

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 10-Q**

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2011

Commission File Number 0-18761

**HANSEN NATURAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

39-1679918

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

550 Monica Circle, Suite 201

Corona, California 92880

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(951) 739 – 6200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 definition 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  (Do not check if smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

The Registrant had 88,392,874 shares of common stock, par value \$0.005 per share, outstanding as of April 26, 2011.

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**LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

## CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable	\$ 89,708	\$ 85,674
Accrued liabilities	26,342	23,811
Deferred revenue	10,728	10,140
Accrued distributor terminations	14	407
Accrued compensation	5,196	7,603
Current portion of debt	1,623	274
Income taxes payable	21,636	925
Total current liabilities	<u>155,247</u>	<u>128,834</u>

## DEFERRED REVENUE

123,192 124,899

## COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 9)

## STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:

Common stock - \$0.005 par value; 120,000 shares authorized; 98,851 shares issued and 88,392 outstanding as of

March 31, 2011; 98,731 shares issued and 88,980 outstanding as of December 31, 2010 494 494

Additional paid-in capital 195,185 187,040

Retained earnings 937,468 882,425

Accumulated other comprehensive income 1,110 281

Common stock in treasury, at cost; 10,459 shares and 9,751 shares as of March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively (280,704) (241,842)

Total stockholders' equity 853,553 828,398**Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity**\$ 1,131,992 \$ 1,082,131

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
**FOR THE THREE-MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2011 AND 2010**  
**(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts) (Unaudited)**

	Three-Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2011	2010
NET SALES	\$ 356,419	\$ 238,110
COST OF SALES	<u>170,882</u>	<u>113,556</u>
GROSS PROFIT	185,537	124,554
OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>97,082</u>	<u>73,769</u>
OPERATING INCOME	88,455	50,785
OTHER INCOME:		
Interest and other income, net	4	410
Gain on investments and put option, net (Note 3)	297	576
Total other income	<u>301</u>	<u>986</u>
INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	88,756	51,771
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	<u>33,713</u>	<u>19,208</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 55,043</u>	<u>\$ 32,563</u>
NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE:		
Basic	<u>\$ 0.62</u>	<u>\$ 0.37</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.59</u>	<u>\$ 0.35</u>
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK AND COMMON STOCK EQUIVALENTS:		
Basic	<u>88,929</u>	<u>88,347</u>
Diluted	<u>93,624</u>	<u>93,031</u>

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**HANSEN NATURAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
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**FOR THE THREE-MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2011 AND 2010**  
**(In Thousands) (Unaudited)**

	Three-Months Ended	
	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2010
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$ 55,043	\$ 32,563
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortization of trademark	12	14
Depreciation and other amortization	3,581	2,640
Loss (gain) on disposal of property and equipment	(74)	10
Stock-based compensation	3,779	4,981
Gain on put option	(20)	(5,092)
(Gain) loss on investments, net	(278)	4,515
Deferred income taxes	-	(4)
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options	(190)	(6,474)
Effect on cash of changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(47,605)	(10,336)
Distributor receivables	397	872
Inventories	(19,548)	(11,378)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(4,015)	(1,568)
Prepaid income taxes	9,802	-
Accounts payable	3,485	35,250
Accrued liabilities	2,250	15,494
Accrued distributor terminations	(393)	(424)
Accrued compensation	(2,417)	(3,741)
Income taxes payable	20,921	12,745
Deferred revenue	(1,117)	(2,064)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>23,613</u>	<u>68,003</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Maturities of held-to-maturity investments	41,950	14,998
Sales of available-for-sale investments	4,551	3,675
Sales of trading investments	1,000	-
Purchases of held-to-maturity investments	(80,894)	(44,989)
Purchases of available-for-sale investments	(6,774)	-
Purchases of property and equipment	(6,523)	(1,436)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	207	10
Additions to intangibles	(1,996)	(3,432)
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(26)	69
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(48,505)</u>	<u>(31,105)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Principal payments on debt	(249)	(162)
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options	190	6,474
Issuance of common stock	4,247	4,524
Purchases of common stock held in treasury	(38,862)	-
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	<u>(34,674)</u>	<u>10,836</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	229	(175)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(59,337)	47,559
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	354,842	328,349
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	<u>\$ 295,505</u>	<u>\$ 375,908</u>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:</b>		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	\$ 10	\$ 3
Income taxes	<u>\$ 2,870</u>	<u>\$ 6,446</u>

**SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NON-CASH ITEMS**

The Company entered into capital leases for the acquisition of promotional vehicles of \$1.6 million and \$0.1 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

## 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Reference is made to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, in Hansen Natural Corporation and Subsidiaries (“Hansen” or the “Company”) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 (“Form 10-K”) for a summary of significant accounting policies utilized by the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries and other disclosures, which should be read in conjunction with this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (“Form 10-Q”).

