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**FORM 10-K**

**Annual Report Pursuant to Sections 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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

For the fiscal year ended December 26, 2009

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission File Number: 1-5057

**OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**82-0100960**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**263 Shuman Boulevard, Naperville, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60563**  
(Zip Code)

**(630) 438-7800**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<b>Title of each class</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered</b>
Common Stock, \$2.50 par value	New York Stock Exchange
American & Foreign Power Company Inc. Debentures, 5% Series due 2030	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files) Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

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

The aggregate market value of the voting common stock held by nonaffiliates of the registrant, computed by reference to the price at which the common stock was sold as of the close of business on June 26, 2009, was \$353,941,409. Registrant does not have any nonvoting common equity securities.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Shares Outstanding as of February 16, 2010</b>
Common Stock, \$2.50 par value	84,638,284

**Document incorporated by reference**

Portions of the registrant's proxy statement relating to its 2010 annual meeting of shareholders to be held on April 14, 2010 ("OfficeMax Incorporated's proxy statement") are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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## PART I

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### **ITEM 1. BUSINESS**

As used in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 26, 2009, the terms "OfficeMax," the "Company," "we" and "our" refer to OfficeMax Incorporated and its consolidated subsidiaries and predecessors. Our Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filings, which include this Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and all related amendments to those reports, are available free of charge on our website at [www.officemax.com](http://www.officemax.com) and can be found by clicking on "Investor Relations" under the "About OfficeMax" heading and then on "SEC filings." Our SEC filings are available as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC.

#### **General Overview**

OfficeMax is a leader in both business-to-business and retail office products distribution. We provide office supplies and paper, print and document services, technology products and solutions and office furniture to large, medium and small businesses, government offices and consumers. OfficeMax customers are served by approximately 31,000 associates through direct sales, catalogs, the Internet and retail stores. Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol OMX, and our corporate headquarters is in Naperville, Illinois.

OfficeMax Incorporated (formerly Boise Cascade Corporation) was organized as Boise Payette Lumber Company of Delaware, a Delaware corporation, in 1931 as a successor to an Idaho corporation formed in 1913. In 1957, the Company's name was changed to Boise Cascade Corporation. On December 9, 2003, Boise Cascade Corporation acquired 100% of the voting securities of OfficeMax, Inc. That acquisition more than doubled the size of our office products distribution business and expanded that business into the U.S. retail channel. In connection with the sale of our paper, forest products and timberland assets described below, the Company's name was changed from Boise Cascade Corporation to OfficeMax Incorporated, and the names of our office products segments were changed from Boise Office Solutions, Contract and Boise Office Solutions, Retail to OfficeMax, Contract and OfficeMax, Retail. The Boise Cascade Corporation and Boise Office Solutions names were used in documents furnished to or filed with the SEC prior to the sale of our paper, forest products and timberland assets.

On October 29, 2004, we sold our paper, forest products and timberland assets to affiliates of Boise Cascade, L.L.C., a new company formed by Madison Dearborn Partners LLC (the "Sale"). With the Sale, we completed the Company's transition, begun in the mid-1990s, from a predominately commodity manufacturing-based company to an independent office products distribution company. On October 29, 2004, as part of the Sale, we invested \$175 million in the securities of affiliates of Boise Cascade, L.L.C. Due to restructurings conducted by those affiliates, our investment is currently in Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. (the "Boise Investment").

#### **Fiscal Year**

The Company's fiscal year-end is the last Saturday in December. Due primarily to statutory requirements, the Company's international businesses maintain December 31 year-ends, with our majority-owned joint venture in Mexico reporting one month in arrears. Fiscal year 2009 ended on December 26, 2009, fiscal year 2008 ended on December 27, 2008, and fiscal year 2007 ended on December 29, 2007. Each of the past three years has included 52 weeks for all reportable segments and businesses.

## **Segments**

The Company manages its business using three reportable segments: OfficeMax, Contract ("Contract segment" or "Contract"); OfficeMax, Retail ("Retail segment" or "Retail"); and Corporate and Other. OfficeMax, Contract markets and sells office supplies and paper, technology products and solutions, office furniture and print and document services directly to large corporate and government offices, as well as to small and medium-sized offices through field salespeople, outbound telesales, catalogs, the Internet and, primarily in foreign markets, through office products stores. OfficeMax, Retail markets and sells office supplies and paper, print and document services, technology products and solutions and office furniture to small and medium-sized businesses and consumers through a network of retail stores. Management reviews the performance of the Company based on these segments. We present information pertaining to each of our segments and the geographic areas in which they operate in Note 14, "Segment Information," of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Form 10-K.

### **OfficeMax, Contract**

We distribute a broad line of items for the office, including office supplies and paper, technology products and solutions, office furniture and print and document services through our OfficeMax, Contract segment. OfficeMax, Contract sells directly to large corporate and government offices, as well as to small and medium-sized offices in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Puerto Rico. This segment markets and sells through field salespeople, outbound telesales, catalogs, the Internet and, primarily in foreign markets, through office products stores. Substantially all products sold by this segment are purchased from outside manufacturers or from industry wholesalers, except office papers. We purchase office papers primarily from Boise White Paper, L.L.C., under a 12-year paper supply contract entered into at the time of the Sale. (See Note 15 "Commitments and Guarantees", of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Form 10-K for additional information related to the paper supply contract.)

As of January 23, 2010, OfficeMax, Contract operated 44 distribution centers and 5 customer service and outbound telesales centers. OfficeMax, Contract also operated 55 office products stores in Canada, Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand.

OfficeMax, Contract sales for 2009, 2008 and 2007 were \$3.7 billion, \$4.3 billion and \$4.8 billion, respectively.

### **OfficeMax, Retail**

OfficeMax, Retail is a retail distributor of office supplies and paper, print and document services, technology products and solutions and office furniture. In addition, this segment contracts with large national retail chains to supply office and school supplies to be sold in their stores. Our retail office products stores feature OfficeMax ImPress, an in-store module devoted to print-for-pay and related services. Our Retail segment has operations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Our Retail segment also operates office products stores in Mexico through a 51%-owned joint venture. Substantially all products sold by this segment are purchased from outside manufacturers or from industry wholesalers, except office papers. As mentioned above, we purchase office papers primarily from Boise White Paper, L.L.C., under a 12-year paper supply contract we entered into at the time of the Sale.

As of January 23, 2010, our Retail segment operated 1,010 stores in the U.S. and Mexico, three large distribution centers in the U.S., and two small distribution centers in Mexico. Each store offers

approximately 10,000 stock keeping units (SKUs) of name-brand and OfficeMax private-branded merchandise and a variety of business services targeted at serving the small business customer, including OfficeMax ImPress. In addition to our in-store ImPress capabilities, our Retail segment operated six OfficeMax ImPress print on demand facilities with enhanced fulfillment capabilities as of January 23, 2010. These 8,000 square foot operations are located within some of our Contract distribution centers, and serve the print and document needs of our large contract customers in addition to supporting our retail stores by providing services that cannot be deployed at every retail store.

OfficeMax, Retail sales for 2009, 2008 and 2007 were \$3.6 billion, \$4.0 billion and \$4.3 billion, respectively.

## **Competition**

Domestic and international office products markets are highly and increasingly competitive. Customers have many options when purchasing office supplies and paper, print and document services, technology products and solutions and office furniture. We compete with worldwide contract stationers, office supply superstores, mass merchandisers, wholesale clubs, computer and electronics superstores, Internet merchandisers, direct-mail distributors, discount retailers, drugstores, supermarkets and thousands of local and regional contract stationers. In addition, an increasing number of manufacturers of computer hardware, software and peripherals, including some of our suppliers, have expanded their own direct marketing efforts. The other large office supply superstores have increased their presence in close proximity to our stores in recent years and are expected to continue to do so in the future. In addition, many of our competitors have expanded their office products assortment, and we expect they will continue to do so. We anticipate increasing competition from our two domestic office supply superstore competitors and various other competitors for print-for-pay and related services. Print-for-pay and related services have historically been a key point of difference for OfficeMax stores. Any or all of our competitors may become even more aggressive in the future. Increased competition in the office products markets, together with increased advertising, has heightened price awareness among end-users. Such heightened price awareness has led to margin pressure on office products and impacted the results of both our Retail and Contract segments. In addition to price, competition is also based on customer service, the quality and breadth of product selection, and convenient locations. Some of our competitors are larger than us and have greater financial resources, which affords them greater purchasing power, increased financial flexibility and more capital resources for expansion and improvement, which may enable them to compete more effectively.

We believe our excellent customer service and the efficiency and convenience for our customers of our combined contract and retail distribution channels gives our OfficeMax, Contract segment a competitive advantage among business-to-business office products distributors. Our ability to network our distribution centers into an integrated system enables us to serve large national accounts that rely on us to deliver consistent products, prices and services to multiple locations, and to meet the needs of medium and small businesses at a competitive cost.

We believe our OfficeMax, Retail segment competes favorably based on the quality of our customer service, our innovative store formats, the breadth and depth of our merchandise offering and our everyday low prices, along with our specialized service offerings, including OfficeMax ImPress.

## **Seasonal Influences**

The Company's business is seasonal, with OfficeMax, Retail showing a more pronounced seasonal trend than OfficeMax, Contract. Sales in the second quarter and summer months are

historically the slowest of the year. Sales are stronger during the first, third and fourth quarters that include the important new-year office supply restocking month of January, the back-to-school period and the holiday selling season, respectively.

### ***Environmental Matters***

Our discussion of environmental matters is presented under the caption "Environmental" in "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of this Form 10-K. In addition, certain environmental matters are discussed in Note 16, "Legal Proceedings and Contingencies," of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Form 10-K.

### ***Capital Investment***

Information concerning our capital expenditures is presented under the caption "Investment Activities" in "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of this Form 10-K.

### ***Acquisitions and Divestitures***

We engage in acquisition and divestiture discussions with other companies and make acquisitions and divestitures from time to time. It is our policy to review our operations periodically and to dispose of assets that do not meet our criteria for return on investment.

### ***Geographic Areas***

Our discussion of financial information by geographic area is presented in Note 14. "Segment Information," of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Form 10-K.

### ***Identification of Executive Officers***

Information with respect to our executive officers is set forth immediately after "Item 4, Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders" in Part I of this Form 10-K.

### ***Employees***

On December 26, 2009, we had approximately 31,000 employees, including approximately 11,000 part-time employees.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

### Cautionary and Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements. Statements that are not historical or current facts, including statements about our expectations, anticipated financial results and future business prospects, are forward-looking statements. You can identify these statements by our use of words such as "may," "expect," "believe," "should," "plan," "anticipate" and other similar expressions. You can find examples of these statements throughout this report, including "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of this Form 10-K. We cannot guarantee that our actual results will be consistent with the forward-looking statements we make in this report. We have listed below some of the inherent risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those we project. We do not assume an obligation to update any forward-looking statement.

**Current macroeconomic conditions and the current credit crisis have had and may continue to have an impact on our business and our financial condition.** Economic conditions, both domestically and abroad, directly influence our operating results. Current and future economic conditions that affect consumer and business spending, including the level of unemployment, energy costs, inflation, availability of credit, and the financial condition and growth prospects of our customers may continue to adversely affect our business and the results of our operations. We may face significant challenges if macroeconomic conditions do not improve or continue to worsen.

The impact of the credit crisis on our customers could adversely impact the overall demand for our products and services, which would have a negative effect on our revenues, as well as impact our customers' ability to pay their obligations, which could have a negative effect on our bad debt expense and cash flows. Also, our ability to access the capital markets may be severely restricted at a time when we would like, or need, to do so, which could have an impact on our flexibility to react to changing economic and business conditions, including if we were to experience reduced availability in our Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement ("Loan Agreement") due to lower secured assets. In September 2008, Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("Lehman"), a guarantor under a portion of our timber installment notes, filed for bankruptcy. As a result, in the third quarter of 2008, we recorded an impairment charge of \$735.8 million on the timber installment note guaranteed by Lehman, which reduced net income by \$449.5 million. The credit crisis could have additional adverse impact on our business and financial condition if parties to our debt agreements are forced to file for bankruptcy or are otherwise unable to perform their obligations.

In addition, we sponsor noncontributory defined benefit pension plans covering certain terminated employees, vested employees, retirees, and some active employees (the "Pension Plans"). The Pension Plans are under-funded and we may be required to make large contributions in subsequent years in order to maintain required funding levels, which will have an adverse impact on our cash flows and our financial results. Additional future contributions of common stock or cash to the Pension Plans, financial market performance and IRS funding requirements could materially change these expected payments.

**Our business may be adversely affected by the actions of and risks associated with our third-party vendors.** We use and resell many manufacturers' branded items and services and are therefore dependent on the availability and pricing of key products and services including ink, toner, paper and technology products. As a reseller, we cannot control the supply, design, function, cost or vendor-required conditions of sale of many of the products we offer for sale. Disruptions in the availability of these products or the products and services we consume may adversely affect our sales and result in customer dissatisfaction. In addition, a material interruption in service by the carriers that ship goods within our supply chain may adversely affect our sales. Many of our

vendors are small or medium sized businesses which are being significantly impacted by current macroeconomic conditions, both in the U.S. and Asia, including reduced access to credit. We may have no warning before a vendor fails, which may have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations. Further, we cannot control the cost of manufacturers' products, and cost increases must either be passed along to our customers or will result in erosion of our earnings. Failure to identify desirable products and make them available to our customers when desired and at attractive prices could have an adverse effect on our business and our results of operations. Our product offering also includes many proprietary branded products. While we have focused on the quality of our proprietary branded products, we rely on third party manufacturers for these products. Such third-party manufacturers may prove to be unreliable, the quality of our globally sourced products may not meet our expectations, such products may not meet applicable regulatory requirements which may require us to recall those products, or such products may infringe upon the intellectual property rights of third parties. Furthermore, economic and political conditions in areas of the world where we source such products may adversely affect the availability and cost of such products. In addition, our proprietary branded products compete with other manufacturers' branded items that we offer. As we continue to increase the number and types of proprietary branded products that we sell, we may adversely affect our relationships with our vendors, who may decide to reduce their product offerings through OfficeMax and increase their product offerings through our competitors. Finally, if any of our customers are harmed by our proprietary branded products, they may bring product liability and other claims against us. Any of these circumstances could have an adverse effect on our business and financial performance.

***Intense competition in our markets could harm our ability to maintain profitability.*** Domestic and international office products markets are highly and increasingly competitive. Customers have many options when purchasing office supplies and paper, print and document services, technology products and solutions and office furniture. We compete with worldwide contract stationers, office supply superstores, mass merchandisers, wholesale clubs, computer and electronics superstores, Internet merchandisers, direct-mail distributors, discount retailers, drugstores, supermarkets and thousands of local and regional contract stationers. In addition, an increasing number of manufacturers of computer hardware, software and peripherals, including some of our suppliers, have expanded their own direct marketing efforts. The other large office supply superstores have increased their presence in close proximity to our stores in recent years and are expected to continue to do so in the future. In addition, many of our competitors have expanded their office products assortment, and we expect they will continue to do so. We anticipate increasing competition from our two domestic office supply superstore competitors and various other competitors for print-for-pay and related services. Print and documents services, or print-for-pay, and related services have historically been a key point of difference for OfficeMax stores. Any or all of our competitors may become even more aggressive in the future. Increased competition in the office products markets, together with increased advertising, has heightened price awareness among end-users. Such heightened price awareness has led to margin pressure on office products and impacted the results of both our Retail and Contract segments. In addition to price, competition is also based on customer service, differentiation from competitors, the quality and breadth of product selection, and convenient locations. Some of our competitors are larger than us and have greater financial resources, which afford them greater purchasing power, increased financial flexibility and more capital resources for expansion and improvement, which may enable them to compete more effectively.

***We may be unable to identify additional sales through new distribution opportunities or replace lost sales.*** Our long-term success depends, in part, on our ability to expand our product sales in a manner that achieves appropriate sales and profit levels. This could include selling our products through other retailers, opening new stores or entering into novel distribution arrangements. When we sell our products through other retailers we rely on those retailers to

provide an appropriate customer experience and our sales are dependant on the foot traffic and sales of the retail partner. Although we may have influence over the appearance of the area within the store where our products appear, we have no control over store marketing, staffing or any other aspects of our retail partners' operations. Although we frequently test new store designs, formats, sizes and market areas, if we are unable to generate the required sales or profit levels, as a result of macroeconomic or operational challenges, we will not open new stores. Similarly, we will only continue to operate existing stores if they meet required sales or profit levels. In the current macroeconomic environment, the results of our existing stores are impacted not only by a reduced sales environment, but by a number of things that are not within our control, such as loss of traffic resulting from store closures by other significant retailers in the stores' immediate vicinity. If we are required to close stores, we will be subject to costs and impairment charges that may adversely affect our financial results. Failure to increase sales through new distribution opportunities or replace lost sales could materially and adversely affect our future financial performance.

***Our international operations expose us to the unique risks inherent in foreign operations.*** Our foreign operations encounter risks similar to those faced by our U.S. operations, as well as risks inherent in foreign operations, such as local customs and regulatory constraints, foreign trade policies, competitive conditions, foreign currency fluctuations and unstable political and economic conditions.

***Our quarterly operating results are subject to fluctuation.*** Our quarterly operating results have fluctuated in the past and are likely to do so in the future. Factors that may contribute to these quarter-to-quarter fluctuations could include the effects of seasonality, severe weather, our level of advertising and marketing, new store openings, changes in product mix and competitors' pricing. Most of our operating expenses do not vary depending on the level of sales; if we are unable to reduce these expenses commensurately with the reduced sales then these quarterly fluctuations could have an adverse effect on both our financial results and the price of our common stock.

***We may be unable to attract and retain qualified associates.*** We attempt to attract and retain an appropriate level of personnel in both field operations and corporate functions. We face many external risks and internal factors in meeting our labor needs, including competition for qualified personnel, prevailing wage rates, as well as rising employee benefit costs, including insurance costs and compensation programs. Failure to attract and retain sufficient qualified personnel could interfere with our ability to adequately provide services to customers.

***Our expanded offering of proprietary branded products may not improve our financial performance and may expose us to product liability claims.*** Our product offering includes many proprietary branded products. While we have focused on the quality of our proprietary branded products, we rely on third party manufacturers for these products. Such third-party manufacturers may prove to be unreliable, the quality of our globally sourced products may not meet our expectations or such products may not meet applicable regulatory requirements which may require us to recall those products. Furthermore, economic and political conditions in areas of the world where we source such products may adversely affect the availability and cost of such products. In addition, our proprietary branded products compete with other manufacturers' branded items that we offer. As we continue to increase the number and types of proprietary branded products that we sell, we may adversely affect our relationships with our vendors, who may decide to reduce their product offerings through OfficeMax and increase their product offerings through our competitors. Finally, if any of our customers are harmed by our proprietary branded products, they may bring product liability and other claims against us. Any of these circumstances could have an adverse effect on our business and financial performance.

***We are more leveraged than some of our competitors, which could adversely affect our business plans.*** A relatively greater portion of our cash flow is used to service debt and other

financial obligations including leases and the potential Pension Plans' funding discussed previously. This reduces the funds we have available for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, new stores, store remodels and other purposes and, given current credit constriction, may make it more difficult for us to make borrowings in the future. Similarly, our relatively greater leverage increases our vulnerability to, and limits our flexibility in planning for, adverse economic and industry conditions and creates other competitive disadvantages compared with other companies with relatively less leverage.

**Compromises of our information security may adversely affect our business.** Through our sales and marketing activities, we collect and store certain personal information that our customers provide to purchase products or services, enroll in promotional programs, register on our website, or otherwise communicate and interact with us. We also gather and retain information about our associates in the normal course of business. We may share information about such persons with vendors that assist with certain aspects of our business. Despite instituted safeguards for the protection of such information, we cannot be certain that all of our systems are entirely free from vulnerability to attack. Computer hackers may attempt to penetrate our networks or our vendors' network security and, if successful, misappropriate confidential customer or business information. In addition, a Company employee, contractor or other third party with whom we do business may attempt to circumvent our security measures in order to obtain such information or inadvertently cause a breach involving such information. Loss of customer or business information could disrupt our operations and expose us to claims from customers, financial institutions, payment card associations and other persons, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

**We cannot ensure systems and technology will be fully integrated or updated.** We cannot ensure our systems and technology will be successfully updated. We have current plans to update the financial reporting platform as well as the technology in our call centers. We will be implementing these technical upgrades in 2010 which is a complicated and difficult endeavor. Failure to successfully complete these upgrades could have an adverse impact on our business and results of operations. In addition, at the time of our acquisition of OfficeMax, Inc., we partially integrated the systems of the two companies. If we do not ultimately integrate our systems, it may constrain our ability to provide the level of service our customers' demand which could thereby cause us to operate inefficiently.

**We retained responsibility for certain liabilities of the sold paper, forest products and timberland businesses.** In connection with the Sale, we agreed to assume responsibility for certain liabilities of the businesses we sold. These obligations include liabilities related to environmental, health and safety, tax, litigation and employee benefit matters. Some of these retained liabilities could turn out to be significant, which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations. Our exposure to these liabilities could harm our ability to compete with other office products distributors, who would not typically be subject to similar liabilities. In particular, we are exposed to risks arising from our ability to meet the funding obligations of our Pension Plans and withdrawal requests from participants pursuant to legacy benefit plans, each of which could require cash to be redirected and adversely impact our cash flows and financial results.

**Our investment in Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. subjects us to the risks associated with the paper and forest products industry.** When we sold our paper, forest products and timberland assets, we purchased an equity interest in Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. Through our investment in Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C., we also hold an indirect interest in Boise Inc., including its wholly-owned subsidiary Boise White Paper, L.L.C., the paper manufacturing business of Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. This continuing interest in Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. subjects us to market risks associated with the paper and forest products industry. These industries are subject to

cyclical market pressures. Historical prices for products have been volatile, and industry participants have limited influence over the timing and extent of price changes. The relationship between supply and demand in these industries significantly affects product pricing. Demand for building products is driven mainly by factors such as new construction and remodeling rates, business and consumer credit availability, interest rates and weather. The recent falloff in U.S. housing starts has resulted in lower building products shipments and prices. The supply of paper and building products fluctuates based on manufacturing capacity. Excess manufacturing capacity, both domestically and abroad, can result in significant variations in product prices. Our ability to realize the carrying value of our equity interest in Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. is dependent upon many factors, including the operating performance of Boise Cascade, L.L.C. and Boise Inc. and other market factors that may not be specific to Boise Cascade, L.L.C. or Boise Inc., due in part to the fact that there is not a liquid market for our equity interest. Our exposure to these risks could decrease our ability to compete effectively with our competitors, who typically are not subject to such risks.

***Our obligation to purchase paper from Boise White Paper L.L.C. concentrates our supply of an important product primarily with a single supplier.*** When we sold our paper, forest products and timberland assets, we agreed to purchase substantially all of our requirements of paper for resale from Boise Cascade, L.L.C., or its affiliates or assigns, currently Boise White Paper L.L.C., on a long term basis. The price we pay for this paper is market based and therefore subject to fluctuations in the supply and demand for the products. Our purchase obligation limits our ability to take advantage of spot purchase opportunities and exposes us to potential interruptions in supply, which could impact our ability to compete effectively with our competitors, who would not typically be restricted in this way.

***We have substantial business operations in states in which the regulatory environment is particularly challenging.*** Our operations in California and other heavily regulated states with relatively more aggressive enforcement efforts expose us to a particularly challenging regulatory environment, including, without limitation, consumer protection laws, advertising regulations, escheat, and employment and wage and hour regulations. This regulatory environment requires the Company to maintain a heightened compliance effort and exposes us to defense costs, possible fines and penalties, and liability to private parties for monetary recoveries and attorneys' fees, any of which could have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

***We are subject to certain legal proceedings that may adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.*** We are periodically involved in various legal proceedings, which may involve state and federal governmental inquiries and investigations, employment, tort, consumer litigation and intellectual property litigation. In addition, we may be subject to investigations by regulatory agencies and customers audits. These legal proceedings, investigations and audits could expose us to significant defense costs, fines, penalties, and liability to private parties for monetary recoveries and attorneys' fees, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

***Our results may be adversely affected by disruptions or catastrophic events.*** Unforeseen events, including public health issues, such as the H1N1 flu pandemic, and natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes and other adverse weather and climate conditions, whether occurring in the United States or abroad, could disrupt our operations, disrupt the operations of our suppliers or customers, have an adverse impact on consumer spending and confidence levels or result in political or economic instability. Moreover, in the event of a natural disaster or public health issue, we may be required to suspend operations in some or all of our locations, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. These events could also reduce demand for our products or make it difficult or impossible to receive products from suppliers.

***Fluctuations in our effective tax rate may adversely affect our results of operations.*** We are a multi-national, multi-channel provider of office products and services. As a result, our effective tax rate is derived from a combination of applicable tax rates in the various countries, states and other jurisdictions in which we operate. Our effective tax rate may be lower or higher than our tax rates have been in the past due to numerous factors, including the sources of our income, any agreements we may have with taxing authorities in various jurisdictions, and the tax filing positions we take in various jurisdictions. We base our estimate of an effective tax rate at any given point in time upon a calculated mix of the tax rates applicable to our company and to estimates of the amount of business likely to be done in any given jurisdiction. The loss of one or more agreements with taxing jurisdictions, a change in the mix of our business from year to year and from country to country, changes in rules related to accounting for income taxes, changes in tax laws in any of the multiple jurisdictions in which we operate or adverse outcomes from tax audits that we may be subject to in any of the jurisdictions in which we operate could result in an unfavorable change in our effective tax rate.

**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

## ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

The majority of OfficeMax facilities are rented under operating leases. (For more information about our operating leases, see Note 8. "Leases", of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Form 10-K.) Our properties are in good operating condition and are suitable and adequate for the operations for which they are used. We constantly evaluate the real estate market to determine the best locations for new stores. We analyze our existing stores and markets on a case by case basis. We conduct regular reviews of our real estate portfolio to identify underperforming facilities, and close those facilities that are no longer strategically or economically viable. In 2010, we expect that store openings will be limited to two by our joint venture partner in Mexico, and we plan no remodels, and less than 20 store closings.

Our facilities by segment are presented in the following table.

### **OfficeMax, Contract**

As of January 23, 2010, OfficeMax, Contract operated 44 distribution centers in 21 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The following table sets forth the locations of these facilities.

Arizona	1	Maryland	1	Tennessee	1
California	2	Massachusetts	1	Texas	2
Colorado	1	Michigan	1	Utah	1
Florida	1	Minnesota	1	Washington	1
Georgia	1	New Jersey	1	Puerto Rico	1
Hawaii	1	North Carolina	1	Canada	7
Illinois	1	Ohio	1	Australia	10
Kansas	1	Pennsylvania	1	New Zealand	3
Maine	1				

OfficeMax, Contract also operated 55 office products stores in Hawaii (2), Canada (31), Australia (4) and New Zealand (18) and five customer service and outbound telesales centers in Illinois (2), Oklahoma, Virginia and Wyoming.

**OfficeMax, Retail**

As of January 23, 2010, OfficeMax, Retail operated 1,010 stores in 47 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Mexico. The following table sets forth the locations of these facilities.

Alabama	11	Maine	1	Oregon	12
Alaska	3	Maryland	1	Pennsylvania	28
Arizona	44	Massachusetts	10	Rhode Island	1
Arkansas	2	Michigan	42	South Carolina	6
California	80	Minnesota	41	South Dakota	4
Colorado	29	Mississippi	5	Tennessee	18
Connecticut	3	Missouri	29	Texas	75
Florida	65	Montana	3	Utah	14
Georgia	31	Nebraska	10	Virginia	26
Hawaii	8	Nevada	14	Washington	23
Idaho	6	New Jersey	4	West Virginia	2
Illinois	62	New Mexico	9	Wisconsin	35
Indiana	14	New York	31	Wyoming	2
Iowa	9	North Carolina	28	Puerto Rico	13
Kansas	12	North Dakota	3	U.S. Virgin Islands	2
Kentucky	6	Ohio	53	Mexico(a)	77
Louisiana	2	Oklahoma	1		

(a) Locations operated by our 51%-owned joint venture in Mexico, Grupo OfficeMax.

OfficeMax, Retail also operated three large distribution centers in Alabama, Nevada and Pennsylvania; and two small distribution centers in Mexico through our joint venture.

**ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

Information concerning legal proceedings is set forth in Note 16, "Legal Proceedings and Contingencies," of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Form 10-K, and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

None.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT**

Our executive officers are elected by the Board of Directors and hold office until a successor is chosen or qualified or until their earlier resignation or removal. The following lists our executive officers and gives a brief description of their business experience as of February 22, 2010:

**Sam K. Duncan**, 58, joined our board of directors and became chairman of the board in June 2005. Mr. Duncan was first elected an officer of the Company on April 18, 2005 when he was appointed as chief executive officer. Prior to his election as chief executive officer of the Company, Mr. Duncan was president and chief executive officer of ShopKo Stores, Inc., a multi-department retailer, from October 2002 to April 2005. From 1992 to 2002, Mr. Duncan held various merchandising and executive positions with Fred Meyer, Inc. (a division of The Kroger Co.), a grocery retailer, including: president of Fred Meyer from February 2001 to October 2002 and president of Ralph's Supermarkets from 1998 to 2001. Mr. Duncan began his retail career in the supermarket industry in 1969 with Albertson's, Inc., where he held various merchandising positions until 1992. Mr. Duncan has been a director of Nash-Finch Company since 2007 and was a director of ShopKo Stores, Inc. from 2002-2005. On February 11, 2010, Mr. Duncan announced that he will retire in 2011.

**Bruce Besanko**, 51, was first elected an officer of the Company on February 16, 2009. Mr. Besanko has served as executive vice president and chief financial officer of the Company since that time, and as chief administrative officer since October 2009. Mr. Besanko previously served as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Circuit City Stores, Inc., a leading specialty retailer of consumer electronics and related services, from July 2007 to February 2009. Prior to that, Mr. Besanko served as senior vice president, finance and chief financial officer for The Yankee Candle Company, Inc., a leading designer, manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer of premium scented candles, since April 2005. He also served as vice president, finance for Best Buy Co., Inc., a retailer of consumer electronics, home office products, entertainment software, appliances and related services, from 2002 to 2005. On November 10, 2008, Circuit City Stores, Inc. filed a voluntary petition for reorganization relief under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia; its assets are currently in the process of being liquidated under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court.

**Deborah A. O'Connor**, 47, was first elected an officer of the Company on July 8, 2008. Since that time, Ms. O'Connor has been senior vice president, finance and chief accounting officer of the Company. Ms. O'Connor previously served as senior vice president and controller of the ServiceMaster Company, a company providing residential and commercial lawn care, landscape maintenance, termite and pest control, home warranty, cleaning and disaster restoration, furniture repair, and home inspection services, from December 1999 to December 2007.

**Sam Martin**, 53, was first elected an officer of the Company on September 17, 2007. Since that time, Mr. Martin has been executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Company. Mr. Martin has responsibility for all areas of Retail, Contract and Supply Chain. Prior to joining the Company, he served most recently as senior vice president of operations of Wild Oats Markets, Inc., a natural foods grocery chain, from January 2006 through September 2007. Prior to joining Wild Oats, Mr. Martin served as senior vice president of supply chain for ShopKo Stores Inc. from April 2005 through December 2005 and vice president of distribution and transportation from April 2003 to April 2005. From 1998 until 2003, he was regional vice president, western region, and general manager for Toys"R"Us, Inc., a toy and baby products retailer.

**Ryan T. Vero**, 40, was first elected an officer of the Company on November 1, 2004. Mr. Vero has served as executive vice president and chief merchandising officer of the Company since June 2005. He served as executive vice president, merchandising of the Company from 2004 until June 2005 when he was promoted to executive vice president and chief merchandising officer. Mr. Vero previously served as executive vice president, merchandising and marketing of OfficeMax, Inc., beginning in 2001 and executive vice president, e-commerce/direct of OfficeMax, Inc.

