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(Mark one)

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

For the quarterly period ended July 3, 2010

or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission file number 001-32316

B&G FOODS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

13-3918742

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4 Gatehall Drive, Suite 110, Parsippany, New Jersey

(Address of principal executive offices)

07054

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(973) 401-6500**

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

As of July 27, 2010, the registrant had 47,635,640 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, issued and outstanding; and no shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, issued or outstanding.

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**PART I
FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Item 1. Financial Statements (Unaudited)

**B&G Foods, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(In thousands, except share and per share data)
(Unaudited)**

	<u>July 3, 2010</u>	<u>January 2, 2010</u>
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 80,500	\$ 39,930
Trade accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts and discounts of \$536 in 2010 and \$631 in 2009	27,524	34,488
Inventories	94,110	86,134
Prepaid expenses	1,752	2,523
Income tax receivable	2,034	864
Deferred income taxes	1,671	1,981
Total current assets	<u>207,591</u>	<u>165,920</u>
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$76,337 in 2010 and \$72,217 in 2009	54,056	53,598
Goodwill	253,353	253,353
Trademarks	227,220	227,220
Customer relationship intangibles, net	106,643	109,868
Net deferred debt financing costs and other assets	9,816	6,935
Total assets	<u>\$ 858,679</u>	<u>\$ 816,894</u>
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Trade accounts payable	\$ 25,892	\$ 22,574
Accrued expenses	21,687	18,326
Dividends payable	8,098	8,052
Total current liabilities	<u>55,677</u>	<u>48,952</u>
Long-term debt	477,588	439,541
Other liabilities	18,657	19,265

Deferred income taxes	87,534	83,528
Total liabilities	639,456	591,286
Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share. Authorized 1,000,000 shares; no shares issued or outstanding	—	—
Class A common stock, \$0.01 par value per share. Authorized 100,000,000 shares; 47,635,640 and 47,367,292 issued and outstanding as of July 3, 2010 and January 2, 2010	476	474
Class B common stock, \$0.01 par value per share. Authorized 25,000,000 shares; no shares issued or outstanding	—	—
Additional paid-in capital	215,694	231,549
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(8,728)	(9,377)
Retained earnings	11,781	2,962
Total stockholders' equity	219,223	225,608
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 858,679</u>	<u>\$ 816,894</u>

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B&G Foods, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Operations
(In thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-six Weeks Ended	
	July 3, 2010	July 4, 2009	July 3, 2010	July 4, 2009
Net sales	\$ 121,145	\$ 122,899	\$ 246,327	\$ 241,537
Cost of goods sold	81,747	86,033	164,901	165,922
Gross profit	39,398	36,866	81,426	75,615
Operating expenses:				
Sales, marketing and distribution expenses	10,614	10,929	22,121	21,916
General and administrative expenses	2,849	2,478	5,394	4,817
Amortization expense—customer relationships	1,612	1,612	3,225	3,225
Operating income	24,323	21,847	50,686	45,657
Other expenses:				
Interest expense, net	10,898	12,137	21,520	26,426
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	—	15,224	—
Income before income tax expense	13,425	9,710	13,942	19,231
Income tax expense	4,932	3,681	5,123	7,289
Net income	<u>\$ 8,493</u>	<u>\$ 6,029</u>	<u>\$ 8,819</u>	<u>\$ 11,942</u>
Basic weighted average shares outstanding:				
Class A common stock	47,625	35,945	47,526	36,071
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding:				
Class A common stock	48,450	36,008	48,197	36,071
Basic and diluted earnings per share:				
Basic Class A common stock	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.33
Diluted Class A common stock	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.33
Cash dividends declared per share:				
Class A common stock	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34

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B&G Foods, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
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	Twenty-six Weeks Ended	
	July 3, 2010	July 4, 2009
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 8,819	\$ 11,942
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		

Depreciation and amortization	7,357	7,170
Amortization of deferred debt financing costs and bond discount	1,015	1,612
Deferred income taxes	2,759	5,947
Loss on extinguishment of debt	15,224	—
Share-based compensation expense	1,470	1,802
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	(330)	—
Unrealized loss (gain) on interest rate swap	1,349	(739)
Reclassification to net interest expense for interest rate swap	847	846
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Trade accounts receivable	6,964	6,843
Inventories	(7,976)	(22,109)
Prepaid expenses	771	(490)
Income tax receivable	320	514
Other assets	(16)	(219)
Trade accounts payable	3,318	3,607
Accrued expenses	3,361	897
Other liabilities	(1,757)	(291)
Net cash provided by operating activities	43,495	17,332
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(4,595)	(5,568)
Net cash used in investing activities	(4,595)	(5,568)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Payments of long-term debt	(320,259)	—
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	347,448	—
Dividends paid	(16,147)	(12,288)
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	330	—
Payments of tax withholding on behalf of employees for net share settlement of share-based compensation	(1,460)	—
Payments for repurchase of Class A common stock	—	(2,334)
Payments of debt financing costs	(8,246)	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1,666	(14,622)
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	4	(107)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	40,570	(2,965)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	39,930	32,559
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 80,500</u>	<u>\$ 29,594</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash interest payments	<u>\$ 12,973</u>	<u>\$ 25,124</u>
Cash income tax payments	<u>\$ 2,081</u>	<u>\$ 852</u>
Cash income tax refunds	<u>\$ (2)</u>	<u>\$ (24)</u>
Non-cash transactions:		
Dividends declared and not yet paid	<u>\$ 8,098</u>	<u>\$ 6,097</u>

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B&G Foods, Inc. and Subsidiaries
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(1) Nature of Operations

B&G Foods, Inc. is a holding company, the principal assets of which are the capital stock of its subsidiaries. Unless the context requires otherwise, references in this report to “B&G Foods,” “our company,” “we,” “us” and “our” refer to B&G Foods, Inc. and its subsidiaries. We operate in one industry segment and manufacture, sell and distribute a diverse portfolio of high-quality shelf-stable foods across the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. Our products include hot cereals, fruit spreads, canned meats and beans, spices, seasonings, marinades, hot sauces, wine vinegar, maple syrup, molasses, salad dressings, Mexican-style sauces, taco shells and kits, salsas, pickles, peppers and other specialty food products. We compete in the retail grocery, food service, specialty, private label, club and mass merchandiser channels of distribution. We distribute our products throughout the United States via a nationwide network of independent brokers and distributors to supermarket chains, food service outlets, mass merchants, warehouse clubs, non-food outlets and specialty food distributors.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Fiscal Year

Our financial statements are presented on a consolidated basis. Typically, our fiscal quarters and fiscal year consist of 13 and 52 weeks, respectively, ending on the Saturday closest to December 31 in the case of our fiscal year and fourth fiscal quarter, and on the Saturday closest to the end of the corresponding calendar quarter in the case of our fiscal quarters. As a result, a 53rd week is added to our fiscal year every five or six years. In a 53-week

fiscal year our fourth fiscal quarter contains 14 weeks. Our fiscal years ending January 1, 2011 (fiscal 2010) and January 2, 2010 (fiscal 2009) each contain 52 weeks. Each quarter of fiscal 2010 and 2009 contains 13 weeks.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated interim financial statements for the thirteen and twenty-six week periods ended July 3, 2010 (second quarter of 2010 and first two quarters of 2010) and July 4, 2009 (second quarter of 2009 and first two quarters of 2009) have been prepared by our company in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and include the accounts of B&G Foods, Inc. and its subsidiaries. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. However, our management believes, to the best of their knowledge, that the disclosures herein are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. The accompanying unaudited consolidated interim financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting only of normal and recurring adjustments) that are, in the opinion of management, necessary to present fairly our consolidated financial position as of July 3, 2010, the results of our operations for the second quarter and first two quarters of 2010 and 2009, and cash flows for the first two quarters of 2010 and 2009. Our results of operations for the second quarter and first two quarters of 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. We have evaluated subsequent events for disclosure through the date of issuance of the accompanying unaudited consolidated interim financial statements. The accompanying unaudited consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes for fiscal 2009 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2009 filed with the SEC on March 1, 2010.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires our management to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Some of the more significant estimates and assumptions made by management involve trade and consumer promotion expenses; allowances for excess, obsolete and unsaleable inventories; pension benefits; the recoverability of goodwill, trademarks, customer relationship intangibles, property, plant and equipment and deferred tax assets; and the accounting for share-based compensation expense. Actual results could differ significantly from these estimates and assumptions.

Management evaluates its estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors, including the current economic environment, that management believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. We adjust such estimates and assumptions when facts and circumstances dictate. Recent volatility in the credit and equity markets has increased the uncertainty inherent in certain of these estimates and assumptions.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

There have been no significant developments to recently issued accounting standards, including the expected dates of adoption and estimated effects on our consolidated financial statements, from those disclosed in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(3) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market and include direct material, direct labor, overhead, warehousing and product transfer costs. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out and average cost methods. Inventories have been reduced by an allowance for excess, obsolete and unsaleable inventories. The allowance is an estimate based on our management's review of inventories on hand compared to estimated future usage and sales.

Inventories consist of the following, as of the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

	<u>July 3, 2010</u>	<u>January 2, 2010</u>
Raw materials and packaging	\$ 37,074	\$ 32,793
Work in process	325	1,239
Finished goods	56,711	52,102
Total	<u>\$ 94,110</u>	<u>\$ 86,134</u>

(4) Goodwill, Trademarks and Customer Relationship Intangibles

There has been no change in the carrying amount of goodwill or trademarks (indefinite-lived intangibles) during the first two quarters of 2010.

The following table reconciles the changes in the carrying amount of customer relationship intangibles for the first two quarters of 2010 (dollars in thousands):

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(4) Goodwill, Trademarks and Customer Relationship Intangibles (Continued)

	Customer Relationship Intangibles	Less: Accumulated Amortization	Total
Balance at January 2, 2010	\$ 129,000	\$ (19,132)	\$ 109,868
Amortization expense	—	(3,225)	(3,225)
Balance at July 3, 2010	<u>\$ 129,000</u>	<u>\$ (22,357)</u>	<u>\$ 106,643</u>

Customer relationship intangibles are presented at cost, net of accumulated amortization, and are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of 20 years. Amortization expense associated with customer relationship intangibles for each of the second quarter and first two quarters of 2010 and 2009 was \$1.6 million and \$3.2 million, respectively, and is recorded in operating expenses. We expect to recognize an additional \$3.3 million of amortization expense associated with our current customer relationship intangibles during the remainder of fiscal 2010, and thereafter \$6.5 million per year for each of the next four succeeding fiscal years.

(5) Long-term Debt

Long-term debt consists of the following, as of the dates indicated (dollars in thousands):

	July 3, 2010	January 2, 2010
Senior secured credit facility:		
Revolving credit facility	\$ —	\$ —
Term loan	130,000	130,000
7.625% Senior Notes due 2018, net of unamortized discount of \$2,412 at July 3, 2010	347,588	—
12% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2016	—	69,541
8% Senior Notes due 2011	—	240,000
Total long-term debt	<u>\$ 477,588</u>	<u>\$ 439,541</u>

As of July 3, 2010, the aggregate contractual maturities of long-term debt are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Years ending December:	
2010	\$ —
2011	—
2012	—
2013	130,000
2014	—
Thereafter	350,000
Total	<u>\$ 480,000</u>

Senior Secured Credit Facility. As amended, our \$25.0 million revolving credit facility and our \$130.0 million of term loan borrowings mature in February 2013. The following discussion of the credit

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(5) Long-term Debt (Continued)

facility describes the credit facility as amended through the date of issuance of the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

Interest under the revolving credit facility, including any outstanding letters of credit, is determined based on alternative rates that we may choose in accordance with the revolving credit facility, including the base lending rate per annum plus an applicable margin of 2.00%, and LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 3.00%. We pay a commitment fee of 0.50% per annum on the unused portion of the revolving credit facility. Interest under the term loan facility is determined based on alternative rates that we may choose in accordance with the credit facility, including the base lending rate per annum plus an applicable margin of 1.00%, and LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 2.00%.

Our obligations under the credit facility are jointly and severally and fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior basis by all of our existing and certain future domestic subsidiaries. The credit facility is secured by substantially all of our and our domestic subsidiaries' assets except our and our domestic subsidiaries' real property. The credit facility provides for mandatory prepayment upon certain asset dispositions and issuances of securities, as defined. The credit facility contains covenants that restrict, among other things, our ability to incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends and create certain liens. The credit facility also contains certain financial maintenance covenants, which, among other things, specify maximum capital expenditure limits, a minimum interest coverage ratio and a maximum senior and total leverage ratio, each ratio as defined. As of July 3, 2010, we were in compliance with all of the covenants in the credit facility. Proceeds of the revolving credit facility are restricted to funding our working capital requirements, capital expenditures and acquisitions of companies in the same line of business as our company, subject to specified criteria. The maximum letter of credit capacity under the revolving credit facility is \$10.0 million, with a fronting fee of 3.0% per annum for all outstanding letters of credit.

At July 3, 2010, the available borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility, net of outstanding letters of credit of \$0.5 million, was \$24.5 million. We have not drawn upon the revolving credit facility since its inception in October 2004 and, based upon our cash and cash equivalents on hand and working capital requirements, we have no plans to do so for the foreseeable future.

Effective as of February 26, 2007, we entered into a six year interest rate swap agreement in order to effectively fix at 7.0925% the interest rate payable for \$130.0 million of term loan borrowings through the life of the term loan, ending on February 26, 2013. The counterparty to the swap is Lehman Special Financing Inc. (Lehman SFI) and the counterparty's guarantor is Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. (Lehman). On September 15, 2008, Lehman filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Lehman SFI filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code on October 3, 2008.

We initially designated the swap as a cash flow hedge. Prior to Lehman's bankruptcy filing, we recorded changes in the fair value of the swap in accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax in our consolidated balance sheet. However, as a result of the Lehman bankruptcy filing, we determined in September 2008 that the interest rate swap was no longer an effective hedge for accounting purposes. Accordingly, subsequent to that determination, we record changes in the swap's fair value in current earnings in net interest expense in our consolidated statements of operations. We obtain third-party verification of the fair value at the end of each reporting period. As of July 3, 2010, the fair value of our interest rate swap was an unrealized loss of \$12.9 million and is recorded in other liabilities on our consolidated balance sheet. The amount recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss will be reclassified to net interest expense over the remaining life of the term loan borrowings as we make interest payments. Net interest expense in the second quarter and first two quarters of 2010 includes a charge of \$1.0 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, relating to the unrealized loss on our interest rate swap and a reclassification of \$0.4 million and \$0.8 million,

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(5) Long-term Debt (Continued)

respectively, of the amount recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss related to the swap. Net interest in the second quarter and first two quarters of 2010 also includes a reduction in interest income primarily due to lower interest rates. As of July 3, 2010, we expect to reclassify \$4.5 million to net interest expense during the remainder of the life of the swap, with \$1.7 million being reclassified in the next twelve months.

7.625% Senior Notes due 2018. In January 2010, we issued \$350.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7.625% senior notes due 2018 at a public offering price of 99.271% of face value. The original issue discount of \$2.6 million will be amortized over the life of the notes as interest expense. Interest on the senior notes is payable on January 15 and July 15 of each year. The senior notes will mature on January 15, 2018, unless earlier retired or redeemed as described below.

On or after January 15, 2014, we may redeem some or all of the senior notes at a redemption price of 103.813% beginning January 15, 2014 and thereafter at prices declining annually to 100% on or after January 15, 2017. We may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes prior to January 15, 2013 with the net proceeds from certain equity offerings. We may also redeem some or all of the notes at any time prior to January 15, 2014 at a redemption price equal to a specified make-whole amount. In addition, if we undergo a change of control, we may be required to offer to repurchase the notes at the repurchase price of 101% plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption.

We may also, from time to time, seek to retire senior notes through cash repurchases of senior notes and/or exchanges of senior notes for equity securities, in open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. Such repurchases or exchanges, if any, will depend on prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual restrictions and other factors. The amounts involved may be material.

