual retirement plans' asset allocations by level within the fair value hierarchy at December 31, 2009, are presented in the table below (in thousands):

	TTWU Plan					CLC Plan				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	% Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	% Total
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 366	\$	\$	\$ 366	5.0%	\$ 1,374	\$	\$	\$ 1,374	6.5%
Equity securities	2,330			2,330	31.6%	7,698			7,698	36.4%
Mutual funds	1,999			1,999	27.1%	7,165			7,165	33.9%
Corporate bonds		408		408	5.5%		1,327		1,327	6.3%
Asset-backed securities		420		420	5.7%		1,385		1,385	6.6%
Other investments		326	1,526	1,852	25.1%		1,104	1,061	2,165	10.3%

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Total assets	\$ 4,695	\$ 1,154	\$ 1,526	\$ 7,375	100.0%	\$ 16,237	\$ 3,816	\$ 1,061	\$ 21,114	100.0%
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Level 1 includes investments in common stock and open-ended mutual funds. Fair values for these investments are measured using unadjusted quoted prices in active markets.

Level 2 includes investments in corporate bonds and asset-backed securities that are measured based on quoted prices for similar assets in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. The fair values for Level 2 assets are generally obtained from third-party broker quotes, independent pricing services and exchanges.

Level 3 includes investments in an insurance annuity contract and an interval fund containing a lock-up period that are valued using unobservable inputs. Valuation may be performed using a financial model with estimated inputs entered into the model.

The following is a reconciliation of assets in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy (in thousands):

	TTWU	CLC
Beginning balance at January 1, 2009	\$ 1,358	\$ 42
Return on plan assets	69	42
Purchases, sales, settlements and expenses	99	1,019
Ending balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 1,526	\$ 1,061

*Cash Flows*

We expect to contribute \$0.4 million to the TTWU pension plan and \$2.2 million to the CLC pension plan during the year ending December 31, 2010.

The following benefit payments are expected to be paid (in thousands):

2010	\$ 3,491
2011	3,457
2012	3,465
2013	3,438
2014	3,451
2015 - 2019	17,179

We charged to operations, payments to multi-employer pension plans required by collective bargaining agreements of approximately \$2.7 million, \$2.3 million and \$2.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. These defined benefit plans cover substantially all of our union employees not covered under the TTWU pension plan. The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits and net assets available for benefits to employees under these multi-employer plans is not readily available.

In 2001, we established a Deferred Compensation Plan for our executives and other key employees. The plan is a non-qualified deferral plan that allows participants to contribute a portion of their wages on a pre-tax basis and includes a death benefit. We may credit participants' accounts with a discretionary contribution at our sole discretion. No contributions were made in 2009, 2008 and 2007.

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Substantially all of our U.S. employees are entitled to participate in our profit sharing plan established under Section 401(k) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Employees are eligible to contribute voluntarily to the plan after 90 days of employment. At our discretion, we may also contribute to the plan. Employees are always vested

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in their contributed balance and become fully vested in our contributions after four years of service. The expenses related to contributions to the plan for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 were approximately \$0.4 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. In 2009, we did not contribute to the plan.

**17. CAPITAL STOCK**

*Authorized Capital Stock*

In accordance with our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation dated November 4, 2003, the Company is authorized to issue 30 million shares of capital stock, 29 million shares of no par value common stock and 1 million shares of no par value preferred stock.

Our ABL Facility and indentures governing the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes contain restrictions on QDI's ability to pay dividends on its common stock.

*Preferred Stock*

Of the 1 million shares of preferred stock authorized, 600,000 shares were designated as convertible preferred stock, of which 510,000 were issued and outstanding prior to the initial public offering of shares of our common stock, when they were converted into shares of common stock pursuant to our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation. The remaining shares of preferred stock may be issued from time to time in one or more classes or series, with such relative rights, preferences, qualifications, and limitations as our Board of Directors may adopt by resolution.

*Warrants*

On October 15, 2009 in conjunction with the note exchange offer, we issued 1,752,895 aggregate amount of warrants to purchase shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share. The warrants are exercisable during the period beginning April 16, 2010 and ending November 1, 2013. The warrants issued with the 2013 PIK Notes are detachable warrants because they can be traded separately from the note with which they were issued and are accounted for separately in accordance with FASB guidance. The warrants are classified as equity based. The warrants are accounted for at their fair value upon completion of the Exchange Offers on October 15, 2009, which is based on the closing price of the common stock of \$3.82 on that date. \$6.7 million representing the fair value of the warrants was recorded to equity with a corresponding entry to bond issuance discount. The discount will be amortized over the life of the 2013 PIK Notes. The balance of discount associated with the warrants at December 31, 2009 was \$6.4 million.

*Treasury Stock*

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, we had approximately 220,000 and 205,000 treasury shares carried at a cost of approximately \$1.6 million and \$1.6 million, respectively. These shares were acquired pursuant to our initial public offering, the return of shares under limited recourse secured loans to shareholders and forfeitures.

