# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report:

Date of Earliest Event Reported:

July 20, 2004

July 20, 2004

### **BOISE CASCADE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

1-5057 (Commission File Number) **82-0100960** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1111 West Jefferson Street
P.O. Box 50
Boise, Idaho
(Address of principal executive offices)

**83728-0001** (Zip Code)

208/384-6161

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 7. <u>Financial Statements and Exhibits.</u>

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Boise Cascade Corporation earnings release dated July 20, 2004

Exhibit 99.2 Selected pages from Boise Cascade Corporation's Second Quarter 2004 Fact Book

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 20, 2004, we issued an earnings release announcing our second quarter 2004 financial results, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1. Additionally, executive management will discuss our second quarter earnings during a webcast and conference call to be held today, July 20, at 12 noon (ET). To access the webcast or conference call, please go to our website at www.bc.com.

We will issue our Second Quarter 2004 Fact Book after we file our second quarter Form 10-Q in August. In the interim period, selected pages from the Fact Book (Financial Highlights, Summary of Operations, Statistical Review / 2003, and Statistical Review / 2004) are attached as Exhibit 99.2.

We present our consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). To supplement the GAAP presentations, we also present the results of our operations before special gains and losses. For example, in the attached press release, we present results that exclude items such as our sale of timberlands and our sale of our interest in the Voyageur Panel joint venture. We believe our presentation of results before these special items provides useful information to both investors and management by excluding gains and losses that are not indicative of our core operating results.

We have reconciled the non-GAAP financial measures to our reported financial performance in the financial notes that accompany our press release.

### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BOISE CASCADE CORPORATION

By /s/ Karen E. Gowland

Karen E. Gowland

Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Date: July 20, 2004

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For Immediate Release: July 20, 2004

### **BOISE ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER 2004 FINANCIAL RESULTS**

BOISE, Idaho — Boise Cascade Corporation (NYSE:BCC) today reported second quarter 2004 net income of \$50.4 million, or 52 cents per diluted share, compared with a net loss of \$3.9 million, or 12 cents per diluted share, in second quarter 2003. In first quarter 2004, Boise reported net income of \$63.5 million, or 66 cents per diluted share.

The quarter's results include a pretax gain of approximately \$46.5 million, or 31 cents per diluted share, on the sale of Boise's 47% interest in Voyageur Panel in May 2004. Before this special item, the company posted second quarter 2004 net income of \$22.0 million, or 21 cents per diluted share.

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (\$ in millions, except per-share amounts)

	 2Q 2004	_	2Q 2003	1Q 2004
Sales	\$ 3,401	\$	1,929 \$	3,530
Net income (loss)	\$ 50.4	\$	(3.9) \$	63.5
Net income (loss) per diluted share	\$ 0.52	\$	(0.12) \$	0.66
BEFORE SPECIAL ITEMS				
Net income (loss)	\$ 22.0	\$	(3.9) \$	26.9
Net income (loss) per diluted share	\$ 0.21	\$	(0.12) \$	0.26

Sales in second quarter 2004 increased 76% to \$3.40 billion, compared with \$1.93 billion in the second quarter a year ago. Sales in first quarter 2004 were \$3.53 billion. Year-over-year sales increased

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primarily because of the acquisition of OfficeMax in December 2003 but were also aided by strong product prices in Boise Building Solutions.

### **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

### Boise Office Solutions (\$ in millions)

	 2Q 2004		2Q 2003		1Q 2004
Sales	\$ 2,005	\$	905	\$	2,341
Operating income	\$ 16.0	\$	23.9	\$	58.4
Operating margin	0.8%	, )	2.6%	)	2.5%

On December 9, 2003, Boise acquired OfficeMax, Inc. Following that acquisition, the company began reporting two operating segments, Contract and Retail, within Boise Office Solutions, its office products distribution business. Taken together, the two operating segments make up the company's Boise Office Solutions business.

For second quarter 2004, Boise Office Solutions sales increased 122% to \$2.0 billion, compared with \$905 million in the same quarter a year ago. Sales for locations operating in both periods, including OfficeMax retail store locations on a pro forma basis, increased 2%. Total pro forma sales of office supplies and paper and technology products increased 1%, and sales of furniture were up 4%. Boise's office papers sold through Boise Office Solutions increased 23% to 177,000 tons, compared with a year ago.

Boise Office Solutions operating income was \$16.0 million, down from \$23.9 million in second quarter 2003 and \$58.4 million in first quarter 2004. The operating margin was 0.8%, compared with 2.6% in second quarter 2003 and 2.5% in first quarter 2004. Results weakened from year-ago levels primarily because of seasonal losses in the Retail segment. The sharp decline in operating income from first to second quarter, although more severe in Retail than in Contract, reflected normal seasonality in both segments.

In second quarter 2004, Boise Office Solutions achieved \$31.7 million of integration synergies and recorded integration costs of \$8.3 million. In the first half of 2004, synergies totaled \$44.3 million of the \$80 million expected for the year. First half integration costs were \$17.2 million.

Below is the review of operations for the Boise Office Solutions Contract and Retail segments.

# Boise Office Solutions, Contract Segment (\$ in millions)

	 2Q 2004		2Q 2003		1Q 2004
Sales	\$ 1,038	\$	905	\$	1,120
Operating income	\$ 21.4	\$	23.9	\$	34.4
Operating margin	2.1%	)	2.6%	Ó	3.1%

Boise Office Solutions, Contract, sales of \$1.0 billion in second quarter 2004 were 15% higher than sales in second quarter 2003 and 7% lower than first quarter 2004. Year-over-year same-location sales on a pro forma basis rose 5% in the second quarter. Excluding the impact of foreign exchange, same-location sales grew 3%.

This segment reported second quarter 2004 operating income of \$21.4 million, compared with \$23.9 million in the second quarter 2003 and \$34.4 million in first quarter 2004. The operating margin was 2.1%, compared with 2.6% in second quarter 2003 and 3.1% in first quarter 2004. The Contract segment includes the former OfficeMax direct business, with its extensive warehouse infrastructure, which recorded losses in the first and second quarters.

# Boise Office Solutions, Retail Segment (\$ in millions)

	2Q 200	4	 1Q 2004
Sales	\$	967	\$ 1,221
Operating income (loss)	\$	(5.4)	\$ 24.0
Operating margin		(0.6)%	2.0%

Boise began reporting its Boise Office Solutions, Retail, segment on December 10, 2003. In second quarter 2004, segment sales of \$967 million were 3% lower than OfficeMax retail sales on a pro forma basis in second quarter 2003. Second quarter sales no longer include sales from the 45 retail stores closed in the first quarter 2004. Same-location pro forma sales were flat. Retail segment sales declined 21% from first quarter 2004 sales, reflecting normal seasonality.