Our obligations under the senior notes are jointly and severally and fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior basis by all of our existing and certain future domestic subsidiaries. The senior notes and the subsidiary guarantees are our and the guarantors' general unsecured obligations and are effectively junior in right of payment to all of our and the guarantors' secured indebtedness and to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our non-guarantor subsidiaries; are *pari passu* in right of payment to all of our and the guarantors' existing and future unsecured senior debt; and are senior in right of payment to all of our and the guarantors' future subordinated debt. Our foreign subsidiary is not a guarantor, and any future foreign or partially owned domestic subsidiaries will not be guarantors, of our senior notes.

Our senior notes indenture contains covenants with respect to us and the guarantors and restricts the incurrence of additional indebtedness and the issuance of capital stock; the payment of dividends or distributions on, and redemption of, capital stock; a number of other restricted payments, including certain investments; specified creation of liens, certain sale-leaseback transactions and sale of certain specified assets; fundamental changes, including consolidation, mergers and transfers of all or substantially all of our assets; and specified transactions with affiliates. Each of the covenants is subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications. As of July 3, 2010, we were in compliance with all of the covenants in the senior notes indenture.

12% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2016. In January 2010, we repurchased \$44.7 million aggregate principal amount of the senior subordinated notes with a portion of the proceeds of our public offering of 7.625% senior notes due 2018 at a repurchase price of 106.5% of such principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, and set aside sufficient proceeds of the offering to repurchase or redeem the remaining senior subordinated notes. In February 2010, we repurchased or redeemed the remaining \$24.8 million aggregate principal amount of the senior subordinated notes at a price equal to 106.0% of such principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

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(5) Long-term Debt (Continued)

8% Senior Notes due 2011. In January 2010, we repurchased \$238.9 million aggregate principal amount of the 8% senior notes with a portion of the proceeds of our public offering of 7.625% senior notes due 2018 at a repurchase price of 102.375% of such principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, and set aside sufficient proceeds of the offering to repurchase or redeem the remaining 8% senior notes. In February 2010, we repurchased or redeemed the remaining \$1.1 million aggregate principal amount of the 8% senior notes at a price equal to 102.0% of such principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

Subsidiary Guarantees. We have no assets or operations independent of our direct and indirect subsidiaries. All of our present domestic subsidiaries jointly and severally and fully and unconditionally guarantee our long-term debt, and management has determined that our Canadian subsidiary, which is our only subsidiary that is not a guarantor of our long-term debt, is a “minor subsidiary” as that term is used in Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X promulgated by the SEC. There are no significant restrictions on our ability and the ability of our subsidiaries to obtain funds from our respective subsidiaries by dividend or loan. Consequently, separate financial statements have not been presented for our subsidiaries because management has determined that they would not be material to investors.

Deferred Debt Financing Costs. In connection with the issuance of our 7.625% senior notes in January 2010, we capitalized approximately \$8.2 million of debt financing costs during the first quarter of 2010, which will be amortized over the term of the senior notes. During the first quarter of 2010, we wrote-off and expensed \$4.5 million of deferred debt financing costs relating to the retirement during the quarter of our remaining \$69.5 million principal amount of 12% senior subordinated notes and \$240.0 million principal amount of 8% senior notes. As of July 3, 2010 and January 2, 2010 we had net deferred debt financing costs of \$9.5 million and \$6.7 million, respectively.

In connection with the retirement of our remaining 8% senior notes and 12% senior subordinated notes, we incurred a loss on extinguishment of debt of approximately \$15.2 million during the first quarter of fiscal 2010, including the repurchase premium and other expenses of \$10.7 million and a write-off and expense of \$4.5 million of deferred debt financing costs.

At July 3, 2010 and January 2, 2010 accrued interest of \$12.6 million and \$7.3 million, respectively, is included in accrued expenses in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

(6) Fair Value Measurements

The authoritative accounting literature relating to fair value measurements defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). The accounting literature outlines a valuation framework and creates a fair value hierarchy in order to increase the consistency and comparability of fair value measurements and the related disclosures. Under generally accepted accounting principles, certain assets and liabilities must be measured at fair value, and the accounting literature details the disclosures that are required for items measured at fair value.

Financial assets and liabilities are measured using inputs from the three levels of the fair value hierarchy under the accounting literature. The three levels are as follows:

Level 1—Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2—Inputs, other than quoted market prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. We use a discounted cash flow analysis of the implied yield curves to value our interest rate swap. We also consider our credit risk and counterparty credit risk in

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(6) Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

estimating the fair value of our interest rate swap. While these inputs are observable, they are not all quoted market prices, so the fair values of our interest rate swap fall in Level 2.

Level 3—Unobservable inputs that reflect our assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

In accordance with the fair value hierarchy described above, the following table shows the fair value of our interest rate swap as of July 3, 2010 and January 2, 2010, which is included in other liabilities in our consolidated balance sheet (dollars in thousands):

	Description	Fair Value Measurements		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
July 3, 2010	Interest rate swap	\$ —	\$ 12,925	\$ —
January 2, 2010	Interest rate swap	\$ —	\$ 11,576	\$ —

Cash and cash equivalents, trade accounts receivable, income tax receivable, trade accounts payable, accrued expenses and dividends payable are reflected in the consolidated balance sheets at carrying value, which approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

The carrying values and fair values of our term loan borrowings, senior notes and senior subordinated notes as of July 3, 2010 and January 2, 2010 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	July 3, 2010		January 2, 2010	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value(1)	Carrying Value	Fair Value(1)
Senior Secured Term Loan due 2013	\$ 130,000	\$ 127,725	\$ 130,000	\$ 127,400
8% Senior Notes due 2011	—	—	240,000	243,000
7.625% Senior Notes due 2018	347,588	360,500	—	—
12% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2016	—	—	69,541	69,172

(1) Fair values are estimated based on quoted market prices.

Our term loan borrowings are subject to an interest rate swap discussed in Notes 5 and 7.

(7) Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

We recognize all derivative instruments either as an asset or a liability on our balance sheet and measure such instruments at fair value. We do not engage in derivative instruments for trading purposes.

The following table presents the fair value and the location within our consolidated balance sheets of all assets and liabilities associated with derivative instruments not designated as hedging instruments for accounting purposes (dollars in thousands):

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(7) Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (Continued)

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	Balance Sheet Location	Asset Derivatives	Liability Derivatives	Asset Derivatives	Liability Derivatives
		Fair Value at July 3, 2010	Fair Value at July 3, 2010	Fair Value at January 2, 2010	Fair Value at January 2, 2010
Interest rate swap	Other liabilities	—	\$ 12,925	—	\$ 11,576

See notes 5 and 6 for additional information regarding our interest rate swap. We do not currently have any derivatives designated as hedging instruments.

The following tables present the impact of derivative instruments and their location within our consolidated statements of operations (dollars in thousands):

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	Amount of (Gain) Loss Recognized in Income on Derivatives	Amount of (Gain) Loss Recognized in Income on Derivatives	Amount of (Gain) Loss Recognized in Income on Derivatives	Amount of (Gain) Loss Recognized in Income on Derivatives	Location of (Gain) Loss Recognized in Income on Derivatives
	Thirteen Weeks Ended July 3, 2010	Thirteen Weeks Ended July 4, 2009	Twenty-six Weeks Ended July 3, 2010	Twenty-six Weeks Ended July 4, 2009	
Interest rate swap	\$ 1,470*	\$ (1,058)*	\$ 2,196*	\$ 107*	Interest expense, net

* The amount included in net interest expense for the second quarter and first two quarters of 2010 consists of \$1,046 and \$1,349 unrealized loss on our interest rate swap, and \$424 and \$847 (pre-tax) reclassified to net interest expense from accumulated other comprehensive loss, respectively. The amount included in net interest expense for the second quarter and first two quarters of 2009 consists of \$1,482 and \$739 unrealized gain on our interest rate swap, and \$424 and \$846 (pre-tax) reclassified to net interest expense from accumulated other comprehensive income, respectively.

(8) Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income includes net income, foreign currency translation adjustments relating to assets and liabilities located in our Canadian subsidiary, changes in our pension benefits, net of tax and the change in the fair value of an interest rate swap during the period it was designated as an effective cash flow hedge, net of tax. The amount recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss related to the swap will be reclassified to net interest expense over the remaining life of the term loan as we make interest payments.

The components of comprehensive income are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-six Weeks Ended	
	July 3, 2010	July 4, 2009	July 3, 2010	July 4, 2009
Net income	\$ 8,493	\$ 6,029	\$ 8,819	\$ 11,942
Other comprehensive income:				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	12	37	(1)	(77)
Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost and pension deferrals, net of tax	48	110	124	221

Reclassification to net interest expense for interest rate swap, net of tax	263	263	526	525
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 8,816</u>	<u>\$ 6,439</u>	<u>\$ 9,468</u>	<u>\$ 12,611</u>

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(9) Capital Stock

Authorized Common Stock. We have two separate authorized classes of common stock, our Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and our Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. As of July 3, 2010, there were 100 million shares of Class A common stock authorized and 47,635,640 shares of Class A common stock issued and outstanding. As of July 3, 2010, there were 25 million shares of Class B common stock authorized and no shares of Class B common stock issued or outstanding. During the second quarter of 2010, at our annual meeting of stockholders, our stockholders approved a proposal to amend our certificate of incorporation to refer to our Class A common stock simply as “common stock,” to delete all references to the Class B common stock, and to increase our authorized shares of common stock from 100 million to 125 million. We expect to file the amendment and it to become effective during the third quarter of 2010.

(10) Pension Benefits

Net pension costs for the second quarter and first two quarters of 2010 and 2009 include the following components (dollars in thousands):

	<u>Thirteen Weeks Ended</u>		<u>Twenty-six Weeks Ended</u>	
	<u>July 3, 2010</u>	<u>July 4, 2009</u>	<u>July 3, 2010</u>	<u>July 4, 2009</u>
Service cost—benefits earned during the period	\$ 352	\$ 419	\$ 793	\$ 838
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	444	431	931	862
Expected return on plan assets	(522)	(376)	(1,009)	(752)
Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost	11	11	22	22
Amortization of loss	67	167	178	334
Net pension cost	<u>\$ 352</u>	<u>\$ 652</u>	<u>\$ 915</u>	<u>\$ 1,304</u>

During the first two quarters of 2010, we made approximately \$2.6 million in contributions to our defined benefit pension plans, half of which was made in each quarter. We do not expect to make any contributions to our defined benefit pension plans during the remainder of fiscal 2010.

(11) Commitments and Contingencies

Environmental. We are subject to environmental laws and regulations in the normal course of business. We did not make any material expenditures during the second quarter or first two quarters of 2010 or 2009 in order to comply with environmental laws and regulations. Based on our experience to date, management believes that the future cost of compliance with existing environmental laws and regulations (and liability for any known environmental conditions) will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity. However, we cannot predict what environmental or health and safety legislation or regulations will be enacted in the future or how existing or future laws or regulations

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will be enforced, administered or interpreted, nor can we predict the amount of future expenditures that may be required in order to comply with such environmental or health and safety laws or regulations or to respond to such environmental claims.

Legal Proceedings. We are from time to time involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business, including proceedings involving product liability claims, worker’s compensation and other employee claims, and tort and other general liability claims, as well as trademark, copyright, patent infringement and related claims and legal actions. In the opinion of our management, the ultimate disposition of any currently pending claims or actions will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

In April 2008, the U.S. Government informed us that it was investigating SK Foods, LP, then one of our suppliers. The Government believed, and subsequent plea agreements confirmed, that SK Foods, together with a broker acting at the direction of certain SK Foods executives, was bribing purchasing managers at several large food companies, including, among others, Frito Lay, Kraft and B&G Foods. As a result of the investigation, several senior executives at SK Foods have pleaded guilty to various criminal charges, including conspiracy to commit honest services fraud through bribery, resulting in the sale of products at inflated prices and the fraudulent labeling of such products. In addition, the former owner and president of SK Foods is currently being held in prison pending trial. As a result of SK Foods’ criminal and civil misconduct and numerous material breaches of a Co-Pack Agreement between B&G Foods and SK Foods, B&G Foods terminated the Co-Pack Agreement in April 2009. On May 7, 2009, SK Foods filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. In September 2009, B&G Foods filed proofs of claim in SK Foods’ bankruptcy cases to assert substantial damage claims against SK Foods and its affiliates for, among other things, fraud, breach of contract, indemnity, RICO and antitrust violations, and to preserve

offset and recoupment rights for such claims against any amounts allegedly owing to SK Foods or its affiliates and certain other claims against SK Foods and its affiliates. On March 24, 2010, the bankruptcy trustee in the bankruptcy proceedings involving SK Foods filed an adversary proceeding against our company alleging, among other things, breach of contract, avoidance of setoff, violation of the automatic stay, goods sold and delivered, objection to claims and equitable subordination and asserting damages of approximately \$16.0 million. B&G Foods answered the complaint denying the bankruptcy trustee's allegations against B&G Foods as being without merit and we are vigorously defending against the trustee's action. In addition, B&G Foods filed a counterclaim alleging, among other things, breach of multiple contracts, breach of express indemnity, breach of warranties, fraudulent inducement, negligent and intentional misrepresentation, violations of the Sherman Act, violations of the Robinson-Patman Act, violations of California's Cartwright Act, violations of California's Unfair Practices Act, violations of California's Unfair Competition Law, RICO violations, account stated and recoupment. As of July 3, 2010, no amounts have been accrued in our unaudited consolidated interim financial statements for any potential loss relating to this matter as we believe that a loss is not probable or estimable at this time.

Collective Bargaining Agreements. Approximately 337 of our 722 employees, or 46.7%, as of July 3, 2010, were covered by collective bargaining agreements. None of our collective bargaining agreements is scheduled to expire within one year.

Severance and Change of Control Agreements. We have employment agreements with each of our six executive officers. The agreements generally continue until terminated by the executive or by us, and provide for severance payments under certain circumstances, including termination by us without cause (as defined) or as a result of the employees' disability, or termination by us or a deemed termination upon a change of control (as defined). Severance benefits include payments for salary continuation, continuation of

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health care and insurance benefits, present value of additional pension credits and, in the case of a change of control, accelerated vesting under compensation plans and potential excise tax liability and gross up payments.

(12) Earnings per Share

We currently have only one class of common stock issued and outstanding, designated as Class A common stock. During the periods presented there were no shares of Class B common stock issued or outstanding. Basic earnings per share for the Class A common stock is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares of Class A common stock outstanding. Diluted earnings per share for the Class A common stock is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares of Class A common stock outstanding plus all additional common shares that would have been outstanding if potentially dilutive common shares related to performance shares had been issued as of the beginning of the period using the treasury stock method.

(13) Business and Credit Concentrations and Geographic Information

Our exposure to credit loss in the event of non-payment of accounts receivable by customers is estimated in the amount of the allowance for doubtful accounts. We perform ongoing credit evaluations of our customers' financial conditions. Our top ten customers accounted for approximately 50.2% and 49.6% of consolidated net sales for the first two quarters of 2010 and 2009, respectively. Our top ten customers accounted for approximately 53.6% and 52.7% of our receivables as of July 3, 2010 and January 2, 2010, respectively. Other than Wal-Mart, which accounted for 16.1% and 16.4% of our consolidated net sales for the first two quarters of 2010 and 2009, respectively, no single customer accounted for more than 10.0% of our consolidated net sales for the first two quarters of 2010 or 2009. Other than Wal-Mart, which accounted for 14.9% of our consolidated receivables as of July 3, 2010, no single customer accounted for more than 10.0% of our consolidated receivables as of the end of the first two quarters of 2010. Other than Wal-Mart and C&S Wholesale Grocery, which accounted for 12.5% and 11.1% of our consolidated receivables, respectively, as of January 2, 2010, no single customer accounted for more than 10.0% of our consolidated receivables as of the end of fiscal 2009.

During the first two quarters of 2010 and 2009, our sales to foreign countries represented less than 1.0% of net sales. Our foreign sales are primarily to customers in Canada.