The Company’s condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) and Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) rules and regulations applicable to interim financial reporting. They do not include all the information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. The information set forth in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 is unaudited and reflects all adjustments, which include only normal recurring adjustments and which in the opinion of management are necessary to make the interim condensed consolidated financial statements not misleading. Results of operations for periods covered by this report may not necessarily be indicative of results of operations for the full year.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP necessarily requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

## 2. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In January 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2010-06, “Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements”. ASU 2010-06 requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements including transfers in and out of Levels 1 and 2, and a higher level of disaggregation for the different types of financial instruments. In addition, with respect to the reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements, information on purchases, sales, issuances and settlements, requires separate presentation. The guidance also requires disclosure of valuation techniques and inputs used for fair value measurement of the Company’s Level 3 financial assets. The Company adopted the new guidance as of March 31, 2010, except for disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements in the roll-forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements, which are required for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010 (January 1, 2011 for the Company). The new guidance requires expanded disclosures only, and did not have a material effect on the Company’s financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

In September 2009, the FASB issued Update No. 2009-13, which updates the existing guidance regarding multiple-element revenue arrangements currently included under ASC 605-25. The revised guidance primarily provides two significant changes: 1) eliminates the need for objective and reliable evidence of the fair value for the undelivered element in order for a delivered item to be

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treated as a separate unit of accounting, and 2) eliminates the residual method to allocate the arrangement consideration. The guidance also expands the disclosure requirements for revenue recognition and is effective for the first annual reporting period beginning on or after June 15, 2010 (January 1, 2011 for the Company), with early adoption permitted provided that the revised guidance is retroactively applied to the beginning of the year of adoption. The adoption of this guidance during the first quarter of 2011 did not have a material effect on the Company’s financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

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## 3. INVESTMENTS

The following table summarizes the Company’s investments at:

March 31, 2011	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized	Gross Unrealized	Fair Value	Continuous Unrealized	Continuous Unrealized
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		Holding Gains	Holding Losses		Loss Position less than 12 Months	Loss Position greater than 12 Months
<b>Held to Maturity</b>						
Short-term:						
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 62,767	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 62,777	\$ -	\$ -
Certificates of deposit	18,013	-	-	18,013	-	-
Municipal securities	105,980	-	19	105,961	19	-
U.S. government agencies	16,663	2	-	16,665	-	-
<b>Available-for-sale</b>						
Short-term:						
Variable rate demand notes	58,380	-	-	58,380	-	-
Long-term:						
Auction rate securities	27,770	-	2,244	25,526	-	2,244
Total	<u>\$ 289,573</u>	<u>\$ 12</u>	<u>\$ 2,263</u>	<u>287,322</u>	<u>\$ 19</u>	<u>\$ 2,244</u>
<b>Trading</b>						
Short-term:						
Auction rate securities				37,182		
Long-term:						
Auction rate securities				4,936		
Total				<u>\$ 329,440</u>		

December 31, 2010	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Holding Gains	Gross Unrealized Holding Losses	Fair Value	Continuous Unrealized Loss Position less than 12 Months	Continuous Unrealized Loss Position greater than 12 Months
<b>Held to Maturity</b>						
Short-term:						
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 66,521	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 66,519	\$ 2	\$ -
Certificates of deposit	7,004	-	-	7,004	-	-
Municipal securities	71,266	-	15	71,251	15	-
U.S. government agencies	19,688	-	8	19,680	8	-
<b>Available-for-sale</b>						
Short-term:						
Variable rate demand notes	56,107	-	-	56,107	-	-
Long-term:						
Auction rate securities	27,790	-	2,408	25,382	-	2,408
Total	<u>\$ 248,376</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,433</u>	<u>245,943</u>	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 2,408</u>
<b>Trading</b>						
Short-term:						
Auction rate securities				24,063		
Long-term:						
Auction rate securities				18,807		
Total				<u>\$ 288,813</u>		

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During the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and the year ended December 31, 2010, realized gains or losses recognized on the sale of investments were not significant.

All of the Company's investments at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 in U.S. treasuries, certificates of deposit, municipal securities, U.S. government agency securities and variable rate demand notes ("VRDNs" - see Note 4) carry investment grade or better credit ratings. The majority of the Company's investments at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 in municipal, educational or other public body securities with an auction reset feature ("auction rate securities" - see Note 4) also carry investment grade or better credit ratings.

The following table summarizes the underlying contractual maturities of the Company's investments at:

	March 31, 2011		December 31, 2010	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Less than 1 year:				
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 62,767	\$ 62,777	\$ 66,521	\$ 66,519
Certificates of deposit	18,013	18,013	7,004	7,004

Municipal securities	105,980	105,961	71,266	71,251
U.S. government agencies	16,663	16,665	19,688	19,680
Due 1 - 10 years:				
Variable rate demand notes	6,176	6,176	3,001	3,001
Due 11 - 20 years:				
Variable rate demand notes	15,603	15,603	11,002	11,002
Auction rate securities	10,314	9,881	10,305	9,819
Due 21 - 30 years:				
Variable rate demand notes	27,424	27,424	30,426	30,426
Auction rate securities	47,970	46,159	48,779	46,857
Due 31 - 40 years:				
Variable rate demand notes	9,177	9,177	11,678	11,678
Auction rate securities	11,604	11,604	11,576	11,576
Total	<u>\$ 331,691</u>	<u>\$ 329,440</u>	<u>\$ 291,246</u>	<u>\$ 288,813</u>

#### 4. FAIR VALUE OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASC 820 provides a framework for measuring fair value and requires expanded disclosures regarding fair value measurements. ASC 820 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. ASC 820 also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs, where available. The three levels of inputs required by the standard that the Company uses to measure fair value are summarized below.

- **Level 1:** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

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- **Level 2:** Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the related assets or liabilities.
- **Level 3:** Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

ASC 820 requires the use of observable market inputs (quoted market prices) when measuring fair value and requires a Level 1 quoted price to be used to measure fair value whenever possible.