The Retail segment reported an operating loss of \$5.4 million in second quarter 2004, compared with income of \$24.0 million in first quarter 2004 and an operating margin of (0.6)%, compared with 2.0% in first quarter 2004.

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# **Boise Building Solutions** (\$ in millions)

	_	2Q 2004	_	2Q 2003	_	1Q 2004
Sales	\$	1,055	\$	693	\$	852
Operating income	\$	126.7	\$	9.8	\$	68.4
BEFORE SPECIAL ITEM						
Operating income	\$	80.2	\$	9.8	\$	68.4

Fueled by strong plywood and lumber markets, Boise Building Solutions reported operating income of \$80.2 million in second quarter 2004, before a pretax gain of \$46.5 million on the previously announced sale of Boise's 47% interest in Voyageur Panel. By comparison, the segment earned \$9.8 million in the same quarter a year ago and \$68.4 million in first quarter 2004.

Relative to second quarter 2003, average plywood prices increased 60%, and average lumber prices rose 42%. Year over year, unit sales volumes for plywood and lumber declined because of the sale of our Yakima, Washington, wood products facilities in February 2004. Building materials distribution sales increased 57%, compared with second quarter 2003. Sales of engineered wood products grew 37%.

Relative to first quarter 2004, average plywood and lumber prices increased 12% and 9%, respectively. However, cooling markets in May and June led to sharp product price declines from early-quarter peaks to quarter-end. Unit sales volumes in plywood and lumber declined 5% and 3%, respectively.

Delivered-log costs in the first half of 2004 increased 6%, compared with first half 2003 costs.

## **Boise Paper Solutions** (\$ in millions)

	2Q 2004	 2Q 2003	 1Q 2004
Sales	\$ 494	\$ 459	\$ 475

Operating income (loss)	\$ (1.0) \$	1.0 \$	27.8
BEFORE SPECIAL ITEM			
Operating income (loss)	\$ (1.0) \$	1.0 \$	(32.1)

Boise Paper Solutions reported an operating loss of \$1.0 million in second quarter 2004, compared with income of \$1.0 million in second quarter 2003 and a loss of \$32.1 million, before a special item, in first quarter 2004.

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Results were similar to those of a year ago as the positive impact of 11% higher sales volumes was offset by slightly weaker average prices. The sharp improvement over first quarter 2004 results, before the special item, was due to 4% higher sales volumes, 4% higher average prices, and 5% lower unit manufacturing costs.

### OUTLOOK

"We expect two of Boise's three businesses to show improved results in the third quarter," said George J. Harad, chairman and chief executive officer. "Sales and income in our office products business typically strengthen significantly from second-quarter levels and should again this year.

"In our paper business, gradually strengthening uncoated free sheet, containerboard, and newsprint markets should lead to improved results in the third quarter.

"In Boise Building Solutions, the segment operating income is likely to decline in the third quarter, reflecting the weakening in product prices at the end of the second quarter."

### **About Boise Cascade Corporation**

Boise, headquartered in Boise, Idaho, provides solutions to help customers work more efficiently, build more effectively, and create new ways to meet business challenges. We own or control more than 2 million acres of timberland, primarily in the United States, to support our manufacturing operations. Boise's first half 2004 sales were \$6.9 billion.

Boise Office Solutions, headquartered in Itasca, Illinois, is a division of Boise and a premier multinational contract and, under the OfficeMax® brand, retail distributor of office supplies and paper, technology products, and office furniture. Boise Office Solutions posted first half 2004 sales of \$4.3 billion.

Boise Building Solutions, headquartered in Boise, Idaho, is a division of Boise and manufactures plywood, lumber, particleboard, and engineered wood products. The business also operates 27 facilities that distribute a broad line of building materials, including wood products manufactured by Boise. Boise Building Solutions posted first half 2004 sales of \$1.9 billion.

Boise Paper Solutions, headquartered in Boise, Idaho, is a division of Boise and a manufacturer of office papers, a majority of which are sold through Boise Office Solutions. Boise Paper Solutions also manufactures printing, forms, and converting papers; value-added papers; newsprint; containerboard and corrugated containers; and market pulp. The division had first half 2004 sales of \$1.0 billion. Visit the Boise website at www.bc.com.

### WEBCAST AND CONFERENCE CALL

Boise will host an audiovisual webcast and conference call on Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at noon Eastern Daylight Time, at which we will review the company's recent performance and discuss the outlook for our businesses. You can join the webcast through the Boise website. Go to http://www.bc.com, and

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click on Investor Relations to find the link to the webcast. Please go to the website at least 15 minutes before the start of the webcast to register and to download and install any necessary audio software. To join the conference call, dial (800) 374-0165 (International callers should dial (706) 634-0995) at least 10 minutes before the start of the call. The archived webcast will be available on the Presentations page of the Investor Relations section of Boise's website.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Outlook section of this release includes projections of our financial performance in the third quarter of 2004. These are forward-looking statements, and they are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those we have projected. Our projections for Boise Office Solutions, and for the company as a whole, depend greatly on our ability to successfully integrate OfficeMax and Boise Office Solutions. The integration process involves many complex operational and personnel-related challenges. Any costs, difficulties, or delays in the integration may negatively impact the financial performance of Boise Office Solutions. In addition, our financial performance in Boise Office Solutions is affected by the growth strategies and merchandising activities of our key competitors. The relationship between the supply and demand of paper and wood products heavily influences our financial performance in Boise Building Solutions and Boise Paper Solutions. Weak demand, excess supply, changes in manufacturing capacity, or changes in our cost structures could cause our financial performance in these segments to differ materially from what we have projected. All of our businesses operate in highly competitive markets. Changes in the economy, both domestically and abroad, and changes in interest rates, employment rates, and even weather can change the competitive dynamics and financial performance of all of our businesses. In July 2003, we announced that we would evaluate strategic alternatives for our paper and forest products businesses. The timing, outcome, and implementation of that evaluation may significantly affect the company, its financial results, and its business prospects. For further information about the risks that could cause our actual results to differ from those we project here, please refer to our 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