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## PART II

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### **ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the "Exchange"). The Exchange requires each listed company to make an annual report available to its shareholders. We are making this Form 10-K available to our shareholders in lieu of a separate annual report. The reported high and low sales prices for our common stock, as well as the frequency and amount of dividends paid on such stock, are included in Note 17, "Quarterly Results of Operations (unaudited)," of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Form 10-K. As a result of the current economic crisis and to conserve cash, we suspended our cash dividends in the fourth quarter of 2008. See the discussion of dividend payment limitations under "Financing Arrangements" in "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," of this Form 10-K. The approximate number of holders of our common stock, based upon actual record holders on February 16, 2010, was 13,411.

We maintain a corporate governance page on our website that includes key information about our corporate governance initiatives. That information includes our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Ethics and charters for our Audit, Executive Compensation and Governance and Nominating Committees, as well as our Committee of Outside Directors. The corporate governance page can be found at [www.officemax.com](http://www.officemax.com), by clicking on "Investor Relations" under the "About OfficeMax" heading and then on "Corporate Governance." You also may obtain copies of these policies, charters and codes by contacting our Investor Relations Department, 263 Shuman Boulevard, Naperville, Illinois 60563, or by calling (630) 864-6800.

Information concerning securities authorized for issuance under our equity compensation plans is included in "Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters" of this Form 10-K.

#### **Stock Repurchases**

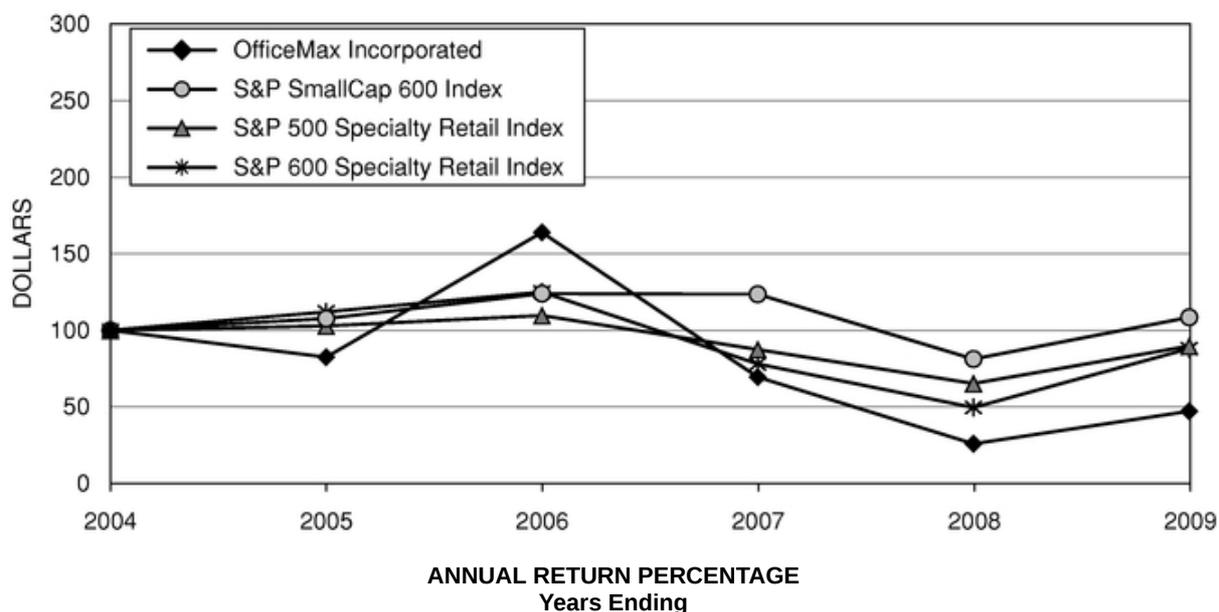
Information concerning our stock repurchases during the three months ended December 26, 2009, is presented in the following table.

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Number of Shares Purchased<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Average Price Paid per Share</b>	<b>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</b>	<b>Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs</b>
September 27-October 24	22	\$ 12.32	—	—
October 25-November 21	22	\$ 11.43	—	—
November 22-December 26	22	\$ 11.44	—	—
Total	<u>66</u>	<u>\$ 11.73</u>	—	—

(1) All stock was withheld to satisfy minimum statutory tax withholding obligations upon vesting of restricted stock awards.

## Performance Graph

The following graph compares the five-year cumulative total return (assuming dividend reinvestment) for OfficeMax, the Standard & Poor's SmallCap 600 Index, the Standard & Poor's 500 Specialty Retail Index and the Standard & Poor's SmallCap 600 Specialty Retail Index. The Company added a comparison to the SmallCap 600 Specialty Retail Index this year because Standard & Poor's transferred the Company from the Standard & Poor's 500 Specialty Retail Index into the Standard & Poor's SmallCap 600 Specialty Retail Index in 2008, and the Company was in the Standard & Poor's SmallCap 600 Specialty Retail Index for all of 2009.



<u>Company/Index Name</u>	<u>Dec 05</u>	<u>Dec 06</u>	<u>Dec 07</u>	<u>Dec 08</u>	<u>Dec 09</u>
OfficeMax Incorporated	-17.54	98.80	-57.62	-62.75	82.26
S&P SmallCap 600 Index	7.68	15.12	-0.30	-34.26	33.53
S&P 500 Specialty Retail Index	2.86	6.64	-20.27	-25.37	37.52
S&P 600 Specialty Retail Index	12.05	11.55	-37.54	-36.51	77.65

### INDEXED RETURNS Years Ending

<u>Company/Index Name</u>	<u>Base Period</u>					
	<u>Dec 04</u>	<u>Dec 05</u>	<u>Dec 06</u>	<u>Dec 07</u>	<u>Dec 08</u>	<u>Dec 09</u>
OfficeMax Incorporated	\$ 100	\$ 82.46	\$ 163.93	\$ 69.47	\$ 25.88	\$ 47.16
S&P SmallCap 600 Index	100	107.68	123.96	123.59	81.25	108.49
S&P 500 Specialty Retail Index	100	102.86	109.69	87.45	65.26	89.75
S&P 600 Specialty Retail Index	100	112.05	125.00	78.07	49.57	88.05

**ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**

The following table sets forth our selected financial data for the years indicated and should be read in conjunction with the disclosures in "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Form 10-K.

	<u>2009(a)</u>	<u>2008(b)</u>	<u>2007(c)</u>	<u>2006(d)</u>	<u>2005(e)</u>
	(millions, except per-share amounts)				
<b>Assets</b>					
Current assets	\$ 2,021	\$ 1,855	\$ 2,205	\$ 2,097	\$ 1,942
Property and equipment, net	422	491	581	580	535
Goodwill	—	—	1,217	1,216	1,218
Timber notes receivable	899	899	1,635	1,635	1,635
Other	728	929	646	688	942
	<u>\$ 4,070</u>	<u>\$ 4,174</u>	<u>\$ 6,284</u>	<u>\$ 6,216</u>	<u>\$ 6,272</u>
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>					
Current liabilities	\$ 1,092	\$ 1,184	\$ 1,371	\$ 1,529	\$ 1,588
Long-term debt, less current portion	275	290	349	384	407
Non-recourse debt	1,470	1,470	1,470	1,470	1,470
Other	702	918	783	817	1,044
Noncontrolling interest	28	22	32	30	27
OfficeMax shareholders' equity—preferred stock	36	43	50	55	55
OfficeMax shareholders' equity—other	467	247	2,229	1,931	1,681
	<u>\$ 4,070</u>	<u>\$ 4,174</u>	<u>\$ 6,284</u>	<u>\$ 6,216</u>	<u>\$ 6,272</u>
<b>Net sales</b>	<u>\$ 7,212</u>	<u>\$ 8,267</u>	<u>\$ 9,082</u>	<u>\$ 8,966</u>	<u>\$ 9,158</u>
<b>Income (loss) from:</b>					
<b>Net income (loss) from continuing operations</b>					
attributable to OfficeMax and noncontrolling interest	\$ (1)	\$ (1,666)	\$ 212	\$ 103	\$ (39)
Joint venture results attributable to noncontrolling interest	2	8	(5)	(4)	(2)
<b>Net income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to OfficeMax</b>					
	<u>1</u>	<u>(1,658)</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>(41)</u>
Preferred dividends	(3)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)
<b>Net income (loss) from continuing operations available to OfficeMax common shareholders</b>					
	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(1,662)</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>(45)</u>
Net loss from discontinued operations	—	—	—	(7)	(33)
<b>Net income (loss) available to OfficeMax common shareholders</b>					
	<u>\$ (2)</u>	<u>\$ (1,662)</u>	<u>\$ 203</u>	<u>\$ 88</u>	<u>\$ (78)</u>
<b>Basic net income (loss) per common share:</b>					
Continuing operations	\$ (0.03)	\$ (21.90)	\$ 2.70	\$ 1.30	\$ (0.58)
Discontinued operations	—	—	—	(0.10)	(0.41)
<b>Basic net income (loss) available to OfficeMax common shareholders per common share</b>					
	<u>\$ (0.03)</u>	<u>\$ (21.90)</u>	<u>\$ 2.70</u>	<u>\$ 1.20</u>	<u>\$ (0.99)</u>
<b>Diluted net income (loss) per common share:</b>					
Continuing operations(f)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (21.90)	\$ 2.66	\$ 1.29	\$ (0.58)
Discontinued operations(f)	—	—	—	(0.10)	(0.41)
<b>Diluted net income (loss) available to OfficeMax common shareholders per common share(f)</b>					
	<u>\$ (0.03)</u>	<u>\$ (21.90)</u>	<u>\$ 2.66</u>	<u>\$ 1.19</u>	<u>\$ (0.99)</u>
Cash dividends declared per common share	—	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60

See notes on following page.

Notes to Selected Financial Data

(a) 2009 included the following items:

- \$17.6 million pre-tax charge for impairment of fixed assets associated with certain of our Retail stores in the U.S. and Mexico. Our minority partner's share of this charge of \$1.2 million is included in joint venture results attributable to noncontrolling interest.
- \$31.2 million pre-tax charge for costs related to Retail store closures in the U.S. and Mexico. Our minority partner's share of this charge of \$0.5 million is included in joint venture results attributable to noncontrolling interest.
- \$18.1 million pre-tax charge for severance and other costs incurred in connection with various company reorganizations.
- \$2.6 million pre-tax gain related to the Company's Boise Investment.
- \$4.4 million pre-tax gain related to interest earned on a tax escrow balance established in a prior period in connection with our legacy Voyageur Panel business.
- \$14.9 million of income tax benefit from the resolution of an issue under Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") appeal regarding the deductibility of interest on certain of our industrial revenue bonds and the release of the related tax uncertainty reserves.

(b) 2008 included the following pre-tax items:

- \$1,364.4 million charge for impairment of goodwill, trade names and fixed assets. Our minority partner's share of this charge of \$6.5 million is included in joint venture results attributable to noncontrolling interest.
- \$735.8 million charge for non-cash impairment of the timber installment note receivable due from Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. and \$20.4 million of related interest expense.
- \$27.9 million charge for severance and costs associated with the termination of certain store and site leases.
- \$20.5 million gain related to the Company's Boise Investment, primarily attributable to the sale of a majority interest in its paper and packaging and newsprint businesses.

(c) 2007 included the following items:

- \$32.4 million pre-tax income related to a paper agreement with affiliates of Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. we entered into in connection with the Sale. This agreement was terminated in early 2008.
- \$1.1 million after-tax loss related to the sale of OfficeMax's Contract operations in Mexico to Grupo OfficeMax, our 51%-owned joint venture.

(d) 2006 included the following pre-tax items:

- \$89.5 million charge related to the closing of 109 underperforming domestic retail stores.
- \$46.4 million charge related to the relocation and consolidation of our corporate headquarters.
- \$10.3 million charge primarily related to a reorganization of our Contract segment.
- \$18.0 million charge primarily for contract termination and other costs related to the closure of our Elma, Washington manufacturing facility.
- \$48.0 million of income from a paper agreement with affiliates of Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. we entered into in connection with the Sale.

(e) 2005 included the following pre-tax items:

- \$25.0 million charge related to the relocation and consolidation of our corporate headquarters.
- \$31.9 million charge primarily for one-time severance payments, professional fees and asset write-downs.
- \$17.9 million related to the write-down of impaired assets, primarily related to retail store closures.
- \$5.4 million charge related to the restructuring of our international operations.
- \$9.8 million charge related to a legal settlement with the Department of Justice.
- \$14.4 million loss related to our early retirement of debt.

- \$28.2 million for the write-down of impaired assets at our Elma, Washington manufacturing facility.

The Company's fiscal year-end is the last Saturday in December. There were 53 weeks in 2005 for the Retail operations.

- (f) Due to the losses reported in 2009, 2008, and 2005, the computation of diluted income (loss) per common share was antidilutive in these years and therefore, the amounts reported for basic and diluted income (loss) per common share are the same.

## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion contains statements about our future financial performance. These statements are only predictions. Our actual results may differ materially from these predictions. In evaluating these statements, you should review "Item 1A. Risk Factors" of this Form 10-K, including "Cautionary and Forward-Looking Statements."

### Overall Summary

Sales for 2009 were \$7.2 billion, compared to \$8.3 billion for 2008. Gross profit margin decreased by 0.8% of sales to 24.1% of sales in 2009 compared to 24.9% of sales in 2008. The reductions in sales and gross profit margin relative to last year primarily reflected the weaker economic environment that existed throughout 2009, which negatively impacted all product categories and geographic areas in both our Contract and Retail segments. Notably, in the fourth quarter of 2009, the year-over-year sales decrease moderated on a sequential basis consistent with the trend in each of the first three quarters. We reported an operating loss of \$4.0 million and \$1,936.2 million in 2009 and 2008, respectively. As noted in the discussion and analysis that follows, our operating results were impacted by a number of significant items in both years. These items included charges for asset impairments and store closures offset in part by gains related to legacy activities and the reversal of a tax reserve. If we eliminate these items, our adjusted operating income for 2009 was \$62.9 million compared to \$191.9 million for 2008. The reported net loss available to OfficeMax common shareholders was \$2.2 million or \$0.03 per diluted share in 2009 compared to \$1,661.6 million or \$21.90 per diluted share in 2008. If we eliminate the impact of significant items from both years, adjusted net income available to OfficeMax common shareholders for 2009 was \$18.6 million or \$0.24 per diluted share compared to \$100.1 million or \$1.30 per diluted share for 2008.

### Results of Operations, Consolidated

(\$ in millions)

	2009	2008	2007
Sales	\$ 7,212.1	\$ 8,267.0	\$ 9,082.0
Gross profit	1,737.6	2,054.4	2,310.3
Operating and selling expenses	1,377.0	1,555.6	1,633.6
General and administrative expenses	297.7	306.9	332.5
Goodwill and other asset impairments	17.6	2,100.2	—
Other operating net	49.3	27.9	—
Operating income (loss)	(4.0)	(1,936.2)	344.2
Net income (loss) attributable to OfficeMax and noncontrolling interest	(1.6)	(1,665.9)	212.2
Net income (loss) available to OfficeMax common shareholders	(2.2)	(1,661.6)	203.4
	(percentage of sales)		
Gross profit margin	24.1%	24.9%	25.4%
Operating and selling expenses	19.1%	18.8%	18.0%
General and administrative expenses	4.1%	3.7%	3.7%

In addition to assessing our operating performance as reported under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), we evaluate our results of operations before non-operating legacy

items and operating items that are not indicative of our core operating activities such as severance, facility closure, and asset impairments. We believe our presentation of financial measures before, or excluding, these items, which are non-GAAP measures, enhances our investors' overall understanding of our recurring operational performance and provides useful information to both investors and management to evaluate the ongoing operations and prospects of OfficeMax by providing better comparisons. Whenever we use non-GAAP financial measures, we designate these measures as "adjusted" and provide a reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measures to the most closely applicable GAAP financial measure. Investors are encouraged to review the related GAAP financial measures and the reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. In the following tables, we reconcile our non-GAAP financial measures to our reported GAAP financial results for both 2009 and 2008.

Although we believe the non-GAAP financial measures enhance an investor's understanding of our performance, our management does not itself, nor does it suggest that investors should, consider such non-GAAP financial measures in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. The non-GAAP financial measures we use may not be consistent with the presentation of similar companies in our industry. However, we present such non-GAAP financial measures in reporting our financial results to provide investors with an additional tool to evaluate our operating results in a manner that focuses on what we believe to be our ongoing business operations.

<b>OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES</b>			
<b>IMPACT OF SPECIAL ITEMS ON INCOME</b>			
<b>NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION FOR 2009</b>			
	Operating income (loss)	Net income (loss) available to OfficeMax common shareholders	Diluted income (loss) per common share
	(millions, except per-share amounts)		
As reported	\$ (4.0)	\$ (2.2)	\$ (0.03)
Store asset impairment charge	17.6	10.0	0.12
Store closure and severance charges	49.3	30.0	0.39
Interest income from a legacy tax escrow	—	(2.7)	(0.04)
Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. distribution	—	(1.6)	(0.02)
Release of income tax reserve	—	(14.9)	(0.18)
<b>As adjusted</b>	<b>\$ 62.9</b>	<b>\$ 18.6</b>	<b>\$ 0.24</b>

<b>OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES</b>			
<b>IMPACT OF SPECIAL ITEMS ON INCOME</b>			
<b>NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION FOR 2008</b>			
	Operating income (loss)	Net income (loss) available to OfficeMax common shareholders	Diluted income (loss) per common share
	(millions, except per-share amounts)		
As reported	\$ (1,936.2)	\$ (1,661.6)	\$ (21.90)
Goodwill and other asset impairment charge	1,364.4	1,294.7	17.05
Timber note impairment charge	735.8	462.0	6.08
Total impairment charges	2,100.2	1,756.7	23.13
Store closure and severance charges	27.9	17.5	0.23
Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. distribution	—	(12.5)	(0.16)
<b>As adjusted</b>	<b>\$ 191.9</b>	<b>\$ 100.1</b>	<b>\$ 1.30</b>

These items are described in more detail in this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

At the end of the 2009 fiscal year, we had \$486.6 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$513.0 million in available (unused) borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facilities. The combination of cash and cash equivalents and available borrowing capacity yields approximately \$1 billion of overall liquidity. The Company has strengthened its balance sheet, cash position and liquidity greatly during 2009. At year-end, we had outstanding recourse debt of \$297.1 million (both current and long-term) and non-recourse obligations of \$1,470.0 million related to the timber securitization notes. There is no recourse against OfficeMax on the securitized timber notes payable as recourse is limited to proceeds from the applicable pledged installment notes receivable and underlying guarantees. There were no borrowings on our revolving credit facilities in 2009.

The funded status of our pension plans also improved in 2009. Our pension obligations exceeded the assets held in trust to fund them by \$210.2 million at year-end 2009, a decrease of \$224.8 million compared to the \$435.0 million under funding that existed at year-end 2008. This reduction was due to strong returns on plan investments in the year coupled with our voluntary excess contribution of 8.3 million shares of OfficeMax common stock to the plans in the fourth quarter of 2009.

For the full year 2009, we generated \$358.9 million of cash from operations reflecting our focus on cash generation. Working capital improved \$219.0 million as a result of significant management oversight, which yielded reduced days outstanding for accounts receivable and a decrease in inventory per location along with an improved accounts payable leverage ratio. We also collected \$71.0 million of tax refunds, net of payments, and borrowed \$45.7 million on accumulated earnings held in company-owned life insurance policies. In addition, we received \$41.1 million from investment activities, including \$25.1 million from a prior tax escrow settlement and \$15.0 million in additional company-owned life insurance withdrawals.

### **Outlook**

Given the continued weak economic environment, we are cautious in our expectations for 2010. We expect that U.S. unemployment trends will continue to unfavorably impact us in the near-term, with improvement occurring in the later part of the year. We anticipate that for the full year 2010, total sales, including the impact of foreign currency translation, and adjusted operating income margin will be slightly higher than they were in 2009. We expect positive cash flow from operations, although lower than 2009, due to a larger-than-expected incentive compensation payout during the first quarter and higher working capital needs due to the increased sales. We also believe that our liquidity position will remain strong and our need to access our revolving line of credit will be limited to seasonal periods.

### **2009 Compared with 2008**

Sales for 2009 decreased 12.8% to \$7,212.1 million from \$8,267.0 million for 2008. The year-over-year sales decreases occurred in both our Contract and Retail segments and resulted primarily from the weaker economic environment that existed throughout all of 2009. The change in sales resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates for the full year of 2009 was a decrease of 1.7%. However, in the fourth quarter, due to the weakening U.S. dollar, the change in total sales resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates was an increase of 2.8%.

Gross profit margin decreased by 0.8% of sales to 24.1% of sales in 2009 compared to 24.9% of sales in 2008. The gross profit margins declined in both our Contract and Retail segments. The Retail segment experienced strong cost support from our vendors and reduced inventory shrinkage, the benefits of which were entirely offset by deleveraging of fixed occupancy costs and a mix shift to less profitable technology products. The Contract segment also experienced strong cost support

from our vendors but earned overall lower gross margins as a result of softer market conditions as well as a shift in its customers' purchasing trends to a higher percentage of lower-margin consumable items, lower sales of off-contract items, and higher customer acquisition and retention costs.

Operating and selling expenses increased by 0.3% of sales to 19.1% of sales in 2009 from 18.8% of sales a year earlier. The increased expense was primarily the result of deleveraging of fixed costs due to lower sales and increased incentive compensation expense, partially offset by reduced payroll and other targeted cost reductions. Incentive compensation expense included in operating and selling expense was \$23.6 million for 2009 compared to \$4.0 million for 2008.

General and administrative expenses increased 0.4% of sales to 4.1% of sales in 2009 compared to 3.7% of sales in 2008. The increase primarily reflected higher pension and incentive compensation expenses. General and administrative expense included \$40.8 million of these costs in 2009 as compared to \$5.1 million in 2008. Excluding these costs, general and administrative expense was consistent between 2009 and 2008. The effect of deleveraging of expense resulting from lower sales was offset by lower headcount resulting from a significant reduction in force at the corporate headquarters in late 2008.

As noted above, our results for 2009 include several significant items, as follows:

- We recognized a non-cash impairment charge of \$17.6 million associated with leasehold improvements and other assets at certain of our Retail stores in the U.S. and Mexico. After tax and noncontrolling interest, these charges reduced net income (loss) available to OfficeMax common shareholders by \$10.0 million or \$0.12 per diluted share.
- We recorded \$31.2 million of charges in our Retail segment related to store closures. We also recorded \$18.1 million of severance and other charges, principally related to reorganizations of our U.S. and Canadian Contract sales forces, customer fulfillment centers and customer service centers, as well as a streamlining of our Retail store staffing. These charges are recorded by segment in the following manner: Contract \$15.3 million, Retail \$2.1 million and Corporate and Other \$0.7 million. After tax and noncontrolling interest, the cumulative effect of these items was a reduction of net income (loss) available to OfficeMax common shareholders by \$30.0 million, or \$0.39 per diluted share.
- "Other income (expense), net" in the Consolidated Statement of Operations includes income of \$2.6 million from a distribution on the Boise Investment related to our tax liability on allocated earnings. This distribution was much larger in the prior year due to a significant tax gain realized by Boise Cascade, L.L.C. on the sales of its paper and packaging and newsprint businesses. After tax, this item increased net income (loss) available to OfficeMax common shareholders \$1.6 million, or \$0.02 per diluted share.
- We recorded \$4.4 million of interest income related to a tax escrow balance established in a prior period in connection with our legacy Voyager Panel business which we sold in 2004. After tax, this item increased net income (loss) available to OfficeMax common shareholders by \$2.7 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share.
- In the fourth quarter, we were notified that the U.S. Internal Revenue Service conceded an issue under appeals regarding the deductibility of interest on certain of our industrial revenue bonds. Upon the resolution of this matter, we released \$14.9 million in tax uncertainty reserves which increased net income (loss) available to OfficeMax common shareholders by \$0.18 per diluted share.

Interest expense was \$76.4 million in 2009 compared to \$113.6 million for 2008. The decline in interest expense was principally due to the Lehman bankruptcy on September 15, 2008, and the

resulting payment defaults on the timber note receivable guaranteed by Lehman and the related securitization notes payable. On October 29, 2008, Lehman failed to pay the semi-annual interest payment due on the timber note receivable that it guarantees. Because we are only obligated to make interest payments on the securitization notes supported by the timber note receivable and Lehman guaranty to the extent that we receive the interest payments due on the timber note receivable, we stopped accruing (and making) interest payments due on those securitization notes after the Lehman default. As a result in 2008 we recorded \$33.7 million in interest expense on the Lehman securitization notes payable. In 2009, we did not accrue any interest on this non-recourse obligation.

Interest income was \$47.3 million and \$57.6 million for the years ended 2009 and 2008, respectively. This decline reflects the \$13.1 million reduction of interest income recorded on the timber note receivable guaranteed by Lehman in 2009 as compared to 2008, partially offset by \$4.4 million of interest income related to a tax escrow balance established in a prior period in connection with the sale of our legacy Voyageur Panel business. As a result of Lehman's September 2008 bankruptcy filing, we recorded no interest income on the Lehman portion of the timber notes receivable in 2009. In 2008, we accrued and collected approximately \$13.1 million in interest income on the Lehman timber note receivable for the period from January 1 through April 29, 2008. In 2009, approximately \$40.8 million of interest income and \$39.8 million of interest expense recorded relating to the Wachovia portion of the timber notes receivable and associated securitized obligation. See the "Timber Notes/Non-Recourse Debt" section that follows in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

For 2009, we recognized an income tax benefit of \$28.8 million on a pre-tax loss of \$30.3 million (effective tax benefit rate of 94.8%) compared to an income tax benefit of \$306.5 million on a pre-tax loss of \$1,972.4 million (effective tax benefit rate of 15.5%) for 2008. Income taxes and the related effective rates for both years were affected by several significant items that caused our actual tax benefits to vary from the amount based on our reported pre-tax accounting income and the statutory U.S. federal tax rate of 35%. In 2009, the recorded tax benefit included \$14.9 million from the release of a tax reserve upon the resolution of our claim that interest on certain of our industrial revenue bonds was fully tax deductible. In 2008, the goodwill and other assets impairment charge of \$1.4 billion unfavorably impacted the tax benefit rate as the book basis of these assets was higher than the amortizable tax basis which resulted in a 4.6% tax benefit on the charge. In addition, in 2008 the Company also recognized a tax benefit resulting from a favorable U.S. Internal Revenue Service settlement. The effective tax rate in both years was also impacted by the effects of state income taxes, income items not subject to tax and non-deductible expenses and the mix of domestic and foreign sources of income.

We reported a net loss attributable to OfficeMax and noncontrolling interest of \$1.6 million for 2009. After adjusting for joint venture earnings attributable to noncontrolling interest and preferred dividends, we reported a net loss available to OfficeMax common shareholders of \$2.2 million or \$(0.03) per diluted share for 2009. Excluding the effects of the significant items discussed above, adjusted net income available to OfficeMax common shareholders was \$18.6 million or \$0.24 per diluted share for 2009 compared to \$100.1 million or \$1.30 per diluted share for 2008.

## **2008 Compared with 2007**

Sales for 2008 decreased 9.0% to \$8,267.0 million from \$9,082.0 million for 2007. The year-over-year sales decrease was largely the result of the weaker global economic environment and our more disciplined analysis-driven approach to sales generation and retention. The year-over-year sales decrease reflects a 10.7% decrease in comparable sales, and both our Contract and Retail segments experienced double-digit sales declines in 2008 as compared to 2007. In addition, the rate of sales decline (on a percentage basis) increased in each quarter of 2008 compared to the comparable quarters of 2007. Foreign exchange rate changes had only a minor effect on sales for full year 2008. However, they negatively impacted sales comparisons late in the year. For the year, sales increased \$9.4 million due to the impact of foreign exchange rates, however, fourth quarter 2008 sales were reduced by \$81.1 million due to the effect of foreign exchange rates.

Gross profit margin decreased by 0.5% of sales to 24.9% of sales in 2008 compared to 25.4% of sales in 2007. The gross profit margins declined in our Retail segment compared to the previous year but improved for our Contract segment. The Retail margin decline was primarily due to the deleveraging of fixed costs, resulting from the lower sales, as well as the impact of opening new stores which require several years to ramp up to mature sales volumes and higher inventory shrinkage results. The decline was partially offset by a sales-mix shift towards higher-margin office supplies category sales. The Contract segment margin improvement was due primarily to a higher margin customer mix resulting from our more disciplined approach to contractual sales generation and retention.

Operating and selling expenses increased by 0.8% of sales to 18.8% of sales in 2008 from 18.0% of sales a year earlier. The increases in operating and selling expenses as a percent of sales were primarily the result of deleveraging fixed costs due to lower sales, which were partially offset by reduced incentive compensation expense and targeted cost reductions, including reduced selling expenses in the Contract segment and reduced store payroll in the Retail segment resulting from the management reorganizations completed in the first and second quarters of 2008.

General and administrative expenses were 3.7% of sales for both 2008 and 2007. The effect of deleveraging of expense resulting from lower sales was offset primarily by a reduction in incentive compensation.

As noted above, our results for 2008 included several significant items, as follows:

- We recorded pre-tax impairment charges of \$1,364.4 million related to goodwill, trade names and other long-lived assets. These non-cash charges consisted of \$1,201.5 million of goodwill impairment in both the Contract (\$815.5 million) and Retail (\$386.0 million) segments; \$107.1 million of impairment of trade names in our Retail segment and \$55.8 million of impairment related to store fixed assets in our Retail segment. These non-cash charges resulted in a reduction in net income available to OfficeMax common shareholders of \$1,294.7 million, or \$17.05 per diluted share. For information regarding these impairment charges see "Goodwill and Other Asset Impairments" in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.
- We recognized a pre-tax impairment charge of \$735.8 million on the timber installment note guaranteed by Lehman as a result of the Lehman bankruptcy. This impairment charge was recorded in the Corporate and Other segment. We also stopped accruing the interest income on the timber installment note guaranteed by Lehman as of the date of the last interest payment (April 29, 2008), while continuing to accrue interest expense on the related securitization notes payable until the date of default (October 29, 2008). The interest expense for this time period (from April 29 to October 29) was \$20.4 million. The cumulative effect of

the impairment charge and the additional interest expense resulted in a reduction of net income available to OfficeMax common shareholders of \$462.0 million, or \$6.08 per diluted share. For information regarding this impairment charge see our discussion of the timber notes under the heading "Timber Notes/Non-Recourse Debt" in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

- We recorded a \$23.9 million pre-tax severance charge related to various sales and field reorganizations in our Retail and Contract segments as well as a significant reduction in force at the corporate headquarters. We also recorded \$4.7 million of pre-tax charges related to store closings and lease terminations, and pre-tax charges of \$2.4 million related to the consolidation of the Contract segment's manufacturing facilities in New Zealand. Offsetting these charges was a \$3.1 million pre-tax gain primarily related to the release of a warranty escrow established at the time of sale of our legacy Voyageur Panel business in 2004.
- We recorded \$20.5 million of pre-tax income related to a distribution received on the Boise Investment. We receive distributions on the Boise Investment for the income tax liability associated with allocated earnings. The distribution received was primarily related to the income tax liability associated with the allocated gain on the sale by Boise Cascade, L.L.C. of a majority interest in its paper and packaging and newsprint businesses during the first quarter of 2008. This income was classified as non-operating and resulted in an increase in after-tax income of \$12.5 million, or \$0.16 per diluted share.