**18. STOCK COMPENSATION PLANS**

We account for our equity compensation plans and expense related to all stock option awards granted under the FASB guidance. We apply the Black-Scholes valuation model in determining the fair value of share-based payments to employees. The resulting compensation expense is recognized over the requisite service period, which is generally the vesting term of four years.

*Performance Incentive Plans*

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As of December 31, 2009, we have two active stock-based compensation plans. As of December 31, 2008, there was an agreement regarding stock units which applied solely to Mr. Gerald L. Detter, our former Chief Executive Officer, and a third stock-based compensation plan, which expired in 2008.

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The 2003 Stock Option Plan was adopted on November 5, 2003 in connection with our IPO and expires 10 years after adoption. It was amended on May 13, 2005. It provides for the grant of nonqualified stock options that become exercisable, with limited exceptions, in 25% increments on each of the first four anniversaries of the date upon which the options are granted or vest 50% in the third and 50% in the fourth year after issuance of the grant. The contractual term of each grant is ten years. The number of shares available for issuance under this plan automatically increases on January 1 of each year commencing with January 1, 2004 unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. The current year increase is 2.5% of the outstanding shares as of December 31 of the prior year. No more than 6,500,000 shares of common stock may be issued under the 2003 Stock Option Plan.

The 2003 Stock Option Plan activity for the year ended December 31, 2009 is as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	Number of Shares Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining contractual Term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands) (a)
Options outstanding at December 31, 2008	1,947	\$ 9.19		
2009 option activity:				
Granted	1,094	\$ 3.02		
Exercised (b)				
Expired	(338)	\$ 6.48		
Canceled	(532)	\$ 11.10		
Options outstanding at December 31, 2009	2,171	\$ 4.93		
Options exercisable at December 31, 2009	696	\$ 7.93	4.8	

(a) The intrinsic value of a stock option is the amount by which the market value of the underlying stock as of December 31, 2009 exceeds the exercise price of the option.

(b) Any options that are exercised are issued out of our treasury share account.

During the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007:

the weighted-average grant date fair value per share of stock-based compensation granted to employees was \$1.96, \$2.30 and \$5.56, respectively;

there were no options exercised in 2009 and 2008. The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised was nominal in 2007, and

the total fair value of stock options that vested during the three periods above was \$344, \$984 and \$1,324, respectively.



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During the year ended December 31, 2009, cash was not used to settle any equity instruments previously granted.

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Until adoption of the 2003 Stock Option Plan, we administered the 1998 Stock Option Plan pursuant to which a total of 377,400 shares of our common stock were available for grant at an exercise price of \$23.53. The maximum term of granted options is ten years. Fifty percent of each new option granted vested in equal increments over four years. The remaining fifty percent of each new option will vest in nine years from grant date, subject to acceleration if certain per-share equity value targets are achieved or in the event of a sale of the Company. Vesting of the new options occurs only during an employee's term of employment. The new options will become fully vested in the event of a termination of employment without cause or for good reason within nine months following a sale of the Company.

The 1998 Stock Option Plan activity for the year ended December 31, 2009 is as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	Number of Shares Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands) (a)
Options outstanding at December 31, 2008	12	\$ 23.53		
2009 option activity:				
Expired				
Canceled				
Options outstanding at December 31, 2009 (b)	12	\$ 23.53		
Options exercisable at December 31, 2009	6	\$ 23.53	0.7	

(a) The intrinsic value of a stock option is the amount by which the market value of the underlying stock as of December 31, 2009 exceeds the exercise price of the option.

(b) Although we cannot issue additional stock options under the 1998 Stock Option Plan, stock options that were previously granted under the 1998 Stock Option Plan continue to be subject to its terms.

During the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007:

no options were granted, respectively;

no options were exercised, and

no options vested during the three periods above.

*2003 Restricted Stock Incentive Plan*

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On November 5, 2003, our Board of Directors approved the 2003 Restricted Stock Incentive Plan, which terminates ten years from the approval date. The 2003 Restricted Stock Incentive Plan was amended on May 13, 2005. The restricted stock issuances to persons initially receiving a grant generally vest by December 31, 2009 regardless of when issued. The vesting periods for other grant recipients are at the discretion of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. In subsequent years, participants in the plan may be granted an annual, aggregate amount of up to \$1 million of shares, valued at our common stock closing price at the date of grant, at the direction of the Board of Directors. No more than 700,000 shares of common stock may be issued under this plan nor may more than \$7.5 million of stock be issued under this plan.

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The 2003 Restricted Stock Incentive plan activity for the year ended December 31, 2009 is as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	Number of Shares Outstanding	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Stock unvested at December 31, 2008	136	\$ 4.97	
2009 activity:			
Granted	536	\$ 3.66	
Vested	(47)	\$ 5.78	
Canceled	(15)	\$ 3.40	
Stock unvested at December 31, 2009	610	\$ 3.89	423

**Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation**

Compensation expense is recognized only for those options expected to vest, with forfeitures estimated based on our historical experience and future expectations.