# BOISE CASCADE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS)

# (Unaudited) (thousands, except per-share amounts)

		Three Months Ended						
	_	June 2004	e 30	2003		March 31, 2004		
	_	2004		2003		2004		
Sales	\$	3,401,189	\$	1,928,984	\$	3,529,654		
Costs and expenses								
Materials, labor, and other operating expenses		2,673,447		1,578,445		2,762,453		
Depreciation, amortization, and cost of company timber harvested		100,693		73,730		98,349		
Selling and distribution expenses		478,015		217,472		506,432		
General and administrative expenses		73,739		35,297		72,889		
Other (income) expense, net		(43,946)		1,836		(46,661)		
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Equity in net income of affiliates		1,244		474		5,067		
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Income from operations		120,485		22,678		141,259		
Interest expense		(40,432)		(31,063)		(40,652)		
Interest income		450		318		484		
Foreign exchange gain (loss)		(524)		1,860		180		
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		(10,500)		(20,003)		(37,700)		
Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interest		79,979		(6,207)		101,271		
Income tax (provision) benefit		(29,192)		2,273		(36,964)		
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Income (loss) before minority interest		50,787		(3,934)		64,307		
Minority interest, net of income tax		(406)				(842)		
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Net income (loss)		50,381		(3,934)		63,465		
Preferred dividends	_	(3,168)		(3,287)	_	(3,366)		
Net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders	\$	47,213	\$	(7,221)	\$	60,099		
Net income (loss) per common share								
Basic	\$	0.54	\$	(0.12)	\$	0.70		
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Diluted	\$	0.52	\$	(0.12)	\$	0.66		
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### SEGMENT INFORMATION

	Three Months Ended					
	_	June	e 30			March 31,
	_	2004		2003		2004
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Boise Office Solutions, Contract	\$	-,	\$	904,929	\$	1,120,107
Boise Office Solutions, Retail		966,668		_		1,220,992
		2,004,780		904,929		2,341,099
Boise Building Solutions		1,055,267		692,843		851,539
Boise Paper Solutions		494,226		459,376		475,472
Intersegment eliminations and other		(153,084)		(128, 164)		(138,456)
	\$	3,401,189	\$	1,928,984	\$	3,529,654
Segment income (loss)						
Boise Office Solutions, Contract	\$	21,410	\$	23,883	\$	34,382
Boise Office Solutions, Retail		(5,365)		_		24,032
		16,045		23,883		58,414
Boise Building Solutions		126,659		9,820		68,422
Boise Paper Solutions		(958)		1,023		27,800
Corporate and Other		(21,335)		(9,870)		(12,713)
		120,411		24,856		141,923

Interest expense	(40,432)	(31,063)	(40,652)
Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interest	\$ 79,979 \$	(6,207) \$	101,271
Before special items			
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Boise Office Solutions, Contract	\$ 21,410 \$	23,883 \$	34,382
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(Unaudited) (thousands, except per-share amounts)

Sales         5 6,930,843         5 3,782,227           Costs and expenses         5,435,900         3,078,227           Materials, labor, and other operating expenses         5,435,900         3,093,634           Depreciation, amortization, and cost of company timber harvested         199,042         149,312           Selling and distribution expenses         984,447         431,634           General and administrative expenses         100,607         12,988           Control (income) expense, net         (90,607)         12,988           Equity in net income of affiliates         6,311         415           Income from operations         261,744         24,404           Interest expense         (81,084)         26,254           Interest income         934         432           Foreign exchange gain (loss)         (80,494)         (60,005)           Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interest, and cumulative effect of accounting changes         181,250         35,602           Income (loss) before minority interest and cumulative effect of accounting changes         113,846         22,677           Minority interest, net of income tax         113,846         22,677           Minority interest, net of income tax         113,846         22,677           Minority interest, net of income tax<			Six Months E	Ended June 30		
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General and administrative expenses         146,628 (90,607)         70,670 (90,607)         12,988 (90,607)         12,988 (90,607)         3,758,238 (90,607)         12,988 (90,607)         12,988 (90,607)         3,758,238 (90,607)         14,15         <					,	
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Equity in net income of affiliates         6,675,410         3,758,238           Income from operations         6,311         415           Income from operations         261,744         24,404           Interest expense         (81,084)         (63,254)           Interest income         934         432           Foreign exchange gain (loss)         (80,494)         (60,006)           Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interest, and cumulative effect of accounting changes         181,250         (35,602)           Income (loss) before minority interest and cumulative effect of accounting changes         115,094         (22,677)           Minority interest, net of income tax         113,846         (22,677)           Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes         113,846         (22,677)           Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax         113,846         (31,480)           Preferred dividends         6,534         (6,553)           Net income (loss) per common shareholders         \$ 107,312         \$ (38,033)           Net income (loss) per common sharebolders         \$ 107,312         \$ (0,50)           Basic before cumulative effect of accounting changes         \$ 1,24         \$ (0,50)           Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax         \$ 1,24						
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Income from operations						
Interest expense   (81,084)   (63,254)     Interest income   934   432     Foreign exchange gain (loss)   (344)   (2,816     (80,494)   (60,006)     Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interest, and cumulative effect of accounting changes   181,250   (35,602)     Income (loss) before minority interest and cumulative effect of accounting changes   115,094   (22,677)     Income (loss) before minority interest and cumulative effect of accounting changes   113,846   (22,677)     Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes   113,846   (22,677)     Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) per common shareholders   113,846   (6,534)     Income (loss) applicable to common shareholders   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) applicable to common shareholders   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) applicable to common shareholders   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) per common shareholders   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) applicable to common shareholders   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) applicable to common shareholders   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) per common shareholders   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) applicable to	Equity in net income of affiliates		6,311		415	
Interest expense   (81,084)   (63,254)     Interest income   934   432     Foreign exchange gain (loss)   (344)   (2,816     (80,494)   (60,006)     Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interest, and cumulative effect of accounting changes   181,250   (35,602)     Income (loss) before minority interest and cumulative effect of accounting changes   115,094   (22,677)     Income (loss) before minority interest and cumulative effect of accounting changes   113,846   (22,677)     Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes   113,846   (22,677)     Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) per common shareholders   113,846   (6,534)     Income (loss) applicable to common shareholders   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) applicable to common shareholders   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) applicable to common shareholders   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) per common shareholders   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) applicable to common shareholders   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) applicable to common shareholders   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) per common shareholders   113,846   (31,480)     Income (loss) applicable to	Income from operations		261 744		24 404	
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Interest income   934   432     Foreign exchange gain (loss)   (344)   (2,816     (80,494)   (60,006     (80,494)   (60,006     (80,694)   (60,006     (80,694)   (60,006     (80,694)   (60,006     (80,694)   (80,694)   (80,694     (80,694)   (80,694	Interest expense		(81,084)		(63,254)	
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Income tax (provision) benefit	Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interest, and cumulative effect of accounting changes					
Minority interest, net of income tax (1,248) —  Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax — (8,803)  Net income (loss) Preferred dividends (6,534) (6,553)  Net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders \$ 107,312 \$ (38,033)  Net income (loss) per common share  Basic before cumulative effect of accounting changes \$ 1.24 \$ (0.50)  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax — (0.15)  Basic \$ 1.24 \$ (0.50)  Cumulative effect of accounting changes \$ 1.18 \$ (0.50)  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax — (0.15)	Income tax (provision) benefit		,			
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Net income (loss) Preferred dividends  Net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders  Net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders  Net income (loss) per common share  Basic before cumulative effect of accounting changes  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Basic  Diluted before cumulative effect of accounting changes  Cumulative effect of accounting changes  Solution  113,846 (31,480) (6,553)  (6,553)  (38,033)  (0.50)  Cumulative effect of accounting changes  Solution  1.24 \$ (0.50) (0.15)  (0.50)  Cumulative effect of accounting changes  Solution  Cumulative effect of accounting changes  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax						
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Net income (loss) per common share  Basic before cumulative effect of accounting changes  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Basic  Diluted before cumulative effect of accounting changes  Cumulative effect of accounting changes  Substitute 1.18 (0.50)  Cumulative effect of accounting changes  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax	Preferred dividends				(6,553)	
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Basic before cumulative effect of accounting changes  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Basic  Basic  Diluted before cumulative effect of accounting changes  Cumulative effect of accounting changes  Cumulative effect of accounting changes  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax	Net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders	Φ	107,312	Ф	(38,033)	
Basic before cumulative effect of accounting changes  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Basic  Basic  Diluted before cumulative effect of accounting changes  Cumulative effect of accounting changes  Cumulative effect of accounting changes  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax  Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax	Net income (loss) per common share					
Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax       —       (0.15)         Basic       \$       1.24       \$       (0.65)         Diluted before cumulative effect of accounting changes       \$       1.18       \$       (0.50)         Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax       —       (0.15)		\$	1.24	\$	(0.50)	
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Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax	Basic	\$	1.24	\$		
Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax						
	Diluted before cumulative effect of accounting changes	\$	1.18	\$	(0.50)	
	Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax		_		(0.15)	
	Diluted	\$	1.18	\$	(0.65)	