The following tables present the fair value of the Company's financial assets recorded at fair value on a recurring basis, segregated among the appropriate levels within the fair value hierarchy at:

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March 31, 2011	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Cash	\$ 53,629	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,629
Money market funds	201,019	-	-	201,019
U.S. Treasuries	65,267	-	-	65,267
Certificates of deposit	-	51,033	-	51,033
Municipal securities	-	111,317	-	111,317
U.S. government agencies	-	16,663	-	16,663
Variable rate demand notes	-	58,380	-	58,380
Auction rate securities	-	-	67,644	67,644
Put option related to auction rate securities	-	-	3,788	3,788
Total	<u>\$ 319,915</u>	<u>\$ 237,393</u>	<u>\$ 71,432</u>	<u>\$ 628,740</u>

Amounts included in:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	257,148	\$	38,357	\$	-	\$	295,505
Short-term investments		62,767		199,036		37,182		298,985
Investments		-		-		30,462		30,462
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		-		-		3,514		3,514
Other assets		-		-		274		274
Total	\$	319,915	\$	237,393	\$	71,432	\$	628,740

December 31, 2010		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total
Cash	\$	50,202	\$	-	\$	-	\$	50,202
Money market funds		242,001		-		-		242,001
U.S. Treasuries		85,521		-		-		85,521
Certificates of deposit		-		40,010		-		40,010
Municipal securities		-		81,899		-		81,899
U.S. government agencies		-		19,688		-		19,688
Variable rate demand notes		-		56,107		-		56,107
Auction rate securities		-		-		68,252		68,252
Put option related to auction rate securities		-		-		3,768		3,768
Total	\$	377,724	\$	197,704	\$	72,020	\$	647,448

Amounts included in:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	311,202	\$	43,640	\$	-	\$	354,842
Short-term investments		66,522		154,064		24,063		244,649
Investments		-		-		44,189		44,189
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		-		-		2,983		2,983
Other assets		-		-		785		785
Total	\$	377,724	\$	197,704	\$	72,020	\$	647,448

A large portion of the Company's short-term investments are classified within Level 1 or Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy as they are valued using quoted market prices, market prices for similar securities, or alternative pricing sources with reasonable levels of price transparency. The

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types of instruments valued based on quoted market prices in active markets include the Company's investment in money market funds, U.S. government notes and bills. The types of instruments valued based on other observable inputs include the Company's certificates of deposit, municipal securities, U.S. government agency securities and VRDNs. Such instruments are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. VRDNs are floating rate municipal bonds with embedded put options that allow the bondholder to sell the security at par plus accrued interest. All of the put options are secured by a pledged liquidity source. While they are classified as marketable investment securities, the put option allows the VRDNs to be liquidated at par on a same day, or generally, on a seven day settlement basis.

The following table provides a summary of changes in fair value of the Company's Level 3 financial assets as of March 31, 2011:

		Auction Rate Securities	Level 3 Put Option
Balance at December 31, 2010	\$	68,252	\$ 3,768
Transfers to Level 3		-	-
Recognized gain included in income		278	20
Unrealized gain included in other comprehensive income		164	-
Settlements		(1,050)	-
Balance at March 31, 2011	\$	67,644	\$ 3,788

The Company's Level 3 assets are comprised of auction rate securities. A large portion of these notes carry an investment grade or better credit rating and are additionally backed by various federal agencies and/or monoline insurance companies. The applicable interest rate is reset at pre-determined intervals, usually every 7 to 35 days. Liquidity for these auction rate securities was typically provided by an auction process which allowed holders to sell their notes at periodic auctions. During the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, the auctions for these auction rate securities failed. The auction failures have been attributable to inadequate buyers and/or buying demand and/or the lack of support



from financial advisors and sponsors. In the event that there is a failed auction, the indenture governing the security in some cases requires the issuer to pay interest at a default rate that may be above market rates for similar instruments. The securities for which auctions have failed will continue to accrue and/or pay interest at their pre-determined rates and be auctioned every 7 to 35 days until their respective auction succeeds, the issuer calls the securities, they mature or the Company is able to sell the securities to third parties. As a result, the Company's ability to liquidate and fully recover the carrying value of its auction rate securities in the near term may be limited. Consequently, these securities, except those that were redeemed at par after March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, or those that the Company intends to sell prior to March 31, 2012 as a result of the agreement described below, are classified as long-term investments in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

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In March 2010, the Company entered into an agreement (the "ARS Agreement"), related to \$54.2 million in par value auction rate securities ("ARS Securities"). Under the ARS Agreement, the Company has the right, but not the obligation, to sell these ARS Securities including all accrued but unpaid interest (the "Put Option") as follows: (i) on or after March 22, 2011, up to \$13.6 million aggregate par value; and (ii) semi-annual or annual installments thereafter with full sale rights available on or after March 22, 2013. The ARS Securities will continue to accrue interest until redeemed through the Put Option, or as determined by the auction process or the terms outlined in the prospectus of the respective ARS Securities when the auction process fails. During the three-months ended March 31, 2011, \$1.0 million of par value ARS Securities were redeemed at par through normal market channels (\$7.4 million of par value ARS Securities were redeemed at par through normal market channels during the year ended December 31, 2010). Subsequent to March 31, 2011, \$13.6 million of par value ARS Securities were redeemed through the exercise of the Put Option.

The ARS Agreement represents a firm commitment in accordance with ASC 815, which defines a firm commitment with an unrelated party, binding on both parties and usually legally enforceable, with the following characteristics: (i) the commitment specifies all significant terms, including the quantity to be exchanged, the fixed price, and the timing of the transaction; and (ii) the commitment includes a disincentive for nonperformance that is sufficiently large to make performance probable. The enforceability of the ARS Agreement results in a Put Option which is recognized as a separate freestanding asset and is accounted for separately from the Company's auction rate securities. The Put Option does not meet the definition of a derivative instrument under ASC 815. Therefore, the Company elected the fair value option under ASC 825-10 in accounting for the Put Option. As of March 31, 2011, the Company recorded \$3.8 million as the fair market value of the Put Option (\$3.5 million current portion included in prepaid expenses and other current assets and \$0.3 million long-term portion included in other assets) in the condensed consolidated balance sheet, with a corresponding gain of \$0.02 million recorded in other income in the condensed consolidated statement of income for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 (a \$3.8 million gain was previously recognized through earnings during the year ended December 31, 2010). The valuation of the Put Option utilized a mark-to-model approach which included estimates for interest rates, timing and amount of cash flows, adjusted for any bearer risk associated with the put issuer's ability to repurchase the ARS Securities in installments as indicated above beginning March 22, 2011, and expected holding periods for the Put Option. These assumptions are typically volatile and subject to change as the underlying data sources and market conditions evolve. The Put Option will continue to be adjusted on each balance sheet date based on its then fair value, with changes in fair value recorded in earnings.