The fair value of options granted during 2009, 2008 and 2007 was based upon the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The expected term of the options represents the estimated period of time until exercise giving consideration to the contractual terms, vesting schedules and expectations of future employee behavior. Expected stock price volatility is based on the historical volatility of our common stock, which began trading on November 13, 2003. The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant with an equivalent remaining term. The Company has not paid dividends in the past and does not currently plan to pay any dividends in the foreseeable future. The Black-Scholes model was used with the following weighted-average assumptions:

	2009	2008	2007
Risk free rate	2.05%	3.18%	4.35%
Expected life	5 years	5 years	5 years
Volatility	79%	67%	68%
Expected dividend	nil	nil	nil

Restricted stock awards and stock units are measured at fair value at time of issuance and recognized on a straight line basis over the vesting period.

Stock-based compensation expense recognized during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 for each of the types of stock-based awards was (in thousands):

	2009	2008	2007
Stock options	\$ 713	\$ 995	\$ 1,143
Restricted stock	388	333	420

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Total stock-based compensation expense	\$ 1,101	\$ 1,328	\$ 1,563
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All stock-based compensation expense is classified within Compensation on the Consolidated Statements of Operations. None of the stock-based compensation was capitalized during 2009. Fourteen of our employees and three members of our Board of Directors participated in an option exchange (the Option Exchange ) on March 11, 2009. Prior to the Option Exchange, the Compensation Committee recognized that due to the historically low trading prices of our common stock, many options previously granted under the 2003 Stock

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Option Plan ceased to satisfy their intended purpose. As such, the Option Exchange was initiated and certain stock option grants were canceled and new stock options were issued covering shares of our common stock at an exercise price equal to the closing price of our common stock on March 11, 2009. All options issued in the Option Exchange vest in four equal annual installments on the anniversary of grant. In connection with the Option Exchange, an incremental cost of less than \$0.1 million was recognized in 2009.

The following table summarizes unrecognized stock-based compensation and the weighted average period over which such stock-based compensation is expected to be recognized as of December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

	In \$	Remaining years
Stock options	\$ 3,132	4
Restricted stock	2,105	4
	\$ 5,237	

These amounts do not include the cost of any additional awards that may be granted in future periods nor any changes in our forfeiture rate. These amounts do not include the cost of any additional options or restricted stock that may be granted in future periods or any changes in the Company's forfeiture rate.

**19. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES***Operating Leases*

We are obligated under various noncancelable operating leases for our office facilities, office equipment, revenue equipment and vehicles. Future noncancelable lease commitments (excluding any sublease income) as of December 31, 2009, are as follows (in thousands):

2010	\$ 15,906
2011	10,515
2012	7,227
2013	4,218
2014	2,320
2015 and after	6,198
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 46,384</b>

The operating lease commitments include minimum lease commitments for tractors that we expect will be partially offset by rental revenue from sub-leasing the tractors to independent owner-operators or affiliates. Rent expense under operating leases was \$21.6 million, \$28.7 million and \$23.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

*Environmental Matters*

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It is our policy to comply with all applicable environmental, safety, and health laws. We also are committed to the principles of Responsible Care<sup>®</sup>, an international chemical industry initiative to enhance the industry's responsible management of chemicals. We have obtained independent certification that our management system is in place and functions according to professional standards and we continue to evaluate and continuously improve our Responsible Care<sup>®</sup> Management System performance.

Our activities involve the handling, transportation and storage of bulk chemicals, both liquid and dry, many of which are classified as hazardous materials or hazardous substances. Our operations involve the generation, storage, discharge and disposal of wastes that may contain hazardous substances, the inventory and use of cleaning materials that may contain hazardous substances and the control and discharge of storm-water from

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industrial sites. In addition, we may store diesel fuel, materials containing oil and other hazardous products at our terminals. As such, we and others who operate in our industry are subject to environmental, health and safety laws and regulation by U.S. federal, state and local agencies as well as foreign governmental authorities. Environmental laws and regulations are complex, and address emissions to the air, discharge onto land or water, and the generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of waste materials. These laws change frequently and generally require us to obtain and maintain various licenses and permits. Environmental laws have tended to become more stringent over time, and most provide for substantial fines and potential criminal sanctions for violations. Some of these laws and regulations are subject to varying and conflicting interpretations. Under certain of these laws, we could also be subject to allegations of liability for the activities of our affiliates or independent owner-operators.