Interest expense was \$113.6 million in 2008 compared to \$121.3 million for 2007. The year-over-year decrease in interest expense was a result of lower average borrowings and the curtailment of interest accruals on certain of the timber securitization notes payable after the default on the timber installment note guaranteed by Lehman on October 29, 2008 due to the Lehman bankruptcy. Interest expense includes interest related to the affected timber securitization notes payable of approximately \$73.5 million and \$80.5 million for 2008 and 2007, respectively. Per the timber note agreements, the interest expense related to the timber securitization notes payable is to be offset by interest income earned on the timber installment notes receivable. However, at the time of the Lehman bankruptcy in September 2008, the Company reversed interest income accrued on the installment note guaranteed by Lehman from the date of the last payment (April 29, 2008), and has not recognized any additional interest income on this installment note. We did, however, continue to record the ongoing interest expense on the related timber securitization notes payable until the default date (October 29, 2008), resulting in \$20.4 million of additional interest expense that will only be paid if the corresponding interest income is collected. Total timber note related interest income was \$53.9 million in 2008. In 2007, the timber note related interest expense was offset by timber note related interest income of \$82.5 million.

Excluding the interest income earned on the timber notes receivable, interest income was \$3.7 million and \$5.4 million for the years ended December 27, 2008 and December 29, 2007, respectively.

For 2008, we recognized an income tax benefit of \$306.5 million on our \$1,972.4 million pre-tax loss (effective tax benefit rate of 15.5%) compared to income tax expense of \$125.3 million on \$337.5 million in pretax income (effective tax rate of 37.1%) for 2007. In the first quarter of 2008, the Company effectively settled an audit with the Federal government for all tax years through 2005. As a result of the settlement and other related filings, the Company recognized a \$6.8 million benefit in its tax provision for 2008. The goodwill, trade names and other long-lived assets impairment charge of \$1.4 billion unfavorably impacted the tax benefit rate as the book basis of these assets was higher than the amortizable tax basis and resulted in a tax benefit of \$63.2 million or approximately 4.6% of the tax charge. The Company also reviewed the realizability of state net operating loss carryforwards and foreign tax credits in 2008, resulting in the recognition of approximately

\$1.3 million of tax benefit, as a result of a reduction in the valuation allowance. Income taxes for all periods were affected by the impact of state income taxes, non-deductible expenses and the mix of domestic and foreign sources of income.

As a result of the foregoing factors, we reported a net loss attributable to OfficeMax and noncontrolling interest of \$1,665.9 million for 2008. After adjusting for joint venture earnings attributable to noncontrolling interest and preferred dividends, we reported a loss available to OfficeMax common shareholders of \$1,661.6 or \$(21.90) per diluted share, for 2008. Excluding the effects of the significant items discussed above, adjusted net income available to OfficeMax common shareholders was \$100.1 million or \$1.30 per diluted share for 2008.

## **Segment Discussion**

We report our results using three reportable segments: OfficeMax, Contract; OfficeMax, Retail; and Corporate and Other.

OfficeMax, Contract distributes a broad line of items for the office, including office supplies and paper, technology products and solutions, office furniture, and print and document services. OfficeMax, Contract sells directly to large corporate and government offices, as well as to small and medium-sized offices in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. This segment markets and sells through field salespeople, outbound telesales, catalogs, the Internet and in some markets, including Canada, Australia and New Zealand, through office products stores.

OfficeMax, Retail is a retail distributor of office supplies and paper, print and document services, technology products and solutions and office furniture. In addition, this segment contracts with large national retail chains to supply office and school supplies to be sold in their stores. Our retail office supply stores feature OfficeMax ImPress, an in-store module devoted to print-for-pay and related services. Our Retail segment has operations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Our Retail segment also operates office products stores in Mexico through a 51%-owned joint venture.

Corporate and Other includes support staff services and certain other legacy expenses as well as the related assets and liabilities. The income and expense related to certain assets and liabilities that are reported in the Corporate and Other segment have been allocated to the Contract and Retail segments.

Management evaluates the segments' performances based on operating income (loss) after eliminating the effect of certain operating matters such as severances, facility closures, and asset impairments, that are not indicative of our core operations ("segment income (loss)".)

## OfficeMax, Contract

(\$ in millions)

	2009	2008	2007
Sales	\$ 3,656.7	\$ 4,310.0	\$ 4,816.1
Gross profit	762.4	948.1	1,050.9
<i>Gross profit margin</i>	20.8%	22.0%	21.8%
Operating, selling and general and administrative expenses	704.4	780.8	843.0
<i>Percentage of sales</i>	19.2%	18.1%	17.5%
<b>Segment income</b>	<b>\$ 58.0</b>	<b>\$ 167.3</b>	<b>\$ 207.9</b>
<i>Percentage of sales</i>	1.6%	3.9%	4.3%
Goodwill and other asset impairments	—	815.5	—
Other operating expenses	15.3	9.3	—
Operating income (loss)	\$ 42.7	\$ (657.5)	\$ 207.9
<b>Sales by Product Line</b>			
Office supplies and paper	\$ 2,138.5	\$ 2,518.7	\$ 2,696.3
Technology products	1,174.0	1,299.2	1,535.1
Office furniture	344.2	492.1	584.7
<b>Sales by Geography</b>			
United States	\$ 2,583.1	\$ 3,035.0	\$ 3,518.9
International	1,073.6	1,275.0	1,297.2
<b>Sales Growth</b>			
Total sales growth	(15.2)%	(10.5)%	2.2%

### 2009 Compared with 2008

Contract segment sales for 2009 decreased 15.2% to \$3,656.7 million from \$4,310.0 million for 2008, reflecting a U.S. sales decline of 14.9% and an international sales decline of 15.8% in U.S. dollars, or 8.2% in local currencies. The change in total Contract sales resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates for the full year of 2009 was a decrease of 2.2%. However, in the fourth quarter, due to the weakening U.S. dollar, the change in total Contract sales resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates was an increase of 5.6%. The U.S. Contract sales decline primarily reflected weaker sales from existing corporate accounts as our customers reduced overhead spending and headcount in response to the weak overall U.S. economy. This decline continued to be meaningful, increasing (as measured by the rate of decline compared to the prior year) in the first two quarters, while decreasing modestly in the third and fourth quarters. For the year, the reduction in sales volume from lost customers was greater than the incremental sales from newly acquired customers. However, in the fourth quarter, the trend reversed and we gained net sales from newly acquired customers.

Contract segment gross profit margin declined 1.2% of sales to 20.8% of sales for 2009 compared to 22.0% of sales in the previous year. The decrease in gross profit margin was primarily due to softer market conditions, a shift in the purchasing trends of our customers to a higher percentage of on-contract items, including lower-margin commodities and consumable items like paper, and higher customer acquisition and retention expenses as a percentage of sales. Our Contract performance in the fourth quarter improved from the previous quarters in 2009 due to our disciplined approach to profitable customer acquisition and retention, as well as other initiatives to grow the business and improve margins by providing better solutions for our customers. Targeted cost controls in our delivery fleet helped to mitigate the impact of deleveraging.

Contract segment operating, selling and general and administrative expenses increased 1.1% of sales to 19.2% of sales for 2009 from 18.1% of sales a year earlier. The increase was primarily due to the deleveraging of fixed expenses from lower sales and increased incentive compensation expenses, which were \$22.1 million higher in 2009 compared to 2008, partially offset by cost management initiatives, including lower payroll costs as a result of the reorganization of our U.S. and Canadian sales forces, fewer personnel in our customer fulfillment and customer service centers and the reduction in force at our corporate headquarters in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Contract segment income was \$58.0 million, or 1.6% of sales, for 2009, compared to \$167.3 million for 2008. The decline in segment income was primarily attributable to the reduction in sales and gross profit.

Contract other operating expenses for 2009 included \$15.3 million of severance and other charges, principally related to reorganizations of our U.S. and Canadian Contract sales forces, customer fulfillment centers and customer service centers.

The Contract segment's operating income (loss) improved \$700.2 million to operating income of \$42.7 million for 2009, compared to an operating loss of \$657.5 million for 2008.

### **2008 Compared With 2007**

Contract segment sales for 2008 decreased 10.5% to \$4,310.0 million from \$4,816.1 million for 2007, reflecting a U.S. sales decline of 13.8% and an international sales decline of 1.7% in U.S. dollars, or 2.4% in local currencies. U.S. sales declined in 2008 compared to the prior year primarily due to: a) decreased sales from existing corporate accounts of 9%, b) our continued discipline in account acquisition and retention which resulted in lower sales to new and retained customers and c) lower sales from small market public website and catalog business customers. Early in the fourth quarter of 2008, we entered into an alliance with Lyreco to service our respective global customers. This agreement allows OfficeMax to supply global customers that have operations in European countries and Asia through Lyreco, and allows Lyreco to supply global customers that have operations in the United States and Mexico through OfficeMax.

Contract segment gross profit margin increased 0.2% of sales to 22.0% of sales for 2008 compared to 21.8% of sales in the previous year. The year-over-year increase was primarily due to improved account profitability for existing and new customers which was partially offset by deleveraging fixed delivery and occupancy costs from lower sales. Targeted cost controls helped to reduce the impact of deleveraging. These targeted cost controls included year-over-year reductions in our delivery fleet resulting from optimizing delivery routes, which helped to reduce the impact of increased fuel costs.

Contract segment operating, selling and general and administrative expenses increased 0.6% of sales to 18.1% of sales for 2008 from 17.5% of sales a year earlier. The increase was primarily due to the deleveraging of fixed expenses from lower sales, including higher fixed marketing and account administration costs, partially offset by targeted cost controls, including reduced selling expenses and lower compensation costs as a result of fewer personnel in our customer fulfillment centers and customer service centers, as well as reduced incentive compensation expense. We also cycled on operating expense improvements that we started generating in the second half of 2007.

Contract segment income was \$167.3 million, or 3.9% of sales, for 2008, compared to \$207.9 million for 2007. The decline in segment income was primarily attributable to the reduction in sales and gross profit.

The Contract segment reported a non-cash charge of \$815.5 million related to impairment of the Contract segment's goodwill balance in 2008. Contract other operating expense of \$9.3 million

for 2008 included employee severance costs in our U.S and international operations and the costs to consolidate manufacturing facilities in New Zealand. For more information regarding impairment charges, see discussion of "Goodwill and Other Asset Impairments" in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The Contract segment's operating income (loss) decreased \$865.4 million to an operating loss of \$657.5 million compared to segment operating income of \$207.9 million for 2007.

## OfficeMax, Retail

(\$ in millions)

	2009	2008	2007
Sales	\$ 3,555.4	\$ 3,957.0	\$ 4,265.9
Gross profit	975.2	1,106.3	1,259.5
<i>Gross profit margin</i>	27.4%	28.0%	29.5%
Operating, selling and general and administrative expenses	930.3	1,045.1	1,085.8
<i>Percentage of sales</i>	26.1%	26.5%	25.4%
<b>Segment income</b>	<b>\$ 44.9</b>	<b>\$ 61.2</b>	<b>\$ 173.7</b>
<i>Percentage of sales</i>	1.3%	1.5%	4.1%
Goodwill and other asset impairments	17.6	548.9	—
Other operating expense	33.3	17.4	—
Operating income (loss)	\$ (6.0)	\$ (505.1)	\$ 173.7
<b>Sales by Product Line</b>			
Office supplies and paper	\$ 1,392.7	\$ 1,541.5	\$ 1,610.6
Technology products	1,872.6	2,060.5	2,235.5
Office furniture	290.1	355.0	419.8
<b>Sales by Geography</b>			
United States	\$ 3,369.6	\$ 3,693.5	\$ 4,030.0
International	185.8	263.5	235.9
<b>Sales Growth</b>			
Total sales growth	(10.2)%	(7.2)%	0.3%
Same-location sales growth	(11.0)%	(10.8)%	(1.2)%

### 2009 Compared with 2008

Retail segment sales for 2009 decreased by 10.2% (9.1% after adjusting for the foreign currency exchange effect) to \$3,555.4 million from \$3,957.0 million for 2008, reflecting a same-store sales decrease of 11.0% mitigated by new store improvement. This included a same-store sales decline in the U.S. of 9.6% and in Mexico of 13.9% (after adjusting for the foreign currency exchange effect). Retail same-store sales declined primarily due to weaker consumer and small business spending in the U.S. and the significant negative effects of weak economic conditions in Mexico together with the effects of the influenza epidemic during the summer. Store traffic was lower compared to the prior year as sales declined across all major product categories, particularly in the higher-priced, discretionary furniture category, which resulted in decreased average tickets. We ended 2009 with 1,010 stores. In the U.S., we opened 12 retail stores and closed 18, ending the year with 933 retail stores. Grupo OfficeMax, our majority-owned joint venture in Mexico, closed six stores, ending the year with 77 retail stores.

Retail segment gross profit margin declined 0.6% of sales to 27.4% of sales for 2009, compared to 28.0% of sales in the previous year. The declines were primarily due to the

deleveraging of fixed occupancy costs which has continued since late-2007, offset by favorable product margins, which benefited from good vendor support and lower inventory shrinkage, reduced delivery costs, and strong cost controls over utilities and maintenance. Margins were also negatively impacted by a shift to lower margin technology products.

Retail segment operating, selling and general and administrative expenses decreased 0.4% of sales to 26.1% of sales for 2009 from 26.5% of sales a year earlier. The decrease was primarily due to targeted cost reductions in response to the sales shortfall partially offset by \$29.4 million in additional incentive compensation expenses in 2009 and the deleveraging effect of reduced sales. Results in the Retail segment benefited from a favorable property tax settlement as well as the resolution of a prior dispute with a service provider, the effects of which were partially offset by adverse workers compensation expense related to prior period claims. Cost reductions consist primarily of reduced payroll costs resulting from reductions in staff in the stores, in field management and at the corporate headquarters and lower advertising and pre-opening costs.

Retail segment income was \$44.9 million, or 1.3% of sales, for 2009, compared to \$61.2 million for 2008. The decline in segment income was primarily attributable to the reduction in sales and gross profit, partially offset by the effects of cost reduction initiatives.

For 2009, the Retail segment recorded a \$17.6 million non-cash charge related to impaired store assets. Other operating expense included charges of \$33.3 million primarily related to store closure costs. The segment closed 21 underperforming stores prior to the end of their lease terms, of which 16 were in the U.S. and five were in Mexico with a total cost of \$31.2 million. In addition, the segment incurred \$2.1 million of severance related to a streamlining of our Retail store staffing.

The Retail segment's operating loss improved \$499.1 million to an operating loss of \$6.0 million in 2009, compared to an operating loss of \$505.1 million in 2008.

### **2008 Compared With 2007**

Retail segment sales for 2008 decreased by 7.2% to \$3,957.0 million from \$4,265.9 million for 2007, reflecting a same-store sales decrease of 10.8%, partially offset by sales by new stores. The weaker U.S. consumer and small business spending was evidenced by lower store traffic and weaker back-to-school and holiday seasons than in the previous year. Retail same-store sales for 2008 declined across all major product categories, compared to the prior year. Declines were greatest in the higher-priced, discretionary furniture and technology product categories, which resulted in decreased average tickets. During 2008, we opened 43 new retail stores in the U.S., including three Ink-Paper-Scissors stores (a smaller format store), ending the year with 939 retail stores in the U.S. Our majority-owned joint-venture in Mexico opened 17 stores during 2008, ending the year with 83 stores.

Retail segment gross profit margin declined 1.5% of sales to 28.0% of sales for 2008, compared to 29.5% of sales in the previous year. The gross margin decline was primarily due to the deleveraging of fixed occupancy costs, which has continued since late-2007, as well as increased inventory shrinkage cost. For the 2008 back-to-school and holiday seasons, which are always an aggressive pricing environment, we adjusted our advertising strategies to drive traffic in the stores without sacrificing overall gross margin levels, and we continued to rationalize and refine our marketing mix through various media, not just circular advertising. The impact of deleveraging of fixed-occupancy costs and increased inventory shrinkage costs was partially offset by increased merchandise margins and a sales-mix shift towards higher-margin office supplies category sales. Increased fuel prices were mostly offset by fulfillment improvement programs and flexible delivery scheduling that resulted in fewer miles driven.

Retail segment operating, selling and general and administrative expenses increased 1.1% of sales to 26.5% of sales for 2008 from 25.4% of sales a year earlier, primarily due to deleveraging of expenses from the same-store sales volume decrease, as well as new stores which have not ramped up to mature sales volumes, partially offset by reduced incentive compensation expense and targeted cost controls, including the benefits from the reorganization of our Retail store management in the second quarter and Retail field and ImPress management undertaken in the first quarter.

Retail segment income was \$61.2 million, or 1.5% of sales, for 2008, compared to \$173.7 million for 2007. The decline in segment income was primarily attributable to the reduction in sales and gross profit.

For 2008, the Retail segment recorded impairment charges of \$548.9 million, consisting of \$386.0 million for impairment of goodwill, \$107.1 million for impairment of trade names and \$55.8 million for impairment of store fixed assets, consisting primarily of leasehold improvements. Retail other operating expense for 2008 included a \$12.7 million charge for headcount reductions primarily for the reorganization of our Retail field and store management and \$4.7 million of charges related to site and store lease terminations. For more information regarding impairment charges, see the discussion of "Goodwill and Other Asset Impairments" that follows.

The Retail segment's operating loss was \$505.1 million for 2008, compared to operating income of \$173.7 million for 2007.

### ***Corporate and Other***

Corporate and Other expenses were \$40.7 million for 2009 compared to \$773.6 million for 2008. Expenses recorded in 2009 included a \$0.7 million pre-tax charge for severance. Increased incentive compensation expense (\$3.8 million more in 2009) and pension costs more than offset reduced payroll expense resulting from reductions in staff at the corporate headquarters in late 2008. Expenses recorded in 2008 included a \$735.8 million charge related to the impairment of the timber installment note guaranteed by Lehman, a \$4.3 million severance charge related to a fourth quarter reduction in force at our corporate headquarters and a \$3.1 million gain, primarily related to the release of a warranty escrow established at the time of sale of our legacy Voyageur Panel business in 2004. During 2007, total Corporate and Other expenses were \$37.4 million.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

At the end of fiscal year 2009, the total liquidity available for OfficeMax was \$999.6 million. This includes cash and cash equivalents of \$486.6 million and borrowing availability of \$513.0 million (availability includes \$473.3 million and \$39.7 million relating to our U.S. and Canadian revolving credit agreements, respectively). As of December 26, 2009, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the credit agreements, both of which expire on July 12, 2012. As of December 26, 2009, we had \$297.1 million of short-term and long-term debt and \$1,470 million of non-recourse timber securitization notes outstanding.

Our primary ongoing cash requirements relate to working capital, expenditures for property and equipment, technology enhancements and upgrades, lease obligations, pension funding and debt service. We expect to fund these requirements through a combination of available cash balance, cash flow from operations and, if necessary, seasonal borrowings under our revolving credit facilities. The following sections of this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations discuss in more detail our operating, investing, and financing activities, as well as our financing arrangements.

### *Operating Activities*

Our operating activities generated cash of \$358.9 million, \$223.7 million and \$70.6 million in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The increase in cash from operations in 2009 was due principally to significantly reduced inventories, net of the associated decrease in payables as a result of both lower purchasing activity and the timing of payments, and reduced receivables as a result of lower sales and strong management oversight. We ended 2009 with \$143.8 million less inventory than at the end of 2008, with approximately 17% lower average inventory per store and approximately 15% lower average inventory per distribution center as compared to the prior year. Clearance inventory levels were at an all time low while our in-stock levels were high. Accounts payable at the end of 2009 were \$68.5 million lower than at the end of the prior year, primarily reflecting lower merchandise purchasing levels. Receivables at the end of 2009 were \$27.5 million lower than at the end of the prior year, reflecting both sales declines in the Contract segment and a modest improvement in days sales outstanding compared to the prior year period.

In addition, cash from operations in 2009 includes \$71.0 million of tax refunds, net of payments, from federal and state governments and \$45.7 million in proceeds from loans against accumulated earnings in our company-owned life insurance (COLI) policies. We expect to periodically repay and re-borrow on these loans in order to manage our investments and minimize interest expense.

We sponsor noncontributory defined benefit pension plans covering certain terminated employees, vested employees, retirees, and some active OfficeMax, Contract employees. Pension expense was \$14.1 million, \$4.2 million and \$10.0 million for the years ended December 26, 2009, December 27, 2008 and December 29, 2007, respectively. In 2009, 2008 and 2007, we made cash contributions to our pension plans totaling \$6.8 million, \$13.1 million and \$19.1 million, respectively. In 2009, we also contributed 8.3 million shares of OfficeMax common stock to our qualified pension plans. Based on actuarial estimates, this additional contribution is expected to reduce our pension contributions over the next five years by approximately \$100 million. The minimum required funding contribution in 2010 is approximately \$3.8 million and the expense is projected to be \$7.1 million compared to expense of \$14.1 million in 2009. However, we may elect to make additional voluntary contributions. See "Critical Accounting Estimates" in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for more information.

### Investment Activities

Our investing activities provided \$2.8 million of cash during 2009 compared to a use of funds of \$112.1 million and \$138.9 during 2008 and 2007, respectively. During 2009, we received \$25.1 million in cash from the distribution of a tax escrow balance established in a prior period in connection with our legacy Voyageur Panel business sold in 2004, and \$15.0 million related to withdrawals from the principal balance of our COLI policies. Our capital spending in 2009 primarily related to leasehold improvements, 12 new stores and maintenance projects. Details of the capital investment by segment are included in the following table:

	<b>Capital Investment</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	(millions)		
OfficeMax, Contract	\$ 18.0	\$ 34.2	\$ 42.5
OfficeMax, Retail	20.3	109.8	98.3
	<b>38.3</b>	<b>144.0</b>	<b>140.8</b>

We expect our capital investments in 2010 to be approximately \$90 to \$110 million. Our capital spending in 2010 will be primarily for technology enhancements such as an upgrade to our financial systems platform and improvements in the telephony software and hardware used by our call centers. We will also invest in leasehold improvements and replacement maintenance projects. In 2010, we expect store openings to be limited to two by our joint venture partner in Mexico.

### Financing Activities

Our financing activities used cash of \$60.6 million in 2009, \$86.1 million in 2008 and \$62.6 million in 2007. Common and preferred dividend payments totaled \$3.1 million in 2009, \$47.5 million in 2008, and \$49.1 million in 2007. In 2008 and 2007, our quarterly cash dividend was 15 cents per common share. Due to the challenging economic environment, and to conserve cash, our quarterly cash dividend was suspended in December 2008. We had net debt payments of \$57.7 million, \$40.0 million and \$11.6 million in 2009, 2008 and 2007 respectively.

### Financing Arrangements

We lease our store space and certain other property and equipment under operating leases. These operating leases are not included in debt; however, they represent a significant commitment. Our obligations under operating leases are shown in the "Contractual Obligations" section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Our debt structure consists of credit agreements, note agreements, and other borrowings as described below. For more information, see the "Contractual Obligations" and "Disclosures of Financial Market Risks" sections of this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

#### Credit Agreements

On July 12, 2007, we entered into a revolving credit agreement (the "U.S. Credit Agreement") with a group of banks. The U.S. Credit Agreement permits us to borrow up to a maximum of \$700 million subject to a borrowing base calculation that limits availability to a percentage of eligible accounts receivable plus a percentage of the value of eligible inventory less certain reserves. The U.S. Credit Agreement may be increased (up to a maximum of \$800 million) at our request or reduced from time to time, in each case according to the terms detailed in the U.S. Credit Agreement. There were no borrowings outstanding under our U.S. Credit Agreement at the end of fiscal years 2009 or 2008, and there were no borrowings outstanding under this facility

during 2009 or 2008. Letters of credit, which may be issued under the U.S. Credit Agreement up to a maximum of \$250 million, reduce available borrowing capacity. Stand-by letters of credit issued under the U.S. Credit Agreement totaled \$61.1 million at the end of fiscal year 2009 and \$66.7 million at the end of fiscal year 2008. At the end of fiscal year 2009, the maximum aggregate borrowing amount available under the U.S. Credit Agreement was \$534.4 million and availability under the U.S. Credit Agreement totaled \$473.3 million. The U.S. Credit Agreement allows the payment of dividends, subject to availability restrictions and if no default has occurred. At the end of fiscal year 2009, we were in compliance with all covenants under the U.S. Credit Agreement. The U.S. Credit Agreement expires on July 12, 2012.

Borrowings under the U.S. Credit Agreement bear interest at rates based on either the prime rate or LIBOR. Margins are applied to the applicable borrowing rates and letter of credit fees under the U.S. Credit Agreement depending on the level of average availability. Fees on letters of credit issued under the U.S. Credit Agreement were charged at a weighted average rate of 0.875% during 2009. We are charged an unused line fee at an annual rate of 0.25% on the amount by which the maximum available credit exceeds the average daily outstanding borrowings and letters of credit.

On September 30, 2009, Grand & Toy Limited, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary based in Canada, entered into a revolving credit agreement (the "Canadian Credit Agreement") with a group of banks. The Canadian Credit Agreement permits Grand & Toy Limited to borrow up to a maximum of C\$60 million subject to a borrowing base calculation that limits availability to a percentage of eligible accounts receivable plus a percentage of the value of eligible inventory less certain reserves. The Canadian Credit Agreement may be increased (up to a maximum of C\$80 million) at Grand & Toy Limited's request or reduced from time to time, in each case according to the terms detailed in the Canadian Credit Agreement. There were no borrowings outstanding under the facility at the end of fiscal year 2009, and there were no borrowings outstanding under this facility during 2009. Letters of credit, which may be issued under the Canadian Credit Agreement up to a maximum of C\$10 million, reduce available borrowing capacity. There were no letters of credit outstanding under the Canadian Credit Agreement at the end of fiscal year 2009. The maximum aggregate borrowing amount available under the Canadian Credit Agreement was \$39.7 million (C\$41.6 million) at the end of fiscal year 2009. Grand & Toy Limited was in compliance with all covenants under the Canadian Credit Agreement at the end of fiscal year 2009. The Canadian Credit Agreement expires on July 12, 2012.

#### *Timber Notes/Non-recourse debt*

In October 2004, we sold our timberland assets in exchange for \$15 million in cash plus credit-enhanced timber installment notes in the amount of \$1,635 million (the "Installment Notes"). The Installment Notes were issued by single-member limited liability companies formed by affiliates of Boise Cascade, L.L.C (the "Note Issuers"). In order to support the Installment Notes, the Note Issuers transferred \$1,635 million in cash to Lehman and Wachovia Corporation ("Wachovia") (\$817.5 million to each of Lehman and Wachovia) who issued collateral notes to the Note Issuers and guarantees on the performance of the Installment Notes. In December 2004, we completed a securitization transaction in which the Company's interests in the Installment Notes and related guarantees were transferred to wholly-owned bankruptcy remote subsidiaries. The subsidiaries pledged the Installment Notes and related guarantees and issued securitized notes (the "Securitization Notes") in the amount of \$1,470 million. Recourse on the Securitization Notes is limited to the proceeds from the applicable pledged Installment Notes and underlying Lehman or Wachovia guaranty. **As a result, there is no recourse against OfficeMax, and the Securitization Notes have been reported as non-recourse debt in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.**

On September 15, 2008, Lehman filed for bankruptcy. Lehman's bankruptcy filing constituted an event of default under the \$817.5 million Installment Note guaranteed by Lehman (the "Lehman

Guaranteed Installment Note") . We are required for accounting purposes to assess the carrying value of assets whenever circumstances indicate that a decline in value may have occurred. After evaluating the situation, we concluded in late October 2008 that as a result of the Lehman bankruptcy, it was probable that we would be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note. Accordingly, we evaluated the carrying value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note and reduced it to the estimated amount we expect to collect (\$81.8 million) by recording a non-cash impairment charge of \$735.8 million, pre-tax, in the third quarter of 2008. We based our estimate of the recoverable amount of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note on a variety of factors, including consultations with financial advisors and review of the trading prices on outstanding Lehman debt instruments with similar contractual interest rates and maturities.

Measuring impairment of a loan requires judgment and estimates, and the eventual outcome may differ from our estimate by a material amount. The Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note has been pledged as collateral for the related Securitization Notes, and therefore it may not freely be transferred to any party other than the indenture trustee for the Securitization Note holders. Accordingly, the ultimate amount to be realized on the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note depends entirely on the proceeds from the Lehman bankruptcy estate, which may not be finally determined for several years. At December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008, the carrying value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note was \$81.8 million. Going forward, we intend to adjust the carrying value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note as further information regarding our share of the proceeds, if any, from the Lehman bankruptcy estate becomes available.

Recourse on the Securitization Notes is limited to the proceeds from the applicable pledged Installment Notes and underlying Lehman or Wachovia guaranty. Accordingly, the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note and underlying guarantees by Lehman will be transferred to the holders of the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman in order to settle and extinguish that liability. However, under current generally accepted accounting principles, we are required to continue to recognize the liability related to the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman until such time as the liability has been extinguished, which will occur when the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note and the related guaranty are transferred to and accepted by the Securitization Note holders. We expect that this will occur no later than the date when the assets of Lehman are distributed and the bankruptcy is finalized. Accordingly, we expect to recognize a non-cash gain equal to the difference between the carrying amount of the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman (\$735.0 million at December 26, 2009) and the carrying value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note (\$81.8 million at December 26, 2009) in a later period when the liability is legally extinguished. The actual gain to be recognized in the future will be measured based on the carrying amounts of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note and the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman at the date of settlement.

At the time of the sale of our timberland assets in 2004, we generated a significant tax gain. As the timber installment notes structure allowed the Company to defer the resulting tax liability of \$543 million until 2020, the maturity date for the Installment Notes, we recognized a deferred tax liability related to this gain in connection with the sale. Due to the Lehman bankruptcy and note defaults, we initially concluded that approximately half of this gain would be accelerated into 2008 for tax purposes and we estimated and paid taxes on this gain in 2008. In estimating the cash taxes, we considered our available alternative minimum tax credits, a portion of which resulted from prior tax payments related to the sale of the timberland assets in 2004, which were used to reduce the net tax payments. After extensive review with our outside tax advisors, we concluded that the recognition of the Lehman portion of the gain was not triggered in 2008, but instead will be triggered when the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note is transferred to the Securitization Note holders as payment and/or when the Lehman bankruptcy is resolved. Accordingly, we appropriately

modified our position as we finalized the 2008 tax return, and have requested and received refunds of taxes previously paid in 2008 from the federal government, and anticipate that we will receive an additional amount from the governments in the various states in which we pay taxes. Accordingly, in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 26, 2009, we have reestablished both the deferred tax liability related to the full deferred gain from the sale of the timberland assets and the deferred tax assets relative to available alternative minimum tax credits.

Through December 26, 2009, we have received all payments due under the Installment Note guaranteed by Wachovia (the "Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes"), which have consisted only of interest due on the notes, and made all payments due on the related Securitization Notes guaranteed by Wachovia, again consisting only of interest due. As all amounts due on the Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes are current, and we have no reason to believe that we will not collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes, the notes are stated in our Consolidated Balance Sheet at their original principal amount of \$817.5 million. Wachovia exhibited signs of financial distress in the fourth quarter of 2008 and was acquired by Wells Fargo & Company in a stock transaction. The current credit crisis could have additional adverse impact on our business and financial condition if Wachovia (acquired by Wells Fargo & Company in 2008), the other timber notes guarantor, became unable to perform its obligations under the Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes, which would result in a significant impairment impact.

#### *Note Agreements*

In November 2008, we repurchased all of the \$19.1 million of 7.0% senior notes outstanding by using proceeds relating to restricted investments that were pledged for this debt.

#### *Other*

We have various unsecured debt outstanding, including approximately \$189.9 million of industrial revenue bonds due in varying amounts through 2029. At December 27, 2008, approximately \$69.2 million of these obligations were the subject of a preliminary potential adverse determination regarding the deductibility of interest on the bonds from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). In the fourth quarter of 2009, the IRS conceded the position. The bonds are expected to be held to their full maturity and continue to be classified as long-term debt in the Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 26, 2009.

The Company made capital contributions to Grupo OfficeMax, commensurate with our ownership percentage in the joint venture of \$6.0 million and \$6.7 million in 2009 and 2008, respectively.