At March 31, 2011, the Company held auction rate securities with a face value of \$78.6 million (amortized cost basis of \$69.9 million). A Level 3 valuation was performed on the Company's auction rate securities as of March 31, 2011 resulting in a fair value of \$25.5 million for the Company's available-for-sale auction rate securities (after a \$7.2 million impairment) and \$42.1 million for the Company's trading auction rate securities, which are included in short-term and long-term investments. This valuation utilized a mark-to-model approach which included estimates for interest rates, timing and amount of cash flows, credit and liquidity premiums, and expected holding

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periods for the auction rate securities. These assumptions are typically volatile and subject to change as the underlying data sources and market conditions evolve.

ASC 320-10-35 indicates that an other-than-temporary impairment must be recognized through earnings if an investor has the intent to sell the debt security or if it is more likely than not that the investor will be required to sell the debt security before

recovery of its amortized cost basis. However, even if an investor does not expect to sell a debt security, it must compare the present value of cash flows expected to be collected from the security with the amortized cost basis of the security. If the present value of cash flows expected to be collected is less than the amortized cost basis of the security, the entire amortized cost basis of the security will not be recovered (that is, a "Credit Loss" exists), and an other-than-temporary impairment shall be considered to have occurred. In the event of a Credit Loss and absent the intent or requirement to sell a debt security before recovery of its amortized cost, only the amount associated with the Credit Loss is recognized as a loss in the income statement. The amount of loss relating to other factors is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). ASC 320-10-35 also requires additional disclosures regarding the calculation of the Credit Loss and the factors considered in reaching a conclusion that an investment is not other-than-temporarily impaired.

In connection with the ARS Agreement, during the first fiscal quarter of 2010, the Company reclassified \$54.2 million of auction rate securities from available-for-sale to trading in accordance with ASC 320, as the Company had the ability and intent to exercise the related Put Option beginning March 22, 2011. The Company recognized a net gain (loss) through earnings on its trading securities of \$0.2 million and (\$4.9) million during the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

The Company determined that of the \$7.2 million impairment of its available-for-sale auction rate securities at March 31, 2011, \$2.2 million was deemed temporary and \$5.0 million was deemed other-than-temporary. The other-than-temporary impairment was deemed Credit Loss related. The Company recorded no additional other-than-temporary impairment that was deemed Credit Loss related during the three-months ended March 31, 2011 (\$0.6 million, \$3.9 million and \$0.5 million were previously deemed other-than-temporary Credit Loss related and were charged through earnings for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively). At March 31, 2011, \$2.2 million of temporary impairment has been recorded, less a tax benefit of \$0.8 million, as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income. The factors evaluated to differentiate between temporary impairment and other-than-temporary impairment included the projected future cash flows, credit ratings actions, and assessment of the credit quality of the underlying collateral, as well as the other factors included in the valuation model for debt securities described above.

The net effect of (i) the revaluation of the Put Option as of March 31, 2011; (ii) the revaluation of trading ARS Securities as of March 31, 2011; (iii) the redemption at par of certain ARS Securities; and (iv) a recognized gain resulting from the redemption at par of a previously other-than-temporarily impaired security during the first fiscal quarter of 2011, resulted in a gain of \$0.3 million included in other income for the three-months ended March 31, 2011. The net effect of (i) the acquisition of the Put Option during the first fiscal quarter of 2010; (ii) the transfer from available-for-sale to trading of the ARS Securities during the first fiscal quarter of 2010; and (iii) a

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recognized gain resulting from the redemption at par of a previously other-than-temporarily impaired security during the first fiscal quarter of 2010, resulted in a gain of \$0.6 million included in other income for the three-months ended March 31, 2010.

The Company holds additional auction rate securities that do not have a related put option. These auction rate securities continue to be classified as available-for-sale securities. The Company intends to retain its investment in the issuers until the earlier of the anticipated recovery in market value or maturity.

Based on the Company's ability to access cash and cash equivalents and other short-term investments and based on the Company's expected operating cash flows, the Company does not anticipate that the current lack of liquidity of these investments will have a material adverse effect on its liquidity or working capital. If uncertainties in the credit and capital markets continue, or uncertainties in the expected performance of the issuer of the Put Option arise, or there are rating downgrades on the auction rate securities held by the Company, the Company may be required to recognize additional impairments on these investments.