#### SEGMENT INFORMATION

		Six Months E	nded .	June 30
		2004		2003
Segment sales		(unaudited,	thous	ands)
Boise Office Solutions, Contract	\$	2,158,219	\$	1,843,208
Boise Office Solutions, Retail	Ψ	2,136,217	Ψ	1,043,200
Boise Office Solutions, Retain	_	4,345,879	_	1,843,208
		4,545,679		1,043,208
Boise Building Solutions		1,906,806		1,267,487
Boise Paper Solutions		969,698		927,589
Intersegment eliminations and other		(291,540)		(256,057)
	\$	6,930,843	\$	3,782,227
Segment income (loss)				
Boise Office Solutions, Contract	\$	55,792	\$	44,555
Boise Office Solutions, Retail		18,667		_
		74,459		44,555
Boise Building Solutions		195,081		1,367
Boise Paper Solutions		26,842		338
Corporate and Other		(34,048)		(18,608)
		262,334		27,652
Interest expense		(81,084)		(63,254)
Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interest, and cumulative effect of accounting changes	\$	181,250	\$	(35,602)
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Before special items				
Segment income (loss)				
Boise Office Solutions, Contract	\$	55,792	\$	53,778
Boise Office Solutions, Retail	Ψ	18,667	Ψ	
		74,459		53,778
		, ,,,		
Boise Building Solutions		148,583		1,367
Boise Paper Solutions		(33,073)		539
Corporate and Other		(34,048)		(17,918)
		155,921		37,766
Interest expense		(81,084)	_	(63,254)
Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interest, and cumulative effect of accounting changes	\$	74,837	\$	(25,488)
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### (1) Financial Information

The Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) and Segment Information are unaudited statements, which do not include all Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, and should be read in conjunction with the company's 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K. In all periods presented, net income (loss) involved estimates and accruals.

Certain amounts in prior years' financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation. These reclassifications did not affect net income (loss).

# (2) Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) and Diluted Income (Loss) Per Share Before Special Items and the Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes

We evaluate our results of operations both before and after special gains and losses. We believe our presentation of financial measures before special items enhances our investors' overall understanding of our recurring operational performance. Specifically, we believe the results before special items provide useful information to both investors and management by excluding gains and losses that are not indicative of our core operating results.

In the following tables, we reconcile our financial measures before special items to our reported financial results for the three months ended June 30, 2004, and March 31, 2004, and the six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003 (see Notes 4-6 and 8).

					Three Mon	ths E	nded			
		,	June 30, 2004					M	larch 31, 2004	
	 As Reported		Special Items (a)		Before Special Items		As Reported	Special Items (b)		Before Special Items
				(millions, except pe			are amounts)			
Boise Office Solutions, Contract	\$ 21.4	\$	_	\$	21.4	\$	34.4	\$	_	\$ 34.4
Boise Office Solutions, Retail	(5.4)		_		(5.4)		24.0		_	24.0
	16.0		_		16.0		58.4		_	58.4
Boise Building Solutions	126.7		(46.5)		80.2		68.4		_	68.4
Boise Paper Solutions	(1.0)		_		(1.0)		27.8		(59.9)	(32.1)
Corporate and Other	 (21.3)				(21.3)		(12.7)			(12.7)
	120.4		(46.5)		73.9		141.9		(59.9)	82.0
Interest expense	(40.4)		· —		(40.4)		(40.6)		` <u> </u>	(40.6)
Income before income taxes and										
minority interest	80.0		(46.5)		33.5		101.3		(59.9)	41.4
Income tax provision	(29.2)		18.1		(11.1)		(37.0)		23.3	(13.7)
Income before minority interest	 50.8		(28.4)		22.4		64.3		(36.6)	27.7
Minority interest, net of income tax	 (0.4)		<u> </u>		(0.4)		(0.8)			(0.8)
Net income	\$ 50.4	\$	(28.4)	\$	22.0	\$	63.5	\$	(36.6)	\$ 26.9
Net income per common share (c)										
Diluted	\$ 0.52	\$	(0.31)	\$	0.21	\$	0.66	\$	(0.40)	\$ 0.26

<sup>(</sup>a) See Note 5 for a discussion of this special item.