## Contractual Obligations

In the following table, we set forth our contractual obligations as of December 26, 2009. Some of the figures included in this table are based on management's estimates and assumptions about these obligations, including their duration, the possibility of renewal, anticipated actions by third parties and other factors. Because these estimates and assumptions are necessarily subjective, the amounts we will actually pay in future periods may vary from those reflected in the table.

	Payments Due by Period				
	2010	2011-2012	2013-2014	Thereafter	Total
	(millions)				
Debt	\$ 22.4	\$ 43.6	\$ 7.4	\$ 224.2	\$ 297.6
Timber securitization notes	—	—	—	1,470.0	1,470.0
Operating leases	363.4	585.9	379.7	403.1	1,732.1
Purchase obligations	16.8	8.0	1.4	0.5	26.7
Pension obligations (estimated payments)	3.8	63.1	82.4	50.1	199.4
	<u>\$ 406.4</u>	<u>\$ 700.6</u>	<u>\$ 470.9</u>	<u>\$ 2,147.9</u>	<u>\$ 3,725.8</u>

Debt includes amounts owed on our note agreements, revenue bonds and credit agreements assuming the debt is held to maturity. The amounts above include both current and non-current liabilities. Obligations related to interest on debt are not included in the table above because the timing and amount of any required payments cannot be reasonably estimated. However, the table under the heading "Financial Instruments" in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations presents principal cash flows and related weighted average interest rates by expected maturity dates. For obligations with variable interest rates, the table sets forth payout amounts based on rates as of December 26, 2009 and does not attempt to project future rates. Not included in the table above are contingent payments for uncertain tax positions of \$8.2 million. These amounts are not included due to our inability to predict the timing of settlement of these amounts.

There is no recourse against OfficeMax on the securitized timber notes payable as recourse is limited to proceeds from the applicable pledged installment notes receivable and underlying guarantees. The debt remains outstanding until it is legally extinguished, which will be when the Installment Note and guaranty are transferred to and accepted by the securitized note holders.

We enter into operating leases in the normal course of business. We lease our retail store space as well as certain other property and equipment under operating leases. Some of our retail store leases require percentage rentals on sales above specified minimums and contain escalation clauses. These minimum lease payments do not include contingent rental expense. Some lease agreements provide us with the option to renew the lease or purchase the leased property. Our future operating lease obligations would change if we exercised these renewal options and if we entered into additional operating lease agreements. For more information, see Note 8, "Leases", of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in this Form 10-K. Lease obligations for closed facilities are included in operating leases and a liability equal to the fair value of these obligations is included in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. For more information, see Note 2, "Facility Closure Reserves" of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in this Form 10-K.

Our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 26, 2009 includes \$277.2 million of liabilities associated with our retirement and benefit and other compensation plans and \$245.0 million of other long-term liabilities. Certain of these amounts have been excluded from the above table as

either the amounts are fully or partially funded, or the timing and/or the amount of any cash payment is uncertain. Actuarially-determined liabilities related to pension and postretirement benefits are recorded based on estimates and assumptions. Key factors used in developing estimates of these liabilities include assumptions related to discount rates, rates of return on investments, future compensation costs, healthcare cost trends, benefit payment patterns and other factors. Changes in assumptions related to the measurement of funded status could have a material impact on the amount reported.

In accordance with an amended and restated joint venture agreement, the minority owner of Grupo OfficeMax, our joint venture in Mexico, can elect to put its 49% interest in the joint venture to OfficeMax if certain earnings targets are achieved. Earnings targets are calculated quarterly on a rolling four-quarter basis. Accordingly, the targets can be achieved in one quarter but not in the next. If the earnings targets are achieved and the minority owner elects to put its ownership interest to OfficeMax, the redemption value would be calculated based on the joint venture's earnings for the last four quarters before interest, taxes and depreciation and amortization, and the current market multiples of similar companies. At December 26, 2009, Grupo OfficeMax met the earnings targets and the estimated redemption value of the minority owner's interest was \$21.1 million. While this estimated value is less than the book value at December 26, 2009, other valuation methodologies yield an estimated fair value that is consistent with the December 26, 2009 book value.

In addition to the contractual obligations quantified in the table above, we have other obligations for goods and services entered into in the normal course of business. These contracts, however, are either not enforceable or legally binding or are subject to change based on our business decisions.

### ***Off-Balance-Sheet Activities and Guarantees***

Note 15, "Commitments and Guarantees," of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in this Form 10-K describes certain of our off-balance sheet arrangements as well as the nature of our guarantees, including the approximate terms of the guarantees, how the guarantees arose, the events or circumstances that would require us to perform under the guarantees and the maximum potential undiscounted amounts of future payments we could be required to make.

### ***Seasonal Influences***

Our business is seasonal, with OfficeMax, Retail showing a more pronounced seasonal trend than OfficeMax, Contract. Sales in the second quarter and summer months are historically the slowest of the year. Sales are stronger during the first, third and fourth quarters that include the important new-year office supply restocking month of January, the back-to-school period and the holiday selling season, respectively.

### ***Disclosures of Financial Market Risks***

#### ***Financial Instruments***

Our debt is predominantly fixed-rate. At December 26, 2009, the estimated current fair value of our debt, based on quoted market prices when available or then-current interest rates for similar obligations with like maturities, including the timber notes, was approximately \$723.8 million less than the amount of debt reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. As previously discussed, there is no recourse against OfficeMax on the securitized timber notes payable as recourse is limited to proceeds from the applicable pledged installment notes receivable and underlying guarantees. The debt and receivable related to the timber notes have fixed interest rates and the estimated fair values of the timber notes are reflected in the following table.

The estimated fair values of our other financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents and receivables are the same as their carrying values. In the opinion of management, we do not have any significant concentration of credit risks. Concentration of credit risks with respect to trade receivables is limited due to the wide variety of vendors, customers and channels to and through which our products are sourced and sold, as well as their dispersion across many geographic areas.

Changes in interest rates and currency exchange rates expose us to financial market risk. We occasionally use derivative financial instruments, such as interest rate swaps, forward purchase contracts and forward exchange contracts, to manage our exposure to changes in currency exchange rates. We generally do not enter into derivative instruments for any purpose other than hedging the cash flows associated with future interest payments on variable rate debt and hedging the exposure related to changes in the fair value of certain outstanding fixed rate debt instruments due to changes in interest rates. We occasionally hedge interest rate risk associated with anticipated financing transactions, as well as commercial transactions and certain liabilities that are denominated in a currency other than the currency of the operating unit entering into the underlying transaction. We do not speculate using derivative instruments. We were not a party to any significant derivative financial instruments in 2009 or 2008.

The following table provides information about our financial instruments outstanding at December 26, 2009 that are sensitive to changes in interest rates. For debt obligations, the table presents principal cash flows and related weighted average interest rates by expected maturity dates. For obligations with variable interest rates, the table sets forth payout amounts based on rates as of December 26, 2009 and does not attempt to project future rates. The following table does not include our obligations for pension plans and other post retirement benefits, although market risk also arises within our defined benefit pension plans to the extent that the obligations of the pension plans are not fully matched by assets with determinable cash flows. We sponsor noncontributory defined benefit pension plans covering certain terminated employees, vested employees, retirees, and some active OfficeMax employees. As our plans were frozen in 2003, our active employees and all inactive participants who are covered by the plans are no longer accruing additional benefits. However, the pension plan obligations are still subject to change due to fluctuations in long-term interest rates as well as factors impacting actuarial valuations, such as retirement rates and pension plan participants' increased life expectancies. In addition to changes in pension plan obligations, the amount of plan assets available to pay benefits, contribution levels and expense are also impacted by the return on the pension plan assets. The pension plan assets include OfficeMax common stock, U.S. equities, international equities, global equities and fixed-income securities, the cash flows of which change as equity prices and interest rates vary. The risk is that market movements in equity prices and interest rates could result in assets that are insufficient over time to cover the level of projected obligations. This in turn could result in significant changes in pension expense and funded status, further impacting future required contributions. Management, together with the trustees who act on behalf of the pension plan beneficiaries, assess the level of this risk using reports prepared by independent external actuaries

and take action, where appropriate, in terms of setting investment strategy and agreed contribution levels.

(\$ in millions)

							Fiscal year-ended			
	Expected Payments					There- after	2009		2008	
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014		Total	Fair Value	Total	Fair Value
<b>Recourse debt</b>										
Fixed-rate debt payments	\$ 18.4	\$ 0.8	\$ 35.4	\$ 1.9	\$ 0.2	\$ 224.2	\$ 280.9	\$ 190.8	\$ 332.1	\$ 214.6
Average interest rates	6.3%	7.1%	7.9%	8.0%	5.4%	6.4%	6.6%	—%	6.9%	—%
Variable-rate debt payments	\$ 4.0	\$ 3.7	\$ 3.7	\$ 3.7	\$ 1.6	\$ 0	\$ 16.7	\$ 16.4	\$ 22.9	\$ 22.1
Average interest rates	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	8.1%	—%	7.5%	—%	10.9%	—%
<b>Non-recourse debt:</b>										
Timber securitization notes										
Wachovia	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 735.0	\$ 735.0	\$ 754.8	\$ 735.0	\$ 736.8
Average interest rates						5.4%	5.4%	—%	5.4%	—%
Lehman	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 735.0	\$ 735.0	\$ 81.8	\$ 735.0	\$ 81.8
Average interest rates						5.5%	5.5%	—%	5.5%	—%

	2009		2008	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
	(millions)			
<b>Financial assets:</b>				
Timber notes receivable				
Wachovia—	\$	817.5	\$	817.5
Lehman—		81.8		81.8
<b>Financial liabilities:</b>				
Debt				
Timber securitization notes	\$	297.6	\$	207.2
Wachovia—	\$	735.0	\$	735.0
Lehman—		735.0		81.8

### Goodwill and Other Asset Impairments

We are required for accounting purposes to assess the carrying value of goodwill and other intangible assets annually or whenever circumstances indicate that a decline in value may have occurred. In 2008, we fully impaired our goodwill balances. We review other intangible assets annually at year-end.

For other long lived assets, we are also required to assess the carrying value when circumstances indicate that a decline in value may have occurred. Based on the operating performance of several of our stores due to the macroeconomic factors and market specific change in expected demographics, we determined that there were indicators of potential impairment relating to our stores. Therefore, in 2009, we recorded a non-cash charge of \$17.6 million to impair long lived assets pertaining to certain stores.

During 2008, based on our sustained low stock price and reduced market capitalization relating to the book value of equity as well as the macroeconomic factors impacting industry business conditions, actual and forecasted operating performance and continued tightening of the credit markets, we determined indicators of potential impairment were present in the second quarter of 2008. In the fourth quarter of 2008, due to a further decline in market capitalization and worsening economic conditions and performance, we concluded further impairment was indicated. As a result, during 2008, we recorded non-cash impairment charges associated with goodwill, intangible assets

and other long-lived assets of \$1,364.4 million before taxes. These non-cash charges consisted of \$1,201.5 million of goodwill impairment in both the Contract (\$815.5 million) and Retail (\$386.0 million) segments; \$107.1 million of impairment of trade names in our Retail segment and \$55.8 million of impairment related to fixed assets in our Retail segment.

### **Facility Closure Reserves**

We conduct regular reviews of our real estate portfolio to identify underperforming facilities, and close those facilities that are no longer strategically or economically viable. We record a liability for the cost associated with a facility closure at its estimated fair value in the period in which the liability is incurred, which is the location's cease-use date. Upon closure, unrecoverable costs are included in facility closure reserves in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, and include provisions for the present value of future lease obligations, less contractual or estimated sublease income. Accretion expense is recognized over the life of the payments.

During 2009, we recorded pre-tax charges of \$31.2 million in our Retail segment related to the closing of 21 underperforming stores prior to the end of their lease terms, of which sixteen were in the U.S. and five were in Mexico. In 2008, we recorded \$3.1 million of charges related principally to the closure of five stores and we reduced rent and severance accruals by \$3.4 million relating to stores that had previously closed. Also in 2008, we recorded a charge of \$8.7 million related to four domestic retail stores for which we had signed lease commitments but decided not to open the stores due to the current economic environment. This charge was partially offset by reduced rent accruals of \$4.0 million on other store lease obligations.

At December 26, 2009, the facility closure reserve was \$61.6 million with \$16.8 million included in current liabilities, and \$44.8 million included in long-term liabilities. The vast majority of the reserve represents future lease obligations of \$113 million, net of anticipated sublease income of approximately \$51 million. Cash payments relating to the integration and facility closures were \$24.6 million, \$35.2 million and \$48.3 million in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

In addition, we are the lessee of a non-operating, building materials manufacturing facility near Elma, Washington. During 2006, we ceased operations at the facility, fully impaired the assets and recorded a reserve for lease payments and other contract termination and closure costs. We have not been successful in identifying a buyer for the business which would include the assumption of the long term lease. The liabilities of the Elma facility (\$14.1 million in total) are recorded in other current liabilities and other long-term liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

### **Environmental**

As an owner and operator of real estate, we may be liable under environmental laws for the cleanup of past and present spills and releases of hazardous or toxic substances on or from our properties and operations. We can be found liable under these laws if we knew of, or were responsible for, the presence of such substances. In some cases, this liability may exceed the value of the property itself.

Environmental liabilities that relate to the operation of the paper and forest products businesses and timberland assets prior to the closing of the sale of our paper, forest products and timberland assets in 2004 continue to be our liabilities. We have been notified that we are a "potentially responsible party" under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or similar federal and state laws, or have received a claim from a private party, with respect to certain sites where hazardous substances or other contaminants are or may be located. These sites relate to operations either no longer owned by the Company or unrelated to its ongoing operations. For sites where a range of potential liability can be determined, we have established appropriate reserves. We cannot predict with certainty the total response and remedial costs, our

share of the total costs, the extent to which contributions will be available from other parties, or the amount of time necessary to complete the cleanups. Based on our investigations; our experience with respect to cleanup of hazardous substances; the fact that expenditures will, in many cases, be incurred over extended periods of time; and in some cases the number of solvent potentially responsible parties, we do not believe that the known actual and potential response costs will, in the aggregate, materially affect our financial position, our results of operations or our cash flows.

### ***Critical Accounting Estimates***

The Securities and Exchange Commission defines critical accounting estimates as those that are most important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results. These estimates require management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to estimate matters that are inherently uncertain. The accounting estimates that we currently consider critical are as follows:

#### *Vendor Rebates and Allowances*

We participate in various cooperative advertising and other marketing programs with our vendors. We also participate in volume purchase rebate programs, some of which provide for tiered rebates based on defined levels of purchase volume. These arrangements enable us to receive reimbursement for costs incurred to promote the sale of vendor products, or to earn rebates that reduce the cost of merchandise purchased. Vendor rebates and allowances are accrued as earned. Rebates and allowances received as a result of attaining defined purchase levels are accrued over the incentive period based on the terms of the vendor arrangement and estimates of qualifying purchases during the rebate program period. These estimates are reviewed on a quarterly basis and adjusted for changes in anticipated product sales and expected purchase levels. Volume-based rebates and allowances earned are initially recorded as a reduction in the cost of merchandise inventories and are included in operations (as a reduction of cost of goods sold) in the period the related product is sold. Amounts received under other promotional programs are generally event-based and are recognized at the time of the event as a reduction of cost of goods sold or inventory, as appropriate, based on the nature of the promotion and the terms of the vendor agreement.

Amounts owed to us under these arrangements are subject to credit risk. In addition, the terms of the contracts covering these programs can be complex and subject to interpretations, which can potentially result in disputes. We provide an allowance for uncollectible accounts and to cover disputes in the event that our interpretation of the contract terms differ from our vendors' and our vendors seek to recover some of the consideration from us. These allowances are based on the current financial condition of our vendors, specific information regarding disputes and historical experience. If we used different assumptions to estimate the amount of vendor receivables that will not be collected due to either credit default or a dispute regarding the amounts owed, our calculated allowance would be different and the difference could be material. In addition, if actual losses are different than those estimated, adjustments to the recorded allowance may be required.

#### *Merchandise Inventories*

Inventories consist of office products merchandise and are stated at the lower of weighted average cost or net realizable value. We estimate the realizable value of inventory using assumptions about future demand, market conditions and product obsolescence. If the estimated realizable value is less than cost, the inventory value is reduced to its estimated realizable value. If expectations regarding future demand and market conditions are inaccurate or unexpected changes in technology or other factors affect demand, we could be exposed to additional losses.

Throughout the year, we perform physical inventory counts at a significant number of our locations. For periods subsequent to each location's last physical inventory count, an allowance for estimated shrinkage is provided based on historical shrinkage results and current business trends. If actual losses as a result of inventory shrinkage are different than management's estimates, adjustments to the allowance for inventory shrinkage may be required.

#### *Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits*

The Company sponsors noncontributory defined benefit pension plans covering certain terminated employees, vested employees, retirees, and some active OfficeMax, Contract employees. At December 26, 2009, the funded status of our defined benefit pension and other postretirement benefit plans was a liability of \$230.5 million. Changes in assumptions related to the measurement of funded status could have a material impact on the amount reported. We are required to calculate our pension expense and liabilities using actuarial assumptions, including a discount rate assumption and a long-term asset return assumption. We base our discount rate assumption on the rates of return for a theoretical portfolio of high-grade corporate bonds (rated Aa1 or better) with cash flows that generally match our expected benefit payments in future years. We base our long-term asset return assumption on the average rate of earnings expected on invested funds. We believe that the accounting estimate related to pensions is a critical accounting estimate because it is highly susceptible to change from period to period, based on the performance of plan assets, actuarial valuations and changes in interest rates, and the effect on our financial position and results of operations could be material.

For 2010, our discount rate assumption used in the measurement of our net periodic benefit cost is 6.15%, and our expected return on plan assets is 8.20%. Using these assumptions, our 2010 pension expense will be approximately \$7.1 million. If we were to decrease our estimated discount rate assumption used in the measurement of our net periodic benefit cost to 5.90% and our expected return on plan assets to 7.95%, our 2010 pension expense would be approximately \$9.7 million. If we were to increase our discount rate assumption used in the measurement of our net periodic benefit cost to 6.40% and our expected return on plan assets to 8.45%, our 2010 pension expense would be approximately \$4.4 million.

#### *Income Taxes*

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

The Company is subject to tax audits in numerous jurisdictions in the U.S. and around the world. Tax audits by their very nature are often complex and can require several years to complete. In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to challenges from the IRS and other tax authorities regarding amounts of taxes due. These challenges may alter the timing or amount of taxable income or deductions, or the allocation of income among tax jurisdictions. We recognize the benefits of tax positions that are more likely than not of being sustained upon audit based on the technical merits of the tax position in the consolidated financial statements; positions that do not meet this threshold are not recognized. For tax positions that are at least more likely than not of being sustained upon audit, the largest amount of the benefit that is more likely than not of being sustained is recognized in the consolidated financial statements.

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income, and tax planning strategies in making the assessment of whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

Significant judgment is required in determining our uncertain tax positions. We have established accruals for uncertain tax positions using management's best judgment and adjust these liabilities as warranted by changing facts and circumstances. A change in our uncertain tax positions, in any given period, could have a significant impact on our results of operations and cash flows for that period.

The determination of the Company's provision for income taxes requires significant judgment, the use of estimates, and the interpretation and application of complex tax laws. Significant judgment is also required in assessing the timing and amounts of deductible and taxable items.

#### *Facility Closure Reserves*

The Company conducts regular reviews of its real estate portfolio to identify underperforming facilities, and closes those facilities that are no longer strategically or economically viable. A liability for the cost associated with such a closure is recorded at its fair value in the period in which it is incurred. These costs are included in facility closure reserves in our Consolidated Balance Sheets and include provisions for the present value of future lease obligations, less estimated sublease income. At December 26, 2009, the vast majority of the reserve represents future lease obligations of \$113 million, net of anticipated sublease income of approximately \$51 million. For each closed location, we estimate future sublease income based on current real estate trends by market and location-specific factors, including the age and quality of the location, as well as our historical experience with similar locations. If we had used different assumptions to estimate future sublease income our reserves would be different and the difference could be material. In addition, if actual sublease income is different than our estimates, adjustments to the recorded reserves may be required.

#### *Environmental and Asbestos Reserves*

Environmental and asbestos liabilities that relate to the operation of the paper and forest products businesses and timberland assets prior to the sale of the paper, forest products and timberland assets continue to be liabilities of OfficeMax. We are subject to a variety of environmental laws and regulations. We record liabilities on an undiscounted basis when assessments and/or remedial efforts are probable and the cost can be reasonably estimated. We estimate our environmental liabilities based on various assumptions and judgments, as we cannot predict with certainty the total response and remedial costs, our share of total costs, the extent to which contributions will be available from other parties or the amount of time necessary to complete any remediation. In making these judgments and assumptions, we consider, among other things, the activity to date at particular sites, information obtained through consultation with applicable regulatory authorities and third-party consultants and contractors and our historical experience at other sites that are judged to be comparable. Due to the number of uncertainties and variables associated with these assumptions and judgments and the effects of changes in governmental regulation and environmental technologies, the precision of the resulting estimates of the related liabilities is subject to uncertainty. We regularly monitor our estimated exposure to our environmental and asbestos liabilities. As additional information becomes known, our estimates may change.

*Goodwill, Indefinite-Lived Intangibles and Other Long-Lived Assets Impairment*

Generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") require us to assess intangible assets for impairment at least annually in the absence of an indicator of possible impairment and immediately upon an indicator of possible impairment. In assessing impairment, we are required to make estimates of the fair values the assets. If we determine the fair values are less than the carrying amount recorded on our Consolidated Balance Sheet, we must recognize an impairment loss in our financial statements. We are also required to assess our long-lived assets for impairment whenever an indicator of possible impairment exists. In assessing impairment, the statement requires us to make estimates of the fair value of the assets. If we determine the fair values are less than the carrying value of the assets, we must recognize an impairment loss in our financial statements.

The measurement of impairment of indefinite life intangibles and other long-lived assets includes estimates and assumptions which are inherently subject to significant uncertainties. In testing for impairment, we measure the estimated fair value of our reporting units, intangibles and fixed assets based upon discounted future operating cash flows using a discount rate reflecting a market-based, weighted average cost of capital. In estimating future cash flows, we use our internal budgets and operating plans, which include many assumptions about future growth prospects, margin rates, and cost factors. Differences in assumptions used in projecting future operating cash flows and in selecting an appropriate discount rate could have a significant impact on the determination of fair value and impairment amounts.

*Recently Issued or Newly Adopted Accounting Standards*

Following are summaries of recently issued accounting pronouncements that have either been recently adopted or that may become applicable to the preparation of our consolidated financial statements in the future.

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued a statement establishing the FASB Accounting Standards Codification™ ("the ASC" or "the Codification"). Effective for interim and annual periods ended after September 15, 2009, the Codification became the source of authoritative U.S. GAAP recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. Rules and interpretive releases of the SEC under authority of federal securities laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. This statement is not intended to change existing GAAP and as such did not have an impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Company. The Company has updated its references to reflect the Codification.

In September 2006, the FASB issued guidance which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This guidance was effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, for financial assets and liabilities, as well as for any other assets and liabilities that are carried at fair value on a recurring basis in the financial statements. In November 2007, the FASB provided a one year deferral for the implementation of this guidance for other nonfinancial assets and liabilities. The Company adopted this guidance for financial assets and liabilities effective at the beginning of fiscal year 2008 and for non-financial assets and liabilities effective at the beginning of fiscal year 2009. The adoption of this guidance had no significant impact on our consolidated financial statements for either fiscal year 2008 or 2009.

In December 2007, the FASB issued updated guidance which changed the presentation and disclosure requirements for noncontrolling interests (previously referred to as minority interests). This updated guidance is effective for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2008, and is to be applied prospectively to all noncontrolling interests, including those that arose prior to the effective date. While the accounting requirements are to be applied prospectively, prior period financial information must be recast to attribute net income and other comprehensive income to

noncontrolling interests and provide other disclosures. The Company adopted this guidance for all noncontrolling interests effective at the beginning of fiscal year 2009, and has revised its prior period financial statements to reflect the required change in presentation and additional disclosures. The adoption of this accounting change and the retrospective impact of the required presentation and disclosure changes on the Company's prior year financial statements was immaterial.

In December 2008, the FASB issued updated guidance related to an employer's disclosures about plan assets of a defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan. This updated guidance requires enhanced disclosures about the fair value of plan assets including major categories of plan assets, inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value, significant concentrations of risk, the method used to allocate investments and the effect of fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs. The disclosures about plan assets must be provided for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2009. The Company adopted this guidance prospectively for the period ended December 26, 2009 and has included the required disclosures in its consolidated financial statements for 2009.

In April 2009, the FASB issued updated guidance related to fair-value measurements to clarify the considerations related to measuring fair-value in inactive markets, modify the recognition and measurement of other-than-temporary impairments of debt securities, and require public companies to disclose the fair values of financial instruments in interim periods. The updated guidance is effective for interim and annual periods ended after June 15, 2009, with early adoption permitted for periods ended after March 15, 2009. The Company adopted the updated guidance in the first quarter of fiscal year 2009, which required certain additional disclosures regarding the fair value of financial instruments in the financial statements.

In May 2009, the FASB issued guidance which establishes accounting and disclosure requirements for subsequent events. This guidance details the period after the balance sheet date during which the Company should evaluate events or transactions that occur for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements, the circumstances under which the Company should recognize events or transactions occurring after the balance sheet date in its financial statements and the required disclosures for such events. The Company adopted this guidance prospectively in the second quarter.

In June 2009, the FASB issued guidance which eliminates previous exceptions to rules requiring the consolidation of qualifying special-purpose entities, which will result in more entities being subject to consolidation assessments and reassessments. This guidance requires ongoing reassessment of whether a company is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity ("VIE") and clarifies characteristics that identify a VIE. In addition, additional disclosures are required about a company's involvement with a VIE and any significant changes in risk exposure due to that involvement. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this guidance (which is required beginning in 2010) but does not anticipate it will have a material impact on our results of operations or financial condition.

## **ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

Information concerning quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk is included under the caption "Disclosures of Financial Market Risks" in "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in this Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**OfficeMax Incorporated and Subsidiaries  
**Consolidated Statements of Operations**

	Fiscal year ended		
	December 26, 2009	December 27, 2008	December 29, 2007
	(thousands, except per-share amounts)		
Sales	\$ 7,212,050	\$ 8,267,008	\$ 9,081,962
Cost of goods sold and occupancy costs	5,474,452	6,212,591	6,771,657
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>1,737,598</b>	<b>2,054,417</b>	<b>2,310,305</b>
Operating expenses			
Operating and selling	1,377,057	1,555,615	1,633,606
General and administrative	297,654	306,940	332,528
Goodwill and other asset impairments	17,612	2,100,212	—
Other operating, net	49,263	27,851	—
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	<b>(3,988)</b>	<b>(1,936,201)</b>	<b>344,171</b>
Interest expense	(76,363)	(113,641)	(121,271)
Interest income	47,270	57,564	87,940
Other income, net	2,748	19,878	26,687
<b>Pre-tax income (loss)</b>	<b>(30,333)</b>	<b>(1,972,400)</b>	<b>337,527</b>
Income tax benefit (expense)	28,758	306,481	(125,282)
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to OfficeMax and noncontrolling interest</b>	<b>(1,575)</b>	<b>(1,665,919)</b>	<b>212,245</b>
Joint venture results attributable to noncontrolling interest	2,242	7,987	(4,872)
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to OfficeMax</b>	<b>\$ 667</b>	<b>\$ (1,657,932)</b>	<b>\$ 207,373</b>
Preferred dividends	(2,818)	(3,663)	(3,961)
<b>Net income (loss) available to OfficeMax common shareholders</b>	<b>\$ (2,151)</b>	<b>\$ (1,661,595)</b>	<b>\$ 203,412</b>
Net income (loss) per common share			
Basic	\$ (0.03)	\$ (21.90)	\$ 2.70
Diluted	\$ (0.03)	\$ (21.90)	\$ 2.66

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OfficeMax Incorporated and Subsidiaries  
Consolidated Balance Sheets

	December 26, 2009	December 27, 2008
	(thousands, except share and per-share amounts)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 486,570	\$ 170,779
Receivables, net	532,822	561,509
Related party receivables	6,528	5,337
Inventories	805,646	949,401
Deferred income taxes and receivables	133,836	105,140
Other current assets	55,934	62,850
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>2,021,336</b>	<b>1,855,016</b>
Property and equipment:		
Land and land improvements	41,072	38,720
Buildings and improvements	483,133	473,188
Machinery and equipment	792,650	777,371
<b>Total property and equipment</b>	<b>1,316,855</b>	<b>1,289,279</b>
Accumulated depreciation	(894,707)	(798,551)
<b>Net property and equipment</b>	<b>422,148</b>	<b>490,728</b>
Intangible assets, net	83,806	81,793
Investments in affiliates	175,000	175,000
Timber notes receivable	899,250	899,250
Deferred income taxes	300,900	436,182
Other non-current assets	167,091	235,614
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,069,531</b>	<b>\$ 4,173,583</b>

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OfficeMax Incorporated and Subsidiaries  
Consolidated Balance Sheets

	December 26, 2009	December 27, 2008
	(thousands, except share and per-share amounts)	
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of debt	\$ 22,430	\$ 64,452
Accounts payable:		
Trade	650,233	727,424
Related parties	37,107	28,373
Income tax payable	3,389	18,288
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities:		
Compensation and benefits	153,408	112,041
Other	225,125	233,040
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>1,091,692</b>	<b>1,183,618</b>
Long-term debt, less current portion	274,622	289,922
Non-recourse debt	1,470,000	1,470,000
Other long-term obligations:		
Compensation and benefits	277,247	502,447
Deferred gain on sale of assets	179,757	179,757
Other long-term obligations	244,958	235,965
<b>Total other long-term obligations</b>	<b>701,962</b>	<b>918,169</b>
<b>Noncontrolling interest in joint venture</b>	<b>28,059</b>	<b>21,871</b>
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock—no par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; Series D ESOP: \$.01 stated value; 810,654 and 945,899 shares outstanding	36,479	42,565
Common stock—\$2.50 par value; 200,000,000 shares authorized; 84,624,726 and 75,977,152 shares outstanding	211,562	189,943
Additional paid-in capital	989,912	925,328
Accumulated deficit	(602,242)	(600,095)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(132,515)	(267,738)
<b>Total OfficeMax shareholders' equity</b>	<b>503,196</b>	<b>290,003</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 4,069,531</b>	<b>\$ 4,173,583</b>

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OfficeMax Incorporated and Subsidiaries  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