**5. INVENTORIES**

Inventories consist of the following at:

	March 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
Raw materials	\$ 62,973	\$ 61,010
Finished goods	110,752	92,231
	<u>\$ 173,725</u>	<u>\$ 153,241</u>

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6. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, Net

Property and equipment consist of the following at:

	March 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
Land	\$ 3,076	\$ 3,076
Leasehold improvements	2,010	1,998
Furniture and fixtures	2,002	1,959
Office and computer equipment	5,938	5,541
Computer software	8,499	8,428
Equipment	23,554	20,150
Vehicles	19,221	15,696
	<u>64,300</u>	<u>56,848</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(25,263)	(22,297)
	<u>\$ 39,037</u>	<u>\$ 34,551</u>

7. INTANGIBLES, Net

Intangibles consist of the following at:

	March 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
Amortizing intangibles	\$ 1,047	\$ 1,047
Accumulated amortization	(464)	(452)
	<u>583</u>	<u>595</u>
Non-amortizing intangibles	44,717	42,721
	<u>\$ 45,300</u>	<u>\$ 43,316</u>

All amortizing intangibles have been assigned an estimated useful life and such intangibles are amortized on a straight-line basis over the number of years that approximate their respective useful lives ranging from one to 25 years (weighted-average life of 20 years). Amortization expense was \$0.01 million for both the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

8. DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS

Amounts received pursuant to distribution agreements entered into with certain distributors have been accounted for as deferred revenue in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets and are recognized as revenue ratably over the anticipated life of the respective distribution agreement, generally 20 years. Revenue recognized was \$1.8 million for both the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company has purchase commitments aggregating approximately \$38.6 million, which represent commitments made by the Company and its subsidiaries to various suppliers of raw materials for the manufacturing and packaging of its products. These obligations vary in terms.

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The Company has contractual obligations aggregating approximately \$58.7 million, which are related primarily to sponsorships and other marketing activities.

The Company has operating lease commitments aggregating approximately \$19.0 million, which are related primarily to warehouse and office space.

*Litigation* – In September 2006, Christopher Chavez purporting to act on behalf of himself and a certain class of consumers filed an action in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Francisco, against the Company and its subsidiaries

for unfair business practices, false advertising, violation of California Consumers Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”), fraud, deceit and/or misrepresentation alleging that the Company misleadingly labels its Blue Sky beverages as manufactured and canned/bottled wholly in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Defendants removed this Superior Court action to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California (the “District Court”) under the Class Action Fairness Act and filed motions for dismissal or transfer. On June 11, 2007, the District Court granted the Company’s motion to dismiss Chavez’s complaint with prejudice. On June 23, 2009, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (“Ninth Circuit”) filed a memorandum opinion reversing the decision of the District Court and remanded the case to the District Court for further proceedings. The Company filed a motion to dismiss the CLRA claims; the plaintiff filed a motion for a decision on a preemption issue; and the plaintiff filed a motion for class certification. The hearing for all three motions occurred on May 27, 2010. On June 18, 2010, the District Court entered an order certifying the class, ruled that there was no preemption by federal law, and denied the Company’s motion to dismiss. The class that the District Court certified initially consists of all persons who purchased any beverage bearing the Blue Sky mark or brand in the United States at any time between May 16, 2002 and June 30, 2006. The Company subsequently filed a petition with the Ninth Circuit seeking permission to file an appeal to reverse the decision to certify a class. On August 27, 2010, the Ninth Circuit denied the Company’s petition. On September 9, 2010, the District Court approved the form of the class notice and its distribution plan; and set an opt-out date of December 10, 2010, and a trial date for March, 2011. On September 28, 2010, the Company filed a Request for Leave to file a motion for reconsideration of the order certifying the class action. On November 11, 2010, the Company filed two dispositive motions: a motion to decertify the class and a motion for summary judgment. The plaintiff filed his motion for partial summary judgment. The District Court took all motions under submission without oral argument. The District Court judge assigned to the case, Judge Vaughn Walker, announced his retirement from the bench, with such retirement effective February, 2011. On January 31, 2011, Judge Jeffrey S. White was assigned to the case and subsequently vacated all pending hearing dates. A case management conference was held on March 18, 2011, and the District Court has taken the pending motions under submission without oral argument. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses to all the allegations and plans a vigorous defense. The Company believes that any possible litigation losses, if awarded, would not have a material adverse effect on the Company’s financial position or results of operations.

On August 28, 2008, the Company initiated an action against Oppenheimer Holdings Inc., Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., and Oppenheimer Asset Management Inc., in the United States District Court, Central District of California, for violations of federal securities laws and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, arising out of the Company’s purchase of auction rate securities.

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The Company stipulated to arbitration before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”), where the matter is now proceeding and a hearing has been scheduled for June 21, 2011. The Company has voluntarily dismissed, without prejudice, its claims against Oppenheimer Asset Management, Inc. The FINRA panel denied Oppenheimer Holdings, Inc.’s motion to be dismissed from the proceeding.

In May 2009, Avraham Wellman, purporting to act on behalf of himself and a class of consumers in Canada, filed a putative class action in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, in the City of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, against the Company and its former Canadian distributor, Pepsi-Cola Canada Ltd., as defendants. The plaintiff alleges that the defendants misleadingly packaged and labeled Monster Energy® products in Canada by not including sufficiently specific statements with respect to contra-indications and/or adverse reactions associated with the consumption of the energy drink products. The plaintiff’s claims against the defendants are for negligence, unjust enrichment, and making misleading/false representations in violation of the Competition Act (Canada), the Food and Drugs Act (Canada) and the Consumer Protection Act, 2002 (Ontario). The plaintiff claims general damages on behalf of the putative class in the amount of CDN\$20 million, together with punitive damages of CDN\$5 million, plus legal costs and interest. The Company believes that any such damages, if awarded, would not have a material adverse effect on the Company’s financial position or results of operations. The plaintiff’s certification motion materials have not yet been filed. In accordance with class action practices in Ontario, the Company will not file an answer to the complaint until after the determination of the certification motion. The Company believes that the plaintiff’s complaint is without merit and plans a vigorous defense.

In addition to the above matters, the Company is subject to litigation from time to time in the normal course of business, including claims from terminated distributors. Although it is not possible to predict the outcome of such litigation, based on the facts known to the Company and after consultation with counsel, management believes that such litigation in the aggregate will likely not have a material adverse effect on the Company’s financial position or results of operations.