(14) Share-Based Compensation

Beginning in fiscal 2008, our compensation committee has made annual grants of performance share long-term incentive awards (LTIA) to our executive officers and certain other members of senior management under the 2008 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. The LTIA entitle the participant to earn shares of Class A common stock upon the attainment of certain performance goals over the applicable performance period. The LTIA, each have a threshold, target and maximum payout. The awards are settled based upon our performance over the applicable performance period. For the LTIA granted to date, the applicable performance metric is and has been "excess cash" (as defined in the award agreements). If our performance fails to meet the performance threshold, then the awards will not vest and no shares will be issued pursuant to the awards. If our performance meets or exceeds the performance threshold, then a varying amount of shares from the threshold amount (50% of the target number of shares) up to the maximum amount (300% of the target number of shares) may be earned. No shares are earned if the performance threshold is not met.

Based on the actual results of our company for the 2008 to 2009 performance period, 399,842 shares of Class A common stock were earned under the 2008 to 2009 LTIA. During the first quarter of 2010,

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(14) Share-Based Compensation (Continued)

251,368 shares of Class A common stock were issued to participants with a market price at the date of issuance of \$9.83 per share. The remaining 148,474 shares of Class A common stock were withheld to fund required statutory minimum withholding taxes on behalf of employees. The excess tax benefit recorded to additional paid in capital as a result of the issuance of the Class A common stock was \$0.3 million.

During the second quarter and first two quarters of 2010, we recognized \$0.8 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, of compensation expense for performance share LTAs. Of the \$0.8 million recognized during the second quarter of 2010, \$0.5 million is reflected in general and administrative expenses, \$0.2 million is reflected in cost of goods sold and \$0.1 million is reflected in sales, marketing and distribution expenses in our consolidated statement of operations. Of the \$1.3 million recognized during the first two quarters of 2010, \$0.8 million is reflected in general and administrative expenses, \$0.3 million in cost of goods sold, and \$0.2 million is reflected in sales, marketing and distribution expenses in our consolidated statement of operations. During the second quarter and first two quarters of 2009, we recognized \$0.9 million and \$1.6 million, respectively, of compensation expense for performance share LTAs. Of the \$0.9 million recognized during the second quarter of 2009, \$0.6 million is reflected in general and administrative expenses, \$0.2 million is reflected cost of goods sold and \$0.1 million is reflected in sales, marketing and distribution expenses in our consolidated statement of operations. Of the \$1.6 million recognized during the first two quarters of 2009, \$1.0 million is reflected in general and administrative expenses, \$0.3 million is reflected in sales, marketing and distribution expenses, and \$0.3 million is reflected in cost of goods sold in our consolidated statement of operations. As of July 3, 2010, there was \$5.1 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to performance share LTAs, which is expected to be recognized over the next 30 months.

The following table details the activity in our performance share LTAs for the first two quarters of 2010:

	<u>Number of Performance Shares (1)</u>	<u>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value (per share)(2)</u>
Beginning of fiscal 2010	1,918,466	\$ 4.09
Granted	595,254	\$ 7.63
Vested	(399,842)	\$ 7.65
Forfeited	(72,441)	\$ 3.13
At July 3, 2010	<u>2,041,437</u>	<u>\$ 4.46</u>

- (1) Solely for purposes of this table, the number of performance shares granted is based on the participants earnings their maximum number of performance shares (i.e., 300% of the target number of performance shares).
- (2) The fair value of the awards was determined based upon the closing price of our Class A common stock on the applicable measurement dates (i.e., the deemed grant dates for accounting purposes) reduced by the present value of expected dividends using the risk-free interest-rate as the award holders are not entitled to dividends or dividend equivalents during the vesting period.

Non-Employee Director Stock Grants. Each of our non-employee directors receives an annual equity grant as part of his or her non-employee director compensation. These shares fully vest when issued. On June 1, 2010, 16,980 shares of Class A common stock in the aggregate were issued to the non-employee directors based upon the closing price of our Class A common stock on May 28, 2010 (the business day immediately prior to the date of grant) of \$10.60 per share. On June 1, 2009, 24,135 shares of Class A common stock in the aggregate were issued to the non-employee directors based upon the closing price of our Class A common stock on May 29, 2009 (the business day immediately prior to the date of grant) of \$7.25 per share. For the first two quarters of 2010 and 2009, share-based compensation expense of \$0.2 million relating to the non-

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(14) Share-Based Compensation (Continued)

employee director grants is reflected in general and administrative expenses in our consolidated statements of operations.

(15) Stock and Debt Repurchase Program

On October 27, 2008, our board of directors authorized a stock and debt repurchase program for the repurchase of up to \$10.0 million of our Class A common stock and/or 8% senior notes over the next twelve months. On May 5, 2009, the board of directors authorized an increase in the authorization to \$25.0 million and extended the authorization through May 4, 2010. On August 6, 2009, the board of directors expanded the authorization to include repurchases of our senior subordinated notes and extended the authorization through August 5, 2010. Under the authorization, we may purchase shares of Class A common stock from time to time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC. None of the 8% senior notes or senior subordinated notes remain outstanding.

The timing and amount of repurchases of our Class A common stock, if any, will be at the discretion of management, and will depend on market conditions and other considerations. Therefore, there can be no assurance as to the number or aggregate dollar amount of shares that will be repurchased under the repurchase program. We may discontinue the program at any time. Any shares repurchased pursuant to the repurchase program will be retired.

We did not repurchase any shares of Class A common stock during the first two quarters of fiscal 2010. During the first two quarters of 2009 we repurchased and retired 403,500 shares of Class A common stock at an average cost per share (excluding fees and commissions) of \$5.76, or \$2.3 million in the aggregate. We did not repurchase any 8% senior notes or 12% senior subordinated notes under the repurchase program during the first two quarters of 2010 or 2009. As of July 3, 2010, we had \$13.5 million available for future repurchases of Class A common stock under the repurchase program.

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

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including those set forth under the heading "Forward-Looking Statements" below and elsewhere in this report. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements and related notes for the thirteen and twenty-six weeks ended July 3, 2010 (second quarter of 2010 and first two quarters of 2010) included elsewhere in this report and the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2010 (fiscal 2009) included in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

General

We manufacture, sell and distribute a diverse portfolio of branded, high quality, shelf-stable food products, many of which have leading regional or national market shares. In general, we position our branded products to appeal to the consumer desiring a high quality and reasonably priced product. We complement our branded product retail sales with institutional and food service sales and limited private label sales.

Our goal is to continue to increase sales, profitability and cash flows by enhancing our existing portfolio of branded shelf stable products and by capitalizing on our competitive strengths. We intend to implement our growth strategy through the following initiatives: expanding our brand portfolio with disciplined acquisitions of complementary branded businesses, continuing to develop new products and delivering them to market quickly, leveraging our multiple channel sales and distribution system and continuing to focus on higher growth customers and distribution channels. Since 1996, we have successfully acquired and integrated 18 separate brands into our operations.

We are subject to a number of challenges that may adversely affect our businesses. These challenges, which are discussed below and under the heading "Forward-Looking Statements," include:

Fluctuations in Commodity Prices and Production and Distribution Costs: We purchase raw materials, including agricultural products, meat, poultry, other raw materials, ingredients and packaging materials from growers, commodity processors, other food companies and packaging manufacturers. Raw materials, ingredients and packaging materials are subject to fluctuations in price attributable to a number of factors. Fluctuations in commodity prices can lead to retail price volatility and intensive price competition, and can influence consumer and trade buying patterns.

We purchase maple syrup primarily from Quebec, Canada and Vermont. In 2008, maple syrup production in Canada, which represents the great majority of global production, was significantly below industry needs due to growing global demand and one of the worst crop yields in nearly 40 years. As a result, the price we paid for maple syrup increased significantly and we were faced with a shortfall in supply as compared to our needs, which had a negative impact on our sales volume of maple syrup products during fiscal 2008 that continued through the first two quarters of 2009. The 2010 maple syrup crop yield was more consistent with historic levels.

The cost of labor, manufacturing, energy, fuel, packaging materials and other costs related to the production and distribution of our food products have also risen significantly in recent years. We attempt to manage these risks by entering into short-term supply contracts and advance commodities purchase agreements from time to time, implementing cost saving measures and by raising sales prices. To date, our cost saving measures and sales price increases have offset increases to our raw material, ingredient and packaging costs. To the extent we are unable to offset present and future cost increases, our operating results will be negatively impacted.

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Consolidation in the Retail Trade and Consequent Inventory Reductions: As the retail grocery trade continues to consolidate and our retail customers grow larger and become more sophisticated, our retail customers may demand lower pricing and increased promotional programs. These customers are also reducing their inventories and increasing their emphasis on private label products.

Changing Customer Preferences: Consumers in the market categories in which we compete frequently change their taste preferences, dietary habits and product packaging preferences.

Consumer Concern Regarding Food Safety, Quality and Health: The food industry is subject to consumer concerns regarding the safety and quality of certain food products.

Fluctuations in Currency Exchange Rates: We purchase the majority of our maple syrup requirements from suppliers located in Québec, Canada. Any weakening of the U.S. dollar against the Canadian dollar, could significantly increase our costs relating to the production of our maple syrup products to the extent we have not purchased Canadian dollars in advance of any such weakening of the U.S. dollar.

To confront these challenges, we continue to take steps to build the value of our brands, to improve our existing portfolio of products with new product and marketing initiatives, to reduce costs through improved productivity, to address consumer concerns about food safety, quality and health and to favorably manage currency fluctuations.

Critical Accounting Policies; Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires our management to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Some of the more significant estimates and assumptions made by management involve trade and consumer promotion expenses; allowances for excess, obsolete and unsaleable inventories; pension benefits; the recoverability of goodwill, trademarks, customer relationship intangibles, property, plant and equipment, and deferred tax assets; and the accounting for share-based compensation expense. Actual results could differ significantly from these estimates and assumptions.

In our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K, we identified the critical accounting policies which affect our more significant estimates and assumptions used in preparing our consolidated financial statements. There have been no significant changes to these policies since January 2, 2010.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth the percentages of net sales represented by selected items for the second quarter and first two quarters of 2010 and 2009 reflected in our consolidated statements of operations. The comparisons of financial results are not necessarily indicative of future results:

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-six Weeks Ended	
	July 3, 2010	July 4, 2009	July 3, 2010	July 4, 2009
Statement of Operations:				
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of goods sold	67.5%	70.0%	66.9%	68.7%
Gross profit	32.5%	30.0%	33.1%	31.3%
Sales, marketing and distribution expenses	8.8%	8.9%	9.0%	9.1%
General and administrative expenses	2.3%	2.0%	2.2%	2.0%
Amortization expense—customer relationships	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%
Operating income	20.1%	17.8%	20.6%	18.9%
Interest expense, net	9.0%	9.9%	8.7%	11.0%
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	—	6.2%	—
Income before income tax expense	11.1%	7.9%	5.7%	7.9%
Income tax expense	4.1%	3.0%	2.1%	3.0%
Net income	7.0%	4.9%	3.6%	4.9%

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As used in this section the terms listed below have the following meanings:

Net Sales. Our net sales represents gross sales of products shipped to customers plus amounts charged to customers for shipping and handling, less cash discounts, coupon redemptions, slotting fees and trade promotional spending.

Gross Profit. Our gross profit is equal to our net sales less cost of goods sold. The primary components of our cost of goods sold are cost of internally manufactured products, purchases of finished goods from co-packers plus freight costs to our distribution centers and to our customers.

Sales, Marketing and Distribution Expenses. Our sales, marketing and distribution expenses include costs for marketing personnel, consumer advertising programs, internal sales forces, brokerage costs and warehouse facilities.

General and Administrative Expenses. Our general and administrative expenses include administrative employee compensation and benefit costs, as well as information technology infrastructure and communication costs, office rent and supplies, professional services and other general corporate expenses.

Amortization Expense—Customer Relationships. Amortization expense—customer relationships includes the amortization expense associated with customer relationship intangibles, which are amortized over their useful lives of 20 years.

Net Interest Expense. Net interest expense includes interest relating to our outstanding indebtedness, amortization of bond discount and amortization of deferred debt financing costs, net of interest income and subsequent to our determination in September 2008 that our interest rate swap was no longer an effective hedge for accounting purposes, unrealized gains or losses on the interest rate swap and the reclassification of amounts recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss related to the swap.

Loss on Extinguishment of Debt. Loss on extinguishment of debt includes costs relating to the retirement of indebtedness, including any repurchase premium and write-off of deferred debt financing costs.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Certain disclosures in this report include non-GAAP financial measures. A non-GAAP financial measure is defined as a numerical measure of our financial performance that excludes or includes amounts so as to be different than the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP in our consolidated balance sheets and related consolidated statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity and comprehensive income, and cash flows.

EBITDA is a measure used by management to measure operating performance. We define EBITDA as net income before net interest expense (as defined above), income taxes, depreciation and amortization and loss on extinguishment of debt (as defined above). Management believes that it is useful to eliminate net

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interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization and loss on extinguishment of debt because it allows management to focus on what it deems to be a more reliable indicator of ongoing operating performance and our ability to generate cash flow from operations. We use EBITDA in our business operations, among other things, to evaluate our operating performance, develop budgets and measure our performance against those budgets, determine employee bonuses and evaluate our cash flows in terms of cash needs. We also present EBITDA because we believe it is a useful indicator of our historical debt capacity and ability to service debt and because covenants in our credit facility and our senior notes indenture contain ratios based on this measure. As a result, internal management reports used during monthly operating reviews feature the EBITDA metric. However, management uses this metric in conjunction with traditional GAAP operating performance and liquidity measures as part of its overall assessment of company performance and liquidity and therefore does not place undue reliance on this measure as its only measure of operating performance and liquidity.

EBITDA is not a recognized term under GAAP and does not purport to be an alternative to operating income or net income as an indicator of operating performance or any other GAAP measure. EBITDA is not a complete net cash flow measure because EBITDA is a measure of liquidity that does not include reductions for cash payments for an entity's obligation to service its debt, fund its working capital, capital expenditures and acquisitions and pay its income taxes and dividends. Rather, EBITDA is a potential indicator of an entity's ability to fund these cash requirements. EBITDA is not a complete measure of an entity's profitability because it does not include costs and expenses for depreciation and amortization, interest and related expenses, loss on extinguishment of debt and income taxes. Because not all companies use identical calculations, this presentation of EBITDA may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. However, EBITDA can still be useful in evaluating our performance against our peer companies because management believes this measure provides users with valuable insight into key components of GAAP amounts.

A reconciliation of EBITDA to net income and to net cash provided by operating activities for the second quarter and first two quarters of 2010 and 2009 along with the components of EBITDA follows:

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-six Weeks Ended	
	July 3, 2010	July 4, 2009	July 3, 2010	July 4, 2009
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Net income	\$ 8,493	\$ 6,029	\$ 8,819	\$ 11,942
Income tax expense	4,932	3,681	5,123	7,289
Interest expense, net	10,898	12,137	21,520	26,426
Depreciation and amortization	3,698	3,610	7,357	7,170
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	—	15,224	—
EBITDA	28,021	25,457	58,043	52,827
Income tax expense	(4,932)	(3,681)	(5,123)	(7,289)
Interest expense, net	(10,898)	(12,137)	(21,520)	(26,426)
Deferred income taxes	2,652	3,113	2,759	5,947
Amortization of deferred financing costs and bond discount	500	820	1,015	1,612
Unrealized loss (gain) on interest rate swap	1,046	(1,482)	1,349	(739)
Reclassification to net interest expense for interest rate swap	424	424	847	846
Share-based compensation expense	1,007	1,055	1,470	1,802
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	—	—	(330)	—
Changes in assets and liabilities	3,799	(6,863)	4,985	(11,248)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 21,619	\$ 6,706	\$ 43,495	\$ 17,332

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Second quarter of 2010 compared to the second quarter of 2009.