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	Six Months Ended												
				June 30, 2004		SIX MOILU	IS EI	iaea	J	une 30, 2003			
		As Reported		Special Items (a)		Before Special Items		As Reported		Special Items (b)		Before Special Items	
					(1	millions, except po	er-sh	are amounts)					
Boise Office Solutions, Contract	\$	55.8	\$	_	\$	55.8	\$	44.6	\$	9.2	\$	53.8	
Boise Office Solutions, Retail	•	18.7	-	_	•	18.7	-	_	•	_	*	_	
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		74.5		_		74.5		44.6		9.2		53.8	
Boise Building Solutions		195.1		(46.5)		148.6		1.4		_		1.4	
Boise Paper Solutions		26.8		(59.9)		(33.1)		0.3		0.2		0.5	
Corporate and Other		(34.0)		_		(34.0)		(18.6)		0.7		(17.9)	
		262.4		(106.4)		156.0		27.7		10.1		37.8	
Interest expense		(81.1)		_		(81.1)		(63.3)		_		(63.3)	
Income (loss) before income taxes,					_						_		
minority interest, and cumulative		101.2		(106.1)		740		(25.6)		10.1		(25.5)	
effect of accounting changes		181.3		(106.4)		74.9		(35.6)		10.1		(25.5)	
Income tax benefit		(66.2)	_	41.4	_	(24.8)	_	12.9	_	(4.0)	_	8.9	
Income (loss) before minority interest and cumulative effect of accounting													
changes		115.1		(65.0)		50.1		(22.7)		6.1		(16.6)	
Minority interest, net of income tax		(1.3)				(1.3)				_		_	
Income (loss) before cumulative effect				((= 0)									
of accounting changes		113.8		(65.0)		48.8		(22.7)		6.1		(16.6)	
Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax								(0.0)		8.8			
	Φ.	113.8	₽.	((5.0)	•	48.8	Φ	(8.8)	₽.		₽.	(16.6)	
Net income (loss)	\$	113.8	\$	(65.0)	\$	40.0	\$	(31.5)	\$	14.9	\$	(10.0)	
Net income (loss) per common share (c)													
Diluted before cumulative effect of	¢.	1 10	Ф	(0.71)	e	0.47	¢.	(0.50)	¢.	0.11	Ф	(0.20)	
accounting changes Cumulative effect of accounting changes,	\$	1.18	\$	(0.71)	<b>3</b>	0.47	\$	(0.50)	Þ	0.11	\$	(0.39)	
net of income tax								(0.15)		0.15			
Diluted	\$	1.18	\$	(0.71)	\$	0.47	\$	(0.13)	\$	0.13	\$	(0.39)	
	-		_	(*****	_		_	(****)	Ĺ		_	(3.27)	

<sup>(</sup>a) See Notes 4 and 5 for a discussion of these special items.

<sup>(</sup>b) See Note 4 for a discussion of this special item.

<sup>(</sup>c) Calculated using 91.7 million and 91.3 million average diluted shares outstanding for the three months ended June 30, 2004, and March 31, 2004 (see Note 9).

- (b) See Notes 6 and 8 for a discussion of these special items.
- (c) Calculated using 91.5 million and 58.3 million average diluted shares outstanding for the six months ended June 30, 2004, and June 30, 2003 (see Note 9).

### (3) Acquisition of OfficeMax

On December 9, 2003, we acquired OfficeMax, Inc. OfficeMax is a subsidiary of Boise Cascade Corporation, and the results of OfficeMax operations after December 9, 2003, are included in our Boise Office Solutions, Contract and Retail segments. For more information about the acquisition, see Note 2, OfficeMax Acquisition, in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in our 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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#### (4) First Quarter 2004

On March 31, 2004, we sold approximately 79,000 acres of timberland located in western Louisiana for \$84 million. We recorded a \$59.9 million gain in "Other income (expense)" in our Boise Paper Solutions segment. This item increased net income \$36.6 million after taxes for the three months ended March 31, 2004, and the six months ended June 30, 2004.

### (5) Second Quarter 2004

In May 2004, we sold our 47% interest in Voyageur Panel to Ainsworth Lumber Co. Ltd. for \$96.5 million of cash. We recorded a \$46.5 million gain in "Other income (expense)" in our Boise Building Solutions segment. This item increased net income \$28.4 million after taxes for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004.

Prior to the sale, we accounted for the joint venture under the equity method. Accordingly, segment results do not include the joint venture's sales but do include \$5.1 million, \$1.2 million, and \$0.4 million of equity in earnings during the three months ended March 31 and June 30, 2004, and June 30, 2003, respectively. The six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, include \$6.3 million and \$0.4 million of equity in earnings.

### (6) First Quarter 2003

In first quarter 2003, we announced the termination of approximately 550 employees and recorded a pretax charge of \$10.1 million for employee-related costs in "Other (income) expense, net" in our Consolidated Statement of Loss. We recorded these costs in accordance with the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 112, Employers' Accounting for Postemployment Benefits. We recorded \$9.2 million in the Boise Office Solutions, Contract, segment; \$0.2 million in the Boise Paper Solutions segment; and \$0.7 million in our Corporate and Other segment. Employee-related costs are primarily for severance payments, most of which were paid in 2003 with the remainder to be paid in 2004. This item increased our net loss \$6.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003.

### (7) Income Taxes

Our estimated effective tax provision rate for the six months ended June 30, 2004, was 36.5%, compared with an effective tax benefit rate of 36.3% for the six months ended June 30, 2003. Changes in estimated tax rates are due to the sensitivity of the rates to changing income levels and the mix of domestic and foreign sources of income.

### (8) Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes

Effective January 1, 2003, we adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations, which affects the way we account for landfill closure costs. This statement requires us to record an asset and a liability (discounted) for the estimated closure and closed-site monitoring costs and to depreciate the asset over the landfill's expected useful life. Previously, we accrued for the closure costs over the life of the landfill and expensed monitoring costs as incurred. Effective January 1, 2003, we recorded a one-time after-tax charge of \$4.1 million, or 7 cents per share, as a cumulative-effect adjustment for the difference between the amounts recognized in our consolidated financial statements prior to the adoption of this statement and the amount recognized after adopting the provisions of SFAS No. 143.