We are potentially subject to strict, joint and several liability for investigating and rectifying the consequences of spills and other releases of such substances. From time to time, we have incurred remedial costs and regulatory penalties with respect to chemical or wastewater spills and releases at our facilities and on the road, and, notwithstanding the existence of our environmental management program, we cannot assure that such obligations will not be incurred in the future, predict with certainty the extent of future liabilities and costs under environmental, health, and safety laws, or assure that such liabilities will not result in a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results or cash flow. We have established reserves for remediation expenses at known contamination sites when it is probable that such efforts will be required of us and the related expenses can be reasonably estimated. Additional information about our reserves, our estimates underlying them and the known contamination sites may be found at Note 19 to our consolidated financial statements contained herein, *Commitments and Contingencies* *Environmental Matters*.

We have also incurred in the past, and expect to incur in the future, capital and other expenditures related to environmental compliance for current and planned operations. Such expenditures are generally included in our overall capital and operating budgets and are not accounted for separately. However, we do not anticipate that compliance with existing environmental laws in conducting current and planned operations will have a material adverse effect on our capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position.

*Reserves*

Our policy is to accrue remediation expenses when it is probable that such efforts will be required and the related expenses can be reasonably estimated. Estimates of costs for future environmental compliance and remediation may be adversely affected by such factors as changes in environmental laws and regulatory requirements, the availability and application of technology, the identification of currently unknown potential remediation sites and the allocation of costs among the potentially responsible parties under the applicable statutes. The recorded liabilities are adjusted periodically as remediation efforts progress or as additional technical or legal information becomes available. As of December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, we had reserves in the amount of \$11.6 million and \$10.9 million, respectively, for all environmental matters of which the more significant are discussed below.

The balances presented include both long term and current environmental reserves. We expect these environmental obligations to be paid over the next five years. Additions to the environmental liability reserves are classified in our consolidated statements of operations within the *Selling and administrative* category.



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*Property Contamination Liabilities*

We have been named as (or are alleged to be) a potentially responsible party under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ( CERCLA ) and similar state laws at approximately 24 sites. At 17 of the 24 sites, we are one of many parties with alleged liability and are negotiating with Federal, State or private parties on the scope of our obligations, if any. At 2 of the 17 sites, we will be participating in the initial studies to determine site remediation objectives. Since our overall liability cannot be estimated at this time, we have set reserves for only the initial remedial investigation phase. At 3 of the 17 sites, we have explicitly denied any liability and since there has been no subsequent demand for payment we have not established a reserve for these matters. We have estimated future expenditures for these off-site multi-party environmental matters to be in the range of \$2.5 million to \$3.8 million.

At 7 of the 24 sites, we are the only responsible party and are in the process of conducting investigations and/or remediation projects. Four of these projects relate to operations conducted by CLC prior to our acquisition with CLC in 1998. These four sites are: (1) Bridgeport, New Jersey; (2) William Dick, Pennsylvania; (3) Tonawanda, New York; and (4) Scary Creek, West Virginia. The remaining three sites related to investigations and potential remediation that were triggered by the New Jersey Industrial Site Remediation Act ( ISRA ), which requires such investigations and remediation following the sale of industrial facilities. Each of these sites is discussed in more detail below. We have estimated future expenditures for these seven properties to be in the range of \$9.1 million to \$16.7 million.

*Bridgeport, New Jersey*

QDI is required under the terms of two federal consent decrees to perform remediation at this operating truck terminal and tank wash site. CLC entered into consent orders with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ( USEPA ) in May 1991 for the treatment of groundwater and in October 1998 for the removal of contamination in the wetlands. In addition, we were required to assess the remediation of contaminated soils.

The groundwater treatment remedy negotiated with USEPA calls for a treatment facility for in-place treatment of groundwater contamination and a local discharge. Treatment facility construction was completed in early 2007. After various start-up issues, we expect the treatment facility to begin operating in 2010. Wetlands contamination has been remediated with localized restoration expected to be completed in 2010. In regard to contaminated soils, we believe that USEPA is now in the process of finalizing a feasibility study for the limited areas that show contamination and warrant additional investigation or work. We have estimated expenditures to be in the range of \$5.5 million to \$8.5 million.

*William Dick, Pennsylvania*

CLC entered into a consent order with the Pennsylvania DEP and USEPA in October 1995 obligating it to provide a replacement water supply to area residents, treat contaminated groundwater, and perform remediation of contaminated soils at this former wastewater disposal site. The replacement water supply is complete. We completed construction of a treatment facility with local discharge for groundwater treatment in the fourth quarter of 2007. Plant start-up issues are on-going. The agencies have approved a contaminated soils remedy, which requires both thermal treatment of contaminated soils and treatment of residuals via soil vapor extraction. The remedy expanded to include off-site shipment of contaminated soils. Soil treatment was completed in September 2007. Site sampling has been conducted and the results indicate that the soil clean-up objectives have not been fully achieved. Negotiations are on-going with USEPA over further remedial actions that may be needed at the site. We have estimated expenditures to be in the range of \$1.1 million to \$3.4 million.