Net Sales. Net sales decreased \$1.8 million or 1.4% to \$121.1 million for the second quarter of 2010 from \$122.9 million for the second quarter of 2009. The decrease was attributable to a unit volume decline of \$3.8 million partially offset by sales price increases of \$1.5 million and reduced coupons and slotting expenses of \$0.5 million. Net sales of our lines of *Ortega*, *Cream of Wheat* and *Las Palmas* products increased by \$1.0 million, \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million or 3.4%, 5.7% and 8.0%, respectively. These increases were offset by a reduction in net sales of our *B&M*, *Polaner*, *B&G* and *Joan of Arc* products of \$1.4 million, \$1.0 million, \$1.0 million and \$0.6 million or 13.6%, 10.6%, 8.7% and 30.8%, respectively. In the aggregate, net sales for all other brands increased \$0.1 million, or 0.3%.

Gross Profit. Gross profit increased \$2.5 million or 6.9% to \$39.4 million for the second quarter of 2010 from \$36.9 million for the second quarter of 2009. Gross profit expressed as a percentage of net sales increased 2.5 percentage points to 32.5% in the second quarter of 2010 from 30.0% in the second quarter of 2009. This increase in gross profit expressed as a percentage of net sales was primarily attributable to increased sales prices of \$1.5 million, decreases in commodity and ingredient costs and a sales mix shift to higher margin products, slightly offset by an increase in packaging and fuel surcharge costs.

Sales, Marketing and Distribution Expenses. Sales, marketing and distribution expenses decreased \$0.3 million or 2.9% to \$10.6 million for the second quarter of 2010 from \$10.9 million for the second quarter of 2009. This decrease is primarily due to decreases in warehousing costs of \$0.7 million and brokerage of \$0.2 million, offset by an increase in consumer marketing and trade spending of \$0.6 million. Expressed as a percentage of net sales, our sales, marketing and distribution expenses decreased to 8.8% for the second quarter of 2010 from 8.9% for the second quarter of 2009.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses increased \$0.3 million or 15.0% to \$2.8 million for the second quarter of 2010 from \$2.5 million in the second quarter of 2009. The increase in general and administrative expenses primarily resulted from an increase in professional fees.

Amortization Expense—Customer Relationships. Amortization expense—customer relationships remained consistent at \$1.6 million for the second quarter of 2010 as compared to the second quarter of 2009.

Operating Income. As a result of the foregoing, operating income increased \$2.5 million or 11.3% to \$24.3 million for the second quarter of 2010 from \$21.8 million for the second quarter of 2009. Operating income expressed as a percentage of net sales increased to 20.1% in the second quarter of 2010 from 17.8% in the second quarter of 2009.

Net Interest Expense. Net interest expense decreased \$1.2 million or 10.2% to \$10.9 million for the second quarter of 2010 from \$12.1 million in the second quarter of 2009. The decrease in net interest expense in the second quarter of 2010 was primarily attributable to a decrease of two percentage points in the effective interest rate on our long-term debt to 7.9% in the second quarter of 2010 from 9.9% in the second quarter of 2009 and a reduction in the average principal amount of our long-term debt outstanding during the second quarter of 2010 as compared to the second quarter of 2009. The decrease in the effective interest rate and the reduction in the average principal amount of our long-term debt outstanding is the result of the refinancing of our 8% senior notes and 12% senior subordinated notes with the proceeds of the issuance of our 7.625% senior notes during the first quarter of 2010 and our public offering of Class A common stock completed in the third quarter of 2009. See “—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Debt” below.

Income Tax Expense. Income tax expense increased \$1.2 million to \$4.9 million for the second quarter of 2010 from \$3.7 million for the second quarter of 2009. Our effective tax rate was 36.7% for the second quarter of 2010 and 37.9% for the second quarter of 2009. The decrease in our effective tax rate is primarily due to incremental tax deductions for manufacturing credits.

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First two quarters of 2010 compared to first two quarters of 2009.

Net Sales. Net sales increased \$4.8 million or 2.0% to \$246.3 million for the first two quarters of 2010 from \$241.5 million for the first two quarters of 2009. The increase was attributable to unit volume and sales price increases of \$2.6 million and \$3.4 million, respectively, partially offset by an increase in coupons and slotting expenses of \$1.2 million. Net sales of our lines of *Ortega*, *Cream of Wheat*, *Maple Grove Farms of Vermont*, *Las Palmas* and *Ac'cent* products increased in the amounts of \$3.2 million, \$2.7 million, \$1.9 million, \$1.2 million and \$1.0 million or 5.5%, 9.9%, 5.9%, 8.4% and 11.3%, respectively. These increases were offset by a reduction in net sales of our *B&M*, *B&G* and *Joan of Arc* products of \$2.6 million, \$1.6 million and \$0.7 million or 16.4%, 7.8% and 14.8%. In the aggregate, net sales for all other brands decreased \$0.3 million, or 0.3%.

Gross Profit. Gross profit increased \$5.8 million or 7.7% to \$81.4 million for the first two quarters of 2010 from \$75.6 million for the first two quarters of 2009. Gross profit expressed as a percentage of net sales increased 1.8 percentage points to 33.1% in the first two quarters of 2010 from 31.3% in the first two quarters of 2009. This increase in gross profit expressed as a percentage of net sales was primarily attributable to increased sales prices of \$3.4 million, decreases in commodity and ingredient costs and a sales mix shift to higher margin products, slightly offset by an increase in packaging and fuel surcharge costs.

Sales, Marketing and Distribution Expenses. Sales, marketing and distribution expenses increased \$0.2 million or 0.9% to \$22.1 million for the first two quarters of 2010 from \$21.9 million for the first two quarters of 2009. The increase is primarily due to an increase in consumer marketing and trade spending of \$1.2 million, offset by decreases in warehousing costs of \$0.7 million and brokerage of \$0.3 million. Expressed as a percentage of net sales, our sales, marketing and distribution expenses decreased to 9.0% for the first two quarters of 2010 from 9.1% for the first two quarters of 2009.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses increased \$0.6 million or 12.0% to \$5.4 million for the first two quarters of 2010 from \$4.8 million in the first two quarters of 2009. The increase in general and administrative expenses primarily resulted from an increase in professional fees and other expenses.

Amortization Expense—Customer Relationships. Amortization expense—customer relationships remained consistent at \$3.2 million for the first two quarters of 2010 as compared to the first two quarters of 2009.

Operating Income. As a result of the foregoing, operating income increased \$5.0 million or 11.0% to \$50.7 million for the first two quarters of 2010 from \$45.7 million for the first two quarters of 2009. Operating income expressed as a percentage of net sales increased to 20.6% in the first two quarters of 2010 from 18.9% in the first two quarters of 2009.

Net Interest Expense. Net interest expense decreased \$4.9 million or 18.6% to \$21.5 million for the first two quarters of 2010 from \$26.4 million in the first two quarters of 2009. The decrease in net interest expense in the first two quarters of 2010 was primarily attributable to a decrease of 1.7 percentage points in the effective interest rate on our long-term debt to 8.2% in the first two quarters of 2010 from 9.9% in the first two quarters of 2009 and a reduction in the average principal amount of our long-term debt outstanding during the first two quarters of 2010 as compared to the first two quarters of 2009. The decrease in the effective interest rate and the reduction in the average principal amount of our long-term debt outstanding is the result of the refinancing of our 8% senior notes and 12% senior subordinated notes with the proceeds of the issuance of our 7.625% senior notes during the first quarter of 2010 and our public offering of Class A common stock completed in the third quarter of 2009. See “—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Debt” below.

Loss on Extinguishment of Debt. Loss on extinguishment of debt for the first two quarters of 2010 includes \$15.2 million of costs relating to our repurchase and redemption of \$69.5 million aggregate principal

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amount of senior subordinated notes and \$240.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes, including \$10.7 million for the payment of a repurchase premium and a non-cash charge of \$4.5 million for the write-off of unamortized deferred debt financing costs associated with the notes repurchased. During the first two quarters of 2009, we did not extinguish any debt.

Income Tax Expense. Income tax expense decreased \$2.2 million to \$5.1 million for the first two quarters of 2010 from \$7.3 million for the first two quarters of 2009. Our effective tax rate was 36.7% for the first two quarters of 2010 and 37.9% for the first two quarters of 2009. The decrease in our effective tax rate is primarily due to incremental tax deductions for manufacturing credits.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary liquidity requirements include debt service, capital expenditures and working capital needs. See also, “Dividend Policy” and “Commitments and Contractual Obligations” below. We fund our liquidity requirements, as well as our dividend payments and financing for acquisitions, primarily through cash generated from operations and to the extent necessary, through borrowings under our credit facility.

Cash Flows. Cash provided by operating activities increased \$26.2 million to \$43.5 million for the first two quarters of 2010 from \$17.3 million for the first two quarters of 2009. The increase in cash provided by operating activities in the first two quarters of 2010 as compared to the first two quarters of 2009 was primarily due to an increase in net sales, improved profitability and working capital improvements.

Net cash used in investing activities for the first two quarters of 2010 decreased \$1.0 million to \$4.6 million from \$5.6 million for the first two quarters of 2009. Net cash used in investing activities for the first two quarters of 2010 and 2009 consisted entirely of capital spending. Capital expenditures in the first two quarters of 2010 and 2009 included expenditures for building improvements, purchases of manufacturing and computer equipment and capitalized interest.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the first two quarters of 2010 was \$1.7 million as compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$14.6 million for the first two quarters of 2009. Net cash provided by financing activities for the first two quarters of 2010 include net proceeds of \$347.4 million from the issuance of our 7.625% senior notes and a \$0.3 million excess tax benefits from share-based compensation. Net cash provided by financing activities were reduced by \$320.3 million in payments for the repurchase and redemption of \$69.5 million principal amount of our 12% senior subordinated notes and \$240.0 million principal amount of our 8% senior notes, \$16.1 million of dividend payments, \$8.2 million of deferred financing costs and \$1.5 million in payments of tax withholding on behalf of employees for net share settlement of share-based compensation. Net cash used in financing activities for the first two quarters of 2009 consisted of the payment of dividends and the repurchase of Class A common stock.

Based on a number of factors, including our trademark, goodwill and customer relationship intangibles amortization for tax purposes from our prior acquisitions, we realized a significant reduction in cash taxes in fiscal 2009 and 2008 as compared to our tax expense for financial reporting purposes. We believe that we will realize a benefit to our cash taxes payable from amortization of our trademarks, goodwill and customer relationship intangibles for the taxable years 2010 through 2022.

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Dividend Policy

Our dividend policy reflects a basic judgment that our stockholders would be better served if we distributed a substantial portion of our cash available to pay dividends to them instead of retaining it in our business. Under this policy, a substantial portion of the cash generated by our company in excess of operating needs, interest and principal payments on indebtedness, capital expenditures sufficient to maintain our properties and other assets is in general distributed as regular quarterly cash dividends (up to the intended dividend rate as determined by our board of directors) to the holders of our common stock and not retained by us. From the date of our initial public offering in October 2004 through the dividend payment we made on October 30, 2008, the dividend rate for our Class A common stock was \$0.848 per share per annum. Beginning with the dividend payment we made on January 30, 2009, the current intended dividend rate for our Class A common stock is \$0.68 per share per annum.

Dividend payments, however, are not mandatory or guaranteed and holders of our common stock do not have any legal right to receive, or require us to pay, dividends. Furthermore, our board of directors may, in its sole discretion, amend or repeal this dividend policy. Our board of directors may decrease the level of dividends below the intended dividend rate or discontinue entirely the payment of dividends. Future dividends with respect to shares of our common stock depend on, among other things, our results of operations, cash requirements, financial condition, contractual restrictions, business opportunities, acquisition opportunities, the condition of the debt and equity financing markets, provisions of applicable law and other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant. Our board of directors is free to depart from or change our dividend policy at any time and could do so, for example, if it was to determine that we have insufficient cash to take advantage of growth opportunities. In addition, over time, our EBITDA and capital expenditure, working capital and other cash needs will be subject to uncertainties, which could impact the level of dividends, if any, we pay in the future. Our senior notes indenture and the terms of our credit facility contain significant restrictions on our ability to make dividend payments. In addition, certain provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law may limit our ability to pay dividends.

As a result of our dividend policy, we may not retain a sufficient amount of cash to finance growth opportunities or unanticipated capital expenditure needs or to fund our operations in the event of a significant business downturn. We may have to forego growth opportunities or capital expenditures that would otherwise be necessary or desirable if we do not find alternative sources of financing. If we do not have sufficient cash for these purposes, our financial condition and our business will suffer.

For the first two quarters of 2010 and 2009, we had cash flows provided by operating activities of \$43.5 million and \$17.3 million, and distributed \$16.1 million and \$12.3 million, respectively, as dividends. At our current intended dividend rate of \$0.680 per share per annum, we expect our aggregate dividend payments in fiscal 2010 to be \$32.3 million. If our cash flows from operating activities for future periods were to fall below our minimum expectations (or if our assumptions as to capital expenditures or interest expense were too low or our assumptions as to the sufficiency of our revolving credit facility to finance our working capital needs were to prove incorrect), we would need either to further reduce or eliminate dividends or, to the extent permitted under our senior notes indenture and the terms of our credit facility, fund a portion of our dividends with borrowings or from other sources. If we were to use working capital or permanent borrowings to fund dividends, we would have less cash and/or borrowing capacity available for future dividends and other purposes, which could negatively impact our financial position, our results of operations, our liquidity and our ability to maintain or expand our business.

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Acquisitions

Our liquidity and capital resources have been significantly impacted by acquisitions and may be impacted in the foreseeable future by additional acquisitions. As discussed elsewhere in this report, as part of our growth strategy we plan to expand our brand portfolio with disciplined acquisitions of complementary brands. We have historically financed acquisitions with borrowings and cash flows from operating activities. As a result, our interest expense has in the past increased as a result of additional indebtedness we have incurred in connection with acquisitions, and will increase with any additional indebtedness we may incur to finance future acquisitions, if any. The impact of future acquisitions, whether financed with additional indebtedness or otherwise, may have a material impact on our liquidity.

Environmental and Health and Safety Costs

We have not made any material expenditures during the first two quarters of 2010 in order to comply with environmental laws or regulations. Based on our experience to date, we believe that the future cost of compliance with existing environmental laws and regulations (and liability for known environmental conditions) will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. However, we cannot predict what environmental or health and safety legislation or regulations will be enacted in the future or how existing or future laws or regulations will be enforced, administered or interpreted, nor can we predict the amount of future expenditures that may be required in order to comply with such environmental or health and safety laws or regulations or to respond to such environmental claims.

Debt

Senior Secured Credit Facility. As amended, our \$25.0 million revolving credit facility and our \$130.0 million of term loan borrowings mature in February 2013. The following discussion of the credit facility describes the credit facility as amended through the date of issuance of the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

Interest under the revolving credit facility, including any outstanding letters of credit, is determined based on alternative rates that we may choose in accordance with the revolving credit facility, including the base lending rate per annum plus an applicable margin of 2.00%, and LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 3.00%. We pay a commitment fee of 0.50% per annum on the unused portion of the revolving credit facility. Interest under the term loan facility is determined based on alternative rates that we may choose in accordance with the credit facility, including the base lending rate per annum plus an applicable margin of 1.00%, and LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 2.00%.

Our obligations under the credit facility are jointly and severally and fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior basis by all of our existing and certain future domestic subsidiaries. The credit facility is secured by substantially all of our and our domestic subsidiaries' assets except our and our domestic subsidiaries' real property. The credit facility provides for mandatory prepayment upon certain asset dispositions and issuances of securities, as defined. The credit facility contains covenants that restrict, among other things, our ability to incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends and create certain liens. The credit facility also contains certain financial maintenance covenants, which, among other things, specify maximum capital expenditure limits, a minimum interest coverage ratio and a maximum senior and total leverage ratio, each ratio as defined. As of July 3, 2010, we were in compliance with all of the covenants in the credit facility. Proceeds of the revolving credit facility are restricted to funding our working capital requirements, capital expenditures and acquisitions of companies in the same line of business as our company, subject to specified criteria. The maximum letter of credit capacity under the revolving credit facility is \$10.0 million, with a fronting fee of 3.0% per annum for all outstanding letters of credit.