Effective January 1, 2003, we adopted an accounting change for vendor allowances to comply with the guidelines issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Emerging Issues Task Force EITF 02-16, Accounting by a Customer (Including a Reseller) for Certain Consideration Received From a Vendor. Under the new guidance, vendor allowances reside in inventory with the product and are recognized when the product is sold, changing the timing of our recognition of these items. This change resulted in a one-time, noncash, cumulative-effect adjustment of \$4.7 million, or 8 cents per share.

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### (9) Net Income (Loss) Per Common Share

Net income (loss) per common share was determined by dividing net income (loss), as adjusted, by weighted average shares outstanding. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2003, the computation of diluted loss per share was antidilutive; therefore, amounts reported for basic and diluted loss were the same.

	Three Months Ende	d
Jun	e 30	March 31,
2004	2003	2004
	(Unaudited)	

(thousands, except per-share amounts)								
\$	50,381	\$	(3,934)	\$	63,465			
	(3,168)		(3,287)		(3,366)			
\$	47,213	\$	(7,221)	\$	60,099			
	86,474		58,300		86,075			
\$	0.54	\$	(0.12)	\$	0.70			
\$	47.213	\$	(7.221)	\$	60,099			
	-		_		3,366			
	(2,869)		_		(3,063)			
\$	47,512	\$	(7,221)	\$	60,402			
	86,474		58,300		86,075			
	1,976		_		1,883			
	3,252		_		3,309			
	91,702		58,300		91,267			
\$	0.52	\$	(0.12)	\$	0.66			
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		ne 30		
		2004		2003
	(+)	(Unau housands, except		a amounts)
BASIC	(u	nousanus, except	рет-знат	c amounts)
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes	\$	113,846	\$	(22,677)
Preferred dividends (a)		(6,534)		(6,553)
Basic income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes		107,312		(29,230)
Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax		_		(8,803)
Basic income (loss)	\$	107,312	\$	(38,033)
Average shares used to determine basic income (loss) per common share		86,275		58,295
· · ·				
Basic income (loss) per common share before cumulative effect of accounting changes	\$	1.24	\$	(0.50)
Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax		_		(0.15)
Basic income (loss) per common share	\$	1.24	\$	(0.65)
DILUTED				
Basic income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes	\$	107,312	\$	(29,230)
Preferred dividends eliminated		6,534		_
Supplemental ESOP contribution		(5,932)		_
Diluted income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes		107,914		(29,230)
Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax		_		(8,803)
Diluted income (loss)	\$	107,914	\$	(38,033)
Average shares used to determine basic income (loss) per common share		86,275		58,295
Restricted stock, stock options, and other		1,929		_
Series D Convertible Preferred Stock		3,281		_
Average shares used to determine diluted income (loss) per common share		91,485		58,295
Diluted income (loss) per common share before cumulative effect of accounting changes	\$	1.18	\$	(0.50)
Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income tax		<u> </u>		(0.15)
Diluted income (loss) per common share	\$	1.18	\$	(0.65)

<sup>(</sup>a) Dividend attributable to our Series D Convertible Preferred Stock held by our ESOP (employee stock ownership plan) is net of a tax benefit.

### Financial Highlights Boise and Subsidiaries

											2004			
								First		Second	Third	Fourth		_
		2001		2002		2003		Quarter		Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Year	_
Sales and Income						(miii	ions, e	xcept per-s	nare	amounts) (1)				
Suites and Income														
Sales	S	7,422.2	\$	7.412.3	\$	8,245.1	S	3,529.7	\$	3,401.1			\$ 6.930	.8
Income from operations	-	81.1	-	118.3	*	147.8	-	141.3	-	120.4			261	
Net income (loss) before cumulative effect of														
accounting changes	\$	(42.5)	\$	11.3	\$	17.1	\$	63.5	\$	50.4			\$ 113	.8
Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of						(0.0)								
income tax	0	(42.5)	ф	11.3	Φ.	(8.8)	0	63.5	Φ.	<u></u>			e 112	_
Net income (loss)	\$	(42.5)	\$	11.3	\$	8.3	\$	63.5	\$	50.4			\$ 113	.8
Net income (loss) per common share Diluted before cumulative effect of accounting														
changes	\$	(.96)	\$	(.03)	\$	.07	\$	.66	\$	.52			\$ 1.1	1 2
Cumulative effect of accounting changes	Ψ	(.50)	Ψ	(.03)	Ψ	(.15)	Ψ	.00	Ψ	.52			ψ 1.:	-
Diluted	\$	(.96)	\$	(.03)	\$	(.08)	\$	.66	\$	.52			\$ 1.1	18
Cash dividends paid per common share	\$	.60	\$	.60	\$	.60	S	.15	\$	.15				30
Financial Condition														
I manetal Condition														
Capital expenditures		380.0		266.2		1,634.3		70.3						
Total assets		4,934.0		4,947.4		7,376.2		7,636.3		7,481.1				
Total assets		4,754.0		4,547.4		7,570.2		7,030.3		7,401.1				
I 4 1-14 1	\$	1,062.9	ø	1 207 4	ø	1,999.9	\$	2 170 2	\$	1,699.5				
Long-term debt, less current portion Current portion of long-term debt and short-term	Þ	1,002.9	\$	1,387.4	\$	1,999.9	Э	2,179.2	Ф	1,099.5				
borrowings		440.0		153.7		88.2		118.9		436.8				
Adjustable conversion-rate equity security units		172.5		172.5		172.5		172.5		172.5				
Guarantee of ESOP debt		80.9		51.4		19.1		19.1		_				
Total debt	\$	1,756.3	\$	1,765.0	\$	2,279.7	\$	2,489.7	\$	2,308.8				
Shareholders' equity	\$	1,578.4	\$	1,399.5	\$	2,323.6	\$	2,389.6	\$	2,442.2				
Shareholders' equity per common share	\$	25.10	\$	21.59	\$	24.76	\$	25.43	\$	25.73				
Financial Ratios														
Return on sales		(.6)%	<u>,</u>	.2%		.1%		1.8%	<u></u>	1.5%			1	.6%
Debt to equity		1.11:1	U	1.26:1	,	.98:1		1.04:1	U	.95:1				.070
Debt to total capitalization		52.7%		55.8%	,	49.3%		50.8%	ó	48.4%				
•														
Other Information														
Effective tax (provision) benefit rate		12.1%		192.8%		(11.5)%		(36.5)%	%	(36.5)%			(36	.5)%
Number of common shares outstanding at the end of		12.1 /0		1,72.070	,	(11.3)/(	,	(30.3)/		(30.3) /0			(50	.5770
the period (thousands)		58,062		58,284		87,137		87,442		87,915				
Average number of common shares (thousands)		ĺ		Ź		ĺ								
Basic		57,680		58,216		60,093		86,075		86,474			86,27	
Diluted(2)		61,797		62,090		64,180		91,267		91,702			91,48	35
Common stock price	e e	20.00	¢	20.01	e e	22.00	e.	25.26	e e	38.01				
High Low	\$ \$	38.00 26.99	\$ \$	38.81 19.61	\$ \$	32.89 20.72	\$ \$	35.26 30.64	\$ \$	38.01				
Close	\$	34.01	\$	25.22	\$	32.86	\$	34.65	\$	37.64				
C103C	Φ	37.01	Ψ	43.44	Φ	32.00	φ	34.03	Φ	37.07				