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*Other Properties*

*Scary Creek, West Virginia:* CLC received a clean up notice from the State environmental authority in August 1994. The State and we have agreed that remediation can be conducted under the State's voluntary clean-up program (instead of the state superfund enforcement program). We are currently completing the originally planned remedial investigation and the additional site investigation work.

*Tonawanda, New York:* CLC entered into a consent order with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation on June 22, 1999 obligating it to perform soil and groundwater remediation at this former truck terminal and tank wash site. We have completed a remedial investigation and a feasibility study. The State issued a record of decision in May 2006. The site is currently in remedial design phase.

*ISRA New Jersey Facilities:* We are obliged to conduct investigations and remediation at three current or former New Jersey tank wash and terminal sites pursuant to the state's Industrial Sites Remediation Act, which requires such remediation following the sale of facilities after 1983. These sites are in the process of remedial investigation with projections set in contemplation of limited soil remediation expense for contaminated areas.

We have estimated future expenditures for Scary Creek, Tonawanda and ISRA to be in the range of \$2.5 million to \$4.8 million.

*Other Legal Matters*

We are from time to time involved in routine litigation incidental to the conduct of our business. We believe that no such routine litigation currently pending against us, if adversely determined, would have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**20. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

At December 31, 2009, Apollo and its affiliated funds owned or controlled approximately 52.2% of QDI's outstanding common stock. As a result, Apollo can influence substantially all matters requiring shareholder approval, including the election of directors, the approval of significant corporate transactions, such as acquisitions and the ability to block an unsolicited tender offer.

Two of our customers (Hexion Specialty Chemicals and Momentive Performance Materials) are controlled by Apollo. Revenues from these two customers was \$12.6 million, \$15.0 million and \$15.9 million in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. All pricing with the companies controlled by Apollo Management was based on market rates, including such factors as total expected revenue to be generated by the customer, number of loads to be hauled and the number of miles to be driven.

Of the \$0.2 million stock subscription receivable, less than \$0.1 million relates to current members of management.

**21. GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES**

The 2013 Senior Notes and 2012 Notes are our subsidiaries', QD LLC and QD Capital, senior unsecured obligations and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis, jointly and severally, by QDI, our other subsidiary guarantors, and certain of our future U.S. restricted subsidiaries. The 2013 PIK Notes and 9% Notes are our subsidiaries', QD LLC and QD Capital Corporation, unsecured and senior subordinated

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obligations and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured and senior subordinated basis, jointly and severally, by QDI, our other subsidiary guarantors, and certain of our future U.S. restricted subsidiaries. The subsidiary guarantors of all of the notes are all of our direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries. All non-domestic subsidiaries including Levy Transport, Ltd. are not guarantor subsidiaries. QD Capital has no material assets or operations. QD LLC, all its subsidiary guarantors and QD Capital are 100% owned by QDI.

QD LLC conducts substantially all of its business through and derives virtually all of its income from its subsidiaries. Therefore, its ability to make required principal and interest payments with respect to its indebtedness depends on the earnings of subsidiaries and its ability to receive funds from its subsidiaries through dividend and other payments. The subsidiary guarantors are 100% owned subsidiaries of QD LLC and have fully and unconditionally guaranteed the 9% Notes and the 2012 Notes, and the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes on a joint and several basis.

QDI has no significant restrictions on its ability to receive funds from its subsidiaries. The ABL Facility and the indentures governing our 2013 Senior Notes and our 2013 PIK Notes contain certain limitations on QD LLC's ability to make distributions to QDI. We do not consider these restrictions to be significant, because QDI is a holding company with no significant operations or assets, other than ownership of 100% of QD LLC's membership units. QD LLC's direct and indirect wholly owned subsidiaries are generally permitted to make distributions to QD LLC, which is the principal obligor under the ABL Facility, the 9% Notes, the 2012 Notes, the 2013 Senior Notes and the 2013 PIK Notes.

We have not presented separate financial statements and other disclosures concerning subsidiary guarantors because management has determined such information is not material to the holders of the above-mentioned notes.

The following condensed consolidating financial information for QDI, QD LLC, QD Capital, which has no assets or operations), non-guarantor subsidiaries and combined guarantor subsidiaries presents:

Condensed consolidating balance sheets at December 31, 2009 and 2008 and condensed consolidating statements of operations and of cash flows for each of the three years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007.

Elimination entries necessary to consolidate the parent company and all its subsidiaries.