	Fiscal year ended		
	December 26, 2009	December 27, 2008	December 29, 2007
	(thousands)		
<b>Cash provided by (used for) operations:</b>			
Net income (loss) attributable to OfficeMax and noncontrolling interest	\$ (1,575)	\$ (1,665,919)	\$ 212,245
Items in net income (loss) not using (providing) cash:			
Earnings from affiliates	(6,707)	(6,246)	(6,065)
Depreciation and amortization	116,417	142,896	131,573
Non-cash impairment charges	17,612	2,120,572	—
Non-cash deferred taxes on impairment charges	(6,484)	(357,313)	—
Pension and other postretirement benefits expense	11,537	1,874	8,159
Other	9,131	329	32,096
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Receivables	26,334	119,133	(139,120)
Inventories	164,027	98,111	(3,585)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(56,471)	(137,716)	(228,269)
Current and deferred income taxes	48,752	(40,698)	(11,521)
Other	36,371	(51,346)	75,091
Cash provided by operations	<u>358,944</u>	<u>223,677</u>	<u>70,604</u>
<b>Cash provided by (used for) investment:</b>			
Expenditures for property and equipment	(38,277)	(143,968)	(140,843)
Distribution from escrow account	25,142	—	—
Withdrawal from insurance policies	14,977	—	—
Proceeds from sale of restricted investments	—	20,252	—
Proceeds from sales of assets, net	980	11,592	1,909
Cash used for investment	<u>2,822</u>	<u>(112,124)</u>	<u>(138,934)</u>
<b>Cash used for financing:</b>			
Cash dividends paid:			
Common stock	—	(45,474)	(45,142)
Preferred stock	(3,089)	(2,003)	(3,961)
	<u>(3,089)</u>	<u>(47,477)</u>	<u>(49,103)</u>
Short-term borrowings (repayments), net	(11,035)	(1,974)	14,197
Payments of long-term debt	(52,936)	(53,944)	(25,751)
Borrowings of long-term debt	6,255	15,928	—
Purchase of Series D preferred stock	(6,079)	(7,376)	(4,621)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	—	—	2,653
Other	6,326	8,709	—
Cash used for financing	<u>(60,558)</u>	<u>(86,134)</u>	<u>(62,625)</u>
<b>Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>14,583</u>	<u>(7,277)</u>	<u>1,522</u>
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>315,791</u>	<u>18,142</u>	<u>(129,433)</u>
<b>Balance at beginning of the year</b>	<u>170,779</u>	<u>152,637</u>	<u>282,070</u>
<b>Balance at end of the year</b>	<u>\$ 486,570</u>	<u>\$ 170,779</u>	<u>\$ 152,637</u>

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OfficeMax Incorporated and Subsidiaries  
**Consolidated Statements of Equity**

For the Fiscal Years ended December 26, 2009, December 27, 2008 and December 29, 2007

Common Shares Outstanding	Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total OfficeMax Shareholders' Equity	Non-controlling Interest
(thousands, except per share)							
74,903,220	\$ 54,735	\$ 187,226	\$ 893,848	\$ 941,830	\$ (91,995)	\$ 1,985,644	\$ 29,885
	Comprehensive income:						
	—	—	—	207,373	—	207,373	4,872
	Other comprehensive income (loss)						
	Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment						
	—	—	—	—	59,977	59,977	(1,780)
	Minimum pension liability adjustment, net of tax						
	—	—	—	—	53,756	53,756	—
	Other comprehensive income (loss)						
	—	—	—	—	113,733	113,733	(1,780)
	Comprehensive income						
						\$ 321,106	\$ 3,092
	Adjustment from initial adoption of FIN 48						
	—	—	—	(3,959)	—	(3,959)	—
	Cash dividends declared:						
	Common stock						
	—	—	—	(45,333)	—	(45,333)	—
	Preferred stock						
	—	—	—	(3,961)	—	(3,961)	—
	Restricted stock issued						
	—	—	26,437	—	—	26,437	—
301,443	Restricted stock vested						
	—	767	(767)	—	—	—	—
187,843	Stock options exercised						
	—	470	5,447	—	—	5,917	—
4,588	Other						
	(4,746)	18	(2,551)	—	—	(7,279)	(935)
75,397,094	\$ 49,989	\$ 188,481	\$ 922,414	\$ 1,095,950	\$ 21,738	\$ 2,278,572	\$ 32,042
	Comprehensive loss:						
	Net loss						
	—	—	—	(1,657,932)	—	(1,657,932)	(7,987)
	Other comprehensive income (loss)						
	Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment						
	—	—	—	—	(83,758)	(83,758)	(6,894)
	Minimum pension liability adjustment, net of tax						
	—	—	—	—	(205,718)	(205,718)	—
	Other comprehensive income (loss)						
	—	—	—	—	(289,476)	(289,476)	(6,894)
	Comprehensive loss						
						\$ (1,947,408)	\$ (14,881)
	Cash dividends declared:						
	Common stock						
	—	—	—	(34,220)	—	(34,220)	—
	Preferred stock						
	—	—	—	(3,663)	—	(3,663)	—
	Restricted stock issued						
	—	—	93	—	—	93	—
571,727	Restricted stock vested						
	—	1,436	(1,436)	—	—	—	—
8,331	Other						
	(7,424)	26	4,257	(230)	—	(3,371)	4,710
75,977,152	\$ 42,565	\$ 189,943	\$ 925,328	\$ (600,095)	\$ (267,738)	\$ 290,003	\$ 21,871
	Comprehensive income (loss):						
	Net income (loss)						
	—	—	—	667	—	667	(2,242)
	Other comprehensive income						
	Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment						
	—	—	—	—	47,477	47,477	1,157
	Minimum pension liability adjustment, net of tax						
	—	—	—	—	87,746	87,746	—
	Other comprehensive						
	—	—	—	—	135,223	135,223	1,157

	income							
	Comprehensive income (loss)					\$ 135,890	\$ (1,085)	
	Preferred stock dividend declared	—	—	—	(2,818)	—	(2,818)	—
	Restricted stock issued	—	—	6,130	—	—	6,130	—
313,517	Restricted stock vested	—	784	(777)	—	—	7	—
8,331,722	Stock contribution to pension plan	—	20,829	61,321	—	—	82,150	—
2,335	Other	(6,086)	6	(2,090)	4	—	(8,166)	7,273
	<b>Balance at December 26, 2009</b>							
<u>84,624,726</u>		<u>\$ 36,479</u>	<u>\$ 211,562</u>	<u>\$ 989,912</u>	<u>\$ (602,242)</u>	<u>\$ (132,515)</u>	<u>\$ 503,196</u>	<u>\$ 28,059</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

## **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

### **1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### *Nature of Operations*

OfficeMax Incorporated ("OfficeMax," the "Company" or "we") is a leader in both business-to-business and retail office products distribution. The Company provides office supplies and paper, print and document services, technology products and solutions and furniture to large, medium and small businesses, government offices and consumers. OfficeMax customers are served by approximately 31,000 associates through direct sales, catalogs, the Internet and a network of retail stores located throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Mexico. The Company's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol OMX. The Company's corporate headquarters is located in Naperville, Illinois, and the OfficeMax website address is [www.officemax.com](http://www.officemax.com).

The Company manages its business using three reportable segments: OfficeMax, Contract ("Contract segment" or "Contract"); OfficeMax, Retail ("Retail segment" or "Retail"); and Corporate and Other. OfficeMax, Contract markets and sells office supplies and paper, technology products and solutions, print and document services, and office furniture directly to large corporate and government offices, as well as to small and medium-sized offices through field salespeople, outbound telesales, catalogs, the Internet and, primarily in foreign markets, through office products stores. OfficeMax, Retail markets and sells office supplies and paper, print and document services, technology products and solutions and office furniture to small and medium-sized businesses and consumers through a network of retail stores. Management reviews the performance of the Company based on these segments. We present information pertaining to our segments in Note 14, Segment Information.

#### *Consolidation*

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of OfficeMax and all majority owned subsidiaries, except our 90%-owned subsidiary in Cuba which is accounted for as an investment due to various asset restrictions. We also consolidate the variable interest entities in which the Company is the primary beneficiary. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

#### *Fiscal Year*

The Company's fiscal year-end is the last Saturday in December. Due primarily to statutory requirements, the Company's international businesses maintain December 31 year-ends, with our majority-owned joint venture in Mexico reporting one month in arrears. Fiscal year 2009 ended on December 26, 2009, fiscal year 2008 ended on December 27, 2008 and fiscal year 2007 ended on December 29, 2007. Each of the past three years has included 52 weeks for all reportable segments and businesses.

#### *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures about 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 are likely to differ from those estimates, but management does not believe such differences will materially affect the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. Significant items subject to such estimates

and assumptions include the recognition of vendor rebates and allowances; the carrying amount of intangibles and long lived assets; inventories; income tax assets and liabilities; facility closure reserves; environmental and asbestos liabilities; and assets and obligations related to employee benefits.

#### *Foreign Currency Translation*

Local currencies are considered the functional currencies for the Company's operations outside the United States. Assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into U.S. dollars at the rate of exchange in effect at the balance sheet date with the related translation adjustments reported in shareholders' equity as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). Revenues and expenses are translated into U.S. dollars at average monthly exchange rates prevailing during the year. Foreign currency transaction gains and losses related to assets and liabilities that are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency are reported in the Consolidated Statements of Operations in the periods they occur.

#### *Revenue Recognition*

Revenue from the sale of products is recognized at the time both title and the risk of ownership are transferred to the customer, which generally occurs upon delivery to the customer or third-party delivery service for contract, catalog and Internet sales, and at the point of sale for retail transactions. Service revenue is recognized as the services are rendered. Revenue is reported less an appropriate provision for returns and net of coupons, rebates and other sales incentives.

Revenue from transactions in which the Company acts as an agent or broker is reported on a commission basis. Revenue from the sale of extended warranty contracts is reported on a commission basis at the time of sale, except in a limited number of states where state law specifies the Company as the legal obligor. In such states, the revenue from the sale of extended warranty contracts is recorded at the gross amount and recognized ratably over the contract period. The performance obligations and risk of loss associated with extended warranty contracts sold by the Company are assumed by an unrelated third party. Costs associated with these contracts are recognized in the same period as the related revenue.

Fees for shipping and handling charged to customers in connection with sale transactions are included in sales. Costs related to shipping and handling are included in cost of goods sold and occupancy costs. Taxes collected from customers are accounted for on a net basis and are excluded from sales.

#### *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

Cash equivalents include short-term debt instruments that have an original maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase. The Company's banking arrangements allow the Company to fund outstanding checks when presented to the financial institution for payment. This cash management practice frequently results in a net cash overdraft position for accounting purposes, which occurs when total issued checks exceed available cash balances at a single financial institution. The Company records its outstanding checks in Accounts payable—Trade in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, and the net change in overdrafts in the Accounts payable—Trade line item within the cash flows from operating activities section of the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

#### *Accounts Receivable*

Accounts receivable relate primarily to amounts owed by customers for trade sales of products and services and amounts due from vendors under volume purchase rebate, cooperative

advertising and various other marketing programs. An allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded to provide for estimated losses resulting from uncollectible accounts, and is the Company's best estimate of the amount of probable credit losses in the Company's existing accounts receivable. Management believes that the Company's exposure to credit risk associated with accounts receivable is limited due to the size and diversity of its customer and vendor base, which extends across many different industries and geographic regions.

At December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008, the Company had allowances for doubtful accounts of \$8.6 million and \$11.2 million, respectively.

#### *Vendor Rebates and Allowances*

The Company participates in various cooperative advertising and other marketing programs with its vendors. The Company also participates in volume purchase rebate programs, some of which provide for tiered rebates based on defined levels of purchase volume. These arrangements enable the Company to receive reimbursement for costs incurred to promote the sale of vendor products, or to earn rebates that reduce the cost of merchandise purchased. Vendor rebates and allowances are accrued as earned. Rebates and allowances received as a result of attaining defined purchase levels are accrued over the incentive period based on the terms of the vendor arrangement and estimates of qualifying purchases during the rebate program period. These estimates are reviewed on a quarterly basis and adjusted for changes in anticipated product sales and expected purchase levels. Volume-based rebates and allowances earned are initially recorded as a reduction in the cost of merchandise inventories and are included in operations (as a reduction in cost of goods sold) in the period the related product is sold. Amounts received under other promotional programs are generally event-based and are recognized at the time of the event as a reduction of cost of goods sold or inventory, as appropriate, based on the nature of the promotion and the terms of the vendor agreement.

#### *Merchandise Inventories*

Inventories consist of office products merchandise and are stated at the lower of weighted average cost or net realizable value. The Company estimates the realizable value of inventory using assumptions about future demand, market conditions and product obsolescence. If the estimated realizable value is less than cost, the inventory value is reduced to its estimated realizable value.

Throughout the year, the Company performs physical inventory counts at a significant number of our locations. For periods subsequent to each location's last physical inventory count, an allowance for estimated shrinkage is provided based on historical shrinkage results and current business trends.

#### *Property and Equipment*

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. The Company calculates depreciation using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets or the terms of the related leases. The estimated useful lives of depreciable assets are generally as follows: building and improvements, 5 to 40 years; furniture and equipment, 1.5 to 5 years; and machinery, equipment and delivery trucks, 5 to 10 years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the lesser of the term of the lease, including any option periods that management believes are probable of exercise, or the estimated lives of the improvements, which generally range from 5 to 15 years.

#### *Long-Lived Asset Impairment*

Long-lived assets, such as property, leasehold improvements, equipment, capitalized software costs and purchased intangibles subject to amortization, are reviewed for impairment whenever

events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to the estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized equal to the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset, which is estimated based on discounted cash flows. In 2009 and 2008 the Company determined that there were indicators of impairment, completed tests for impairment and recorded impairment of store assets. See Note 5, "Goodwill, Intangible Assets and Other Long-lived Assets," for further discussion regarding impairment of assets.

#### *Goodwill and Intangible Assets*

Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price and related direct costs over the value assigned to the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets of businesses acquired. Goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives are not amortized, but are tested for impairment at least annually, or more frequently if events and circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset might be impaired, using a fair-value-based approach. An impairment loss is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds the asset's fair value. This determination is made at the reporting unit level and consists of two steps. First, the Company determines the fair value of a reporting unit and compares it to its carrying amount. Second, if the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is recognized for any excess of the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill over the implied fair value of that goodwill. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined by allocating the fair value of the reporting unit in a manner similar to a purchase price allocation. The residual fair value after this allocation is the implied fair value of the reporting unit goodwill. The Company's annual impairment testing date is the last day of the fiscal year. The Company fully impaired its goodwill balances in 2008. See Note 5, "Goodwill, Intangible Assets and Other Long-lived Assets," for further discussion regarding impairment of goodwill.

Intangible assets represent the values assigned to trade names, customer lists and relationships, noncompete agreements and exclusive distribution rights of businesses acquired. Trade name assets have an indefinite life and are not amortized. All other intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lives, which range from three to 20 years.

#### *Investments in Affiliates*

Investments in affiliated companies are accounted for under the cost method if the Company does not exercise significant influence over the affiliated company. At December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008, the Company held an investment in affiliates of Boise Cascade, L.L.C. Due to restructurings conducted by those affiliates, our investment is currently in Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. (the "Boise Investment").

#### *Capitalized Software Costs*

The Company capitalizes certain costs related to the acquisition and development of internal use software that is expected to benefit future periods. These costs are amortized using the straight-line method over the expected life of the software, which is typically three to five years. Other non-current assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets include unamortized capitalized software costs of \$25.7 million and \$37.9 million at December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008, respectively. Amortization of capitalized software costs totaled \$17.2 million, \$18.7 million and \$15.2 million in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Software development costs that do not meet the criteria for capitalization are expensed as incurred.

### *Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits*

The Company sponsors noncontributory defined benefit pension plans covering certain terminated employees, vested employees, retirees and some active OfficeMax, Contract employees. The Company also sponsors various retiree medical benefit plans. The type of retiree medical benefits and the extent of coverage vary based on employee classification, date of retirement, location, and other factors. The Company explicitly reserves the right to amend or terminate its retiree medical plans at any time, subject only to constraints, if any, imposed by the terms of collective bargaining agreements. Amendment or termination may significantly affect the amount of expense incurred.

The Company recognizes the funded status of its defined benefit pension, retiree healthcare and other postretirement plans in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, with changes in the funded status recognized through accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, in the year in which the changes occur. Actuarially-determined liabilities related to pension and postretirement benefits are recorded based on estimates and assumptions. Key factors used in developing estimates of these liabilities include assumptions related to discount rates, rates of return on investments, future compensation costs, healthcare cost trends, benefit payment patterns and other factors.

The Company measures changes in the funded status of its plans using actuarial models. Since the majority of participants in the plans are inactive, the actuarial models use an attribution approach that generally spreads recognition of the effects of individual events over the life expectancy of the participants. Net pension and postretirement benefit income or expense is also determined using assumptions which include discount rates and expected long-term rates of return on plan assets. The Company bases the discount rate assumption on the rates of return for a theoretical portfolio of high-grade corporate bonds (rated Aa1 or better) with cash flows that generally match our expected benefit payments in future years. The long-term asset return assumption is based on the average rate of earnings expected on invested funds, and considers several factors including the asset allocation, actual historical rates of return, expected rates of return and external data.

The Company's policy is to fund its pension plans based upon actuarial recommendations and in accordance with applicable laws and income tax regulations. Pension benefits are primarily paid through trusts funded by the Company. All of the Company's postretirement medical plans are unfunded. The Company pays postretirement benefits directly to the participants.

### *Facility Closure Reserves*

The Company conducts regular reviews of its real estate portfolio to identify underperforming facilities, and closes those facilities that are no longer strategically or economically viable. The Company records a liability for the cost associated with a facility closure at its fair value in the period in which the liability is incurred, which is the location's cease-use date. Upon closure, unrecoverable costs are included in facility closure reserves in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and include provisions for the present value of future lease obligations, less contractual or estimated sublease income. Accretion expense is recognized over the life of the payments.

### *Environmental and Asbestos Matters*

Environmental and asbestos liabilities that relate to the operation of the paper and forest products businesses and timberland assets prior to the sale of the paper, forest products and timberland assets continue to be liabilities of OfficeMax. The Company accrues for losses associated with these types of obligations when such losses are probable and reasonably estimable.

### *Self-insurance*

The Company is self-insured for certain losses related to workers' compensation and medical claims as well as general and auto liability. The expected ultimate cost for claims incurred is recognized as a liability in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The expected ultimate cost of claims incurred is estimated based principally on analysis of historical claims data and estimates of claims incurred but not reported. Losses are accrued and charged to operations when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated.

### *Income Taxes*

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

The Company is subject to tax audits in numerous jurisdictions in the U.S. and around the world. Tax audits by their very nature are often complex and can require several years to complete. In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to challenges from the IRS and other tax authorities regarding amounts of taxes due. These challenges may alter the timing or amount of taxable income or deductions, or the allocation of income among tax jurisdictions. The benefits of tax positions that are more likely than not of being sustained upon audit based on the technical merits of the tax position are recognized in the consolidated financial statements; positions that do not meet this threshold are not recognized. For tax positions that are at least more likely than not of being sustained upon audit, the largest amount of the benefit that is more likely than not of being sustained is recognized in the consolidated financial statements. (See Note 7, "Income Taxes" for further discussion.)

Accruals for income tax exposures, including penalties and interest, expected to be settled within the next year are included in accrued expenses and other current liabilities with the remainder included in other long-term obligations in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Interest and penalties related to income tax exposures are recognized as incurred and included in income tax expense in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

### *Advertising and Catalog Costs*

Advertising costs are either expensed the first time the advertising takes place or, in the case of direct-response advertising, capitalized and charged to expense in the periods in which the related sales occur. Advertising and catalog expense was \$211.3 million in 2009, \$232.1 million in 2008 and \$242.6 million in 2007, and is recorded in operating and selling expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

### *Pre-Opening Expenses*

The Company incurs certain non-capital expenses prior to the opening of a store. These pre-opening expenses consist primarily of straight-line rent from the date of possession, store payroll and supplies, and are expensed as incurred and reflected in operating and selling expenses. In 2009, 2008 and 2007, the Company recorded approximately \$1.6 million, \$10.0 million and \$10.2 million in pre-opening costs, respectively.

### *Leasing Arrangements*

The Company conducts a substantial portion of its business in leased properties. Some of the Company's leases contain escalation clauses and renewal options. The Company recognizes rental expense for leases that contain predetermined fixed escalation clauses on a straight-line basis over the expected term of the lease. The difference between the amounts charged to expense and the contractual minimum lease payment is recorded in other long-term liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. At December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008, other long-term liabilities included approximately \$68.2 million and \$74.3 million, respectively, related to these future escalation clauses.

The expected term of a lease is calculated from the date the Company first takes possession of the facility, including any periods of free rent and any option or renewal periods management believes are probable of exercise. This expected term is used in the determination of whether a lease is capital or operating and in the calculation of straight-line rent expense. Rent abatements and escalations are considered in the calculation of minimum lease payments in the Company's capital lease tests and in determining straight-line rent expense for operating leases. Straight-line rent expense is also adjusted to reflect any allowances or reimbursements provided by the lessor.

### *Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*

The Company records all derivative instruments on the balance sheet at fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments are recorded in current earnings or deferred in accumulated other comprehensive loss, depending on whether a derivative is designated as, and is effective as, a hedge and on the type of hedging transaction. Changes in fair value of derivatives that are designated as cash flow hedges are deferred in accumulated other comprehensive loss until the underlying hedged transactions are recognized in earnings, at which time any deferred hedging gains or losses are also recorded in earnings. If a derivative instrument is designated as a fair value hedge, changes in the fair value of the instrument are reported in current earnings and offset the change in fair value of the hedged assets, liabilities or firm commitments. The ineffective portion of an instrument's change in fair value is immediately recognized in earnings. Instruments that do not meet the criteria for hedge accounting and contracts for which the Company has not elected hedge accounting, are marked to fair value with unrealized gains or losses reported in earnings. The Company has no significant outstanding derivative instruments at December 26, 2009 and did not have any significant hedge transactions in 2009, 2008 or 2007.

### *Recently Issued or Newly Adopted Accounting Standards*

Following are summaries of recently issued accounting pronouncements that have either been recently adopted or that may become applicable to the preparation of our consolidated financial statements in the future.

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued a statement establishing the FASB Accounting Standards Codification™ ("the ASC" or "the Codification"). Effective for interim and annual periods ended after September 15, 2009, the Codification became the source of authoritative U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. Rules and interpretive releases of the SEC under authority of federal securities laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. The FASB statement establishing the ASC is not intended to change existing GAAP and as such did not have an impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Company. The Company has updated its references to reflect the Codification.

In September 2006, the FASB issued guidance which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in GAAP and expands disclosures about fair value

measurements. This guidance was effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, for financial assets and liabilities, as well as for any other assets and liabilities that are carried at fair value on a recurring basis in the financial statements. In November 2007, the FASB provided a one year deferral for the implementation of this guidance for other nonfinancial assets and liabilities. The Company adopted this guidance for financial assets and liabilities effective at the beginning of fiscal year 2008 and for non-financial assets and liabilities effective at the beginning of fiscal year 2009. The adoption of this guidance had no significant impact on our consolidated financial statements for either fiscal year 2008 or 2009.

In December 2007, the FASB issued updated guidance which changed the presentation and disclosure requirements for noncontrolling interests (previously referred to as minority interests). This updated guidance is effective for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2008 and is to be applied prospectively to all noncontrolling interests, including those that arose prior to the effective date. While the accounting requirements are to be applied prospectively, prior period financial information must be recast to attribute net income and other comprehensive income to noncontrolling interests and provide other disclosures. The Company adopted this guidance for all noncontrolling interests effective at the beginning of fiscal year 2009, and has revised its prior period financial statements to reflect the required change in presentation and additional disclosures. The adoption of this accounting change and the retrospective impact of the required presentation and disclosure changes on the Company's prior year financial statements was immaterial.

In December 2008, the FASB issued updated guidance related to an employer's disclosures about plan assets of a defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan. This updated guidance requires enhanced disclosures about the fair value of plan assets including major categories of plan assets, inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value, significant concentrations of risk, the method used to allocate investments and the effect of fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs. The disclosures about plan assets must be provided for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2009. The Company adopted this guidance prospectively for the period ended December 26, 2009, and has included the required disclosure in Note 12, Retirement and Benefit Plans.

In April 2009, the FASB issued updated guidance related to fair-value measurements to clarify the considerations related to measuring fair-value in inactive markets, modify the recognition and measurement of other-than-temporary impairments of debt securities, and require public companies to disclose the fair values of financial instruments in interim periods. The updated guidance is effective for interim and annual periods ended after June 15, 2009, with early adoption permitted for periods ended after March 15, 2009. The Company adopted the updated guidance in the first quarter of fiscal year 2009, which required certain additional disclosures regarding the fair value of financial instruments in the financial statements.

In May 2009, the FASB issued guidance which establishes accounting and disclosure requirements for subsequent events. This guidance details the period after the balance sheet date during which the Company should evaluate events or transactions that occur for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements, the circumstances under which the Company should recognize events or transactions occurring after the balance sheet date in its financial statements and the required disclosures for such events. The Company adopted this guidance prospectively in the second quarter.

In June 2009, the FASB issued guidance which eliminates previous exceptions to rules requiring the consolidation of qualifying special-purpose entities, which will result in more entities being subject to consolidation assessments and reassessments. This guidance requires ongoing reassessment of whether a company is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity ("VIE") and clarifies characteristics that identify a VIE. In addition, additional disclosures are required about

a company's involvement with a VIE and any significant changes in risk exposure due to that involvement. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this guidance (which is required beginning in 2010) but does not anticipate it will have a material impact on our results of operations or financial condition.

## 2. Facility Closure Reserves

The Company conducts regular reviews of its real estate portfolio to identify underperforming facilities, and closes those facilities that are no longer strategically or economically beneficial. The Company records a liability for the cost associated with a facility closure at its fair value in the period in which the liability is incurred, primarily the location's cease-use date. Upon closure, unrecoverable costs are included in facility closure reserves and include provisions for the present value of future lease obligations, less contractual or estimated sublease income. Accretion expense is recognized over the life of the required payments.

In 2009, the Company recorded charges of \$31.2 million related to the closing of 21 underperforming stores prior to the end of their lease terms, of which 16 were in the U.S. and five were in Mexico. In 2008, the Company recorded \$3.1 million of charges related principally to close five stores and it reduced rent and severance accruals by \$3.4 million relating to prior closed stores. In 2008, the Company also recorded \$8.7 million of charges related to four domestic retail stores where we had signed lease commitments, but decided not to open the stores due to the existing economic environment. This charge was partially offset by reduced rent accruals of \$4.0 million on other store lease obligations.

These charges were included in other operating net, in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Facility closure reserve account activity during 2009, 2008 and 2007, including activity related to the reorganization of the Contract segment, retail store closures and headquarters consolidation was as follows:

	<b>Lease Contract Terminations</b>	<b>Severance Retention Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
	(thousands)		
Balance at December 30, 2006	\$ 107,824	\$ 13,980	\$ 121,804
Cash payments	(38,196)	(10,149)	(48,345)
Accretion	3,603	—	3,603
Balance at December 29, 2007	\$ 73,231	\$ 3,831	\$ 77,062
Charges to income	11,774	79	11,853
Changes to estimated costs included in income	(5,982)	(1,414)	(7,396)
Cash payments	(33,227)	(2,002)	(35,229)
Accretion	2,643	—	2,643
Balance at December 27, 2008	\$ 48,439	\$ 494	\$ 48,933
Charges related to stores closed	30,001	1,207	31,208
Transfer of deferred rent balance	3,214	—	3,214
Changes to estimated costs included in income	418	(409)	9
Cash payments	(23,315)	(1,279)	(24,594)
Accretion	2,802	—	2,802
Balance at December 26, 2009	\$ 61,559	\$ 13	\$ 61,572

Reserve balances were classified in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as follows:

	<u>December 26, 2009</u>	<u>December 27, 2008</u>	<u>December 29, 2007</u>
		(thousands)	
Other accrued liabilities	\$ 16,775	\$ 14,328	\$ 22,213
Other long-term liabilities	44,797	34,605	54,849
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 61,572</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 48,933</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 77,062</u></b>

At December 26, 2009, the facilities closure reserve consisted of the following:

	(thousands)
Estimated future lease obligations	\$ 112,654
Less: anticipated sublease income	(51,095)
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 61,559</u></b>

In addition, the Company is the lessee of a non-operating, building materials manufacturing facility near Elma, Washington. During 2006, the Company ceased operations at the facility, fully impaired the assets and recorded a reserve for the lease payments and other contract termination and closure costs. The Company has not been successful in identifying a buyer for the business which would include the assumption of the long-term lease. The liabilities of the Elma facility (\$14.1 million in total) are recorded in other current liabilities and other long-term liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

### **3. Severance and Other Charges**

In 2009, we recorded \$18.1 million of severance and other charges, principally related to reorganizations of our U.S. and Canadian Contract sales forces, our customer fulfillment centers and our customer service centers, as well as a streamlining of our Retail store staffing. These charges are recorded by segment in the following manner: Contract \$15.3 million, Retail \$2.1 million and Corporate and Other \$0.7 million.

During 2008, the Company recorded a \$23.9 million pre-tax severance charge related to various sales and field reorganizations in our Retail and Contract segments as well as a significant reduction in force at the corporate headquarters (of which \$15 million was paid by the 2008 year-end) and a \$2.4 million charge related to the consolidation of the Contract segment's manufacturing facilities in New Zealand. These items are included in the caption "Other operating, net" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

As of December 26, 2009, \$6.0 million of severance charges recorded in 2009 and 2008 remain unpaid and are included in accrued expenses and other current liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

### **4. Timber Notes/Non-Recourse Debt**

In October 2004, we sold our timberland assets in exchange for \$15 million in cash plus credit-enhanced timber installment notes in the amount of \$1,635 million (the "Installment Notes"). The Installment Notes were issued by single-member limited liability companies formed by affiliates of Boise Cascade, L.L.C. (the "Note Issuers"). The Installment Notes are 15-year non-amortizing obligations and were issued in two equal \$817.5 million tranches bearing interest at 5.11% and 4.98%, respectively. In order to support the issuance of the Installment Notes, the Note Issuers transferred a total of \$1,635 million in cash to Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("Lehman") and Wachovia Corporation ("Wachovia") (which was later purchased by Wells Fargo & Company)

(\$817.5 million to each of Lehman and Wachovia). Lehman and Wachovia issued collateral notes (the "Collateral Notes") to the Note Issuers. Concurrently with the issuance of the Installment and Collateral Notes, Lehman and Wachovia guaranteed the respective Installment Notes and the Note Issuers pledged the Collateral Notes as security for the performance of the Installment Note obligations.

In December 2004, we completed a securitization transaction in which the Company's interests in the Installment Notes and related guarantees were transferred to wholly-owned bankruptcy remote subsidiaries. The subsidiaries pledged the Installment Notes and related guarantees and issued securitized notes (the "Securitization Notes") in the amount of \$1,470 million (\$735 million through the structure supported by the Lehman guaranty and \$735 million through the structure supported by the Wachovia guaranty). Recourse on the Securitization Notes is limited to the proceeds of the applicable pledged Installment Notes and underlying Lehman or Wachovia guaranty, and therefore there is no recourse against OfficeMax. The Securitization Notes are 15-year non-amortizing, and were issued in two equal \$735 million tranches paying interest of 5.54% and 5.42%, respectively. The Securitization Notes are reported as non-recourse debt in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

As a result of these transactions, we received \$1,470 million in cash. The subsidiaries were expected to earn approximately \$82.5 million per year in interest income on the Installment Notes receivable and expected to incur annual interest expense of approximately \$80.5 million on the Securitization Notes. The pledged Installment Notes receivable and Securitization Notes payable were scheduled to mature in 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Securitization Notes have an initial term that is approximately three months shorter than the Installment Notes. We expected to refinance our ownership of the Installment Notes in 2019 with a short-term secured borrowing to bridge the period from initial maturity of the Securitization Notes to the maturity of the Installment Notes.

On September 15, 2008, Lehman, the guarantor of half of the Installment Notes and the Securitization Notes, filed a petition in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York seeking relief under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Lehman's bankruptcy filing constituted an event of default under the \$817.5 million Installment Note guaranteed by Lehman.

We are required for accounting purposes to assess the carrying value of assets whenever circumstances indicate that a decline in value may have occurred. After evaluating the situation, we concluded in late October 2008 that as a result of the Lehman bankruptcy, it was probable that we would be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the Installment Note guaranteed by Lehman (the "Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note"). Accordingly, we evaluated the carrying value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note and reduced it to the estimated amount we expect to collect (\$81.8 million) by recording a non-cash impairment charge of \$735.8 million, pre-tax, in the third quarter of 2008. We based our estimate of the recoverable amount of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note on a variety of factors, including consultations with financial advisors and review of the trading prices on outstanding Lehman debt instruments with similar contractual interest rates and maturities.