### Summary of Operations Boise and Subsidiaries

					2003			
	<u></u>	First	Second		Third	Fourth		V
	-	Quarter	 Quarter (millio	ns. e	Quarter xcept per-share am	ount	Quarter	 Year
Quarterly Results by Segment (Unaudited)(1)			,	, .			,	
Sales by Segment								
Boise Office Solutions, Contract	\$	938.3	\$ 904.9	\$	934.1	\$	964.7	\$ 3,741.9
Boise Office Solutions, Retail		_	_		_		283.2	283.2
		938.3	904.9		934.1		1,247.9	4,025.1
Boise Building Solutions		574.6	692.8		828.1		776.3	2,871.9
Boise Paper Solutions		468.2	459.4		474.2		450.9	1,852.6
Corporate and Other		19.4	18.8		20.6		19.1	77.9
		2,000.5	2,075.9		2,256.9		2,494.2	8,827.5
Intersegment eliminations		(147.3)	(146.9)		(146.3)		(141.8)	(582.4)
Trade sales	\$	1,853.2	\$ 1,929.0	\$	2,110.6	\$	2,352.3	\$ 8,245.1
Income (Loss) by Segment								
Boise Office Solutions, Contract	\$	20.7	\$ 23.9	\$	31.0	\$	33.9	\$ 109.4
Boise Office Solutions, Retail		_	_		_		6.1	6.1
		20.7	 23.9		31.0		40.0	115.5
Boise Building Solutions		(8.5)	9.8		56.4		37.6	95.4
Boise Paper Solutions		(0.7)	1.0		0.2		(14.4)	(13.9)
Corporate and Other		(8.7)	(9.9)		(10.5)		(16.1)	(45.2)

<sup>(1)</sup> Rows may not add due to rounding.
(2) For the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002, and 2003, the computation of diluted net loss per share was antidilutive; accordingly, diluted net loss per share was calculated using the average basic shares outstanding.

	2.8	24.9	77.1	47.1	151.8
Interest expense	(32.2)	(31.1)	(31.7)	(37.6)	(132.5)
Income (loss) before income taxes and cumulative effect					
of accounting changes	(29.4)	(6.2)	45.4	9.5	19.3
Income tax (provision) benefit	10.7	2.3	(12.5)	(2.6)	(2.2)
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting					
changes	(18.7)	(4.0)	32.9	6.9	17.1
Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income					
tax	(8.8)	_	_	_	(8.8)
Net income (loss)	\$ (27.5)	\$ (4.0)	\$ 32.9	\$ 6.9	\$ 8.3
Net income (loss) per common share		,			
Diluted net income (loss) before cumulative effect of					
accounting changes	\$ (.38)	\$ (.12)	\$ .48	\$ .05	\$ .07
Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of income					
tax	(.15)	_	_	_	(.15)
Diluted	\$ (.53)	\$ (.12)	\$ .48	\$ .05	\$ (.08)

	2004								
		First Ouarter		Second Ouarter	Third Ouarter	Fourth Ouarter		Year	
	-	Quarter		<b>C</b> · · · · · ·	, except per-share am			Icai	
Sales by Segment				•	• •	Í			
Boise Office Solutions, Contract	\$	1,120.1	\$	1,038.1			\$	2,158.2	
Boise Office Solutions, Retail		1,221.0		966.7				2,187.7	
	·	2,341.1		2,004.8			<u></u>	4,345.9	
Boise Building Solutions		851.5		1,055.3				1,906.8	
Boise Paper Solutions		475.5		494.2				969.7	
Corporate and Other		22.1		39.7				61.8	
	·	3,690.2		3,594.0			<u></u>	7,284.2	
Intersegment eliminations		(160.5)		(192.8)				(353.4)	
Trade sales	\$	3,529.7	\$	3,401.1			\$	6,930.8	
Income by Segment									
Boise Office Solutions, Contract	\$	34.4	\$	21.4				55.8	
Boise Office Solutions, Retail		24.0		(5.4)				18.7	
		58.4		16.0				74.5	
Boise Building Solutions		68.4		126.7				195.1	
Boise Paper Solutions		27.8		(1.0)				26.8	
Corporate and Other		(12.7)		(21.3)				(34.0)	
		141.9		120.4				262.4	
Interest expense		(40.6)		(40.4)				(81.1)	
Income before income taxes and minority interest	·	101.3		80.0			<u></u>	181.3	
Income tax provision		(37.0)		(29.2)				(66.2)	
Income before minority interest		64.3		50.8				115.1	
Minority interest, net of income tax		(0.8)		(0.4)				(1.3)	
Net income	\$	63.5	\$	50.4			\$	113.8	
Net income per common share	_								
Basic	\$	.70	\$	.54			\$	1.24	
Diluted	\$	.66	\$	.52			\$	1.18	
			_				_		

<sup>(1)</sup> Columns and rows may not add due to rounding.