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(in thousands)

	QDI	QD LLC & QD Capital	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Operating revenues:						
Transportation	\$	\$	\$ 454,658	\$	\$	\$ 454,658
Other service revenue			104,716	238		104,954
Fuel surcharge			53,997			53,997
Total operating revenues			613,371	238		613,609
Operating expenses:						
Purchased transportation			373,539			373,539
Compensation			76,955			76,955
Fuel, supplies and maintenance			62,448			62,448
Depreciation and amortization			20,218			20,218
Selling and administrative		268	24,259	45		24,572
Insurance costs			14,096	23		14,119
Taxes and licenses			3,578			3,578
Communication and utilities			7,910			7,910
Gain on sale of tank wash assets			(7,130)			(7,130)
Loss on disposal of property and equipment			450			450
Impairment charge			148,630			148,630
Restructuring costs			3,496			3,496
Operating (loss) income		(268)	(115,078)	170		(115,176)
Interest (income) expense, non-related party, net	(5)	25,689	2,412	(49)		28,047
Interest (income) expense, related party, net		(25,689)	26,116	(427)		
Gain on extinguishment of debt		(1,870)				(1,870)
Other expense (income)		2,343	(206)	(205)		1,932
Income (loss) before income taxes	5	(741)	(143,400)	851		(143,285)
Provision for income taxes	119		37,038	92		37,249
Equity in loss of subsidiaries	(180,420)	(179,679)			360,099	
Net (loss) income	\$ (180,534)	\$ (180,420)	\$ (180,438)	\$ 759	\$ 360,099	\$ (180,534)

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(in thousands)

	QDI	QD LLC & QD Capital	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Operating revenues:						
Transportation	\$	\$	\$ 565,814	\$	\$	\$ 565,814
Other service revenue			103,661	378		104,039
Fuel surcharge			145,437			145,437
Total operating revenues			814,912	378		815,290
Operating expenses:						
Purchased transportation			466,823			466,823
Compensation			109,110			109,110
Fuel, supplies and maintenance			114,351			114,351
Depreciation and amortization			21,024	(22)		21,002
Selling and administrative		234	35,539	63		35,836
Insurance costs			15,007	(8)		14,999
Taxes and licenses			5,241	1		5,242
Communication and utilities			12,716			12,716
(Gain) loss on disposal of property and equipment			(3,067)	(25)		(3,092)
Restructuring costs			5,325			5,325
Operating (loss) income		(234)	32,843	369		32,978
Interest (income) expense, non-related party, net	(16)	33,150	2,086	(100)		35,120
Interest (income) expense, related party, net		(33,150)	33,669	(519)		
Write-off of debt issuance costs		283				283
Gain on extinguishment of debt		(16,532)				(16,532)
Other (income) expense			(2,831)	(114)		(2,945)
Income (loss) before income taxes	16	16,015	(81)	1,102		17,052
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	18		4,643	279		4,940
Equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries	12,114	(3,901)			(8,213)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 12,112	\$ 12,114	\$ (4,724)	\$ 823	\$ (8,213)	\$ 12,112

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(in thousands)

	QDI	QD LLC & QD Capital	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Operating revenues:						
Transportation	\$	\$	\$ 580,676	\$	\$	\$ 580,676
Other service revenue			75,444	777		76,221
Fuel surcharge			94,661			94,661
Total operating revenues			750,781	777		751,558
Operating expenses:						
Purchased transportation			471,531			471,531
Compensation			85,838	(18)		85,820
Fuel, supplies and maintenance			81,316			81,316
Depreciation and amortization			16,903	641		17,544
Selling and administrative	1	1	31,166	123		31,291
Insurance costs			23,883			23,883
Taxes and licenses			3,980			3,980
Communication and utilities			11,381			11,381
Loss (gain) on disposal of property and equipment			1,150	(191)		959
Operating (loss) income	(1)	(1)	23,633	222		23,853
Interest (income) expense, non-related party, net	(6)	29,580	1,025	(75)		30,524
Interest (income) expense, related party, net		(29,019)	29,500	(481)		
Write-off of debt issuance costs		2,031				2,031
Other expense (income)	5	1,555	(234)	(386)		940
(Loss) income before income taxes		(4,148)	(6,658)	1,164		(9,642)
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(981)		(1,562)	464		(2,079)
Equity in loss of subsidiaries	(8,544)	(4,396)			12,940	
Net (loss) income	\$ (7,563)	\$ (8,544)	\$ (5,096)	\$ 700	\$ 12,940	\$ (7,563)

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(in thousands)