At July 3, 2010, the available borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility, net of outstanding letters of credit of \$0.5 million, was \$24.5 million. We have not drawn upon the revolving credit

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facility since its inception in October 2004 and, based upon our cash and cash equivalents on hand and working capital requirements, we have no plans to do so for the foreseeable future.

Effective as of February 26, 2007, we entered into a six year interest rate swap agreement in order to effectively fix at 7.0925% the interest rate payable for \$130.0 million of term loan borrowings through the life of the term loan, ending on February 26, 2013. The counterparty to the swap is Lehman Special Financing Inc. (Lehman SFI) and the counterparty's guarantor is Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. (Lehman). On September 15, 2008, Lehman filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Lehman SFI filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code on October 3, 2008.

We initially designated the swap as a cash flow hedge. Prior to Lehman's bankruptcy filing, we recorded changes in the fair value of the swap in accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax in our consolidated balance sheet. However, as a result of the Lehman bankruptcy filing, we determined in September 2008 that the interest rate swap was no longer an effective hedge for accounting purposes. Accordingly, subsequent to that determination, we record changes in the swap's fair value in current earnings in net interest expense in our consolidated statements of operations. We obtain third-party verification of the fair value at the end of each reporting period. As of July 3, 2010, the fair value of our interest rate swap was an unrealized loss of \$12.9 million and is recorded in other liabilities on our consolidated balance sheet. The amount recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss will be reclassified to net interest expense over the remaining life of the term loan borrowings as we make interest payments. Net interest expense in the second quarter and first two quarters of 2010 includes a charge of \$1.0 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, relating to the unrealized loss on our interest rate swap and a reclassification of \$0.4 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, of the amount recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss related to the swap. Net interest in the first two quarters of 2010 also includes a reduction in interest income primarily due to lower interest rates. As of July 3, 2010, we expect to reclassify \$4.5 million to net interest expense during the remainder of the life of the swap, with \$1.7 million being reclassified in the next twelve months.

12% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2016. In October 2004, we issued \$165.8 million aggregate principal amount of 12% senior subordinated notes due 2016. During the third and fourth quarters of fiscal 2009, we repurchased \$96.3 million principal amount of senior subordinated notes, which resulted in a pre-tax charge of \$10.2 million, representing a cash charge of \$5.8 million relating to the repurchase and call premiums and a non-cash charge of \$4.4 million relating to the write-off of unamortized deferred debt financing costs.

In January 2010, we repurchased \$44.7 million aggregate principal amount of the senior subordinated notes with the proceeds of our public offering of 7.625% senior notes at a repurchase price of 106.5% of such principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, and set aside sufficient proceeds of the offering to repurchase or redeem the remaining senior subordinated notes. In February 2010, we repurchased or redeemed the remaining \$24.8 million aggregate principal amount of the senior subordinated notes at a price equal to 106.0% of such principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

8 % Senior Notes due 2011. In October 2004, we issued \$240.0 million aggregate principal amount of 8% senior notes due 2011. In January 2010, we repurchased \$238.9 million aggregate principal amount of the 8% senior notes with the proceeds of our public offering of 7.625% senior notes at a repurchase price of 102.375% of such principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, and set aside sufficient proceeds of the offering to repurchase or redeem the remaining 8% senior notes. In February 2010, we repurchased or redeemed the remaining \$1.1 million aggregate principal amount of the 8% senior notes at a price equal to 102.0% of such principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

Loss on Extinguishment of Debt. In connection with the retirement of our 12% senior subordinated notes and 8% senior notes, we incurred a loss on extinguishment of debt of approximately \$15.2 million in the first quarter of 2010, including the repurchase premium of \$10.7 million and a write-off and expense of \$4.5 million of deferred debt financing costs.

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7.625% Senior Notes due 2018. In January 2010, we issued \$350.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7.625% senior notes due 2018 at a price to the public of 99.271% of their face value. Accordingly, original issue discount and debt financing costs are being amortized through the maturity date of the senior notes. Interest on the senior notes is payable on January 15 and July 15 of each year. The senior notes will mature on January 15, 2018, unless earlier retired or redeemed as described below.

On or after January 15, 2014, we may redeem some or all of the senior notes at a redemption price of 103.813% beginning January 15, 2014 and thereafter at prices declining annually to 100% on or after January 15, 2017. We may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes prior to January 15, 2013 with the net proceeds from certain equity offerings. We may also redeem some or all of the notes at any time prior to January 15, 2014 at a redemption price equal to a specified make-whole amount. In addition, if we undergo a change of control, we may be required to offer to repurchase the notes at the repurchase price of 101% plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption.

We may also, from time to time, seek to retire senior notes through cash repurchases of senior notes and/or exchanges of senior notes for equity securities, in open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. Such repurchases or exchanges, if any, will depend on prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual restrictions and other factors. The amounts involved may be material.

Our obligations under the senior notes are jointly and severally and fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior basis by all of our existing and certain future domestic subsidiaries. The senior notes and the subsidiary guarantees are our and the guarantors' general unsecured obligations and are effectively junior in right of payment to all of our and the guarantors' secured indebtedness and to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our non-guarantor subsidiaries; are *pari passu* in right of payment to all of our and the guarantors' existing and future unsecured senior debt; and are senior in right of payment to all of our and the guarantors' future subordinated debt. Our foreign subsidiary is not a guarantor, and any future foreign or partially owned domestic subsidiaries will not be guarantors, of our senior notes.

Our senior notes indenture contains covenants with respect to us and the guarantors and restricts the incurrence of additional indebtedness and the issuance of capital stock; the payment of dividends or distributions on, and redemption of, capital stock; a number of other restricted payments, including certain investments; specified creation of liens, sale-leaseback transactions and sale of certain specified assets; fundamental changes, including consolidation, mergers and transfers of all or substantially all of our assets; and specified transactions with affiliates. Each of the covenants is subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications. As of July 3, 2010, we were in compliance with all of the covenants in the senior notes indenture.

Stock and Debt Repurchase Program

On October 27, 2008, our board of directors authorized a stock and debt repurchase program for the repurchase of up to \$10.0 million of our Class A common stock and/or 8% senior notes over the next twelve months. On May 5, 2009, the board of directors authorized an increase in the authorization to \$25.0 million and extended the authorization through May 4, 2010. On August 6, 2009, the board of directors expanded the authorization to include repurchases of our senior subordinated notes and extended the authorization through August 5, 2010. Under the authorization, we may purchase shares of Class A common stock from time to time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC. None of the 8% senior notes or senior subordinated notes remain outstanding.

The timing and amount of repurchases of our Class A common stock, if any, will be at the discretion of management, and will depend on market conditions and other considerations. Therefore, there can be no assurance as to the number or aggregate dollar amount of shares that will be repurchased under the repurchase program. We may discontinue the program at any time. Any shares repurchased pursuant to the repurchase program will be retired.

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We did not repurchase any shares of Class A common stock during the first two quarters of fiscal 2010. During the first two quarters of 2009 we repurchased and retired 403,500 shares of Class A common stock at an average cost per share (excluding fees and commissions) of \$5.76, or \$2.3 million in the aggregate. We did not repurchase any 8% senior notes or 12% senior subordinated notes under the repurchase program during the first two quarters of 2010 or 2009. As of July 3, 2010, we had \$13.5 million available for future repurchases of Class A common stock under the repurchase program.

Future Capital Needs

We are highly leveraged. On July 3, 2010, our total long-term debt and stockholders' equity was \$477.6 million and \$219.2 million, respectively.

Our ability to generate sufficient cash to fund our operations depends generally on our results of operations and the availability of financing. Our management believes that our cash and cash equivalents on hand, cash flow from operating activities and available borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility will be sufficient for the foreseeable future to fund operations, meet debt service requirements, fund capital expenditures, make future acquisitions within our line of business, if any, and pay our anticipated dividends on our Class A common stock. We expect to make capital expenditures of up to approximately \$11.0 million in the aggregate during fiscal 2010, \$4.6 million of which have already been made during the first two quarters.

Seasonality

Sales of a number of our products tend to be seasonal. In the aggregate, however, our sales are not heavily weighted to any particular quarter due to the diversity of our product and brand portfolio. Sales during the first quarter of the fiscal year are generally below those of the following three quarters.

We purchase most of the produce used to make our shelf-stable pickles, relishes, peppers and other related specialty items during the months of July through October, and we purchase substantially all of our maple syrup requirements during the months of April through July. Consequently, our liquidity needs are greatest during these periods.

Inflation

During the past several years, we have been faced with increasing prices in certain commodities and packaging materials. We manage this risk by entering into short-term supply contracts and advance commodities purchase agreements from time to time, and if necessary, by raising prices. We believe that through sales price increases and our cost saving efforts we have to a large degree been able to offset the impact of raw material, packaging and transportation cost increases that we have faced from time to time in recent years. There can be no assurance, however, that any future sales price increases or cost saving efforts by us will offset any increases in the cost of raw material, packaging and transportation costs, or that we will be able to raise prices or reduce costs at all.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

There have been no significant developments to recently issued accounting standards, including the expected dates of adoption and estimated effects on our consolidated financial statements, from those disclosed in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Off-balance Sheet Arrangements

As of July 3, 2010, we did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements as defined in Item 303(a)(4)(ii) of Regulation S-K.

Commitments and Contractual Obligations

Our contractual obligations and commitments principally include obligations associated with our outstanding indebtedness, future minimum operating lease obligations and future pension obligations. During the first two quarters of 2010, there were no material changes outside the ordinary course of business in the specified contractual obligations set forth in the Commitments and Contractual Obligations table in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K, except that in January 2010, we issued \$350.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7.625% senior notes due 2018 at a price to the public of 99.271% of their face value. We used a portion of the net proceeds from the offering to retire all \$240.0 million principal amount of our 8% senior notes and the remaining \$69.5 million principal amount of our 12% senior subordinated notes. See "Debt" above. Our interest obligations on the 7.625% senior notes are expected to be \$26.7 million per annum. In addition, our expected contributions to our defined benefit pension plans for fiscal 2010 have increased from \$1.3 million to \$2.6 million because, although not obligated to do so we made \$1.3 million of additional voluntary contributions to our defined benefit pension plans during the first two quarters of 2010.

Forward-Looking Statements

This report includes forward-looking statements, including without limitation the statements under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." The words "believes," "anticipates," "plans," "expects," "intends," "estimates," "projects" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance and achievements, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by any forward-looking statements. We believe important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include the following:

- our substantial leverage;
- the effects of rising costs for our raw materials, packaging and ingredients;
- crude oil prices and their impact on distribution, packaging and energy costs;
- our ability to successfully implement sales price increases and cost saving measures to offset any cost increases;
- intense competition, changes in consumer preferences, demand for our products and local economic and market conditions;
- our continued ability to promote brand equity successfully, to anticipate and respond to new consumer trends, to develop new products and markets, to broaden brand portfolios in order to compete effectively with lower priced products and in markets that are consolidating at the retail and manufacturing levels and to improve productivity;
- the risks associated with the expansion of our business;
- our possible inability to integrate any businesses we acquire;
- our ability to access the credit markets and our borrowing costs and credit ratings, which may be influenced by credit markets generally and the credit ratings of our competitors;
- the effects of currency movements of the Canadian dollar as compared to the U.S. dollar;

- other factors that affect the food industry generally, including:

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- recalls if products become adulterated or misbranded, liability if product consumption causes injury, ingredient disclosure and labeling laws and regulations and the possibility that consumers could lose confidence in the safety and quality of certain food products;
- competitors' pricing practices and promotional spending levels;
- fluctuations in the level of our customers' inventories and credit and other business risks related to our customers operating in a challenging economic and competitive environment;
- the risks associated with third-party suppliers and co-packers, including the risk that any failure by one or more of our third-party suppliers or co-packers to comply with food safety or other laws and regulations may disrupt our supply of raw materials or certain finished goods products; and
- other factors discussed elsewhere in this report and in our other public filings with the SEC, including under Item 1A, "Risk Factors" in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Developments in any of these areas could cause our results to differ materially from results that have been or may be projected by or on our behalf.

All forward-looking statements included in this report are based on information available to us on the date of this report. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained in this report.

We caution that the foregoing list of important factors is not exclusive. We urge investors not to unduly rely on forward-looking statements contained in this report.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

In the normal course of operations, we are exposed to market risks arising from adverse changes in interest rates. Market risk is defined for these purposes as the potential change in the fair value of a financial asset or liability resulting from an adverse movement in interest rates.

Interest under our \$25.0 million revolving credit facility, including any outstanding letters of credit, is determined based on alternative rates that we may choose in accordance with the revolving credit facility, including the base lending rate per annum plus an applicable margin of 2.00%, and LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 3.00%. Interest under our term loan facility is determined based on alternative rates that we may choose in accordance with the credit facility, including the base lending rate per annum plus an applicable margin of 1.00%, and LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 2.00%. The revolving credit facility was undrawn at July 3, 2010 and January 2, 2010, and we currently have no plans to draw upon the facility for the foreseeable future. The available borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility, net of outstanding letters of credit of \$0.5 million, was \$24.5 million at July 3, 2010.

We have outstanding \$130.0 million of term loan borrowings at July 3, 2010 and January 2, 2010. The term loan borrowings are fixed at 7.0925% based upon a six year interest rate swap agreement that we entered into on February 26, 2007 with an affiliate of Lehman. See the discussion of the interest rate swap and the Lehman bankruptcy filing above under the heading "Liquidity and Capital Resources—Debt—Senior Secured Credit Facility" in Item 2, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" for additional information.

Cash and cash equivalents, trade accounts receivable, income tax receivable, trade accounts payable, accrued expenses and dividends payable are reflected on our consolidated balance sheets at carrying value, which approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

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The carrying values and fair values of our term loan borrowings, senior notes and senior subordinated notes as of July 3, 2010 and January 2, 2010 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	July 3, 2010		January 2, 2010	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value(1)	Carrying Value	Fair Value(1)
Senior Secured Term Loan due 2013	\$ 130,000	\$ 127,725	\$ 130,000	\$ 127,400
8% Senior Notes due 2011	—	—	240,000	243,000
7.625% Senior Notes due 2018	347,588	360,500	—	—
12.0% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2016	—	—	69,541	69,172

(1) Fair values are estimated based on quoted market prices.

The information under the heading "Inflation" in Item 2, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. As required by Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, our management, including our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer, conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. As defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, disclosure controls and procedures are controls and other procedures that we use that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Based on that evaluation, our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. As required by Rule 13a-15(d) under the Exchange Act, our management, including our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer, also conducted an evaluation of our internal control over financial reporting to determine whether any change occurred during the quarter covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting. Based on that evaluation, our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer concluded that there has been no change during the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls. Our company's management, including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent or detect all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. The design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Further, because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that misstatements due to error or fraud will not occur or that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within our company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be

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faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Controls can also be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls is based in part on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Projections of any evaluation of controls effectiveness to future periods are subject to risks. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with policies or procedures.

**PART II
OTHER INFORMATION**

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The information set forth under the heading "Legal Proceedings" in Note 11 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

We do not believe there have been any material changes in our risk factors as previously disclosed in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

Item 4. Reserved

Item 5. Other Information

Not applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
10.1	B&G Foods, Inc. 2008 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended on May 18, 2010
31.1	Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 of the Chief Executive Officer.
31.2	Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 of the Chief Financial Officer.
32.1	Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

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SIGNATURE

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

Dated: July 27, 2010

B&G FOODS, INC.

By: /s/ Robert C. Cantwell
Robert C. Cantwell
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal
Financial and Accounting Officer and Authorized Officer)

B&G FOODS, INC.

2008 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN

Originally Adopted: March 10, 2008

Effective: May 6, 2008

As Amended on May 18, 2010

B&G FOODS, INC.