*Securities Litigation* — On September 11, 2008, a federal securities class action complaint styled *Cunha v. Hansen Natural Corp., et al.* was filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California (the “District Court”). On September 17, 2008, a second federal securities class action complaint styled *Brown v. Hansen Natural Corp., et al.* was also filed in the District Court.

On July 14, 2009, the District Court entered an order consolidating the actions and appointing lead counsel and the Structural Ironworkers Local Union #1 Pension Fund as lead plaintiff. On August 28, 2009, lead plaintiff filed a Consolidated Complaint for Violations of Federal Securities Laws (the “Consolidated Class Action Complaint”). The Consolidated Class Action Complaint purported to be brought on behalf of a class of purchasers of the Company’s stock during the period November 9, 2006 through November 8, 2007 (the “Class Period”). It named as defendants the Company, Rodney C. Sacks, Hilton H. Schlosberg, and Thomas J. Kelly. Plaintiff principally alleged that, during the Class Period, the defendants made false and misleading statements relating to the Company’s distribution coordination agreements with Anheuser-Busch, Inc. (“AB”) and its sales of “Allied” energy drink lines, and engaged in sales of shares in the Company on the basis of material

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non-public information. Plaintiff also alleged that the Company’s financial statements for the second quarter of 2007 did not include certain promotional expenses. The Consolidated Class Action Complaint alleged violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, and sought an unspecified amount of damages.

On November 16, 2009, the defendants filed their motion to dismiss the Consolidated Class Action Complaint pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) and 9(b), as well as the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. On July 12, 2010, following a hearing, the District Court granted the defendants’ motion to dismiss the Consolidated Class Action Complaint, with leave to amend, on the grounds, among others, that it failed to specify which statements Plaintiff claimed were false or misleading, failed adequately to allege that certain statements were actionable or false or misleading, and failed adequately to demonstrate that defendants acted with scienter.

On August 27, 2010, Plaintiff filed a Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint for Violations of Federal Securities Laws (the “Amended Class Action Complaint”). While similar in many respects to the Consolidated Class Action Complaint, the Amended Class Action Complaint drops certain of the allegations set forth in the Consolidated Class Action Complaint and makes certain new allegations, including that the Company engaged in “channel stuffing” during the Class Period that rendered false or misleading the Company’s reported sales results and certain other statements made by the defendants. In addition, it no longer names Thomas J. Kelly as a defendant. The Amended Class Action Complaint continues to allege violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, and seeks an unspecified amount of damages. Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the Amended Class Action Complaint on November 8, 2010. Plaintiff’s opposition to defendants’ motion was filed on January 14, 2011, and defendants’ reply brief was filed on February 11, 2011. A hearing on defendants’ motion to dismiss the Amended Class Action Complaint is currently scheduled for May 12, 2011.

The Amended Class Action Complaint seeks an unspecified amount of damages. As a result, the amount or range of reasonably possible litigation losses to which the Company is exposed cannot be estimated.

*Derivative Litigation* — On October 15, 2008, a derivative complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California (the “District Court”), styled *Merckel v. Sacks, et al.* On November 17, 2008, a second derivative complaint styled *Dislevy v. Sacks, et al.* was also filed in the District Court. The derivative suits were each brought, purportedly on behalf of the Company, by a shareholder of the Company who made no prior demand on the Company’s Board of Directors.

On June 29, 2009, the District Court entered an order consolidating the Merckel and Dislevy actions. On July 13, 2009, the District Court entered an order re-styling the consolidated actions as *In re Hansen Derivative Shareholder Litigation*, appointing Raymond Merckel as lead plaintiff and appointing lead counsel, and establishing a schedule for the filing of a consolidated amended complaint and for defendants’ response to such complaint.

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On October 13, 2009, a purported Consolidated Shareholder Derivative Complaint (the “Consolidated Derivative Complaint”) was filed. The Consolidated Derivative Complaint named as defendants certain current and former officers, directors, and employees of the Company, including Rodney C. Sacks, Hilton H. Schlosberg, Harold C. Taber, Jr., Benjamin M. Polk, Norman C. Epstein, Mark S. Vidergauz, Sydney Selati, Thomas J. Kelly, Mark J. Hall, and Kirk S. Blower, as well as Hilrod Holdings, L.P. The Company was named as a nominal defendant. The factual allegations of the Consolidated Derivative Complaint

were similar to those set forth in the Consolidated Class Action Complaint described above. Plaintiff alleged that, from November 2006 to the present, the defendants caused the Company to issue false and misleading statements concerning its business prospects and failed to properly disclose problems related to its non-Monster energy drinks, the prospects for the Anheuser-Busch distribution relationship, and alleged “inventory loading” that affected the Company’s results for the second quarter of 2007. Plaintiff further alleged that while the Company’s shares were purportedly artificially inflated because of those improper statements, certain of the defendants sold Company stock while in possession of material non-public information. The Consolidated Derivative Complaint asserted various causes of action, including breach of fiduciary duty, aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty, violation of Cal. Corp. Code §§ 25402 and 25403 for insider selling, and unjust enrichment. The suit sought an unspecified amount of damages to be paid to the Company and adoption of corporate governance reforms, among other things.

On January 8, 2010, the Company filed its motion to dismiss the Consolidated Derivative Complaint pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) and 23.1. Plaintiff’s counsel filed an opposition to the motion on February 22, 2010, in which it stated that lead plaintiff Raymond Merckel was no longer communicating with counsel and that it had located another shareholder of the Company, Anastasia Brueckheimer, who was willing to act as lead plaintiff. On March 2, 2010, plaintiff’s counsel filed a motion to amend the Consolidated Derivative Complaint pursuant to Rule 15(a)(2) for the purpose of replacing Mr. Merckel as lead plaintiff.