	QDI	QD LLC and QD Capital	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Current Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$	\$ 3,531	\$ 2,102	\$	\$ 5,633
Accounts receivable, net	52		69,477	96		69,625
Prepaid expenses		96	8,473	15		8,584
Deferred tax asset, net			5,506			5,506
Other	(104)		4,460	64		4,420
Total current assets	(52)	96	91,447	2,277		93,768
Property and equipment, net			127,329			127,329
Goodwill			27,023			27,023
Intangibles, net			18,467			18,467
Investment in subsidiaries	(143,830)	456,186	21,229		(333,585)	
Other assets		9,204	3,825			13,029
Total assets	\$ (143,882)	\$ 465,486	\$ 289,320	\$ 2,277	\$ (333,585)	\$ 279,616
<b>LIABILITIES, REDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTEREST AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY (DEFICIT)</b>						
Current Liabilities:						
Current maturities of indebtedness	\$	\$ 16,031	\$ 3,835	\$	\$	\$ 19,866
Current maturities of capital lease obligations			5,322			5,322
Accounts payable			6,182			6,182
Intercompany	(2,139)	312,705	(283,664)	(5,673)	(21,229)	
Affiliates and independent owner-operators payable			9,734			9,734
Accrued expenses		5,053	16,313	12		21,378
Environmental liabilities			3,408			3,408
Accrued loss and damage claims			8,862			8,862
Total current liabilities	(2,139)	333,789	(230,008)	(5,661)	(21,229)	74,752
Long-term indebtedness, less current maturities		275,527	8,726			284,253
Capital lease obligations, less current maturities			11,843			11,843
Environmental liabilities			8,241			8,241
Accrued loss and damage claims			10,534			10,534
Other non-current liabilities	(1,007)		29,044	859		28,896
Total liabilities	(3,146)	609,316	(161,620)	(4,802)	(21,229)	418,519
Redeemable noncontrolling interest in subsidiary			1,833			1,833

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Shareholders' equity (deficit):							
Common Stock	364,046	354,963	493,861	6,933	(855,757)	364,046	
Treasury stock	(1,580)					(1,580)	
Accumulated (deficit) retained earnings	(294,568)	(290,784)	(20,611)	1,174	310,221	(294,568)	
Stock recapitalization	(189,589)	(189,589)		(55)	189,644	(189,589)	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(25,587)	(25,116)	(24,143)	(973)	50,232	(25,587)	
Stock purchase warrants	6,696	6,696			(6,696)	6,696	
Stock subscriptions receivable	(154)					(154)	
<b>Total shareholders' (deficit) equity</b>	<b>(140,736)</b>	<b>(143,830)</b>	<b>449,107</b>	<b>7,079</b>	<b>(312,356)</b>	<b>(140,736)</b>	
Total liabilities, redeemable noncontrolling interest and shareholders' (deficit) equity							
	\$ (143,882)	\$ 465,486	\$ 289,320	\$ 2,277	\$ (333,585)	\$ 279,616	

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(in thousands)

	QDI	QD LLC and QD Capital	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Current Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$	\$ 4,725	\$ 2,062	\$	\$ 6,787
Accounts receivable, net	71		81,470	71		81,612
Prepaid expenses		96	12,811	15		12,922
Deferred tax asset, net			14,707			14,707
Other	(9)		7,888	71		7,950
Total current assets	62	96	121,601	2,219		123,978
Property and equipment, net			148,692			148,692
Goodwill			173,519			173,519
Intangibles, net			22,698			22,698
Investment in subsidiaries	28,523	635,195	21,234		(684,952)	
Non-current deferred tax asset, net	1,007		21,629			22,636
Other assets		9,496	1,084			10,580
Total assets	\$ 29,592	\$ 644,787	\$ 510,457	\$ 2,219	\$ (684,952)	\$ 502,103
<b>LIABILITIES, REDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTEREST AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY (DEFICIT)</b>						
Current Liabilities:						
Current maturities of indebtedness	\$	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,861	\$	\$	\$ 8,361
Current maturities of capital lease obligations			7,994			7,994
Accounts payable			16,126			16,126
Intercompany	(1,428)	289,974	(261,748)	(5,564)	(21,234)	
Affiliates and independent owner-operators payable			7,649			7,649
Accrued expenses		4,375	20,970	12		25,357
Environmental liabilities			4,819			4,819
Accrued loss and damage claims			8,705			8,705
Total current liabilities	(1,428)	296,849	(189,624)	(5,552)	(21,234)	79,011
Long-term indebtedness, less current maturities		319,415	10,994			330,409
Capital lease obligations, less current maturities			15,822			15,822
Environmental liabilities			6,035			6,035
Accrued loss and damage claims			12,815			12,815

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Other non-current liabilities		24,383		775		25,158
Total liabilities	(1,428)	616,264	(119,575)	(4,777)	(21,234)	469,250
Redeemable noncontrolling interest in subsidiary			1,833			1,833
Shareholders' equity (deficit):						
Common Stock	362,945	354,963	493,866	7,629	(856,458)	362,945
Treasury stock	(1,580)					(1,580)
Accumulated (deficit) retained earnings	(114,034)	(110,364)	159,827	415	(49,878)	(114,034)
Stock recapitalization	(189,589)	(189,589)		(55)	189,644	(189,589)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(26,488)	(26,487)	(25,494)	(993)	52,974	(26,488)
Stock subscriptions receivable	(234)					(234)
Total shareholders' equity (deficit)	31,020	28,523	628,199	6,996	(663,718)	31,020
Total liabilities, redeemable noncontrolling interest and shareholders' equity (deficit)	\$ 29,592	\$ 644,787	\$ 510,457	\$ 2,219	\$ (684,952)	\$ 502,103