2008 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN

1. Purpose of the Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to benefit the Company's stockholders by encouraging high levels of performance by individuals who contribute to the success of the Company and to assist the Company in attracting, motivating, retaining and rewarding talented and experienced Employees, Non-Employee Directors and Consultants by offering them a greater stake in the Company's success and a closer identity with it. This purpose is to be accomplished by providing Employees, Non-Employee Directors and Consultants with an opportunity to obtain or increase a proprietary interest in the Company and/or by providing Employees, Non-Employee Directors and Consultants with additional incentives to join or remain with the Company.

2. Definitions. As used herein, the following definitions shall apply:

2.1. "**Award**" means a grant of Restricted Stock, Options, SARs, Deferred Stock, Stock Units, Performance Share Awards or Cash-Based Awards under the Plan.

2.2. "**Award Agreement**" means the written agreement, instrument or document evidencing an Award.

2.3. "**Board**" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

2.4. "**Cash-Based Award**" means an award payable in cash only that is granted to a Participant under Section 12.

2.5. "**Cause**" means, unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement or an Employment Agreement to which the Participant is a party: (i) gross misconduct or gross negligence in the performance of the Participant's duties to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; (ii) conviction of a felony or any other crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not relating to the Participant's employment; (iii) material non-performance or mis-performance of a Participant's duties; (iv) material violation of policies or procedures established by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, including, without limitation, the Company's code of conduct and insider trading policies; (v) habitual unexcused absence from the facilities of the Corporation; (vi) insobriety or use of drugs, chemicals or controlled substances either in the course of performing the Participant's duties and responsibilities or otherwise affecting the ability of the Participant to perform those duties and responsibilities; (vii) wanton or willful failure to comply with the lawful written directions of the Board or other superiors; or (v) material violation of any Employment Agreement, Award Agreement or any non-compete, non-solicitation, confidentiality or similar covenants or policies with or established by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

2.6. "**Change in Control**" means the occurrence after the Effective Date of any of the following events:

2.6.1. The acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (each, individually or collectively, a "**Person**") of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 30% or more of the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "**Outstanding Company Voting Securities**"); provided, however, that, for purposes of this Section 2.6.1, the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (1) any acquisition directly from the Company, other than an

acquisition by virtue of the exercise of a conversion privilege unless the security being so converted was itself acquired directly from the Company, (2) any acquisition by the Company or any Subsidiary, (3) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or (4) any Business Combination (as defined in Section 2.6.3) pursuant to which all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who are the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination will beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (or election of members of a comparable governing body) of the surviving entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination, of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities; or

2.6.2. Any time at which individuals who, as of the Effective Date, constitute the Board (the "**Incumbent Board**") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the Effective Date whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's shareholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board; or

2.6.3. Consummation of any reorganization, merger, amalgamation, statutory share exchange or consolidation or other similar corporate transaction involving the Company or a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all, but in no event less than 40%, of the assets of the Company (a "Business Combination"); excluding, however, a Business Combination pursuant to which (A) all or substantially all of the beneficial owners of Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination will beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (or election of members of a comparable governing body) of the surviving entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination, of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities; (B) no Person (other than the Company, any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such surviving entity resulting from such Business Combination) will beneficially own, directly or indirectly, 30% or more of the combined voting power of the outstanding voting securities of such surviving entity entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (or comparable governing body) except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination; and (C) individuals who were members of the Incumbent Board (including persons deemed to be members of the Incumbent Board by reason of the proviso of Section 2.6.2) at the time of the execution of the initial agreement or of the action of the Board providing for such Business Combination will constitute at least a majority of the members of the board of directors (or comparable governing body) of the surviving entity resulting from such Business Combination; or

2.6.4. The approval by the stockholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

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2.7. "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder. A reference to any provision of the Code or regulation promulgated thereunder shall include reference to any successor provision of the Code or regulation.

2.8. "Common Stock" means the Class A common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share, or such other class or kind of shares or other securities resulting from the application of Section 14.

2.9. "Company" means B&G Foods, Inc., a Delaware corporation, or any successor corporation.

2.10. "Committee" means the committee designated by the Board to administer the Plan under Section 4. If no such committee has been established or the Board determines it is necessary or advisable, then the Board shall perform the duties of the Committee hereunder. If such a committee is established, the Committee shall have at least two members and each member of the Committee shall be a Non-Employee Director and an Outside Director. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may designate one or more of its members to serve as a Secondary Committee and delegate to the Secondary Committee authority to grant Awards to eligible individuals who are not subject to the requirements of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act or section 162(m) of the Code and the regulations thereunder. The Secondary Committee shall have the same authority with respect to selecting the individuals to whom such Awards are granted and establishing the terms and conditions of such Awards as the Committee has under the terms of the Plan.

2.11. "Consultant" means a consultant, advisor or independent contractor retained by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

2.12. "Covered Employee" means an Employee who is a "covered employee" within the meaning of section 162(m) of the Code, and the rules and regulations thereunder.

2.13. "Deferred Stock" means Common Stock to be delivered at the end of a Deferral Period and awarded by the Committee under Section 9 of the Plan.

2.14. "Deferral Period" means the period during which the receipt of Deferred Stock under Section 9 of the Plan will be deferred.

2.15. "Director" means any individual who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Company.

2.16. "Disability" means, unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement or an Employment Agreement to which the Participant is a party, that the Participant is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months, or the Participant is, by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months, receiving income replacement benefits for a period of not less than three months under an accident and health plan covering employees of the Company.

2.17. "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. A reference to any provision of the Exchange Act or rule promulgated under the Exchange Act shall include reference to any successor provision or rule.

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2.18. "Employee" means an individual, including officers and directors, who is employed by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

2.19. "Employment Agreement" means any employment or consulting agreement, including without limitation, any change in control, severance or other similar agreement, by and between the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and a Participant, as such agreement is in effect from time to time.

2.20. "Enhanced Income Securities" or "EISs" means the Enhanced Income Securities of the Company, each representing one share of the Company's Class A common stock and \$7.15 principal amount of the Company's 12% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2016.

2.21. “Fair Market Value” means, on any given date, the closing price of a share of Common Stock on the principal national securities exchange or quotation on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted on such date or, if Common Stock was not traded on such date, on the last preceding business day on which the Common Stock was traded.

2.22. “Incentive Stock Option” means an Option or a portion thereof intended to meet the requirements of an incentive stock option as defined in section 422 of the Code and designated as an Incentive Stock Option.

2.23. “Negative Discretion” means the discretion authorized by the Plan to be applied by the Committee in determining the size of a Performance-Based Award for a Performance Period if, in the Committee’s sole judgment, such application is appropriate. Negative Discretion may only be used by the Committee to eliminate or reduce the size of a Performance-Based Award. In no event shall any discretionary authority granted to the Committee by the Plan, including, but not limited to Negative Discretion, be used to: (a) grant Performance-Based Awards for a Performance Period if the Performance Goals for such Performance Period have not been attained; or (b) increase a Performance-Based Award above the maximum amount payable under Sections 5.2 or 5.3 of the Plan.

2.24. “Non-Employee Director” means a Director who meets the definition of a “non-employee director” under Rule 16b-3(b) (3) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Exchange Act.

2.25. “Non-Qualified Option” means an Option or a portion thereof not intended to be an Incentive Stock Option and designated as a Non-Qualified Option.

2.26. “Option” means a right to purchase a specified number of shares of Common Stock at a specified price awarded by the Committee under Section 7 of the Plan.

2.27. “Outside Director” means a Director who meets the definition of an “outside director” under section 162(m) of the Code.

2.28. “Participant” means any Employee, Non-Employee Director or Consultant who receives an Award.

2.29. “Performance Goal” means a goal with respect to the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or affiliates (or any business unit or brand of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or affiliates) that must be met by the end of the Performance Period specified by the Committee based upon: (i) the price of the Common Stock, (ii) the price of the Enhanced Income Securities, (iii) market share,

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(iv) revenue, (v) earnings per share, (vi) return on equity, (vii) costs, (viii) cash flow, (ix) excess or free cash flow, (x) return on total assets, (xi) return on invested capital, (xii) return on net assets, (xiii) operating income, (xiv) net income, (xv) consolidated earnings before or after taxes (including, without limitation, EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA); (xvi) book value per share of Common Stock; (xvii) expense management; (xviii) improvements in capital structure; (xix) profitability; (xx) maintenance or improvement of profit margins; or (xxi) any other financial or other measurement deemed appropriate by the Committee, as it relates to the results of operations or other measurable progress of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or affiliates (or any brand or business unit thereof). The Committee shall have discretion to determine the specific targets with respect to each of these categories of Performance Goals.

2.30. “Performance-Based Awards” means Awards that are based upon the attainment of Performance Goals and that are granted in accordance with Section 13 in a manner designed to be deductible by the Company under section 162(m) of the Code (or any successor section thereto).

2.31. “Performance Period” means the period selected by the Committee during which the performance of the Company, any Subsidiary or any brand or business unit thereof, or any individual is measured for the purpose of determining the extent to which a Performance Goal has been achieved.

2.32. “Performance Share Award” means an award subject to such terms and conditions as are specified by the Committee and which is granted to a Participant under Section 11.

2.33. “Permissible Payment Event” means any of a Participant’s death, Disability, Separation from Service, Change in Control, or specified date or fixed schedule (which specified date or fixed schedule may be based upon the attainment of Performance Goals) specified in an Award Agreement.

2.34. “Plan” means the B&G Foods, Inc. 2008 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan herein set forth, as amended from time to time.

2.35. “Restricted Stock” means Common Stock awarded by the Committee under Section 6 of the Plan.

2.36. “Restriction Period” means the period during which Restricted Stock awarded under Section 6 of the Plan is subject to forfeiture.

2.37. “SAR” means a stock appreciation right awarded by the Committee under Section 8 of the Plan.

2.38. “Separation from Service” means a Participant’s termination of employment or other separation from service, as applicable, with the Company and its Subsidiaries.

2.39. “Specified Employee” means a Participant that is a “specified employee” within the meaning of the section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder as of the date of such Participant’s Separation from Service.

2.40. “Stock Unit” means a right that is granted under Section 10 to receive either Common Stock or cash equal to the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock.

2.41. “Subsidiary” means any corporation (other than the Company), partnership, joint venture or other business entity of which 50% or more of the outstanding voting power is beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company.

2.42. “Ten Percent Shareholder” means a person who on any given date owns, either directly or indirectly (taking into account the attribution rules contained in section 424(d) of the Code), stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or a Subsidiary.

3. **Eligibility.** All Employees, Non-Employee Directors and Consultants are eligible to participate in the Plan.

4. **Administration and Implementation of Plan.**

4.1. **Administration by the Committee.** The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. Any action of the Committee in administering the Plan shall be final, conclusive and binding on all persons, including the Company, its Subsidiaries, their respective Employees, Participants, persons claiming rights from or through Participants and stockholders of the Company.

4.2. **Authority of the Committee.** The Committee shall have full discretionary authority in all matters related to the discharge of its responsibilities and the exercise of its authority under the Plan including, without limitation, its construction of the terms of the Plan and its determination of eligibility for participation and Awards under the Plan. Without limiting the generality of the immediately preceding sentence and subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have full and final authority in its discretion (a) to select the Employees, Non-Employee Directors and Consultants who will receive Awards pursuant to the Plan, (b) to determine the type or types of Awards to be granted to each Participant, (c) to determine the number of shares of Common Stock, if any, to which an Award will relate, the terms and conditions of any Award granted under the Plan (including, but not limited to, restrictions as to vesting, transferability or forfeiture, exercisability or settlement of an Award and waivers or accelerations thereof, and waivers of or modifications to performance conditions relating to an Award, based in each case on such considerations as the Committee shall determine) and all other matters to be determined in connection with an Award; (d) to determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances an Award may be canceled, forfeited, or surrendered; (e) to determine whether, and to certify that, Performance Goals to which the settlement of an Award is subject are satisfied; (f) to correct any defect or supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan, and to adopt, amend and rescind such rules and regulations as, in its opinion, may be advisable in the administration of the Plan; (g) to construe and interpret the Plan and to make all other determinations as it may deem necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan, and (h) to establish any “blackout” period that the Committee in its sole discretion deems necessary or advisable.

4.3. **Additional Terms and Conditions; Award Agreements.** The Committee may impose on any Award or the exercise thereof, at the date of grant or thereafter, such terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, as the Committee shall determine, including terms requiring forfeiture of Awards in the event of the Participant’s Separation from Service with the Company or any Subsidiary; provided, however, that the Committee shall retain full power to accelerate or waive any such term or condition as it may have previously imposed (except that the Committee may not accelerate the delivery of Deferred Stock). All Awards shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement. The right of a Participant to exercise or receive a grant or settlement of any Award, and the timing thereof, may be subject to such Performance Goals as may be specified by the Committee. The conditions for grant or vesting and the other provisions of Awards (including without limitation any applicable Performance Goals) need not be the same with respect to each Participant.

4.4. **Action by the Committee.** The Committee may act at a meeting only by a majority of its members. Any determination of the Committee may be made, without a meeting, by a writing or writings signed by all of the members of the Committee. In addition, the Committee may authorize any one or more of its members to execute and deliver documents on behalf of the Committee.

4.5. **Allocation and Delegation of Authority.** The Committee may allocate all or any portion of its responsibilities and powers under the Plan to any one or more of its members, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company or the Secondary Committee as the Committee deems appropriate and may delegate all or any part of its responsibilities and powers to any such person or persons, provided that any such allocation or delegation be in writing; provided, however, that only the Committee may select and grant Awards to Participants who are subject to section 16 of the Exchange Act or are Covered Employees. The Committee may revoke any such allocation or delegation at any time for any reason with or without prior notice.

4.6. **Indemnification of the Committee and the Board.** The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless the members of the Committee and the Board, from and against any and all liabilities, costs and expenses incurred by such persons as a result of any act or omission to act in connection with the performance of such person’s duties, responsibilities and obligations under the Plan, to the maximum extent permitted by law, other than such liabilities, costs and expenses as may result from the gross negligence, bad faith, willful misconduct or criminal acts of such persons.

5. **Shares of Stock Subject to the Plan and Maximum Awards**

5.1. **Number of Shares Available for Awards.** Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 14, the total number of shares of Common Stock available for Awards under the Plan, whether pursuant to Incentive Stock Options or otherwise, shall be 4,500,000 shares.

5.2. **Annual Award Limit for Options and SARS.** Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 14, the maximum number of shares of Common Stock available for Options or SARS that may be granted to any one Participant shall not exceed 900,000 during any fiscal year.

5.3. **Annual Award Limit for Performance-Based Awards.** The maximum amount of any Performance-Based Award that may be granted, paid, credited or vested, as applicable, to any one Participant in any fiscal year in the event the Performance-Based Awards is paid in shares of Common Stock shall be, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 14, 400,000 shares of Common Stock or, in the event the Performance-Based Award is paid in cash, \$2,000,000.

5.4. Forfeited or Terminated Awards. If any shares subject to an Award are forfeited or such Award otherwise terminates or is settled for any reason whatsoever without an actual distribution of shares to the Participant, any shares counted against the number of shares available for issuance pursuant to the Plan with respect to such Award shall, to the extent of any such forfeiture, settlement or termination, again be available for Awards under the Plan; provided, however, that the Committee may adopt procedures for the counting of shares relating to any Award to ensure appropriate counting, avoid double counting, and provide for adjustments in any case in which the number of shares actually distributed differs from the number of shares previously counted in connection with such Award.

5.5. Treasury Shares. Any shares issued hereunder may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued shares or treasury shares.

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5.6. Corporate Transactions. Any shares issued by the Company through the assumption or substitution of outstanding grants in connection with the acquisition of another entity shall not reduce the maximum number of shares available for delivery under the Plan.