Recourse on the Securitization Notes is limited to the proceeds from the applicable pledged Installment Notes and underlying Lehman and Wachovia guaranty. Accordingly, the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note and underlying guarantees by Lehman will be transferred to the holders of the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman in order to settle and extinguish that liability. However, under current generally accepted accounting principles, we are required to continue to recognize the liability related to the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman until such time as the liability has been extinguished. This will occur when the Lehman Guaranteed

Installment Note and the guaranty are transferred to and accepted by the Securitization Note holders. We expect that this will occur no later than the date when the assets of Lehman are distributed and the bankruptcy is finalized. Accordingly, we expect to recognize a non-cash gain equal to the difference between the carrying amount of the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman (\$735.0 million at December 26, 2009) and the carrying value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note (\$81.8 million at December 26, 2009) in a later period when the liability is legally extinguished. The actual gain to be recognized in the future will be measured based on the carrying amounts of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note and the Securitization Notes guaranteed by Lehman at the date of settlement.

At the time of the sale of the timberlands in 2004, we generated a tax gain and recognized the related deferred tax liability. The timber installment notes structure allowed the Company to defer the resulting tax liability of \$543 million until 2020, the maturity date for the Installment Notes. Due to the Lehman bankruptcy and note defaults, the recognition of the Lehman portion of the gain will be triggered when the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note is transferred to the Securitization Note holders as payment and/or when the Lehman bankruptcy is resolved.

Through December 26, 2009, we have received all payments due under the Installment Notes guaranteed by Wachovia, which have consisted only of interest due on the notes, and made all payments due on the related Securitization Notes guaranteed by Wachovia, again consisting only of interest due. As all amounts due on the Installment Notes guaranteed by Wachovia ("the Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes") are current and we have no reason to believe that we will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes. The Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes are stated in our Consolidated Balance Sheet at their original principal amount of \$817.5 million.

## **5. Goodwill, Intangible Assets and Other Long-lived Assets**

### *Impairment Reviews and Charges*

In 2008, management concluded that indicators of potential impairment were present and that an evaluation of the carrying values of goodwill, intangibles and other long-lived assets was therefore required. Management reached the conclusion that an impairment test was required to be performed based on its assessment of the conditions that contributed to the Company's sustained low stock price and reduced market capitalization relative to the book value of its equity, including generally weak economic conditions, macroeconomic factors impacting industry business conditions, recent and forecasted operating performance, and continued tightening of the credit markets, along with other factors. These conditions had resulted in lower levels of consumer and business spending, intense competition and industry consolidation. Weighing all of these factors, management determined that indicators of potential impairment had occurred and tested the assets for impairment.

The measurement of impairment of goodwill consists of two steps. In the first step, the Company compares the fair value of each reporting unit to its carrying value. If the results of the first test indicate that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than the carrying value, a second step is required, which is to determine the implied fair value of each reporting unit's goodwill, and to compare it to the carrying value of the reporting unit's goodwill. An impairment loss is recognized for the excess of carrying value over the implied fair value of reporting unit goodwill. In 2008, the Company determined that the fair value of both of the Company's reporting units was less than their corresponding carrying values, thereby requiring the second step to be performed for both reporting units. The activities in the second step include hypothetically valuing all of the tangible and intangible assets of the impaired reporting unit as if the reporting unit had been acquired in a business combination. We recorded a charge of \$1,201.5 million in 2008 to write-off

the goodwill of the Company in both segments; Contract (\$815.5 million) and Retail (\$386.0 million). The impairment charges included a portion of goodwill that was not deductible for tax purposes, resulting in a tax benefit of \$63.2 million, or approximately 4.6% of the pre-tax charge amount. These charges resulted in a full impairment of our goodwill balances as of the end of 2008, and, as a result, there will be no future annual assessment of goodwill.

The measurement of impairment of indefinite-lived intangible assets consists of calculating the fair value and comparing that value to the intangible asset's carrying value. The fair value is calculated based on the estimated future discounted cash flows associated with the intangible asset. In 2008, the Company recorded estimated impairment of the trade names in the Retail reporting unit of \$107.1 million, before taxes. Based on the Company's assessment and testing, no impairment of indefinite-lived intangible assets was required in 2009.

Interim impairment tests of the Company's other long-lived assets were also performed in 2009 and 2008. Impairment testing of other long-lived assets is also a two-step process. In the first step ("the recoverability test"), a determination of potential impairment is made based on a comparison of the estimated future undiscounted cash flows derived from the asset to its carrying amount. If estimated future undiscounted cash flows are less than the carrying value of the asset, then the second step is completed and the impairment loss is measured as the excess of the carrying value over the fair value of the asset, with fair value determined based on estimated future discounted cash flows. In 2008, due to the existence of indicators of potential impairment, the Company performed the recoverability test for all the other long-lived assets of each reporting unit, in aggregate. The recoverability test did not identify potential impairment for these asset groups. In 2009 and 2008, the Company also performed the recoverability test for the assets of individual retail stores ("store assets" or "stores"), which consist primarily of leasehold improvements and fixtures. This testing did identify impairment at certain stores. As a result, we completed the second step and, based on our conclusions, wrote off \$17.6 million and \$55.8 million of store assets in 2009 and 2008, respectively.

#### *Acquired Intangible Assets*

Intangible assets represent the values assigned to trade names, customer lists and relationships, noncompete agreements and exclusive distribution rights of businesses acquired. The trade name assets have an indefinite life and are not amortized. All other intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lives. Customer lists and relationships are amortized over three to 20 years, noncompete agreements over their terms, which are generally three to five years, and exclusive distribution rights over ten years. Intangible assets consisted of the following at year-end:

	2009		
	<u>Gross Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net Carrying Amount</u>
		(thousands)	
Trade names	\$ 66,000	\$ —	\$ 66,000
Customer lists and relationships	25,833	(11,288)	14,545
Exclusive distribution rights	6,636	(3,375)	3,261
	<u>\$ 98,469</u>	<u>\$ (14,663)</u>	<u>\$ 83,806</u>

	2008		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
	(thousands)		
Trade names	\$ 66,000	\$ —	\$ 66,000
Customer lists and relationships	34,767	(21,848)	12,919
Exclusive distribution rights	5,255	(2,381)	2,874
	<b>\$ 106,022</b>	<b>\$ (24,229)</b>	<b>\$ 81,793</b>

Intangible amortization expense totaled \$1.6 million, \$5.4 million and \$7.0 million in 2009, 2008 and 2007 respectively. The estimated amortization expense is approximately \$1.5 to \$2.0 million in each of the next five years.

The changes in the intangible carrying amounts from December 30, 2006 to December 26, 2009, were as follows:

	Trade names	Customer lists and relationships	Noncomplete agreements	Exclusive distribution rights	Total
	(thousands)				
Net carrying amount, December 30, 2006	\$ 173,150	\$ 22,003	\$ 4,640	\$ 1,511	\$ 201,304
Additions	—	195	—	2,860	3,055
Amortization	—	(3,969)	(2,607)	(420)	(6,996)
Effect of foreign currency translation	—	2,080	9	268	2,357
Net carrying amount, December 29, 2007	\$ 173,150	\$ 20,309	\$ 2,042	\$ 4,219	\$ 199,720
Impairment	(107,150)	—	—	—	(107,150)
Amortization	—	(2,912)	(2,041)	(409)	(5,362)
Effect of foreign currency translation	—	(4,478)	(1)	(936)	(5,415)
Net carrying amount, December 27, 2008	\$ 66,000	\$ 12,919	\$ —	\$ 2,874	\$ 81,793
Amortization	—	(1,271)	—	(363)	(1,634)
Effect of foreign currency translation	—	2,897	—	750	3,647
Net carrying amount, December 26, 2009	<b>\$ 66,000</b>	<b>\$ 14,545</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 3,261</b>	<b>\$ 83,806</b>

## 6. Net Income (Loss) Per Common Share

Basic net income (loss) per share is calculated using net earnings available to holders of our common stock divided by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the year. Diluted net income (loss) per share is similar to basic net income (loss) per share except that the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding is increased to include, if their inclusion is dilutive, the number of additional shares of common stock that would have been outstanding assuming the issuance of all potentially dilutive shares, such as common stock to be issued upon exercise of options and the vesting of non-vested restricted shares, and the conversion of outstanding preferred stock. Net income (loss) per common share was

determined by dividing net income (loss), as adjusted, by weighted average shares outstanding as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	(thousands, except per-share amounts)		
Net income (loss) available to OfficeMax common shareholders	\$ (2,151)	\$ (1,661,595)	\$ 203,412
Average shares—basic(a)	77,483	75,862	75,274
Restricted stock, stock options and other(b)	—	—	1,100
Average shares—diluted	77,483	75,862	76,374
Net income (loss) available to OfficeMax common shareholders per common share:			
Basic	\$ (0.03)	\$ (21.90)	\$ 2.70
Diluted	\$ (0.03)	\$ (21.90)	\$ 2.66

- (a) The assumed conversion of outstanding preferred stock was anti-dilutive in all periods presented, and therefore no adjustment was required to determine diluted income (loss) from continuing operations or average shares-diluted.
- (b) Outstanding options to purchase shares of common stock totaled 1.3 million and 1.5 million at the end of 2009 and 2008, respectively, but were not included in the computation of diluted income (loss) per common share because the impact would have been anti-dilutive due to the loss reported for the period. Options to purchase 0.4 million shares of common stock were outstanding during 2007, but were not included in the computation of diluted income (loss) per common share because the impact would have been anti-dilutive as the option price was higher than the average market price during the year.

## 7. Income Taxes

The income tax (provision) benefit attributable to income (loss) from continuing operations as shown in the Consolidated Statements of Operations includes the following components:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	(thousands)		
Current income tax (provision) benefit			
Federal	\$ 60,354	\$ (10,111)	\$ (25,710)
State	33,770	(24,166)	(11,380)
Foreign	(9,999)	(23,282)	(24,582)
	84,125	(57,559)	(61,672)
Deferred income tax (provision) benefit			
Federal	(23,190)	274,376	(61,882)
State	(29,593)	76,129	(4,785)
Foreign	(2,584)	13,535	3,057
	(55,367)	364,040	(63,610)
	<u>\$ 28,758</u>	<u>\$ 306,481</u>	<u>\$ (125,282)</u>

During 2009, 2008 and 2007, the Company made cash payments for income taxes, net of refunds received, as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	(thousands)		
Cash tax payments (refunds), net	\$ (71,026)	\$ 91,530	\$ 89,483

The income tax provision attributable to income (loss) from continuing operations for the years ended December 26, 2009, December 27, 2008 and December 29, 2007 differed from the amounts computed by applying the statutory U.S. Federal income tax rate of 35% to pre-tax income (loss) from continuing operations as a result of the following:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	(thousands)		
Tax (provision) benefit at statutory rate	\$ 10,617	\$ 690,340	\$ (118,184)
State taxes, net of federal effect	2,516	29,041	(11,030)
Foreign tax provision differential	1,085	(3,283)	106
Impact of goodwill impairment	—	(418,920)	—
Net operating loss valuation allowance and credits	(2,484)	1,291	434
Change in tax contingency liability	(3,390)	(3,394)	755
Tax settlement, net of other charges	14,880	6,830	1,582
Repatriation of foreign earnings, net	3,428	—	—
ESOP dividend deduction	944	1,166	1,317
Other, net	1,162	3,410	(262)
	<u>\$ 28,758</u>	<u>\$ 306,481</u>	<u>\$ (125,282)</u>

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities at year-end are presented in the following table:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	(thousands)	
Impairment of note receivable	\$ 286,207	\$ 286,207
Minimum tax and other credits carryover	237,897	28,303
Net operating loss carryovers	104,605	27,801
Deferred gain on Boise Investment	69,925	69,925
Compensation obligations	154,400	220,045
Operating reserves and accrued expenses	59,682	64,563
Investments and deferred charges	18,110	25,681
Property and equipment	15,942	47,899
Allowances for receivables	14,253	18,219
Inventory	8,699	11,863
Tax goodwill	6,788	9,774
Other	3,064	10,207
Total deferred tax assets	979,572	820,487
Valuation allowance on NOLs and credits	(16,117)	(13,633)
<b>Total deferred tax assets after valuation allowance</b>	<u>\$ 963,455</u>	<u>\$ 806,854</u>
Timberland installment gain related to Wachovia Note	\$ (266,798)	\$ (266,798)
Timberland installment gain related to Lehman Note	(276,965)	—
Undistributed earnings	(4,606)	(4,606)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(548,369)	(271,404)
<b>Total net deferred tax assets</b>	<u>\$ 415,086</u>	<u>\$ 535,450</u>

Deferred tax assets and liabilities in our Consolidated Balance Sheets were as follows:

	(thousands)	
Deferred income taxes and receivables	\$ 114,186	\$ 99,268
Deferred income taxes	300,900	436,182
	<u>\$ 415,086</u>	<u>\$ 535,450</u>

As discussed in Note 4, "Timber Notes/Non-Recourse Debt" at the time of the sale of the timberlands in 2004, we generated a tax gain and recognized the related deferred tax liability. The timber installment notes structure allowed the Company to defer the resulting tax liability of \$543 million until 2020, the maturity date for the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Notes. Due to the Lehman bankruptcy and note defaults, we initially concluded that approximately half of this gain would be accelerated into 2008 for tax purposes and we estimated and paid taxes on this gain in 2008. In estimating the cash taxes, we considered our available alternative minimum tax credits, a portion of which resulted from prior tax payments related to the sale of the timberlands in 2004, which were used to reduce the net cash payments. After extensive review with our outside tax advisors, we concluded that the recognition of the Lehman portion of the gain was not triggered in 2008, but instead will be triggered when the Installment Note is transferred to the Securitization Note holders as payment and/or when the Lehman bankruptcy is resolved. Accordingly, we appropriately modified our position as we finalized the 2008 tax return, and have received refunds of taxes paid in 2008 from the federal and state government. Accordingly, in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 26, 2009, the Company has reestablished both the deferred tax liability related to the full deferred gain from the sale of the timberlands and the deferred tax assets relative to available alternative minimum tax credits.

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income, and tax planning strategies in making the assessment of whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Management believes it is more likely than not that the Company will realize the benefits of these deductible differences, except for certain state net operating losses and other credit carryforwards as noted below. The amount of the deferred tax assets considered realizable, however, could be reduced if estimates of future taxable income during the carryforward period are reduced.

The Company has a deferred tax asset related to net operating loss carryforwards for Federal income tax purposes of \$78 million which expire in 2020, and alternative minimum tax credit carryforwards of approximately \$207 million, which are available to reduce future regular Federal income taxes, if any, over an indefinite period. The Company also has deferred tax assets related to various state net operating losses of \$33 million, net of the valuation allowance, that expire between 2010 and 2029.

The Company has established a valuation allowance related to net operating loss carryforwards and other credit carryforwards in jurisdictions where the Company has substantially reduced operations because management believes it is more likely than not that these items will expire before the Company is able to realize their benefits. The valuation allowance was \$16.1 million and \$13.6 million at December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008, respectively. Annually, the valuation allowance is reviewed and adjusted based on management's assessments of realizable deferred tax assets.

Pre-tax income (loss) related to continuing operations from domestic and foreign sources is as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
		(thousands)	
Domestic	\$ (69,386)	\$ (1,953,946)	\$ 272,169
Foreign	39,053	(18,454)	65,358
<b>Total pre-tax income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ (30,333)</b>	<b>\$ (1,972,400)</b>	<b>\$ 337,527</b>

Total gross unrecognized tax benefits at December 26, 2009 represent the amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would favorably affect the effective income tax rate in future periods. Any adjustments would result from the effective settlement of tax positions with various tax authorities. The Company does not anticipate any tax settlements to occur within the next twelve months. The recorded income tax benefit for 2009 includes a \$14.9 million decrease in unrecognized benefits due to the resolution of an issue under IRS appeal related to the deductibility of interest on the Company's industrial revenue bonds. The recorded income tax benefit for 2008 includes the recognition of \$6.8 million in previously unrecognized tax benefits due to the settlement of a federal income tax audit through the 2005 tax year. As of December 26, 2009, the Company had \$8.2 million of total gross unrecognized tax benefits. The reconciliation of the beginning and ending gross unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

	<u>Amount</u>
	(thousands)
Balance at December 27, 2008	\$ 20,380
Increase related to prior year tax positions	1,710
Decrease related to prior year tax positions	(14,369)
Increase related to current year tax positions	1,420
Settlements	(894)
Balance at December 26, 2009	<u>\$ 8,247</u>

The Company or its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. Federal jurisdiction, and multiple state and foreign jurisdictions. Years prior to 2006 are no longer subject to U.S. Federal income tax examination. The Company is no longer subject to state income tax examinations by tax authorities in its major state jurisdictions for years before 2003.

The Company recognizes accrued interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions as part of income tax expense. As of December 26, 2009, the Company had \$2.1 million of accrued interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions. Income tax benefit for 2009 includes a benefit of \$0.1 million related to interest and penalties, reflecting interest accrued less the effect of adjustments on settlement.

Deferred taxes are not recognized for temporary differences related to investments in foreign subsidiaries because such earnings are considered to be indefinitely reinvested in the business. The determination of the amount of the unrecognized deferred tax liability related to the undistributed earnings is not practicable because of the complexities associated with its hypothetical calculation.

## 8. Leases

The Company leases its retail stores as well as certain other property and equipment under operating leases. These leases are noncancelable and generally contain multiple renewal options for periods ranging from three to five years, and require the Company to pay all executory costs

such as maintenance and insurance. Rental payments include minimum rentals plus, in some cases, contingent rentals based on a percentage of sales above specified minimums. Rental expense for operating leases included the following components:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	(thousands)		
Minimum rentals	\$ 355,662	\$ 348,629	\$ 331,066
Contingent rentals	1,013	886	908
Sublease rentals	(671)	(1,013)	(1,515)
	<u>\$ 356,004</u>	<u>\$ 348,502</u>	<u>\$ 330,459</u>

For operating leases with remaining terms of more than one year, the minimum lease payment requirements are:

	(thousands)
2010	\$ 363,443
2011	320,539
2012	265,341
2013	213,460
2014	166,223
Thereafter	403,086
Total	<u>\$ 1,732,092</u>

These minimum lease payments do not include contingent rental payments that may be due based on a percentage of sales in excess of stipulated amounts. These future minimum lease payment requirements have not been reduced by \$33.6 million of minimum sublease rentals due in the future under noncancelable subleases. These sublease rentals include amounts related to closed stores and other facilities that are accounted for in the integration activities and facility closures reserve.

The Company capitalizes lease obligations for which it assumes substantially all property rights and risks of ownership. The Company did not have any material capital leases during any of the periods presented.

## 9. Investments in Affiliates

In connection with the sale of the paper, forest products and timberland assets in 2004, the Company invested \$175 million in the Boise Investment. A portion of the securities received in exchange for the Company's investment carry no voting rights. This investment is accounted for under the cost method as Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. does not maintain separate ownership accounts for its affiliate's members, and the Company does not have the ability to significantly influence its operating and financial policies. This investment is included in investments in affiliates in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The Boise Investment represented a continuing involvement in the operations of the business we sold in 2004. Therefore, approximately \$180 million of gain realized from the sale was deferred. This gain is expected to be recognized in earnings as the Company's investment is reduced.

Throughout the year, we review the carrying value of this investment whenever events or circumstances indicate that its fair value may be less than its carrying amount. At year-end, we reviewed certain financial information of Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C., including estimated future cash flows as well as data regarding the valuation of comparable companies, and determined that

there was no impairment of this investment. The Company will continue to monitor and assess this investment.

The non-voting securities of Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. accrue dividends daily at the rate of 8% per annum on the liquidation value plus accumulated dividends. Dividends accumulate semiannually to the extent not paid in cash on the last day of June and December. The Company recognized dividend income on this investment of \$6.7 million in 2009, \$6.2 million in 2008 and \$6.1 million in 2007. These amounts were recorded as reductions of general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The dividend receivable was \$22.9 million at December 26, 2009, and was recorded in other non-current assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The Company receives distributions on the Boise Investment for the income tax liability associated with its share of allocated earnings. During 2009 and 2008, the Company received tax-related distributions of \$2.6 million and \$23.0 million, respectively. The larger distribution in 2008 reflected the gain on the sale by Boise Cascade, L.L.C. of a majority interest in its paper and packaging and newsprint businesses. The distributions are reported as other income (expense), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

## 10. Debt

The Company's debt, almost all of which is unsecured, consists of both recourse and non-recourse obligations as follows at year-end:

	2009	2008
	(thousands)	
Recourse debt:		
9.45% debentures, paid in 2009	\$ —	\$ 35,707
6.50% notes, due in 2010	13,680	13,680
7.35% debentures, due in 2016	17,967	17,967
Medium-term notes, Series A, with interest rates averaging 7.9% and 7.8%, due in varying amounts periodically through 2013	36,900	51,900
Revenue bonds, with interest rates averaging 6.4% and 6.4%, due in varying amounts periodically through 2029	189,930	189,930
American & Foreign Power Company Inc. 5% debentures, due in 2030	18,526	18,526
Grupo OfficeMax installment loans, due in monthly installments through 2014	16,085	11,202
Other indebtedness, with interest rates averaging 7.0% and 10.9%, due in varying amounts annually through 2016	4,528	16,058
	<u>297,616</u>	<u>354,970</u>
Less unamortized discount	564	596
Less current portion	22,430	64,452
	<u>\$ 274,622</u>	<u>\$ 289,922</u>
Non-recourse debt:		
5.42% securitized timber notes, due in 2019	735,000	735,000
5.54% securitized timber notes, due in 2019	735,000	735,000
	<u>\$ 1,470,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,470,000</u>

### Scheduled Debt Maturities

The scheduled payments of recourse debt, are as follows:

	(thousands)
2010	\$ 22,430
2011	4,478
2012	39,078
2013	5,569
2014	1,773
Thereafter	224,288
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 297,616</b>

All non-recourse debt is due in full in 2019.

### Credit Agreements

Prior to July 2007, the Company sold, on a revolving basis, an undivided interest in a defined pool of receivables while retaining a subordinated interest in a portion of the receivables. This program was terminated on July 12, 2007, in connection with the Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement discussed below.

On July 12, 2007, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement (the "U.S. Credit Agreement") with a group of banks. The U.S. Credit Agreement permits the Company to borrow up to a maximum of \$700 million subject to a borrowing base calculation that limits availability to a percentage of eligible accounts receivable plus a percentage of the value of eligible inventory less certain reserves. The U.S. Credit Agreement may be increased (up to a maximum of \$800 million) at the Company's request or reduced from time to time, in each case according to the terms detailed in the U.S. Credit Agreement. Letters of credit, which may be issued under the U.S. Credit Agreement up to a maximum of \$250 million, reduce available borrowing capacity. At December 26, 2009, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the U.S. Credit Agreement. The U.S. Credit Agreement expires on July 12, 2012.

Borrowings under the U.S. Credit Agreement bear interest at rates based on either the prime rate or the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"). Margins are applied to the applicable borrowing rates and letter of credit fees under the U.S. Credit Agreement depending on the level of average availability. Fees on letters of credit issued under the U.S. Credit Agreement were charged at a weighted average rate of 0.875% during 2009. The Company is also charged an unused line fee of 0.25% on the amount by which the maximum available credit exceeds the average daily outstanding borrowings and letters of credit.

On September 30, 2009, Grand & Toy Limited, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary in Canada, entered into a Loan and Security Agreement (the "Canadian Credit Agreement") with a group of banks. The Canadian Credit Agreement permits Grand & Toy Limited to borrow up to a maximum of C\$60 million subject to a borrowing base calculation that limits availability to a percentage of eligible accounts receivable plus a percentage of the value of eligible inventory less certain reserves. The Canadian Credit Agreement may be increased (up to a maximum of C\$80 million) at Grand & Toy Limited's request or reduced from time to time, in each case according to the terms detailed in the Canadian Credit Agreement. Letters of credit, which may be issued under the Canadian Credit Agreement up to a maximum of C\$10 million, reduce available borrowing capacity under the Canadian Credit Agreement. At December 26, 2009, Grand & Toy Limited was in compliance with all covenants under the Canadian Credit Agreement. The Canadian Credit Agreement expires on July 12, 2012.

Borrowings and availability under the Company's credit agreements for 2009 and 2008 were as follows:

	2009		Total	2008
	U.S. Credit Agreement	Canadian Credit Agreement		U.S. Credit Agreement
Maximum aggregate available borrowing amount	\$ 534.4	\$ 39.7	\$ 574.1	\$ 613.6
Less: Stand-by letters of credit	(61.1)	—	(61.1)	(66.7)
Amount available for borrowing at fiscal year-end	\$ 473.3	\$ 39.7	\$ 513.0	\$ 546.9
Maximum borrowings outstanding during fiscal year	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

#### Note Agreements

The indentures related to the 6.50% senior notes due in 2010 and 7.00% senior notes due in 2013 contained a number of restrictive covenants, substantially all of which have since been eliminated and replaced with covenants contained in the Company's other public debt. In November 2008, we repurchased all of the outstanding 7.00% senior notes using proceeds from pledged instruments that matured in October 2008, which had been reported as restricted investments in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

#### Other

At the end of the fiscal year 2009, Grupo OfficeMax, our 51%-owned joint venture in Mexico, had total outstanding borrowings of \$16.7 million. This included \$9.9 million under an installment loan agreement which is due in 60 monthly payments that started in the second quarter of 2009. In the third quarter of 2009, Grupo OfficeMax entered into a second installment loan agreement for \$6.2 million due in 54 monthly payments beginning in the second quarter of 2010. The remaining \$0.6 million of borrowings is a simple revolving loan. There is no recourse against the Company on the Grupo OfficeMax loans. The \$6.2 million installment loan is secured by certain owned property of Grupo OfficeMax. All other Grupo OfficeMax loan facilities are unsecured.

We have various unsecured debt outstanding, including approximately \$189.9 million of industrial revenue bonds due in varying amounts through 2029. At December 27, 2008, approximately \$69.2 million of these obligations were the subject of a preliminary potential adverse determination regarding the deductibility of interest on the bonds from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). In the fourth quarter of 2009, the IRS conceded the position. The bonds are expected to be held to their full maturity and continue to be classified as long-term debt in the Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 26, 2009.

#### Cash Paid for Interest

Cash payments for interest, net of interest capitalized and including interest payments related to the timber securitization notes, were \$71.8 million in 2009, \$90.0 million in 2008 and \$116.6 million in 2007.

**11. Financial Instruments, Derivatives and Hedging Activities***Fair Value of Financial Instruments*

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, trade accounts receivable, other assets (non-derivatives), short-term borrowings, trade accounts payable, and due to related party, approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments. The following table presents the carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's other financial instruments at December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008. The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties.

	2009		2008	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
	(thousands)			
Financial assets:				
Timber notes receivable				
Wachovia—	\$ 817.5	\$ 823.6	\$ 817.5	\$ 801.9
Lehman—	81.8	81.8	81.8	81.8
Financial liabilities:				
Debt	\$ 297.6	\$ 207.2	\$ 355.0	\$ 236.7
Timber securitization notes				
Wachovia—	\$ 735.0	\$ 754.8	\$ 735.0	\$ 736.8
Lehman—	735.0	81.8	735.0	81.8

In establishing a fair value, there is a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The basis of the fair value measurement is categorized in three levels, in order of priority, described as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or financial instruments for which all significant inputs are observable; either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable; thus reflecting assumptions about the market participants.

The carrying amounts shown in the table are included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets under the indicated captions. The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments:

- Timber notes receivable: The fair value of the Wachovia Guaranteed Installment Notes is determined as the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the current interest rate for loans of similar terms with comparable credit risk (Level 2 inputs). The fair value of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note reflects the estimated future cash flows of the note considering the estimated effects of the Lehman bankruptcy (Level 3 inputs).
- Debt: The fair value of the Company's debt is estimated based on quoted market prices when available or by discounting the future cash flows of each instrument at rates currently offered to the Company for similar debt instruments of comparable maturities (Level 2 inputs).
- Timber securitization notes: The fair value of the Securitization Notes supported by Wachovia is estimated by discounting the future cash flows of the instrument at rates currently available

to the Company for similar instruments of comparable maturities (Level 2 inputs). The Securitization Notes supported by Lehman is estimated based on the future cash flows of the Lehman Guaranteed Installment Note (the proceeds from which are the sole source of payment of this note) in a bankruptcy proceeding (Level 3 inputs).

During 2009, there was no change in assets and liabilities measured at estimated fair value using Level 3 inputs.

#### *Derivatives and Hedging Activities*

Changes in interest rates and currency exchange rates expose the Company to financial market risk. Management occasionally uses derivative financial instruments, such as interest rate swaps, forward purchase contracts and forward exchange contracts, to manage the Company's exposure to changes in interest rates on outstanding debt instruments and to manage the Company's exposure to changes in currency exchange rates. The Company generally does not enter into derivative instruments for any purpose other than hedging the cash flows associated with future interest payments on variable rate debt and hedging the exposure related to changes in the fair value of certain outstanding fixed rate debt instruments due to changes in interest rates. The Company occasionally hedges interest rate risk associated with anticipated financing transactions, as well as commercial transactions and certain liabilities that are denominated in a currency other than the currency of the operating unit entering into the underlying transaction. The Company does not speculate using derivative instruments. The Company was not a party to any significant derivative financial instruments in 2009 or 2008.

The Company uses a combination of fixed and variable rate debt to finance its operations. The debt obligations with fixed cash flows expose the Company to variability in the fair value of outstanding debt instruments due to changes in interest rates. The Company has from time to time entered into interest rate swap agreements that effectively convert the interest rate on certain fixed-rate debt to a variable rate. The Company has designated these interest rate swap agreements as hedges of the changes in fair value of the underlying debt obligation attributable to changes in interest rates and accounted for them as fair value hedges. Changes in the fair value of interest rate swaps designated as hedging instruments that effectively offset the variability in the fair value of outstanding debt obligations are reported in operations. These amounts offset the gain or loss (that is, the change in fair value) of the hedged debt instrument that is attributable to changes in interest rates (that is, the hedged risk) which is also recognized currently in operations. The Company has also from time to time entered into interest rate swap agreements that effectively convert floating rate debt to a fixed rate obligation. These swaps have been designated as hedges of floating interest rate payments attributable to changes in interest rates and accounted for as cash flow hedges, with changes in the fair value of the swap recorded to accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) until the hedged transaction occurs, at which time it is reclassified to operations. There were no swaps or other hedge transactions in 2009 or 2008.

## **12. Retirement and Benefit Plans**

#### *Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans*

The Company sponsors noncontributory defined benefit pension plans covering certain terminated employees, vested employees, retirees and some active OfficeMax, Contract employees. The Company's salaried pension plan was closed to new entrants on November 1, 2003, and on December 31, 2003, the benefits of eligible OfficeMax, Contract participants were frozen.

Under the terms of the Company's plans, the pension benefit for salaried employees was based primarily on the employees' years of service and highest five-year average compensation. The pension benefit for hourly employees was generally based on a fixed amount per year of

service. The Company's general funding policy is to make contributions to the plans in amounts that are within the limits of deductibility under current tax regulations, and not less than the minimum contribution required by law.

The Company also sponsors various retiree medical benefit and life insurance plans. The type of retiree benefits and the extent of coverage vary based on employee classification, date of retirement, location, and other factors. All of the Company's postretirement medical plans are unfunded. The Company explicitly reserves the right to amend or terminate its retiree medical and life insurance plans at any time, subject only to constraints, if any, imposed by the terms of collective bargaining agreements. Amendment or termination may significantly affect the amount of expense incurred.

During the second quarter of 2009, based on the high level of inactive participants in the Company's pension plans as well as the fact that all plan participants were fully vested, the Company changed the estimated amortization period for its unrecognized actuarial loss (which represents the difference between the actual funded status and the expected funded status measured through 2009), from the average remaining service period of the participants to their average remaining life expectancy. The impact of the change in the amortization period was a reduction in pension expense for 2009 of \$11.2 million (\$6.8 million after-tax), or \$0.09 per diluted share.