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	<b>QDI</b>	<b>QD LLC and QD Capital</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>						
Net (loss) income	\$ (180,534)	\$ (180,420)	\$ (180,438)	\$ 759	\$ 360,099	\$ (180,534)
Adjustments for non-cash charges	180,420	159,261	228,567	(427)	(360,099)	207,722
Net changes in assets and liabilities	(893)	970	12,482	9		12,568
Intercompany activity	1,007	20,189	(20,895)	(301)		
Net cash provided by operating activities			39,716	40		39,756
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>						
Capital expenditures			(8,221)			(8,221)
Boasso purchase adjustment		266				266
Proceeds from sale of tank wash assets			10,000			10,000
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment			7,532			7,532
Net cash used in investing activities		266	9,311			9,577
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>						
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt						
Principal payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations		(4,618)	(13,124)			(17,742)
Proceeds from revolver		28,600				28,600
Payments on revolver		(47,600)				(47,600)
Financing costs		(2,323)				(2,323)
Deferred financing costs		(2,554)				(2,554)
Other		(145)	(8,751)			(8,896)
Intercompany activity		28,374	(28,374)			
Net cash used in financing activities		(266)	(50,249)			(50,515)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash			28			28
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents			(1,194)	40		(1,154)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period			4,725	2,062		6,787

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Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	\$	\$	3,531	\$	2,102	\$	\$	5,633
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	<b>QDI</b>	<b>QD LLC and QD Capital</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>						
Net income (loss)	\$ 12,112	\$ 12,114	\$ (4,724)	\$ 823	\$ (8,213)	\$ 12,112
Adjustments for non-cash charges	(12,112)	(45,149)	53,353	(47)	8,213	4,258
Net changes in assets and liabilities	8	2,936	(18)	297		3,223
Intercompany activity	(8)	30,099	(29,111)	(980)		
Net cash provided by operating activities			19,500	93		19,593
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>						
Capital expenditures			(14,791)			(14,791)
Acquisition of businesses and assets			(1,399)			(1,399)
Boasso purchase adjustment		1,318				1,318
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment			6,348			6,348
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		1,318	(9,842)			(8,524)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>						
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt			1,049			1,049
Principal payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations		(7,707)	(9,028)			(16,735)
Proceeds from revolver		115,700				115,700
Payments on revolver		(112,830)				(112,830)
Deferred financing costs		(860)				(860)
Other	20	(145)	316			191
Intercompany activity	(20)	4,524	(4,504)			
Net cash used in financing activities		(1,318)	(12,167)			(13,485)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash			(105)	(403)		(508)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(2,614)	(310)		(2,924)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period			7,339	2,372		9,711

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Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	\$	\$	4,725	\$	2,062	\$	\$	6,787
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**Table of Contents****Quality Distribution, Inc. and Subsidiaries****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****For the Years Ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007****Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows****For the Year Ended December 31, 2007****(in thousands)**

	<b>QDI</b>	<b>QD LLC and QD Capital</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>						
Net (loss) income	\$ (7,563)	\$ (8,544)	\$ (5,096)	\$ 700	\$ 12,940	\$ (7,563)
Adjustments for non-cash charges	7,563	(24,699)	49,795	837	(12,940)	20,556
Net changes in assets and liabilities	(753)	218	725	869		1,059
Intercompany activity	753	33,025	(31,220)	(2,558)		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities			14,204	(152)		14,052
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>						
Capital expenditures			(10,557)			(10,557)
Acquisition of Boasso and business assets		(60,251)				(60,251)
Cash acquired in Boasso acquisition		1,015				1,015
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment			5,325	1,069		6,394
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities		(59,236)	(5,232)	1,069		(63,399)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>						
Proceeds from the issuance of debt		46,809				46,809
Principal payments of long-term debt and capital lease obligations		(64,746)	(2,500)			(67,246)
Proceeds from revolver		123,030				123,030
Payments on revolver		(41,400)				(41,400)
Deferred financing fees		(9,170)				(9,170)
Other	(717)	(145)	1,033			171
Intercompany activity	717	4,858	(5,575)			
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		59,236	(7,042)			52,194
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash			23			23
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			1,953	917		2,870
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period			5,386	1,455		6,841

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Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	\$	\$ 7,339	\$ 2,372	\$	\$ 9,711
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# Quality Distribution, LLC

## QD Capital Corporation

### Offer to Exchange

All Outstanding \$134,499,000 Principal Amount of 10% Senior Notes due 2013 For

10% Senior Notes due 2013 Which Have Been Registered Under the Securities Act of 1933

and

All Outstanding \$80,742,000 Principal Amount at Issuance of 11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK

Notes due 2013 For

11.75% Senior Subordinated PIK Notes due 2013 Which Have Been Registered Under the Securities

Act of 1933

### PROSPECTUS

April 7, 2010

Until the date that is 90 days from the date of this prospectus, all dealers that effect transactions in these securities, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This is in addition to the dealers' obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions or otherwise.