6. Restricted Stock. An Award of Restricted Stock is a grant by the Company of a specified number of shares of Common Stock to the Participant, which shares are subject to forfeiture upon the happening of specified events. Such an Award shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

6.1. Terms. The Committee shall determine all of the material terms of the Award of Restricted Stock, including, but not limited to, the Restriction Period, the Performance Goals applicable, if any, and the amount, if any, the Participant must pay to receive the Restricted Stock.

6.2. Restricted Stock Account. Upon the Award of Restricted Stock, the Committee shall direct that the number of shares of Common Stock subject to such Award be placed in a restricted stock account with the transfer agent and designating the Participant as the registered owner. The shares shall be legended as to sale, transfer, assignment, pledge or other encumbrances during the Restriction Period. The Participant shall sign a stock power endorsed in blank to the Company to be held in escrow during the Restriction Period.

6.3. Voting Rights. During the Restriction Period, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the Participant shall have the right to vote the shares of Restricted Stock.

6.4. Termination of the Restriction Period. Provided that the Restricted Stock has not been previously forfeited, at the end of the Restriction Period, provided that any Performance Goals or other criteria or conditions set forth in the applicable Award Agreement have been satisfied, the restrictions imposed under the Award Agreement shall lapse with respect to the number of shares specified thereunder, and the legend imposed hereunder shall be removed and such number of shares delivered to the Participant (or, where appropriate, the Participant's legal representative).

6.5. Tax Reimbursement. In the sole discretion of the Committee, an Award Agreement regarding Restricted Stock may provide for a tax reimbursement cash payment to be made by the Company to any Participant in connection with the tax consequences resulting from an Award of Restricted Stock, the lapse of restrictions on any Restricted Stock or the payment by a Participant of any taxes related thereto, subject to such conditions as the Committee may specify.

6.6. Separation from Service. Except as otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement, all Restricted Stock with respect to which the Restriction Period has not expired shall be immediately forfeited upon a Participant's Separation from Service.

7. Options. Options give a Participant the right to purchase a specified number of shares of Common Stock from the Company for a specified time period at a fixed exercise price ("Exercise Price"). Options may be either Incentive Stock Options or Non-Qualified Stock Options. The Award Agreement for an Option shall specify whether the Option is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option or a Non-Incentive Stock Option. The grant of Options shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

7.1. Exercise Price. The price per share at which Common Stock may be purchased upon exercise of an Option shall be determined by the Committee, but shall be not less than (i) 110% of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant in the case of a grant to a

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Ten Percent Stockholder, or (ii) 100% of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant in the case of a grant to any other Participant, unless in either case the Option was granted through the assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding awards previously granted by an entity acquired by the Company or any Subsidiary or with which the Company or any Subsidiary combines.

7.2. Option Term. The term of an Option shall in no event be greater than ten years (five years in the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to a Ten Percent Shareholder).

7.3. Vesting. Except as otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement, 25% of an Option shall become vested and exercisable on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date of such Option.

7.4. Incentive Stock Options. Each provision of the Plan and each Award Agreement relating to an Incentive Stock Option shall be construed so that each Incentive Stock Option shall be an incentive stock option as defined in section 422 of the Code, and any provisions of an Award Agreement that cannot be so construed shall be disregarded. In no event may a Participant be granted an Incentive Stock Option which does not comply with the grant and vesting limitations prescribed by section 422(b) of the Code. Incentive Stock Options may only be granted to Employees. Incentive Stock Options may not be granted to Non-Employee Directors or Consultants.

7.5. Method of Exercise. The Exercise Price of the shares of Common Stock received upon the exercise of an Option shall be paid within three days of the date of exercise: (a) in cash, (b) with the proceeds received from a broker-dealer whom the Participant has authorized to sell all

or a portion of the Common Stock covered by the Option, (c) with the consent of the Committee in an Award Agreement, in whole or in part in Common Stock held by the Participant and valued at Fair Market Value on the date of exercise, or (d) with the consent of the Committee in an Award Agreement or otherwise, by requesting the Company withhold a number of shares of Common Stock having a Fair Market Value on the date of exercise equal to the product of (i) the Exercise Price multiplied by (ii) the number of shares of Common Stock in respect of which the Option is being exercised. With the consent of the Committee, payment upon the exercise of a Non-Qualified Option may be made in whole or in part by Restricted Stock held by the Participant and valued at Fair Market Value on the date the Option is exercised. In such case, the Common Stock to which the Option relates shall be subject to the same forfeiture restrictions originally imposed on the Restricted Stock exchanged therefor. An Option may be exercised only for a whole number of shares of Common Stock. If a Participant is permitted to pay the exercise price of an Option or taxes relating to the exercise of an Option by delivering shares of Common Stock, the Participant may, subject to procedures satisfactory to the Committee, satisfy such delivery requirement by presenting proof of beneficial ownership of such shares of Common Stock, in which case the Company shall treat the Option as exercised without further payment and shall withhold such number of shares of Common Stock from the shares of Common Stock acquired by the exercise of the Option.

7.6. Separation from Service. Except as otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement:

7.6.1. If the Participant has a Separation from Service due to retirement, Disability or death, the unexercised and vested portion of the Option will remain exercisable by the Participant or his or her successors, as the case may be, until the earlier of the end of the 180-day period immediately following the Participant's Separation from Service or the last day of the term of the Option. Such portion of the Option shall terminate to the extent not exercised within such 180-day period. Any unvested portion of the Option will immediately terminate and be forfeited upon such Separation from Service.

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7.6.2. If the Participant has a Separation from Service due to a termination by the Company for Cause, the Option will immediately expire on the date of such Separation from Service.

7.6.3. If the Participant has a Separation from Service as a result of any reason other than retirement, Disability, death or for Cause, any unexercised and vested portion of the Option will remain exercisable until the earlier of the end of the 90-day period immediately following such Separation from Service or the last day of the term of the Option. Such portion of the Option shall terminate to the extent not exercised within such 90-day period. Any unvested portion of the Option will terminate and will be forfeited upon such Separation from Service.

8. Stock Appreciation Rights. SARs give the Participant the right to receive, upon exercise of the SAR, the excess of (a) the Fair Market Value of one share of Common Stock on the date of exercise over (b) the base price of the SAR as determined by the Committee, but which may never be less than the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant. The grant of SARs shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

8.1. SAR Term. The term of a SAR shall in no event be greater than ten years.

8.2. Terms and Conditions. The Committee shall determine the time or times at which a SAR may be exercised in whole or in part, the method of exercise, the method of settlement, form of consideration payable in settlement (whether in shares of Common Stock or cash), method by which Common Stock, if applicable, shall be delivered or deemed to be delivered to Participants, whether or not a SAR shall be in tandem with any other Award, and any other terms and conditions of any SAR.

8.3. Vesting. Except as otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement, 25% of a SAR shall become vested and exercisable on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date of such SAR.

8.4. Separation from Service. Except as otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement:

8.4.1. If the Participant has a Separation from Service due to retirement, Disability or death, the unexercised and vested portion of the SAR will remain exercisable by the Participant or his or her successors, as the case may be, until the earlier of the end of the 180-day period immediately following the Participant's Separation from Service or the last day of the term of the SAR. Such portion of the SAR shall terminate to the extent not exercised within such 180-day period. Any unvested portion of the SAR will immediately terminate and be forfeited upon such Separation from Service.

8.4.2. If the Participant has a Separation from Service due to a termination by the Company for Cause, the SAR will immediately expire on the date of such Separation from Service.

8.4.3. If the Participant has a Separation from Service as a result of any reason other than retirement, Disability, death or for Cause, any unexercised and vested portion of the SAR will remain exercisable until the earlier of the end of the 90-day period immediately following such Separation from Service or the last day of the term of the SAR. Such portion of the SAR shall terminate

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to the extent not exercised within such 90-day period. Any unvested portion of the SAR will terminate and will be forfeited upon such Separation from Service.

9. Deferred Stock. An Award of Deferred Stock is an agreement by the Company to deliver to the Participant a specified number of shares of Common Stock at the end of a specified Deferral Period or Periods. Such an Award shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

9.1. Terms and Conditions. Upon the Award of Deferred Stock, the Committee shall direct that the number of shares subject to such Award be credited to the Participant's account on the books of the Company but that issuance and delivery of the same shall be deferred until the occurrence of a Permissible Payment Event specified in an Award Agreement. In no event shall the delivery of such Deferred Stock be accelerated if to do so

would subject the Participant to an additional tax pursuant to section 409A of the Code. Prior to issuance and delivery of the Deferred Stock, the Participant shall have no rights as a stockholder with respect to any shares of Deferred Stock credited to the Participant's account.

9.2. **Deferral Period Installments.** The Deferral Period may consist of one or more installments. Provided that the Deferred Stock has not been previously forfeited, at the end of the Deferral Period or any installment thereof the shares of Deferred Stock applicable to such installment, shall be issued and delivered to the Participant (or, where appropriate, the Participant's legal representative) in accordance with the terms of the Award Agreement.

9.3. **Separation from Service.** Except as otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement, all Deferred Stock with respect to which the Deferral Period has not expired shall be immediately forfeited upon a Participant's Separation from Service.

10. Stock Units. Stock Units are Awards that represent the right of the grantee to receive a payment upon a Permissible Payment Event specified by the Committee in an Award Agreement equal to the Fair Market Value of a specified number of shares of Common Stock as of the date of grant, vesting date, Permissible Payment Event date or such other date set forth in an Award Agreement. Stock Units shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

10.1. **Terms and Conditions.** The Committee may condition the vesting of Stock Units upon the attainment of a Performance Goal or upon the continued service of the Participant. The Committee may provide in an Award Agreement a limitation on the amount payable in respect of each Stock Unit and/or for the settlement of Stock Units in cash or with Common Stock having a Fair Market Value equal to the payment to which the grantee has become entitled. In no event shall the payment of Stock Units be accelerated if to do so would subject the Participant to an additional tax pursuant to section 409A of the Code.

10.2. **Stock Unit Restriction Period.** Subject to the provisions of the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, during the period, if any, set by the Committee, commencing with the date of such Stock Unit Award for which such Participant's continued service is required (the "**Stock Unit Restriction Period**"), and until the later of (A) the expiration of the Stock Unit Restriction Period and (B) the date the applicable Performance Goals (if any) are satisfied, the Participant shall not be permitted to sell, assign, transfer, pledge or otherwise encumber Stock Units.

10.3. **Separation from Service.** Except as otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement, all Stock Units that are unvested upon a Participant's Separation from Service shall be immediately forfeited upon such Participant's Separation from Service.

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11. Performance Share Awards. A Performance Share Award is an Award entitling the recipient to receive shares of Common Stock upon a Permissible Payment Event, including, without limitation, the attainment of Performance Goals during a Performance Period as specified in the Award Agreement. Performance Share Awards shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

11.1. **Terms and Conditions.** The Committee in its sole discretion shall determine whether and to whom Performance Share Awards shall be made, the Performance Goals applicable under each such Award, the Performance Periods, the price, if any, to be paid by the Participant for such Performance Shares upon the achievement of the Performance Goals, and all other limitations and conditions applicable to the Performance Share Awards. In no event shall the payment of a Performance Share Award be accelerated if to do so would subject the Participant to an additional tax pursuant to section 409A of the Code.

11.2. **Rights as a Stockholder.** A Participant receiving a Performance Share Award shall have the rights of a stockholder only as to shares of Common Stock actually received by the Participant upon satisfaction of all conditions specified in the Award Agreement evidencing the Performance Share Award and not with respect to shares subject to the Award but not actually received by the Participant.

11.3. **Separation from Service.** Except as otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement, all Performance Share Awards that are unvested upon a Participant's Separation from Service shall be immediately forfeited upon such Participant's Separation from Service.

12. Cash-Based Awards.

12.1. **Terms and Conditions.** The Committee, in its sole discretion, may grant Awards to Participants denominated in cash in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may determine, including, but not limited to, vesting conditions. Each such Cash-Based Award shall specify a payment amount, payment formula or payment range as determined by the Committee. The Award Agreement shall set forth the Permissible Payment Event on which the Cash-Based Award shall be settled. In no event shall the payment of a Cash-Based Award be accelerated if to do so would subject the Participant to an additional tax pursuant to section 409A of the Code.

12.2. **Separation from Service.** Except as otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement, all Cash-Based Awards that are unvested upon a Participant's Separation from Service shall be immediately forfeited upon such Participant's Separation from Service.

13. Performance-Based Awards.

13.1. **General.** The purpose of this Section 13 is to provide the Committee the ability to design any Award so that the amounts or shares payable or distributed pursuant to such Award qualify as "performance-based compensation" under section 162(m) of the Code. For purposes of Performance-Based Awards granted to Covered Employees, the provisions of this Section 13 shall apply in addition to and, where necessary, in lieu of the provisions of the other provisions of this Plan. Only Covered Employees shall be subject to the restrictions contained in this Section 13 and only with respect to Awards intended to be Performance-Based Awards.

13.2. **Establishment of Performance Goals for Covered Employees.** The Committee will, in its sole discretion, designate within the earlier of the (a) first 90 days of a Performance Period and (b) lapse of 25% of the period of service to which the Performance Goals relate, which

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Covered Employees will be Participants for such period. However, designation of a Covered Employee as a Participant for a Performance Period shall not in any manner entitle the Participant to receive an Award for the period. The determination as to whether or not such Participant becomes entitled to an Award for such Performance Period shall be decided solely in accordance with the provisions of this Section 13. Moreover, designation of a Covered Employee as a Participant for a particular Performance Period shall not require designation of such Covered Employee as a Participant in any subsequent Performance Period and designation of one Covered Employee as a Participant shall not require designation of any other Covered Employee as a Participant in such period or in any other period.

13.3. Discretion of Committee with Respect to Performance-Based Awards. With regards to a particular Performance Period, the Committee shall have full discretion to select the length of such Performance Period, the types of Awards to be issued, the kinds and/or levels of the Performance Goals, whether the Performance Goals are to apply to the Company or any one or more subunits thereof. Within the earlier of (a) the first 90 days of a Performance Period and (b) the lapse of 25% of the period of service, and in any event while the outcome is substantially uncertain, the Committee shall, with regards to the Performance-Based Awards to be issued for such Performance Period, exercise its discretion with respect to each of the matters enumerated in the immediately preceding sentence of this Section and record the same in writing.

13.4. Conditions to Receipt of Performance-Based Awards. Except as otherwise provided in such Participant's Employment Agreement, a Participant shall be eligible to receive a Performance-Based Award for a Performance Period only to the extent that the Performance Goals for such period are achieved. In addition, unless otherwise provided in the relevant Award Agreement or Employment Agreement, a Participant must be employed by the Company on the last day of a Performance Period to be eligible for a Performance-Based Award for such Performance Period.

13.5. Modification of Performance Goals. The Committee, in its sole discretion, may modify the Performance Goals for Performance-Based Awards applicable to a Performance Period, provided that such modification is made only to reflect a change in the capitalization of the Company or a Subsidiary, such as a stock split or dividend, or a corporate transaction, such as a merger, any consolidation of the Company or a Subsidiary into another corporation, any separation of the Company or a Subsidiary (including a spinoff or other distribution of stock or property), any reorganization of a the Company or a Subsidiary, or any partial or complete liquidation of the Company or a Subsidiary.

13.6. Certification of Performance; Negative Discretion. Following the completion of a Performance Period, the Committee shall meet to review and certify in writing whether, and to what extent, the Performance Goals for the Performance Period have been achieved and, if so, to also calculate and certify in writing the amount of the Performance-Based Awards earned for the period. The Committee shall then determine the actual size of each Participant's Award for the Performance Period and, in so doing, may apply Negative Discretion, if and when it deems appropriate, to reduce or eliminate the amount of the Performance-Based Award earned for the Performance Period through the use of Negative Discretion, if in its sole judgment, such reduction or elimination is appropriate.

13.7. Timing of Performance-Based Award Payments. Performance-Based Awards granted for a Performance Period shall be paid to Participants as soon as administratively practicable following the completion of the certifications required by Section 13.6.