On July 12, 2010, the District Court held a hearing on the Company’s motion to dismiss and on plaintiff counsel’s motion to amend the Derivative Complaint. In conjunction with the hearing, the District Court issued a tentative ruling that did not grant the motion to amend and instead indicated that the proposed substitute lead plaintiff, Ms. Brueckheimer, should have sought to intervene in the action pursuant to Rule 24. The District Court’s tentative ruling further stated that (assuming that Ms. Brueckheimer were allowed to substitute as lead plaintiff) the Company’s motion to dismiss the Consolidated Derivative Complaint would be granted, with leave to amend, on the ground that the allegations of demand futility were insufficient to excuse the failure to make a pre-suit demand on the Company’s Board of Directors. Following the hearing, the District Court allowed Ms. Brueckheimer to file a motion for leave to intervene, and Ms. Brueckheimer subsequently filed a motion to intervene on July 16, 2010. On August 5, 2010, the parties filed a stipulation and proposed order with the District Court pursuant to which Ms. Brueckheimer would be permitted to intervene in the Derivative Litigation as lead plaintiff and to file a Verified Complaint in Intervention (the “Complaint in Intervention”) similar in all material respects to the Consolidated Derivative Complaint. The District Court so-ordered the stipulation and proposed order and, as a result, the Complaint in Intervention was deemed to have been dismissed with leave to amend for the reasons set forth in the District Court’s July 12, 2010 ruling.

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On October 1, 2010, Ms. Brueckheimer filed a Verified Amended Consolidated Shareholder Derivative Complaint (the “Amended Derivative Complaint”). While the Amended Derivative Complaint asserts the same causes of action and contains many of the same substantive allegations as the Consolidated Derivative Complaint, it also advances new allegations about “channel stuffing,” which are substantially similar to the allegations pled in the Amended Class Action Complaint. The Company filed a motion to dismiss the Amended Derivative Complaint on December 20, 2010. Ms. Brueckheimer’s opposition to the Company’s motion was filed on February 11, 2011, and the Company filed its reply brief on March 11, 2011. A hearing on the Company’s motion to dismiss the Amended Derivative Complaint is currently scheduled for May 12, 2011.

Although the ultimate outcome of these matters cannot be determined with certainty, the Company believes that the allegations in the Amended Class Action Complaint and the Amended Derivative Complaint are without merit. The Company intends to vigorously defend against these lawsuits.

The Amended Derivative Complaint names the Company as a nominal defendant and seeks an unspecified amount of damages on behalf of the Company against the various defendants named therein.

10. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The components of comprehensive income are as follows:

	Three-Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2011	2010
Net income, as reported	\$ 55,043	\$ 32,563
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Change in unrealized loss on available-for-sale securities, net of tax	101	2,818
Foreign currency translation adjustments	728	(315)
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 55,872</u>	<u>\$ 35,066</u>

The components of accumulated other comprehensive income are as follows:

	March 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
Accumulated net unrealized loss on available-for-sale securities, net of tax benefit of \$0.8 million and \$1.0 million as of March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively	\$ (1,377)	\$ (1,478)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	2,487	1,759
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	<u>\$ 1,110</u>	<u>\$ 281</u>

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11. TREASURY STOCK PURCHASE

On March 11, 2010, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$200.0 million of the Company's common stock. During the three-months ended March 31, 2011, the Company purchased 0.7 million shares of common stock at an average purchase price of \$54.88 per share for a total amount of \$38.9 million, which the Company holds in treasury. As of March 31, 2011, approximately \$137.6 million remained available under the plan for the repurchase of the Company's common stock. The Company purchased no shares of common stock during the three-months ended March 31, 2010.

12. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company has two stock option plans under which shares were available for grant at March 31, 2011: the Hansen Natural Corporation Amended and Restated 2001 Stock Option Plan (the "2001 Option Plan") and the 2009 Hansen Natural Corporation Stock Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "2009 Directors Plan").

Under the Company's stock option plans, all grants are made at prices based on the fair value of the options on the date of grant. The Company recorded \$3.8 million and \$5.0 million of compensation expense relating to outstanding options and restricted stock units (granted to non-employee directors under the 2009 Directors Plan) during the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

The Company records compensation expense for employee stock options based on the estimated fair value of the options on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing formula with the assumptions included in the table below. Stock-based compensation cost for restricted stock units is measured based on the closing fair market value of the Company's common stock at the date of grant. The Company records compensation expense for non-employee stock options based on the estimated fair value of the options as of the earlier of (1) the date at which a commitment for performance by the non-employee to earn the stock option is reached and (2) the date at which the non-employee's performance is complete, using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing formula with the assumptions included in the table below. The Company uses historical data to determine the exercise behavior, volatility and forfeiture rate of the options.

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The following weighted-average assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of options granted during:

	Three-Months Ended March 31,	
	2011	2010
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%
Expected volatility	55.9%	60.6%
Risk-free interest rate	2.0%	2.4%
Expected term	6.1 Years	5.7 Years

*Expected Volatility:* The Company uses historical volatility as it provides a reasonable estimate of the expected volatility. Historical volatility is based on the most recent volatility of the stock price over a period of time equivalent to the expected term of the option.

*Risk-Free Interest Rate:* The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury zero coupon yield curve in effect at the time of grant for the expected term of the option.

*Expected Term:* The Company's expected term represents the weighted-average period that the Company's stock options are expected to be outstanding. The expected term is based on expected time to post-vesting exercise of options by employees. The Company uses historical exercise patterns of previously granted options to derive employee behavioral patterns used to forecast expected exercise patterns.