#### *Obligations and Funded Status*

The changes in pension and other postretirement benefit obligations and plan assets during 2009 and 2008, as well as the funded status of the Company's plans at December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008 were as follows:

	Pension Benefits		Other Benefits	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(thousands)			
<b>Change in benefit obligation:</b>				
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 1,276,209	\$ 1,292,023	\$ 17,582	\$ 24,281
Service cost	4,506	2,132	184	237
Interest cost	75,858	78,041	1,137	1,164
Actuarial (gain) loss	5,721	10,250	1,432	(2,573)
Changes due to exchange rates	—	—	1,885	(3,053)
Benefits paid	(101,618)	(106,237)	(1,883)	(2,474)
Benefit obligation at end of year	<u>\$ 1,260,676</u>	<u>\$ 1,276,209</u>	<u>\$ 20,337</u>	<u>\$ 17,582</u>
<b>Change in plan assets:</b>				
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 841,204	\$ 1,184,447	\$ —	\$ —
Actual return on plan assets	222,022	(250,076)	—	—
Employer contributions	88,906	13,070	1,883	2,474
Benefits paid	(101,618)	(106,237)	(1,883)	(2,474)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	<u>\$ 1,050,514</u>	<u>\$ 841,204</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Funded status	<u>\$ (210,162)</u>	<u>\$ (435,005)</u>	<u>\$ (20,337)</u>	<u>\$ (17,582)</u>

The following table shows the amounts recognized in the Consolidated Balance Sheets related to the Company's defined benefit pension and other postretirement benefit plans at year-end:

	Pension Benefits		Other Benefits	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(thousands)			
Noncurrent assets	\$ 2,355	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Current liabilities	(3,773)	(4,359)	(1,526)	(1,746)
Noncurrent liabilities	(208,744)	(430,646)	(18,811)	(15,836)
Net amount recognized	<u>\$ (210,162)</u>	<u>(435,005)</u>	<u>\$ (20,337)</u>	<u>\$ (17,582)</u>

Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income consist of:

Net loss (gain)	\$ 440,206	\$ 590,213	\$ 3,520	\$ 2,227
Prior service cost (credit)	—	—	(30,148)	(34,123)
Total	<u>\$ 440,206</u>	<u>\$ 590,213</u>	<u>\$ (26,628)</u>	<u>\$ (31,896)</u>

The accumulated benefit obligation for all defined benefit pension plans was \$1,260.5 million and \$1,275.9 million for December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008, respectively.

Information for pension plans with an accumulated benefit obligation in excess of plan assets:

	Pension Benefits	
	2009	2008
	(thousands)	
Projected benefit obligation	\$ 1,225,972	\$ 1,276,209
Accumulated benefit obligation	1,225,762	1,275,895
Fair value of plan assets	1,013,455	841,204

#### Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost (Income)

The components of net periodic benefit cost (income) are as follows:

	Pension Benefits			Other Benefits		
	2009	2008	2007	2009	2008	2007
	(thousands)					
Service cost	\$ 4,506	\$ 2,132	\$ 1,676	\$ 184	\$ 237	\$ 341
Interest cost	75,858	78,041	77,084	1,137	1,164	1,353
Expected return on plan assets	(76,623)	(90,078)	(89,018)	—	—	—
Recognized actuarial loss	10,330	11,775	20,220	147	269	512
Participant settlement expense	—	2,331	—	—	—	—
Amortization of prior service costs and other	—	—	—	(4,001)	(3,997)	(4,009)
Net periodic benefit cost (income)	<u>\$ 14,071</u>	<u>\$ 4,201</u>	<u>\$ 9,962</u>	<u>\$ (2,533)</u>	<u>\$ (2,327)</u>	<u>\$ (1,803)</u>

Other changes in plan assets and benefit obligations recognized in other comprehensive income:

	<b>Pension Benefits</b>		<b>Other Benefits</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	(thousands)			
Accumulated other comprehensive income at beginning of year	\$ 590,213	\$ 253,917	\$ (31,895)	\$ (32,593)
Net loss (gain)	\$ (139,677)	\$ 350,403	\$ 1,432	\$ (2,573)
Amortization of net (loss) gain	(10,330)	(14,107)	(147)	(269)
Amortization of prior service (cost) credit	—	—	4,001	3,997
Canadian rate adjustment	—	—	(18)	(457)
Accumulated other comprehensive income at end of year	<b>\$ 440,206</b>	<b>\$ 590,213</b>	<b>\$ (26,627)</b>	<b>\$ (31,895)</b>

The estimated net loss and prior service cost for the defined benefit pension plans that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost over the next fiscal year are \$13.4 million and none, respectively. The estimated net loss and prior service credit for the other defined benefit postretirement plans that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost over the next fiscal year is \$0.2 million and \$4.0 million, respectively.

#### Assumptions

The assumptions used in accounting for the Company's plans are estimates of factors including, among other things, the amount and timing of future benefit payments. The following table presents the key assumptions used in the measurement of the Company's benefit obligations:

	<b>Pension Benefits</b>			<b>Other Benefits</b>					
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>United States</b>			<b>Canada</b>		
				<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Weighted average assumptions as of year-end:									
Discount rate	6.15%	6.20%	6.30%	5.10%	6.10%	5.90%	6.40%	7.30%	5.50%

The following table presents the assumptions used in the measurement of net periodic benefit cost:

	<b>Pension Benefits</b>			<b>Other Benefits</b>					
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>United States</b>			<b>Canada</b>		
				<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Weighted average assumptions:									
Discount rate	6.20%	6.30%	5.80%	6.10%	5.90%	5.60%	7.30%	5.50%	5.00%
Expected long-term return on plan assets	7.50%	8.00%	8.00%	—	—	—	—	—	—

In 2009, the assumed discount rate (which is required to be the rate at which the projected benefit obligation could be effectively settled as of the measurement date) is based on the rates of return for a theoretical portfolio of high-grade corporate bonds (rated Aa1 or better) with cash flows

that generally match our expected benefit payments in future years. In selecting bonds for this theoretical portfolio, we focus on bonds that match cash flows to benefit payments and limit our concentration of bonds by issuer. To the extent scheduled bond proceeds exceed the estimated benefit payments in a given period, the yield calculation assumes those excess proceeds are reinvested at forecasted three-month Treasury bill rates. In 2008 and prior years, we matched our expected future benefit payments to a hypothetical zero coupon discount curve derived from high quality corporate bonds. The theoretical portfolio with matching cash flows is a more precise method for developing a plan specific rate.

The expected long-term rate of return on plan assets assumption is based on the weighted average of expected returns for the major asset classes in which the plans' assets are held. Asset-class expected returns are based on long-term historical returns, inflation expectations, forecasted gross domestic product and earnings growth, as well as other economic factors. The weights assigned to each asset class are based on the Company's investment strategy. The weighted-average expected return on plan assets used in the calculation of net periodic pension benefit cost for 2010 is 8.2%.

Obligation and costs related to the Canadian retiree health plan are impacted by changes in trend rates. The following table presents the assumed healthcare cost trend rates used in measuring the Company's postretirement benefit obligations at December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008:

	<b>Canada</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Weighted average assumptions as of year-end:		
Healthcare cost trend rate assumed for next year	7.5%	8.0%
Rate to which the cost trend rate is assumed to decline (the ultimate trend rate)	5.0%	5.0%
Year that the rate reaches the ultimate trend rate	2015	2015

A one-percentage-point change in the assumed healthcare cost trend rates would have less than a \$2 million impact on operating income.

*Plan Assets*

The allocation of pension plan assets by category at December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008 is as follows:

<b>Asset Category</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
OfficeMax common stock	10.1%	—
U.S. equity securities	16.9%	19.8%
International equity securities	8.7%	8.9%
Global equity securities	17.6%	18.1%
Fixed-income securities	46.7%	53.2%
	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

The Company's Retirement Funds Investment Committee is responsible for establishing and overseeing the implementation of the investment policy for the Company's pension plans. The investment policy is structured to optimize growth of the pension plan trust assets, while minimizing the risk of significant losses, in order to enable the plans to satisfy their benefit payment obligations over time. Plan assets are invested primarily in U.S. equities, global equities, international equities and fixed-income securities. The Company uses benefit payments and Company contributions as

its primary rebalancing mechanisms to maintain the asset class exposures within the guideline ranges established under the investment policy.

The current asset allocation guidelines set forth an OfficeMax common stock range of 0% to 15%, a U.S. equity range of 12% to 23%, an international equity range of 4% to 14%, a global equity range of 12% to 23% and a fixed-income range of 37% to 57%. Asset-class positions within the ranges are continually evaluated and adjusted based on expectations for future returns, the funded position of the plans and market risks. Occasionally, the Company may utilize futures or other financial instruments to alter the pension trust's exposure to various asset classes in a lower-cost manner than trading securities in the underlying portfolios.

In 2009, we contributed 8,331,722 shares of OfficeMax common stock to our qualified pension plans. At the end of 2009, the plan held 8,331,722 million shares with a value of \$105.7 million.

Generally, quoted market prices are used to value pension plan assets. Equities, some fixed income securities, publicly traded investment funds, and U.S. government obligations are valued by reference to published market prices. Investments in certain restricted stocks are valued at the quoted market price of the issuer's unrestricted common stock less an appropriate discount. If a quoted market price for unrestricted common stock of the issuer is not available, restricted common stocks are valued at a multiple of current earnings less an appropriate discount. The multiple chosen is consistent with multiples of similar companies based on current market prices.

The following table presents the pension plan assets by level within the fair value hierarchy as of December 26, 2009.

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
		(thousands)	
Money market funds	\$ —	\$ 30,009	\$ —
Equity securities:			
OfficeMax common stock	105,730	—	—
U.S. large-cap	62,385	—	—
U.S. small and mid-cap	17,212	—	—
International	56,629	—	—
Fixed Income:			
Corporate bonds	—	425,378	—
Government securities	—	29,127	—
Mortgage backed securities	—	3,139	—
Other fixed income	—	8,362	—
Other:			
Equity mutual Funds	—	303,804	—
Group annuity contracts	—	—	5,004
Other, including plan receivables and payables	3,735	—	—
	<u>\$ 245,691</u>	<u>\$ 799,819</u>	<u>\$ 5,004</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the change in fair value of pension plan assets calculated based on level 3 inputs:

	<b>Amount</b>
	<b>(thousands)</b>
Balance at December 27, 2008	\$ 4,206
Benefit payments and administrative expenses	(10)
Investment income and net appreciation in investments	808
Balance at December 26, 2009	<u>\$ 5,004</u>

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

#### Cash Flows

Pension plan contributions include required statutory minimum amounts and, in some years, additional discretionary amounts. During 2009, 2008 and 2007, the Company made cash contributions to its pension plans totaling \$6.8 million, \$13.1 million and \$19.1 million, respectively. In 2009, we also made a voluntary contribution of OfficeMax common stock to our qualified pension plans which, based on actuarial estimates, is expected to reduce our pension contributions over the next five years by approximately \$100 million. Pension contributions for 2010 are expected to be approximately \$4 million. The Company may elect at any time to make additional voluntary contributions.

Qualified pension benefit payments are paid from the assets held in the plan trust, while nonqualified pension and other benefit payments are paid by the Company. Future benefit payments by year are estimated to be as follows:

	<b>Pension</b>	<b>Other</b>
	<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Benefits</b>
	<b>(thousands)</b>	
2010	\$ 98,742	\$ 1,526
2011	98,260	1,441
2012	97,937	1,371
2013	97,258	1,308
2014	96,772	1,268
Years 2015-2019	472,098	6,081

#### Defined Contribution Plans

The Company also sponsors defined contribution plans for most of its employees. Through 2004, the Company sponsored four contributory defined contribution savings plans for most of its salaried and hourly employees: a plan for OfficeMax, Retail employees, a plan for non-Retail salaried employees, a plan for union hourly employees, and a plan for non-Retail, nonunion hourly employees. The plan for non-Retail salaried employees included an employee stock ownership plan ("ESOP") component and the Company's Series D ESOP convertible preferred stock were fully allocated to eligible participants in prior years. Total Company contributions to the defined contribution savings plans were \$1.3 million in 2009, \$8.0 million in 2008 and \$8.1 million in 2007.

### 13. Shareholders' Equity

#### Preferred Stock

At December 26, 2009, 810,654 shares of 7.375% Series D ESOP convertible preferred stock were outstanding, compared with 945,899 shares outstanding at December 27, 2008 and 1,110,867 shares outstanding at December 29, 2007. The Series D ESOP convertible preferred stock is shown in the Consolidated Balance Sheets at its liquidation preference of \$45 per share. All shares outstanding have been allocated to participants in the plan. Each ESOP preferred share is entitled to one vote, bears an annual cumulative dividend of \$3.31875 and is convertible at any time by the trustee to 0.82168 share of common stock. The ESOP preferred shares may not be redeemed for less than the liquidation preference.

#### Common Stock

The Company is authorized to issue 200,000,000 shares of common stock, of which 84,624,726 shares were issued and outstanding at December 26, 2009. Of the unissued shares, 6,096,695 shares were reserved for the following purposes:

Conversion or redemption of Series D ESOP preferred stock	666,098
Issuance under OfficeMax Incentive and Performance Plan	4,399,456
Issuance under Key Executive Stock Option Plan	948,142
Issuance under Director Stock Compensation Plan	7,475
Issuance under Director Stock Option Plan	13,000
Issuance under Key Executive Deferred Compensation Plan	5,337
Issuance under 2003 Director Stock Compensation Plan	57,187

#### Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) includes the following:

	Minimum Pension Liability Adjustment	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
		(thousands)	
Balance at December 29, 2007	\$ (135,207)	\$ 156,945	\$ 21,738
Current-period changes, before taxes	(336,993)	(83,758)	(420,751)
Income taxes	131,275	—	131,275
Balance at December 27, 2008	<u>(340,925)</u>	<u>73,187</u>	<u>(267,738)</u>
Current-period changes, before taxes	144,206	47,477	191,683
Income taxes	(56,460)	—	(56,460)
Balance at December 26, 2009	<u>\$ (253,179)</u>	<u>\$ 120,664</u>	<u>\$ (132,515)</u>

#### Share-Based Payments

The Company sponsors several share-based compensation plans, which are described below. The Company recognizes compensation expense from all share-based payment transactions with employees in the consolidated financial statements at fair value. Compensation costs related to the Company's share-based plans were \$8.5 million, \$0.3 million and \$26.9 million for 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Compensation expense is generally recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of grants. The total income tax benefit recognized in the income statement for share-

based compensation arrangements was \$3.3 million, \$0.1 million and \$10.5 million for 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

#### *2003 Director Stock Compensation Plan and OfficeMax Incentive and Performance Plan*

In February 2003, the Company's Board of Directors adopted the 2003 Director Stock Compensation Plan (the "2003 DSCP") and the 2003 OfficeMax Incentive and Performance Plan (the "2003 Plan" formerly named the 2003 Boise Incentive and Performance Plan), which were approved by shareholders in April 2003. At December 26, 2009, a total of 57,187 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance under the 2003 DSCP, and a total of 4,399,456 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance under the 2003 Plan.

The 2003 Plan was effective January 1, 2003, and replaced the Key Executive Performance Plan for Executive Officers, Key Executive Performance Plan for Key Executives/Key Managers, 1984 Key Executive Stock Option Plan ("KESOP"), Key Executive Performance Unit Plan ("KEPUP") and Director Stock Option Plan ("DSOP"). No further grants or awards have been made under the Key Executive Performance Plans, KESOP, KEPUP, or DSOP since 2003.

The Company's executive officers, key employees and nonemployee directors are eligible to receive awards under the 2003 Plan at the discretion of the Executive Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Eight types of awards may be granted under the 2003 Plan, including stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance units, performance shares, annual incentive awards and stock bonus awards.

#### *Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units*

Restricted stock is restricted until it vests and cannot be sold by the recipient until its restrictions have lapsed. Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") is convertible into one share of common stock after its restrictions have lapsed. No entries are made in the financial statements on the grant date of restricted stock and RSU awards. The Company recognizes compensation expense related to these awards over the vesting periods based on the closing prices of the Company's common stock on the grant dates. If these awards contain performance criteria the grant date fair value is set assuming performance at target, and management periodically reviews actual performance against the criteria and adjusts compensation expense accordingly. In 2009, 2008 and 2007, the Company recognized \$6.1 million, \$0.1 million and \$26.4 million, respectively, of pre-tax compensation expense and additional paid-in capital related to restricted stock and RSU awards.

A summary of restricted stock and RSU activity for the years ended December 26, 2009, December 27, 2008 and December 29, 2007 is presented in the following table:

	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share</b>
Nonvested, December 30, 2006	1,679,552	\$ 30.31
Granted	770,211	50.72
Vested	(476,451)	48.50
Forfeited	(249,031)	40.91
Nonvested, December 29, 2007	1,724,281	37.50
Granted	1,742,860	23.17
Vested	(859,661)	22.65
Forfeited	(348,519)	15.01
Nonvested, December 27, 2008	2,258,961	31.07
Granted	800,828	5.08
Vested	(496,813)	5.65
Forfeited	(633,031)	5.24
Nonvested, December 26, 2009	<b>1,929,945</b>	<b>\$ 16.24</b>

Restricted stock and RSUs are not included as shares outstanding in the calculation of basic earnings per share, but are included in the number of shares used to calculate diluted earnings per share as long as all applicable performance criteria are met, and their effect is dilutive. When the restriction lapses on restricted stock, the par value of the stock is reclassified from additional paid-in-capital to common stock. When the restriction lapses on RSUs, the units are converted to unrestricted shares of our common stock and the par value of the stock is reclassified from additional paid-in-capital to common stock. Unrestricted shares are included in shares outstanding for purposes of calculating both basic and diluted earnings per share. Depending on the terms of the applicable grant agreement, restricted stock and RSUs may be eligible to accrue all dividends declared on the Company's common stock during the vesting period; however, such dividends are not paid until the restrictions lapse.

#### *Stock Units*

The Company previously had a shareholder approved deferred compensation program for certain of its executive officers that allows them to defer a portion of their cash compensation. Previously, these executive officers could allocate their deferrals to a stock unit account. Each stock unit is equal in value to one share of the Company's common stock. The Company matched deferrals used to purchase stock units with a 25% Company allocation of stock units. The value of deferred stock unit accounts is paid in shares of the Company's common stock when an executive officer retires or terminates employment. There were 5,337 and 8,008 stock units allocated to the accounts of these executive officers at December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008, respectively. As a result of an amendment to the plan, no additional deferrals can be allocated to the stock unit accounts.

#### *Stock Options*

The Company's stock options generally are issued at a price equal to fair market value on the grant date and typically expire within seven years of the grant date. Stock options granted under the OfficeMax Incentive and Performance Plan generally vest over a three year period.

A summary of stock option activity for the years ended December 26, 2009, December 27, 2008 and December 29, 2007 is presented in the following table:

	2009		2008		2007	
	Shares	Wtd. Avg. Ex. Price	Shares	Wtd. Avg. Ex. Price	Shares	Wtd. Avg. Ex. Price
Balance at beginning of year	1,495,795	\$ 31.95	1,596,295	\$ 31.84	1,753,188	\$ 31.81
Options granted	2,071,360	4.77	—	—	35,000	31.39
Options exercised	—	—	—	—	(187,843)	31.49
Options forfeited and expired	(317,382)	26.70	(100,500)	30.08	(4,050)	32.88
Balance at end of year	<b>3,249,773</b>	<b>\$ 15.14</b>	<b>1,495,795</b>	<b>\$ 31.95</b>	<b>1,596,295</b>	<b>\$ 31.84</b>
Exercisable at end of year	1,225,646		1,400,462		1,409,896	
Weighted average fair value of options granted (Black-Scholes)	\$ 2.63		—		\$ 7.95	

The following table provides summarized information about stock options outstanding at December 26, 2009:

Range of Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable	
	Options Outstanding	Weighted Average Contractual Life (Years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Options Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price
\$2.50	11,171	—	\$ 2.50	11,171	\$ 2.50
\$4.00 – \$5.00	1,976,460	6.1	4.77	—	—
\$18.00 – \$28.00	534,782	0.7	27.65	534,782	27.65
\$28.01 – \$39.00	727,360	2.8	34.32	679,693	34.46

The remaining compensation expense to be recognized related to outstanding stock options, net of estimated forfeitures, is approximately \$2.4 million. At December 26, 2009, the aggregate intrinsic value was \$17.5 million for outstanding stock options and \$0.1 million for exercisable stock options. The aggregate intrinsic value represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value (i.e. the difference between the Company's closing stock price on the last trading day of the fourth quarter of 2009 and the exercise price, multiplied by the number of in-the-money stock options at the end of the quarter).

In 2009, the Company granted stock options for 2,071,360 shares of our common stock and estimated the fair value of each stock option award on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions: risk-free interest rate of 2.2% (based on the applicable Treasury bill rate); expected life of 3.0 years (based on the time period stock options are expected to be outstanding based on historical experience); and expected stock price volatility of 87.3% (based on the historical volatility of the Company's common stock). The Company did not grant any stock options during 2008. In 2007, the Company estimated the fair value of each stock option award on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions: risk-free interest rate of 4.5% (based on the applicable Treasury bill rate); expected dividends of 60 cents per share (based on actual cash dividends expected to be paid); expected life of 3.0 years (based on the time period stock options are expected to be outstanding based on historical experience); and expected stock price volatility of 35.5% (based on the historical volatility of the Company's common stock).

**14. Segment Information**

The Company manages its business using three reportable segments: OfficeMax, Contract; OfficeMax, Retail; and Corporate and Other. Management reviews the performance of the Company based on these segments.

OfficeMax, Contract distributes a broad line of items for the office, including office supplies and paper, technology products and solutions, print and document services and office furniture. OfficeMax, Contract sells directly to large corporate and government offices, as well as to small and medium-sized offices in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. This segment markets and sells through field salespeople, outbound telesales, catalogs, the Internet and in some markets, including Canada, Australia and New Zealand, through office products stores. Substantially all products sold by OfficeMax, Contract are purchased from third-party manufacturers or industry wholesalers, except office papers. OfficeMax, Contract purchases office papers primarily from Boise White Paper, L.L.C., under a 12-year paper supply contract.

OfficeMax, Retail is a retail distributor of office supplies and paper, print and document services, technology products and solutions and office furniture. In addition, this segment contracts with large national retail chains to supply office and school supplies to be sold in their stores. OfficeMax, Retail office supply stores feature OfficeMax ImPress, an in-store module devoted to print-for-pay and related services. OfficeMax, Retail has operations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The retail segment also operates office products stores in Mexico through a 51%-owned joint venture. Substantially all products sold by OfficeMax, Retail are purchased from third-party manufacturers or industry wholesalers, except office papers. OfficeMax, Retail purchases office papers primarily from Boise White Paper, L.L.C., under the paper supply contract described above.

Corporate and Other includes corporate support staff services and certain other legacy expenses as well as the related assets and liabilities. The income and expense related to certain assets and liabilities that are reported in the Corporate and Other segment have been allocated to the Contract and Retail segments.

In the current year, management evaluated the segments' performances based on operating income (loss) after eliminating the effect of certain operating matters such as severances, facility closures, and asset impairments, that are not indicative of our core operations ("segment income (loss)").

The following table summarizes by geography, net sales for fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007, and non-current assets at each year-end:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	(millions)		
<b>Net sales</b>			
United States	\$ 5,952.8	\$ 6,728.5	\$ 7,548.9
Foreign	1,259.3	1,538.5	1,533.1
	<u>\$ 7,212.1</u>	<u>\$ 8,267.0</u>	<u>\$ 9,082.0</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
United States	\$ 1,909.8	\$ 2,187.3	\$ 3,662.8
Foreign	138.4	131.3	416.3
	<u>\$ 2,048.2</u>	<u>\$ 2,318.6</u>	<u>\$ 4,079.1</u>

There is no single customer that accounts for 10% or more of consolidated trade sales.

Segment sales to external customers by product line are as follows:

	2009	2008	2007
	(millions)		
<b>OfficeMax, Contract</b>			
Office supplies and paper	\$ 2,138.5	\$ 2,518.7	\$ 2,696.3
Technology products	1,174.0	1,299.2	1,535.1
Office furniture	344.2	492.1	584.7
	<u>3,656.7</u>	<u>4,310.0</u>	<u>4,816.1</u>
<b>OfficeMax, Retail</b>			
Office supplies and paper	1,392.7	1,551.7	1,610.6
Technology products	1,872.6	2,052.6	2,235.5
Office furniture	290.1	352.7	419.8
	<u>3,555.4</u>	<u>3,957.0</u>	<u>4,265.9</u>
<b>Total OfficeMax</b>			
Office supplies and paper	\$ 3,531.2	\$ 4,070.4	\$ 4,306.9
Technology products	3,046.6	3,351.8	3,770.6
Office furniture	634.3	844.8	1,004.5
	<u>\$ 7,212.1</u>	<u>\$ 8,267.0</u>	<u>\$ 9,082.0</u>

The following tables contain details of the Company's operations by segment:

	Sales	Segment income	Goodwill and other asset impairments	Other operating, net	Operating income	Interest and other, net	Income(loss) before income taxes
	(millions)						
<b>Year ended December 26, 2009</b>							
OfficeMax, Contract	\$ 3,656.7	\$ 58.0	\$ —	\$ (15.3)	\$ 42.7		
OfficeMax, Retail	3,555.4	44.9	(17.6)	(33.3)	(6.0)		
Corporate and Other	—	(40.0)	—	(0.7)	(40.7)		
	<u>\$ 7,212.1</u>	<u>\$ 62.9</u>	<u>\$ (17.6)</u>	<u>\$ (49.3)</u>	<u>\$ (4.0)</u>	<u>\$ (26.3)</u>	<u>\$ (30.3)</u>
<b>Year ended December 27, 2008</b>							
OfficeMax, Contract	\$ 4,310.0	\$ 167.3	\$ (815.5)	\$ (9.3)	\$ (657.5)		
OfficeMax, Retail	3,957.0	61.2	(548.9)	(17.4)	(505.1)		
Corporate and Other	—	(36.6)	(735.8)	(1.2)	(773.6)		
	<u>\$ 8,267.0</u>	<u>\$ 191.9</u>	<u>\$ (2,100.2)</u>	<u>\$ (27.9)</u>	<u>\$ (1,936.2)</u>	<u>\$ (36.2)</u>	<u>\$ (1,972.4)</u>
<b>Year ended December 29, 2007</b>							
OfficeMax, Contract	\$ 4,816.1	\$ 207.9	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 207.9		
OfficeMax, Retail	4,265.9	173.7	—	—	173.7		
Corporate and Other	—	(37.4)	—	—	(37.4)		
	<u>\$ 9,082.0</u>	<u>\$ 344.2</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 344.2</u>	<u>\$ (6.7)</u>	<u>\$ 337.5</u>

	Selected components of income (loss)				
	Earnings from affiliates	Depreciation and amortization	Capital expenditures	Assets	Investments in affiliates
	(millions)				
<b>Year ended December 26, 2009</b>					
OfficeMax, Contract	\$ —	\$ 57.5	\$ 18.0	\$ 1,035.2	\$ —
OfficeMax, Retail	—	58.9	20.3	1,239.6	—
Corporate and Other	6.7	—	—	1,794.7	175.0
	<u>\$ 6.7</u>	<u>\$ 116.4</u>	<u>\$ 38.3</u>	<u>\$ 4,069.5</u>	<u>\$ 175.0</u>
<b>Year ended December 27, 2008</b>					
OfficeMax, Contract	\$ —	\$ 65.6	\$ 34.2	\$ 895.4	\$ —
OfficeMax, Retail	—	77.2	109.8	1,504.8	—
Corporate and Other	6.2	0.1	—	1,773.4	175.0
	<u>\$ 6.2</u>	<u>\$ 142.9</u>	<u>\$ 144.0</u>	<u>\$ 4,173.6</u>	<u>\$ 175.0</u>
<b>Year ended December 29, 2007</b>					
OfficeMax, Contract	\$ —	\$ 66.6	\$ 42.5	\$ 1,778.2	\$ —
OfficeMax, Retail	—	64.9	98.3	2,238.5	—
Corporate and Other	6.1	0.1	—	2,267.1	175.0
	<u>\$ 6.1</u>	<u>\$ 131.6</u>	<u>\$ 140.8</u>	<u>\$ 6,283.8</u>	<u>\$ 175.0</u>

## 15. Commitments and Guarantees

### Commitments

The Company has commitments for minimum lease payments due under noncancelable leases and for the repayment of outstanding long-term debt. In addition, the Company has purchase obligations for goods and services and capital expenditures that were entered into in the normal course of business. As previously disclosed, we have liabilities associated with retirement and benefit plans.

In connection with the sale of our paper, forest products and timberland assets in 2004, the Company entered into a paper supply contract with a former affiliate of Boise Cascade, L.L.C., Boise White Paper, L.L.C., now owned by Boise Inc., under which we are obligated to purchase our North American requirements for cut-size office paper, to the extent Boise White Paper, L.L.C. or its successor, produces such paper, until December 2012, at prices approximating market levels. The Company's purchase obligations under the agreement will phase-out over a four-year period beginning one year after the delivery of notice of termination, but not prior to December 31, 2012. Purchases under the agreement were \$633.9 million, \$668.3 million and \$702.2 million for 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

In accordance with an amended and restated joint venture agreement, the minority owner of Grupo OfficeMax, our joint-venture in Mexico, can elect to put its 49% interest in the joint venture to OfficeMax if certain earnings targets are achieved. Earnings targets are calculated quarterly on a rolling four-quarter basis. Accordingly, the targets may be achieved in one quarter but not in the next. If the earnings targets are achieved and the minority owner elects to put its ownership interest to OfficeMax, the redemption value would be calculated based on the joint venture's earnings for the last four quarters before interest, taxes and depreciation and amortization, and the current market multiples of similar companies. At December 26, 2009, Grupo OfficeMax met the earnings targets and the estimated redemption value of the minority owner's interest was \$21.1 million. While this estimated value is less than the book value at December 26, 2009, other valuation methodologies yield an estimated fair value that is consistent with the December 26, 2009 book value.

### Guarantees

The Company provides guarantees, indemnifications and assurances to others.

Indemnification obligations may arise from the Asset Purchase Agreement between OfficeMax Incorporated, OfficeMax Southern Company, Minidoka Paper Company, Forest Products Holdings, L.L.C. and Boise Land & Timber Corp. The Company has agreed to provide indemnification with respect to a variety of obligations. These indemnification obligations are subject, in some cases, to survival periods, deductibles and caps. At December 26, 2009, the Company is not aware of any material liabilities arising from these indemnifications.

There are eight operating leases that have been assigned to other parties but for which the Company remains contingently liable in the event of nonpayment by the other parties. The lease terms vary and, assuming exercise of renewal options, extend through 2019. Annual rental payments under these leases are approximately \$3.9 million.

The Company and its affiliates enter into a wide range of indemnification arrangements in the ordinary course of business. These include tort indemnifications, tax indemnifications, officer and director indemnifications against third-party claims arising out of arrangements to provide services to the Company and indemnifications in merger and acquisition agreements. It is impossible to quantify the maximum potential liability under these indemnifications. At December 26, 2009, the Company is not aware of any material liabilities arising from these indemnifications.

## **16. Legal Proceedings and Contingencies**

OfficeMax Incorporated and certain of its subsidiaries are named as defendants in a number of lawsuits, claims and proceedings arising out of the operation of the paper and forest products assets prior to the closing of the 2004 sale transaction, for which OfficeMax agreed to retain responsibility. Also, as part of the sale, we agreed to retain responsibility for all pending or threatened proceedings and future proceedings alleging asbestos-related injuries arising out of the operation of the paper and forest products assets prior to the closing of the sale. We do not believe any of these retained proceedings are material to our business.