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	2003											
	First narter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Year			
<b>Boise Office Solutions, Contract</b>												
Sales by Product Line (millions)												
Office supplies and paper	\$ 567	\$	539	\$	555	\$	572	\$	2,233			
Technology products	277		275		280		293		1,125			
Office furniture	94		91		99		100		384			
Sales by Geography (millions)												
United States	\$ 709	\$	682	\$	712	\$	720	\$	2,823			
International	229		223		222		245		919			
Sales Growth												
Sales growth	6%		6%	ó	4%	ó	6%	6	6%			
Same-location sales growth	6%		6%	, 0	4%	<b>o</b>	49	6	5%			
<u> </u>												
Margins (percentage of sales)												
Gross profit margin	23.8%		23.8%	ó	24.2%	ó	25.4%	6	24.3%			
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Operating profit margin		2.2%	, D	2.6%	3.3%		3.5%		)	2.9%
Boise Office Solutions, Retail										
Sales by Product Line (millions)										
Office supplies and paper	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	92	\$	92
Technology products	Ψ	_	Ψ	_	Ψ	_	Ψ	161	Ψ	161
Office furniture		_		_		_		30		30
Sales by Geography (millions)										
United States	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	283	\$	283
International		_		_		_		_		_
Manager (manager)										
Margins (percentage of sales)								24.50/		24.50/
Gross profit margin		_		_		_		24.5%		24.5%
Operating profit margin		_		_		_		2.2%	)	2.2%
Boise Building Solutions										
Sales Volumes										
Plywood (thousand square feet) (3/8" basis)		466,537		476,896		499,323		447,724		1,890,480
OSB (thousand square feet) (3/8" basis) (1)		106,581		112,652		111,775		101,388		432,396
Particleboard (thousand square feet) (3/4" basis)		41,192		38,609		36,524		36,296		152,621
Lumber (thousand board feet)		93,524		93,113		90,522		86,895		364,054
LVL (hundred cubic feet)		20,685		25,063		28,431		24,115		98,294
I-joists (thousand equivalent lineal feet)		40,534		53,271		60,275		45,869		199,949
Engineered wood products (millions)	\$	68	\$	85	\$	96	\$	80	\$	329
Building materials distribution (millions)	\$	391	\$	505	\$	603	\$	549	\$	2,048
Building materials distribution (minions)	Ψ	571	Ψ	303	Ψ	005	Ψ	317	Ψ	2,040
Selected Prices (average net selling prices)										
Plywood (thousand square feet) (3/8" basis)	\$	220	\$	228	\$	291	\$	334	\$	267
OSB (thousand square feet) (3/8" basis)	•	141	•	165	•	258	•	309	•	217
Particleboard (thousand square feet) (3/4" basis)		219		230		243		254		236
Lumber (thousand board feet)		412		400		446		468		431
LVL (hundred cubic feet)		1,453		1,447		1,440		1,516		1,463
I-joists (thousand equivalent lineal feet)		867		861		865		905		874
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<b>Boise Paper Solutions</b>										
Sales Volumes (thousands of short tons)										
Uncoated free sheet		353		351		353		339		1,396
Containerboard		158		154		170		168		650
Newsprint		106		89		101		120		416
Other		33		31		47		35		146
		650		625		671		662		2,608
Corrugated containers (millions of square feet)		1 122		1 151		1 204		1 114		4 501
Corrugated containers (millions of square feet)		1,122		1,151		1,204		1,114		4,591
Selected Prices (average net selling prices per										
short ton)										
Uncoated free sheet	\$	747	\$	734	\$	713	\$	690	\$	721
Containerboard		341		347		342		319		337
Newsprint		374		399		412		405		397

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents 100% of the sales volume of Voyageur Panel, of which we owned 47%

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2004								
			Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Year		
\$	642	\$	576					
	352		342					
	126		120					
\$	853	\$	813					
	267		225					
	19%		15%					
	9%	<b>o</b>	6%					
	<u>Q</u> \$	352 126 \$ 853 267	\( \text{Quarter} \) \( \text{\$ 642 \$ \$ } \) \( \text{\$ 352 } \) \( \text{\$ 126 } \) \( \text{\$ 853 \$ \$ } \) \( \text{\$ 267 } \)	Quarter         Quarter           \$ 642 \$ 576           352 342           126 120           \$ 853 \$ 813           267 225           19% 15%	First Quarter         Second Quarter         Third Quarter           \$ 642 \$ 576         352 342           126 120         120           \$ 853 \$ 813         267 225           19% 15%	First Quarter         Second Quarter         Third Quarter         Fourth Quarter           \$ 642 \$ 576         352 342         126         120           \$ 853 \$ 813         267 225         225		

Gross profit margin		24.3%		24.0%
Operating profit margin		3.1%	o O	2.1%
Boise Office Solutions, Retail				
Sales by Product Line (millions)	0	4=0	Φ	250
Office supplies and paper	\$	470	\$	379
Technology products		640		503
Office furniture		111		85
Salas hy Caagranhy (millians)				
Sales by Geography (millions)	<b>C</b>	1 100	¢.	934
United States	\$	1,180 41	\$	33
International		41		33
Margins (percentage of sales)				
Gross profit margin		25.7%	<u>′</u>	26.7%
Operating profit margin		2.0%		(.6)%
Sportaing profit margin		2.0 /	v	(.0)/0
<b>Boise Building Solutions</b>				
Sales Volumes				
Plywood (thousand square feet) (3/8" basis)		463,852		440,266
OSB (thousand square feet) (3/8" basis) (1)		101,025		47,227
Particleboard (thousand square feet) (3/4" basis)		39,596		47,331
Lumber (thousand board feet)		90,174		87,548
LVL (hundred cubic feet)		27,028		31,362
I-joists (thousand equivalent lineal feet)		49,975		61,692
Engineered wood products (millions)	\$	90	\$	117
Building materials distribution (millions)	\$	619	\$	794
Danding materials distribution (minions)	Ψ	017	Ψ	/ / 7
Selected Prices (average net selling prices)				
Plywood (thousand square feet) (3/8" basis)	\$	326	\$	364
OSB (thousand square feet) (3/8" basis)	•	336		393
Particleboard (thousand square feet) (3/4" basis)		273		320
Lumber (thousand board feet)		518		566
LVL (hundred cubic feet)		1,536		1,618
I-joists (thousand equivalent lineal feet)		907		973
<b>Boise Paper Solutions</b>				
Sales Volumes (thousands of short tons)				
Uncoated free sheet		386		374
Containerboard		137		173
Newsprint		104		105
Other		38		40
		665		692
Corrugated containers (millions of square feet)		1,146		1,081
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Selected Prices (average net selling prices per				
short ton)				
Uncoated free sheet	\$	688	\$	710
Containerboard		318		353
Newsprint		430		432
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<sup>(1)</sup> Represents 100% of the sales volume of Voyageur Panel, of which we owned 47% until May 2004, when we sold our interest.