14. Adjustments to Shares, Terms and Conditions and Performance Goals.

14.1. Adjustments to Shares. In the event that the Committee shall determine that any stock dividend, recapitalization, forward stock split or reverse stock split, reorganization, division, merger, consolidation, spin-off, combination, repurchase or share exchange, extraordinary or unusual cash distribution or other similar corporate transaction or event, affects the Common Stock such that an adjustment is appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights of Participants under the Plan, then the Committee shall, in an equitable manner, adjust any or all of (i) the number and kind of shares of Common Stock which may thereafter be issued in connection with Awards, (ii) the number and kind of shares of Common Stock issuable in respect of outstanding Awards, (iii) the aggregate number and kind of shares of Common Stock available under the Plan, and (iv) the exercise or grant price relating to any Award or, if deemed appropriate, make provision for a cash payment with respect to any outstanding Award; provided, however, in each case, that no adjustment shall be made that would cause the Plan to violate section 422 of the Code with respect to Incentive Stock Options or that would adversely affect the status of any Performance-Based Award.

14.2. Adjustments to Terms and Conditions and Performance Goals. In addition, the Committee is authorized to make adjustments in the terms and conditions of, and the criteria included in, Awards, including any Performance Goals, in recognition of any unforeseen events or changes in circumstances, or in response to changes in applicable laws, regulations, accounting principles or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no adjustment shall be made in any outstanding Performance-Based Award to the extent that such adjustment would adversely affect the status of the Award as a Performance-Based Award.

15. Section 409A.

15.1. General. To the extent determined necessary or advisable by the Committee in its sole discretion, Awards hereunder shall be interpreted to the extent possible to comply with the provisions of section 409A of the Code (or avoid application of such Code section), to the extent applicable. Participants shall be deemed to consent to any changes to Awards that the Board determines are necessary or advisable to comply with the provisions of section 409A of the Code. Adjustments made pursuant to Section 14 shall, to the extent determined necessary or advisable in the sole discretion of the Committee, be made in compliance with the requirements of section 409A of the Code or, if applicable, to avoid application of section 409A of the Code.

15.2. Specified Employees. Notwithstanding anything set forth in the Plan or an Award Agreement to the contrary, if any Award pursuant to Section 6, 9, 10, 11 or 12 that is scheduled to be paid or delivered to a Participant that is a Specified Employee upon such Participant's Separation from Service would subject such Participant to any tax, interest or penalty imposed under section 409A of the Code if such Award were paid or delivered to such Participant within six months after such Separation from Service, then such Award shall not be paid or delivered to such Participant until the date which is six months and one day after the date of Participant's Separation from Service or, if earlier, the date of Participant's death following such Separation from Service (the "Delayed Payment Date"). All such amounts that would, but for this Section 15.2, become payable or deliverable prior to the Delayed Payment Date will be accumulated and paid on the Delayed Payment Date without interest.

16. Dividends and Dividend Equivalents.

16.1. General. If an Award is granted in the form of Restricted Stock, Deferred Stock, Stock Units or Performance Share Awards, the Committee may choose, at the time of the

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grant of the Award or any time thereafter up to the time of the Award's payment, to include as part of such Award an entitlement to receive dividends or dividend equivalents, subject to such terms, conditions, restrictions and/or limitations, if any, as the Committee may establish. Dividends and dividend equivalents shall be paid in such form and manner (i.e., lump sum or installments), and at such time(s) as the Committee shall determine in the Award Agreement. The Award Agreement may provide, in the Committee's discretion, that dividends or dividend equivalents that are not paid currently accrue interest, be reinvested into additional shares of Common Stock or be credited as additional Restricted Stock, Deferred Stock, Stock Units or Performance Shares and paid to the Participant if and when, and to the extent that, payment is made pursuant to such Award.

16.2. Reinvestment of Dividends. Reinvestment of dividends paid in accordance with Section 16.1 in additional Awards payable in Common Stock shall only be permissible if sufficient shares of Common Stock are available for such reinvestment or payment (taking into account then outstanding Awards). In the event that sufficient shares of Common Stock are not available for such reinvestment or payment, such reinvestment or payment shall, as set forth in the Award Agreement, be either payable immediately in cash or made in the form of a grant of Stock Units equal in number to the shares that would have been obtained by such payment or reinvestment, the terms of which Stock Units shall provide for settlement in cash and for dividend equivalent reinvestment in further Stock Units.

17. Change in Control.

17.1. Full Vesting. Except to the extent the Committee specifically establishes otherwise in an Award Agreement, immediately upon the occurrence of a Change in Control: (a) any Options and SARs outstanding which are not then exercisable and vested shall become fully exercisable and vested; (b) the Restriction Period applicable to any Restricted Stock shall lapse; (c) the Deferral Period applicable to any Deferred Stock shall lapse; (d) all Stock Units, Performance Share Awards and Cash-Based Awards shall vest in full and any conditions applicable thereto shall be deemed satisfied; (e) all Performance Goals applicable to any Award shall be deemed to have been met at 100% of target; and (f) the Committee may also make additional adjustments and/or settlements of outstanding Awards as it deems appropriate and consistent with the Plan's purposes.

17.2. Options and SARs. With respect to all Options or SARs that are unexercised and outstanding upon a Change in Control, the Committee may, in its sole discretion in an Award Agreement or otherwise, provide for one or more of the following:

17.2.1. such Options or SARs shall be cancelled in exchange for a cash payment in an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock underlying an Option or SAR (to the extent such Option or SAR is exercisable at such time) as of the date of the Change of Control over the Exercise Price of the Option or SAR. If the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock underlying an Option or SAR does not exceed the Exercise Price, then the Option or SAR may be cancelled without any payment; and/or

17.2.2. such Options or SARs shall be terminated immediately prior to the Change of Control, if the Participant fails to exercise the Option or SAR (to the extent such Option or SAR is exercisable at such time) within a specified period (of at least seven days) following the Participant's receipt of a written notice of such Change of Control and of the Company's intention to terminate the Option or SAR prior to such Change of Control; and/or

17.2.3. such Options or SARs shall be assumed by the successor corporation, and shall be substituted with options involving the common stock of the successor

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corporation with equivalent value and with terms and conditions substantially similar to those Options or SARs granted by the Company.

17.3. Restricted Stock, Deferred Stock, Stock Units or Performance Share Awards. With respect to Restricted Stock, Deferred Stock, Stock Units or Performance Share Awards, the Committee may, upon a Change in Control, in its sole discretion in an Award Agreement or otherwise, provide for one or more of the following:

17.3.1. such Award shall be cancelled in exchange for a payment in cash or Common Stock in an amount equal to the Fair Market Value of the applicable Award; and/or

17.3.2. such Award shall be assumed by the successor corporation, and shall be substituted with a similar award involving the common stock of the successor corporation with equivalent value and with terms and conditions substantially similar to the applicable Award awarded by the Company.

17.4. Cash-Based Awards. With respect to Cash-Based Awards, the Committee may, upon a Change in Control, in its sole discretion in an Award Agreement or otherwise, provide for one or more of the following:

17.4.1. all or a portion of the Cash-Based Award shall be settled in an amount to be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion; provided, that notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, the Committee may determine, in its sole discretion, the portion of any Cash-Based Award that is a Performance-Based Award to be settled and/or payable; and/or

17.4.2. such Cash-Based Award shall be assumed by the successor corporation, and shall be substituted with a cash-based award with equivalent value and with terms and conditions that are substantially similar to those of the substituted Cash-Based Award awarded by the Company.

18. Amendment and Termination.

18.1. **Amendment and Termination of the Plan.** The Board may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or terminate the Plan without the consent of the Company's stockholders or Participants, except that any such amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuation, or termination shall be subject to the approval of the Company's stockholders if (a) such action would increase the number of shares subject to the Plan, (b) such action results in the "repricing" of any Option or SAR otherwise than in accordance with Section 14.1, or (c) such stockholder approval is required by any federal or state law or regulation or the rules of any stock exchange or automated quotation system on which the Common Stock may then be listed or quoted; **provided, however,** that, subject to Section 15, without the consent of an affected Participant, no amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuation, or termination of the Plan may materially and adversely affect the rights of such Participant under any Award theretofore granted and any Award Agreement relating thereto.

18.2. **Amendment and Termination of Awards.** The Committee may waive any conditions or rights under, or amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or terminate, any Award theretofore granted and any Award Agreement relating thereto; **provided, however,** that, subject to Section 18.4, without the consent of an affected Participant, no such amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuation, or termination of any Award may materially and adversely affect the rights of such Participant under such Award; **provided, further,** however, that each Participant shall be deemed to have consented to any amendments to an Award to the extent necessary for that Award to satisfy Section 15.

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18.3. **Substitution of Awards.** The Committee may, without the consent of any Participant, substitute any Award granted under the Plan which by its terms is intended to be settled in shares of Common Stock for any other type of Award intended to be settled in shares of Common Stock, including without limitation, the substitution of SARs intended to be settled in shares of Common Stock for Options; **provided, however,** that the terms of the substituted Award and the economic benefit of the substituted Award are substantially similar to the terms and economic benefit of the Award being replaced.

18.4. **Performance Goals.** The foregoing notwithstanding, any Performance Goal or other performance condition specified in connection with an Award shall not be deemed a fixed contractual term, but shall remain subject to adjustment by the Committee, in its discretion at any time in view of the Committee's assessment of the Company's strategy, performance of comparable companies, and other circumstances, except, with respect to Performance-Based Awards, to the extent that any such adjustment to a performance condition would adversely affect the status of such Award as a Performance-Based Award.

19. **No Right to Employment or Service.** Neither the Plan nor any action taken hereunder shall be construed as giving any Participant any right to be retained in the employ or service of the Company or any Subsidiary. For purposes of this Plan, transfer of employment between the Company and its Subsidiaries shall not be deemed a termination of employment or service, and, to the extent provided by the Committee, change in status between an Employee, Consultant and/or Non-Employee Director shall also not be deemed a termination of employment or service.

20. **Taxes.**

20.1. **Withholding.** The Company or any Subsidiary is authorized to withhold from any payment relating to an Award under the Plan, including from a distribution of Common Stock or any payroll or other payment to a Participant amounts of withholding and other taxes due in connection with any transaction involving an Award, and to take such other action as the Committee may deem advisable to enable the Company or the Subsidiary and Participants to satisfy obligations for the payment of withholding taxes and other tax obligations relating to any Award. This authority shall include authority to withhold or receive Common Stock or other property and to make cash payments in respect thereof in satisfaction of a Participant's tax obligations, provided that in the event the Company withholds or receives Common Stock or other property, the amounts withheld may not exceed minimum statutory withholding requirements.

20.2. **No Tax Advice or Guarantee of Tax Consequences.** No person connected with the Plan in any capacity, including, but not limited to, the Company and its directors, officers, agents and employees, and the Committee, makes any representation, commitment, or guarantee that any particular specific or favorable tax treatment, including, but not limited to, federal, state and local income, excise, estate and gift tax treatment, will be applicable with respect to the tax treatment of any Award, or that such tax treatment will apply to or be available to a Participant on account of participation in the Plan. All taxes are the responsibility of the Participant, who should consult his or her tax advisor.

21. **Limits on Transferability; Beneficiaries.** No Award or other right or interest of a Participant under the Plan shall be pledged, encumbered, or hypothecated to, or in favor of, or subject to any lien, obligation, or liability of such Participant to, any party, other than the Company or any Subsidiary, or assigned or transferred by such Participant otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and such Awards and rights shall be exercisable during the lifetime of the Participant only by the Participant or his or her guardian or legal representative. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may, in its discretion, provide that Awards or other rights or interests of a Participant granted

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pursuant to the Plan (other than an Incentive Stock Option) be transferable, without consideration, to immediate family members (i.e., children, grandchildren or spouse), to trusts for the benefit of such immediate family members and to partnerships in which such family members are the only partners. The Committee may attach to such transferability feature such terms and conditions as it deems advisable. In addition, a Participant may, in the manner established by the Committee, designate a beneficiary (which may be a person or a trust) to exercise the rights of the Participant, and to receive any distribution, with respect to any Award upon the death of the Participant. A beneficiary, guardian, legal representative or other person claiming any rights under the Plan from or through any Participant shall be subject to all terms and conditions of the Plan and any Award Agreement applicable to such Participant, except as otherwise determined by the Committee, and to any additional restrictions deemed necessary or appropriate by the Committee.

22. **Plan is Unfunded.** It is presently intended that the Plan constitute an "unfunded" plan for incentive and deferred compensation. The Committee may authorize the creation of trusts or other arrangements to meet the obligations created under the Plan to deliver Common Stock or make payments; **provided, however,** that unless the Committee otherwise determines, the existence of such trusts or other arrangements is consistent with the "unfunded" status of the Plan.

23. **No Rights to Awards; No Stockholder Rights.** No Participant shall have any claim to be granted any Award under the Plan, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Participants. No Award shall confer on any Participant any of the rights of a stockholder of the Company unless and until Common Stock is duly issued or transferred to the Participant in accordance with the terms of the Award.

24. **Foreign Nationals.** Without amending the Plan, Awards may be granted to Employees who are foreign nationals or employed outside the United States or both, on such terms and conditions different from those specified in the Plan as may, in the judgment of the Committee, be necessary or desirable to further the purpose of the Plan and to comply with local law.

25. **Securities Law Requirements.**

25.1. No Award granted hereunder shall be exercisable if the Company shall at any time determine that (a) the listing upon any securities exchange, registration or qualification under any state or federal law of any Common Stock otherwise deliverable upon such exercise, or (b) the consent or approval of any regulatory body or the satisfaction of withholding tax or other withholding liabilities, is necessary or appropriate in connection with such exercise. In any of the events referred to in clause (a) or clause (b) above, the exercisability of such Awards shall be suspended and shall not be effective unless and until such withholding, listing, registration, qualifications or approval shall have been effected or obtained free of any conditions not acceptable to the Company in its sole discretion, notwithstanding any termination of any Award or any portion of any Award during the period when exercisability has been suspended.

25.2. The Committee may require, as a condition to the right to exercise any Award that the Company receive from the Participant, at the time any such Award is exercised, vests or any applicable restrictions lapse, representations, warranties and agreements to the effect that the shares are being purchased or acquired by the Participant for investment only and without any present intention to sell or otherwise distribute such shares and that the Participant will not dispose of such shares in transactions which, in the opinion of counsel to the Company, would violate the registration provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as then amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder. Such shares shall bear appropriate legends summarizing such restrictions on the disposition thereof.

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26. **Data Protection.** By participating in the Plan, the Participant consents to the collection, processing, transmission and storage by the Company, in any form whatsoever, of any data of a professional or personal nature which is necessary for the purposes of administering the Plan

27. **Termination; Rescission.** Unless the Plan shall theretofore have been terminated, the Plan shall terminate on the 10-year anniversary of the effective date, and no Awards under the Plan shall thereafter be granted.

28. **Fractional Shares.** The Company will not be required to issue any fractional shares of Common Stock pursuant to the Plan. The Committee may provide for the elimination of fractions and for the settlement of fractions in cash.

29. **Governing Law.** To the extent that Federal laws do not otherwise control, the validity and construction of the Plan and any Award Agreement entered into thereunder shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, but without giving effect to the choice of law principles thereof.

30. **Effective Date; Shareholder Approval.** The Plan shall be effective on the date it is adopted by the Board and approved by the shareholders.

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CERTIFICATION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, David L. Wenner, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of B&G Foods, Inc.;
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 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 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: July 27, 2010

/s/ David L. Wenner

David L. Wenner

Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

I, Robert C. Cantwell, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of B&G Foods, Inc.;
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 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 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: July 27, 2010

/s/ Robert C. Cantwell

Robert C. Cantwell
Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of B&G Foods, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending July 3, 2010 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, David L. Wenner, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and I, Robert C. Cantwell, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ David L. Wenner

David L. Wenner
Chief Executive Officer
July 27, 2010

/s/ Robert C. Cantwell

Robert C. Cantwell
Chief Financial Officer
July 27, 2010

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