We have been notified that we are a "potentially responsible party" under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA") or similar federal and state laws, or have received a claim from a private party, with respect to certain sites where hazardous substances or other contaminants are or may be located. These sites relate to operations either no longer owned by the Company or unrelated to its ongoing operations. For sites where a range of potential liability can be determined, we have established appropriate reserves. We cannot predict with certainty the total response and remedial costs, our share of the total costs, the extent to which contributions will be available from other parties or the amount of time necessary to complete the cleanups. Based on our investigations; our experience with respect to cleanup of hazardous substances; the fact that expenditures will, in many cases, be incurred over extended periods of time; and in some cases, the number of solvent potentially responsible parties, we do not believe that the known actual and potential response costs will, in the aggregate, materially affect our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Over the past several years and continuing in 2009, we have been named a defendant in a number of cases where the plaintiffs allege asbestos-related injuries from exposure to asbestos products or exposure to asbestos while working at job sites. The claims vary widely and often are not specific about the plaintiffs' contacts with the Company. None of the claimants seeks damages from us individually, and we are generally one of numerous defendants. Many of the cases filed against us have been voluntarily dismissed, although we have settled some cases. The settlements we have paid have been covered mostly by insurance, and we believe any future settlements or judgments in these cases would be similarly covered. To date, no asbestos case against us has gone to trial, and the nature of these cases makes any prediction as to the outcome of pending litigation inherently subjective. At this time, however, we believe our involvement in asbestos litigation is not material to either our financial position or our results of operations.

## 17. Quarterly Results of Operations (unaudited)

Summarized quarterly financial data is as follows:

	2009				2008			
	First(a)	Second(b)	Third(c)	Fourth(d)	First(e)	Second(f)	Third(g)	Fourth(h)
	(millions, except per-share and stock price information)							
Sales	\$ 1,912	\$ 1,658	\$ 1,832	\$ 1,810	\$ 2,303	\$ 1,985	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,883
Gross Profit	465.6	394.9	434.7	442.4	587.8	483.6	526.5	456.5
Percent of sales	24.4%	23.8%	23.7%	24.4%	25.5%	24.4%	25.1%	24.2%
Operating income	27.5	(27.5)	25.2	(29.2)	78.6	(902.6)	(681.5)	(430.7)
Net income (loss) available to OfficeMax common shareholders	13	(18)	6	(3)	62	(895)	(433)	(396)
Net income (loss) per common share available to OfficeMax common shareholders(i)								
Basic	0.17	(0.23)	0.07	(0.04)	0.82	(11.79)	(5.70)	(5.21)
Diluted	0.17	(0.23)	0.07	(0.04)	0.81	(11.79)	(5.70)	(5.21)
Common stock dividends paid per share	—	—	—	—	.15	.15	.15	.15
Common stock prices(j)								
High	8.44	9.49	13.92	14.50	25.64	22.22	16.23	10.96
Low	1.86	2.88	4.81	9.58	17.12	13.41	9.14	2.84

- (a) Includes a \$9.9 million pre-tax charge related to Retail store closures in the U.S., and a pre-tax benefit of \$2.6 million recorded as other income related to tax distributions on the Boise Investment.
- (b) Includes a \$21.3 million pre-tax charge primarily related to Retail store closures in the U.S., a \$6.9 million pre-tax severance charge recorded in the Contract segment, and a pre-tax benefit of \$4.4 million recorded as interest income related to a tax escrow balance established in a prior period in connection with our legacy Voyageur Panel business sold in 2004.
- (c) Includes a \$1.5 million pre-tax severance charge recorded in the Contract segment.
- (d) Includes a \$17.6 million non-cash pre-tax charge to impair fixed assets associated with our Retail stores in the U.S. and Mexico and \$9.6 million of pre-tax severance and other charges, principally related to reorganizations of our U.S. and Canadian Contract sales forces and customer fulfillment centers, as well as a streamlining of our Retail store staffing. Also includes the release of \$14.9 million in tax uncertainty reserves related to the deductibility of interest on certain of our industrial revenue bonds.
- (e) Includes a \$2.4 million pre-tax charge related to the consolidation of the Contract segment's manufacturing facilities in New Zealand, a \$1.8 million pre-tax charge related to restructuring the Retail field and ImPress print and document services management organization, and a gain of \$20.5 million related to a tax distribution on the Boise Investment.
- (f) Includes a \$935.3 million non-cash pre-tax charge related to impairment of goodwill, trade names and fixed assets, a \$10.2 million pre-tax charge related to employee severance from the reorganization of Retail store management, and a gain of \$3.1 million pre-tax, related to the legacy Voyageur Panel business sold in 2004.
- (g) Includes a \$735.8 million non-cash pre-tax impairment charge related to the timber installment notes receivable due from Lehman as well as \$17.2 million of ongoing interest expense on the related securitization notes payable.
- (h) Includes a \$429.1 million non-cash pre-tax charge related to impairment of goodwill, trade names and fixed assets, as well as a related \$6.5 million favorable impact to joint venture results attributable to OfficeMax common shareholders, net of tax. Also includes an \$11.9 million pre-tax charge for field/corporate reorganizations and reductions in force, consisting primarily of severance costs, a \$4.7 million pre-tax charge related to Retail lease terminations and store closures, and \$3.2 million of ongoing interest expense on the timber securitization notes payable.
- (i) Quarters added together may not equal full year amount because each quarter is calculated on a stand-alone basis.
- (j) The Company's common stock (symbol OMX) is traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors and Shareholders  
OfficeMax Incorporated:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of OfficeMax Incorporated and subsidiaries as of December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008, and the related consolidated statements of operations, equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 26, 2009. We also have audited OfficeMax Incorporated's internal control over financial reporting as of December 26, 2009, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). OfficeMax Incorporated's management is responsible for these consolidated 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 the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our 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 consolidated 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 (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) 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 (3) 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.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of OfficeMax Incorporated and subsidiaries as of December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 26, 2009, in conformity with

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. It is also our opinion, OfficeMax Incorporated maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 26, 2009, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

KPMG LLP

Chicago, Illinois  
February 22, 2010

## **ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

We have had no disagreements with our independent registered public accounting firm regarding accounting or financial disclosure matters.

### **ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

#### **(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, the chief executive officer and chief financial officer directed and supervised an evaluation of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")). The evaluation was conducted to determine whether the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in bringing material information about the Company to the attention of senior management. Based on this evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in alerting them in a timely manner to material information that the Company is required to disclose in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### **(b) Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

OfficeMax's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act, as amended). Our internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance to our management and Board of Directors regarding the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements.

Our management, with the participation of our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 26, 2009. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework*.

Based on this assessment, management concluded that as of December 26, 2009, OfficeMax's internal control over financial reporting was effective.

KPMG LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. That report is included on page 90 of this Form 10-K.

#### **(c) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act, during the fourth fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

### **ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **(a) None.**

## PART III

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### **ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT**

Information concerning directors and nominees for director is presented under the caption "Board of Directors" in our proxy statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

Information concerning our officers is presented under the caption "Executive Officers of the Registrant" in Part 1 of this Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Information concerning our Audit Committee and our Audit Committee financial expert is set forth under the caption "Audit Committee Report" in our proxy statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

Information concerning the procedures by which security holders may recommend nominees to our Board of Directors is set forth under the caption "Other Information—Stockholder Nominations for Directors" in our proxy statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

Information concerning compliance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is set forth under the caption "Stock Ownership—Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" in our proxy statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

We have adopted a Code of Ethics that applies to all OfficeMax employees and directors, including our senior financial officers. Copies of the Code are available, free of charge, on our website at [www.officemax.com](http://www.officemax.com), by clicking on "Investor Relations" under the "About OfficeMax" heading and then on "Code of Ethics." You also may obtain copies of this Code by contacting our Investor Relations Department, 263 Shuman Boulevard, Naperville, Illinois 60563, or by calling (630) 864-6800. If we amend or grant a waiver of one or more of the provisions of our Code of Ethics, we intend to disclose such amendments or waivers by posting the required information on our website at the address above.

### **ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

Information concerning compensation of OfficeMax's executive officers and directors for the year ended December 26, 2009, is presented under the captions "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," "Summary Compensation Table," "Award Tables," "Other Compensation and Benefit Plans," "Estimated Current Value of Change in Control Benefits," "Estimated Termination Benefits" and "Director Compensation" in our proxy statement. This information is incorporated herein by reference.

Information concerning compensation committee interlocks is presented under the caption "Executive Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation" in our proxy statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

The report of our Executive Compensation Committee can be found under the caption "Executive Compensation Committee Report" in our proxy statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

### **ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

Information concerning the security ownership of certain beneficial owners as of December 31, 2009, is set forth under the caption "Stock Ownership—Ownership of More Than 5% of OfficeMax Stock" in our proxy statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

Information concerning the security ownership of our directors and executive officers as of December 31, 2009, is set forth under the caption "Stock Ownership—Directors and Executive Officers" in our proxy statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

Our shareholders have approved all of the Company's equity compensation plans, including the Director Stock Compensation Plan (the "DSCP") and the 2003 OfficeMax Incentive and Performance Plan (the "2003 Plan"), formerly the Boise Incentive and Performance Plan. These plans are designed to further align our directors' and management's interests with the Company's long-term performance and the long-term interests of our shareholders. The following table provides information regarding the equity securities that may be issued under our equity compensation plans as of December 26, 2009.

<b>Equity Compensation Plan Information(1)</b>			
<b>Plan Category</b>	<b>Number of Securities to Be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants, and Rights (#)</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants, and Rights (\$)</b>	<b>Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in the First Column) (#)</b>
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	5,179,718(2)	\$ 9.50	4,452,947(3)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,179,718</b>	<b>\$ 9.50</b>	<b>4,452,947</b>

- (1) None of the following are included in this table: (a) interests in shares of common stock in the OfficeMax Common Stock Fund held by the trustee of the Company's 401(k) Savings Plan, (b) Series D Preferred Stock in the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) fund (c) the deferred stock unit components of the Company's 2001 Key Executive Deferred Compensation Plan or (d) interests in the Company stock fund of the Executive Savings Deferral Plan.
- (2) Includes 11,171 shares issuable under the DSCP, 13,000 shares issuable under the Director Stock Option Plan, 948,142 shares issuable under the Key Executive Stock Option Plan, and 4,207,405 shares issuable under the 2003 Plan. The Director Stock Option Plan and Key Executive Stock Option Plan have been replaced by the 2003 Plan.
- (3) As of December 26, 2009, 53,491 shares were issuable under the DSCP and 4,399,456 shares were issuable under the 2003 Plan.

### **ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE**

Information concerning the independence of our directors, certain relationships and related transactions during 2009 and our policies with respect to such transactions is set forth under the captions "Board of Directors Director Independence" and "Board of Directors Related Transactions" in our proxy statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

### **ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES**

Information concerning principal accountant fees and services is set forth under the captions "Items You May Vote On—Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" and "Audit Committee Report—Audit, Audit Related, and Other Nonaudit Services" in our proxy statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

## PART IV

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### **ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

(a) The following documents are filed as a part of this Form 10-K:

(1) Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Consolidated Financial Statements, the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and the Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm are presented in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Form 10-K.

- Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008.
- Consolidated Statements of Operations for the years ended December 26, 2009, December 27, 2008 and December 29, 2007.
- Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 26, 2009, December 27, 2008 and December 29, 2007.
- Consolidated Statements of Equity for the years ended December 26, 2009, December 27, 2008 and December 29, 2007.
- Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.
- Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

(2) Financial Statement Schedules.

All financial statement schedules have been omitted because they are inapplicable, not required or shown in the financial statements and notes in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this Form 10-K.

(3) Exhibits.

A list of the exhibits required to be filed as part of this report is set forth in the Index to Exhibits, which immediately precedes such exhibits and is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Exhibits.

See Index to Exhibits.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

OfficeMax Incorporated

By /s/ SAM K. DUNCAN

Sam K. Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated: February 22, 2010

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated on February 22, 2010.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
<b>(i) Principal Executive Officer:</b>	
<u>/s/ SAM K. DUNCAN</u> Sam K. Duncan	Chief Executive Officer
<b>(ii) Principal Financial Officer:</b>	
<u>/s/ BRUCE BESANKO</u> Bruce Besanko	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer
<b>(iii) Principal Accounting Officer:</b>	
<u>/s/ DEBORAH A. O'CONNOR</u> Deborah A. O'Connor	Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Accounting Officer
<b>(iv) Directors:</b>	
<u>/s/ DORRIT J. BERN</u> Dorrit J. Bern	<u>/s/ WARREN F. BRYANT</u> Warren F. Bryant
<u>/s/ JOSEPH M. DEPINTO</u> Joseph M. DePinto	<u>/s/ SAM K. DUNCAN</u> Sam K. Duncan
<u>/s/ RAKESH GANGWAL</u> Rakesh Gangwal	<u>/s/ WILLIAM J. MONTGORIS</u> William J. Montgoris
<u>/s/ FRANCESCA RUIZ DE LUZURIAGA</u> Francesca Ruiz de Luzuriaga	<u>/s/ DAVID M. SZYMANSKI</u> David M. Szymanski

## Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors of OfficeMax Incorporated:

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statement (No. 333-162866) on Form S-1; the registration statements (Nos. 33-28595, 33-21964, 33-31642, 333-105223, 333-37124, 333-86425, 333-86427, 333-61106, 333-113648, 333-110397 and 333-150957) on Form S-8; and the registration statements (Nos. 333-41033, 333-74450 and 333-86362) on Form S-3 of OfficeMax Incorporated of our report dated February 22, 2010, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of OfficeMax Incorporated as of December 26, 2009 and December 27, 2008, and the related consolidated statements of operations, equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 26, 2009, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 26, 2009, which report appears in the December 26, 2009 annual report on Form 10-K of OfficeMax Incorporated.

/s/ KPMG LLP  
KPMG LLP

Chicago, Illinois  
February 22, 2010

## OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED

## INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Filed with the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 26, 2009

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference				Filed Herewith
		Form	File Number	Exhibit Number	Filing Date	
2.1	Asset Purchase Agreement dated July 26, 2004, between Boise Cascade Corporation (now OfficeMax Incorporated), Boise Southern Company, Minidoka Paper Company and Forest Products Holdings, L.L.C., and Boise Land & Timber Corp.	8-K	001-05057	2	7/28/2004	
3.1	Conformed Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as restated to date	S-1	333-162866	3.1.1	11/4/2009	
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws, as amended to February 12, 2009	8-K	001-05057	3.1	2/18/2009	
4.1(1)	Trust Indenture between Boise Cascade Corporation (now OfficeMax Incorporated) and Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee, dated October 1, 1985, as amended	S-3	33-5673	4	5/13/1986	
4.2	Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement dated as of July 12, 2007	8-K	001-05057	99.1	7/18/2007	
4.3	Indenture dated as of December 21, 2004 by and between OMX Timber Finance Investments II, LLC, as the Issuer and Wells Fargo Bank Northwest, N.A., as Trustee.	8-K	001-05057	99.1	9/22/2008	
4.4	Indenture dated as of December 21, 2004 by and between OMX Timber Finance Investments I, LLC, as the Issuer and Wells Fargo Bank Northwest, N.A., as Trustee.	S-1/A	333-162866	4.4	12/14/2009	
9	Inapplicable					
10.1(a)	Paper Purchase Agreement between Boise White Paper, L.L.C., OfficeMax Contract, Inc., and OfficeMax North America, Inc.	10-Q	001-05057	10.1	11/9/2004	
10.2	Installment Note for \$559,500,000 between Boise Land & Timber, L.L.C. (Maker) and Boise Cascade Corporation (now OfficeMax Incorporated) (Initial Holder) dated October 29, 2004	10-Q	001-05057	10.3	11/9/2004	

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Exhibit Description</b>	<b>Incorporated by Reference</b>				<b>Filed Herewith</b>
		<b>Form</b>	<b>File Number</b>	<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>	
10.3	Installment Note for \$258,000,000 between Boise Land & Timber, L.L.C. (Maker) and Boise Southern Company (Initial Holder) dated October 29, 2004	10-Q	001-05057	10.4	11/9/2004	
10.4	Installment Note for \$817,500,000 between Boise Land & Timber II, L.L.C. (Maker) and Boise Cascade Corporation (now OfficeMax Incorporated) (Initial Holder) dated October 29, 2004	10-Q	001-05057	10.5	11/9/2004	
10.5	Guaranty by Wachovia Corporation dated October 29, 2004	10-Q	001-05057	10.6	11/9/2004	
10.6	Guaranty by Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. dated October 29, 2004	10-Q	001-05057	10.7	11/9/2004	
10.7	Registration Rights Agreement among Boise Cascade Corporation (now OfficeMax Incorporated), Forest Products Holdings, L.L.C., and Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. dated October 29, 2004	10-Q	001-05057	10.11	11/9/2004	
10.8	Restructuring Agreement and Amendment No. 1 to Securityholders Agreement by and among Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C., Boise Cascade, L.L.C., Boise Land & Timber Corp., Forest Product Holdings, L.L.C., OfficeMax Incorporated and Kooskia Investment Corporation	8-K	001-05057	99.1	11/15/2006	
10.9	Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. Second Amended and Restated Operating Agreement	8-K	001-05057	99.2	11/16/2006	
10.10	Securityholders Agreement among Boise Cascade Corporation (now OfficeMax incorporated), Forest Products Holdings, L.L.C., and Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C., dated October 29, 2004	10-Q	001-05057	10.14	11/9/2004	
10.11	Purchase Agreement dated December 13, 2004, between OMX Timber Finance Investments I, LLC, OMX Timber Finance Investments II, LLC, OfficeMax Incorporated, Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, and Lehman Brothers Inc.	8-K	001-05057	10.1	12/17/2004	

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference				Filed Herewith
		Form	File Number	Exhibit Number	Filing Date	
10.12	Indemnification Agreement dated December 13, 2004, between Wachovia Corporation, Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., OMX Timber Finance Investments I, LLC, OMX Timber Finance Investments II, LLC, OfficeMax Incorporated, Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, Lehman Brothers Inc.	8-K	001-05057	10.2	12/17/2004	
10.13†	Executive Savings Deferral Plan	8-K	001-05057	10.2	12/15/2004	
10.14†	2005 Deferred Compensation Plan	8-K	001-05057	10.3	12/15/2004	
10.15†	2005 Directors Deferred Compensation Plan	8-K	001-05057	10.4	12/15/2004	
10.16†	Directors Compensation Summary Sheet					X
10.17†	Form of OfficeMax Incorporated Nonstatutory Stock Option Agreement	8-K	001-05057	10.1	1/6/2005	
10.18†	Executive Life Insurance Program	8-K	001-05057	10.1	2/16/2005	
10.19†	Officer Annual Physical Program	8-K	001-05057	10.2	2/16/2005	
10.20†	Financial Counseling Program	8-K	001-05057	10.3	2/16/2005	
10.21†	Executive Officer Mandatory Retirement Policy	10-K	001-05057	10.31	3/16/2005	
10.22†	1982 Executive Officer Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended through September 26, 2003	10-K	001-05057	10.4	3/2/2004	
10.23†	Nonbusiness Use of Corporate Aircraft Policy, as amended	10-K	001-05057	10.13	3/14/1994	
10.24†	Supplemental Early Retirement Plan for Executive Officers, as amended through September 26, 2003	10-K	001-05057	10.6	3/2/2004	
10.25†	Boise Cascade Corporation (now OfficeMax Incorporated) Supplemental Pension Plan, as amended through September 26, 2003	10-K	001-05057	10.7	3/2/2004	
10.26†	1980 Split Dollar Life Insurance Plan, as amended through September 25, 2003	10-K	001-05057	10.10	3/2/2004	
10.27†	Form of Directors' Indemnification Agreement, as revised September 26, 2003	10-K	001-05057	10.15	3/2/2004	

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference				Filed Herewith
		Form	File Number	Exhibit Number	Filing Date	
10.28(2)†	Deferred Compensation and Benefits Trust, as amended for the Form of Sixth Amendment dated May 1, 2001	10-Q	001-05057	10	11/13/2001	
10.29†	Director Stock Compensation Plan, as amended through September 26, 2003	10-K	001-05057	10.17	3/2/2004	
10.30†	Directors Stock Option Plan, as amended through September 26, 2003	10-K	001-05057	10.18	3/2/2004	
10.31†	2001 Key Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended through September 26, 2003	10-K	001-05057	10.23	3/2/2004	
10.32†	2001 Board of Directors Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended through September 26, 2003	10-K	001-05057	10.24	3/2/2004	
10.33†	Key Executive Performance Unit Plan, as amended through September 26, 2003	10-K	001-05057	10.25	3/2/2004	
10.34†	2003 Director Stock Compensation Plan, as amended through September 26, 2003	10-K	001-05057	10.26	3/2/2004	
10.35†	Employment Agreement between OfficeMax Incorporated and Sam Duncan dated April 15, 2005	8-K	001-05057	10.1	4/20/2005	
10.36†	Nonstatutory Stock Option Award Agreement between OfficeMax Incorporated and Sam Duncan dated April 18, 2005—70,000 shares	8-K	001-05057	10.2	4/20/2005	
10.37†	Nonstatutory Stock Option Award Agreement between OfficeMax Incorporated and Sam Duncan dated April 18, 2005—180,000 shares	8-K	001-05057	10.3	4/20/2005	
10.38†	Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement between OfficeMax Incorporated and Sam Duncan dated April 18, 2005—35,000 units	8-K	001-05057	10.4	4/20/2005	
10.39†	Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement between OfficeMax Incorporated and Sam Duncan dated April 18, 2005—15,000 units	8-K	001-05057	10.5	4/20/2005	
10.40	Amended and Restated Going Public Agreement dated as of May 17, 2005	8-K	001-05057	10.1	5/23/2005	
10.41†	Amendment to the OfficeMax Incorporated 2003 Director Stock Compensation Plan	8-K	001-05057	—	2/20/2007	

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		<b>Form</b>	<b>File Number</b>	<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>	
10.42†	Amendment to OfficeMax Incorporated Executive Savings Deferral Plan	8-K	001-05057	99.2	12/14/2005	
10.43†	Form of 2006 Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement	8-K	001-05057	10.2	2/15/2006	
10.44†	Form of 2007 Directors' Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement	8-K	001-05057	99.3	8/1/2007	
10.45†	Letter Agreement between OfficeMax Incorporated and Mr. Martin dated September 12, 2007	8-K	001-05057	99.1	9/19/2007	
10.46†	Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement between OfficeMax Incorporated and Mr. Martin dated September 17, 2007	8-K	001-05057	99.2	9/19/2007	
10.47†	Nonstatutory Stock Option Award Agreement between OfficeMax Incorporated and Mr. Martin dated September 17, 2007	8-K	001-05057	99.3	9/19/2007	
10.48†	Nondisclosure and Noncompetition Agreement between OfficeMax Incorporated and Mr. Martin dated September 13, 2007	8-K	001-05057	99.4	9/19/2007	
10.49†	Mr. Vero's Relocation Repayment Agreement dated June 12, 2006	10-K	001-05057	10.81	2/27/2008	
10.50†	Form of 2008 Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Performance Based)	8-K	001-05057	99.2	2/26/2008	
10.51†	Form of 2008 Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Time Based)	10-Q	001-05057	10.3	5/7/2008	
10.52†	2003 OfficeMax Incentive and Performance Plan as amended and restated effective April 23, 2008	S-8	333-150957	4.1	5/16/08	
10.53†	Form of 2008 Director Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement	8-K	001-05057	99.2	7/29/2008	
10.54†	Form of Amendment to OfficeMax Incorporated 2007 Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement granted to Sam Martin	10-Q	001-05057	10.3	11/6/2008	
10.55†	Executive Officer Severance Pay Policy	10-Q	001-05057	10.4	11/6/2008	
10.56†	Form of Executive Officer Change in Control Severance Agreement	10-Q	001-05057	10.5	11/6/2008	

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference				Filed Herewith
		Form	File Number	Exhibit Number	Filing Date	
10.57†	Amendment to OfficeMax Incorporated 2005 Directors Deferred Compensation Plan	10-Q	001-05057	10.6	11/6/2008	
10.58†	Form of Amendment to Employment Agreement between OfficeMax Incorporated and Sam Duncan	10-Q	001-05057	10.7	11/6/2008	
10.59†	Form of Amendment to OfficeMax Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreements granted to Sam Duncan	10-Q	001-05057	10.8	11/6/2008	
10.60†	Second Amendment to the 2003 OfficeMax Incentive and Performance Plan as amended and restated effective April 23, 2008	8-K	001-05057	99.1	12/23/2008	
10.61†	Form of Amendment of OfficeMax Incorporated Executive Savings Deferral Plan	8-K	001-05057	99.1	1/28/2009	
10.62†	Form of 2009 Annual Incentive Award Agreement	8-K	001-05057	99.2	2/18/2009	
10.63†	Sam Duncan Waiver and Ratification dated February 12, 2009	8-K	001-05057	99.3	2/18/2009	
10.64†	Form of 2009 Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Performance Based)	8-K	001-05057	99.4	2/18/2009	
10.65†	Form of 2009 Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement.	8-K	001-05057	99.5	2/18/2009	
10.66†	Bruce Besanko Change in Control Agreement	8-K	001-05057	99.1	3/6/2009	
10.67†	Bruce Besanko Nondisclosure and Noncompetition Agreement	8-K	001-05057	99.2	3/6/2009	
10.68†	Form of 2009 Director Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement	8-K	001-05057	99.1	7/28/2009	
10.69	Contribution Agreement between OfficeMax Incorporated and Evercore Trust Company, N.A., the independent fiduciary of the Master Trust	8-K	001-05057	99.1	11/4/09	
10.70	Registration Rights Agreement between OfficeMax Incorporated and Evercore Trust Company, N.A., the independent fiduciary of the Master Trust	8-K	001-05057	99.2	11/4/09	
11	Inapplicable					
12	Inapplicable					

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference				
		Form	File Number	Exhibit Number	Filing Date	Filed Herewith
13	Inapplicable					
14(3)	Code of Ethics					
16	Inapplicable					
18	Inapplicable					
21	Significant subsidiaries of the registrant					X
22	Inapplicable					
23	Consent of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm (see page 97)					X
24	Inapplicable					
31.1	CEO Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002					X
31.2	CFO Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002					X
32	Section 906 Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of OfficeMax Incorporated					X

† Indicates exhibits that constitute management contracts or compensatory plans or arrangements.

- (a) Certain information in this exhibit has been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to a confidential treatment request under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (1) The Trust Indenture between Boise Cascade Corporation (now known as OfficeMax Incorporated) and Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee, dated October 1, 1985, as amended, was filed as exhibit 4 in the Registration Statement on Form S-3 No. 33-5673, filed May 13, 1986. The Trust Indenture has been supplemented on seven occasions as follows: The First Supplemental Indenture, dated December 20, 1989, was filed as exhibit 4.2 in the Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 No. 33-32584, filed December 20, 1989. The Second Supplemental Indenture, dated August 1, 1990, was filed as exhibit 4.1 in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 10, 1990. The Third Supplemental Indenture, dated December 5, 2001, between Boise Cascade Corporation and BNY Western Trust Company, as trustee, to the Trust Indenture dated as of October 1, 1985, between Boise Cascade Corporation and U.S. Bank Trust National Association (as successor in interest to Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York) was filed as exhibit 99.2 in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 10, 2001. The Fourth Supplemental Indenture dated October 21, 2003, between Boise Cascade Corporation and U.S. Bank Trust National Association was filed as exhibit 4.1 in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 20, 2003. The Fifth Supplemental Indenture dated September 16, 2004, among Boise Cascade Corporation, U.S. Bank Trust National Association and BNY Western Trust Company was filed as exhibit 4.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 22, 2004. The Sixth Supplemental Indenture dated October 29, 2004, between OfficeMax Incorporated and U.S. Bank Trust National Association was filed as exhibit 4.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 4, 2004. The Seventh Supplemental Indenture, made as of December 22, 2004, between OfficeMax Incorporated and U.S. Bank Trust National Association was filed as exhibit 4.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 22, 2004. Each of the documents referenced in this footnote is incorporated by reference.
- (2) The Deferred Compensation and Benefits Trust, as amended and restated as of December 13, 1996, was filed as exhibit 10.18 in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1996. Amendment No. 4, dated July 29, 1999, to the Deferred Compensation and Benefits Trust was filed as exhibit 10.18 in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999. Amendment No. 5, dated December 6, 2000, to the Deferred Compensation and Benefits Trust was filed as exhibit 10.18 in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000. Amendment No. 6, dated May 1, 2001, to the Deferred Compensation and Benefits Trust was filed as exhibit 10 in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2001. Each of the documents referenced in this footnote is incorporated herein by reference.
- (3) Our Code of Ethics can be found on our website ([www.officemax.com](http://www.officemax.com)) by clicking on "About OfficeMax—Investor Relations" and then "Code of Ethics."



**DIRECTORS COMPENSATION SUMMARY SHEET**

Nonemployee directors receive compensation for board service. Payment dates are the last working day of March, June, September, and December. That compensation includes:

Annual Retainer:	\$51,000
Committee Chair Retainers:	\$30,000 annually for lead independent director (i.e., Outside Directors Committee chair)
	\$30,000 annually for Audit Committee chair
	\$20,000 annually for Executive Compensation Committee chair
	\$10,000 annually for Governance and Nominating Committee chair and all other committee chairs
Attendance Fees:	\$2,000 for each board meeting (attended in person, conducted by telephone, or written consent in lieu of meeting)
	\$1,000 for each committee meeting (attended in person, conducted by telephone, or written consent in lieu of meeting)
	Expenses related to attendance
Equity Based Compensation Award:	\$75,000 annually

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[Exhibit 10.16](#)

[DIRECTORS COMPENSATION SUMMARY SHEET](#)

Subsidiaries of the registrant are as follows:

	<u>State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization</u>
Picabo Holdings, Inc.	Delaware
OfficeMax Nevada Company	Nevada
Grand & Toy Limited	Ontario, Canada
OfficeMax Australia Limited	Australia
OfficeMax Southern Company	Louisiana
OfficeMax New Zealand Limited	New Zealand
OfficeMax North America, Inc.	Ohio
OMX Timber Finance Holdings I, LLC	Delaware
OMX Timber Finance Holdings II, LLC	Delaware
Clearfield Insurance Limited	Bermuda
Grupo OfficeMax S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico

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Note: The names of various consolidated wholly owned subsidiaries have been omitted. None of the omitted subsidiaries, considered either alone or together with the other omitted subsidiaries, constitutes a significant subsidiary.

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QuickLinks

[Exhibit 21](#)

**CEO CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Sam K. Duncan, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of OfficeMax Incorporated;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, 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;
  - c. evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 22, 2010

/s/ SAM K. DUNCAN

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Sam K. Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

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[CEO CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES OXLEY ACT OF 2002](#)

**CFO CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Bruce Besanko, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of OfficeMax Incorporated;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, 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;
  - c. evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 22, 2010

/s/ BRUCE BESANKO

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Bruce Besanko  
Chief Financial Officer

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[CFO CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES OXLEY ACT OF 2002](#)

**SECTION 906 CERTIFICATIONS OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF  
OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED**

We are providing this Certificate pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C., Section 1350. It accompanies OfficeMax Incorporated's annual report on Form 10-K (the "Report") for the fiscal year ended December 26, 2009.

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I, Sam K. Duncan, OfficeMax Incorporated's chief executive officer, certify that:

(i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a) or 78o(d)); and

(ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, OfficeMax Incorporated's financial condition and results of operations.

/s/ SAM K. DUNCAN

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Sam K. Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

I, Bruce Besanko, OfficeMax Incorporated's chief financial officer, certify that:

(i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a) or 78o(d)); and

(ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, OfficeMax Incorporated's financial condition and results of operations.

/s/ BRUCE BESANKO

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Bruce Besanko  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 22, 2010

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to OfficeMax Incorporated and will be retained by OfficeMax Incorporated and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

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