The following table summarizes the Company's activities with respect to its stock option plans as follows:

Options	Number of Shares (In Thousands)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price Per Share	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (In Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Balance at January 1, 2011	9,749	\$ 17.18	5.2	\$ 342,241
Granted	59	\$ 57.61		
Exercised	(121)	\$ 35.32		
Cancelled or forfeited	(25)	\$ 36.10		
Outstanding at March 31, 2011	9,662	\$ 17.15	4.9	\$ 416,253
Vested and expected to vest in the future at March 31, 2011	9,222	\$ 16.14	4.8	\$ 406,619
Exercisable at March 31, 2011	6,921	\$ 9.26	3.7	\$ 352,725

The weighted-average grant-date fair value of options granted during the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 was \$31.02 per share and \$22.08 per share, respectively. The total intrinsic

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value of options exercised during the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 was \$2.5 million and \$20.8 million, respectively.

Cash received from option exercises under all plans for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 was approximately \$4.2 million and \$4.5 million, respectively. The excess tax benefit realized for tax deductions from non-qualified stock option exercises and disqualifying dispositions of incentive stock options for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 was \$0.2 million and \$6.5 million, respectively.

At March 31, 2011, there was \$47.4 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to nonvested options granted to both employees and non-employees under the Company's share-based payment plans. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.1 years. At March 31, 2011, total unrecognized compensation expense relating to unvested restricted stock units was \$0.04 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of less than one year.

**13. INCOME TAXES**

The following is a roll-forward of the Company's total gross unrecognized tax benefits, not including interest and penalties, for the three-months ended March 31, 2011:

	Gross Unrealized Tax Benefits
<b>Balance at December 31, 2010</b>	\$ 465
Additions for tax positions related to the current year	-
Additions for tax positions related to the prior year	190
Decreases related to settlement with taxing authority	-
<b>Balance at March 31, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 655</b>

The Company recognizes accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in the provision for income taxes in the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements. As of March 31, 2011, the Company had approximately \$0.4



million in interest and penalties related to recognized tax benefits accrued. It is expected that the amount of unrecognized tax benefits will not change significantly within the next 12 months.

On February 10, 2011, the Internal Revenue Service began its examination of the Company's U.S. federal income tax return for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. The year ended December 31, 2007 remains open for examination. The Company is also currently under examination by certain state jurisdictions.

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The Company is subject to U.S. federal income tax as well as to income tax in multiple state and foreign jurisdictions. State income tax returns are subject to examination for the 2006 through 2009 tax years.

14. EARNINGS PER SHARE

A reconciliation of the weighted-average shares used in the basic and diluted earnings per common share computations is presented below:

	Three-Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2011	2010
Weighted-average shares outstanding:		
Basic	88,929	88,347
Dilutive securities	4,695	4,684
Diluted	<u>93,624</u>	<u>93,031</u>

For the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, options outstanding totaling 0.7 million and 2.0 million shares, respectively, were excluded from the calculations as their effect would have been antidilutive.

15. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company has two reportable segments, namely Direct Store Delivery ("DSD"), whose principal products comprise energy drinks, and Warehouse ("Warehouse"), whose principal products comprise juice based and soda beverages. The DSD segment develops, markets and sells products primarily through an exclusive distributor network, whereas the Warehouse segment develops, markets and sells products primarily direct to retailers. Corporate and unallocated amounts that do not relate to DSD or Warehouse segments have been allocated to "Corporate & Unallocated."

The net revenues derived from the DSD and Warehouse segments and other financial information related thereto are as follows:

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	Three-Months Ended March 31, 2011			Total
	DSD	Warehouse	Corporate and Unallocated	
Net sales	\$ 334,722	\$ 21,697	\$ -	\$ 356,419
Contribution margin	110,075	(340)	-	109,735
Corporate and unallocated expenses	-	-	(21,280)	(21,280)
Operating income				88,455
Other income (expense)	13	-	288	301
Income before provision for income taxes				88,756
Depreciation and amortization	2,545	17	1,019	3,581
Trademark amortization	-	11	1	12

Three-Months Ended March 31, 2010

	DSD	Warehouse	Corporate and Unallocated	Total
Net sales	\$ 217,154	\$ 20,956	\$ -	\$ 238,110
Contribution margin	73,056	265	-	73,321
Corporate and unallocated expenses	-	-	(22,536)	(22,536)
Operating income				50,785
Other income (expense)	58	-	928	986
Income before provision for income taxes				51,771
Depreciation and amortization	1,464	11	1,165	2,640
Trademark amortization	-	11	3	14

Revenue is derived from sales to external customers. Operating expenses that pertain to each segment are allocated to the appropriate segment.

Corporate and unallocated expenses were \$21.3 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and included \$12.7 million of payroll costs, of which \$3.8 million was attributable to stock-based compensation expense (see Note 12, "Stock-Based Compensation"), \$5.2 million attributable to professional service expenses, including accounting and legal costs, and \$3.4 million of other operating expenses. Corporate and unallocated expenses were \$22.5 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010 and included \$13.0 million of payroll costs, of which \$5.0 million was attributable to stock-based compensation expense (see Note 12, "Stock-Based Compensation"), \$5.5 million attributable to professional service expenses, including accounting and legal costs, and \$4.0 million of other operating expenses. Certain items, including operating assets and income taxes, are not allocated to individual segments and therefore are not presented above.

On October 2, 2010, The Coca-Cola Company ("TCCC") completed its acquisition of the North American business operations of Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc. ("CCE"), through a merger with

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a wholly owned subsidiary of TCCC. The surviving wholly owned subsidiary was subsequently renamed Coca-Cola Refreshments ("CCR"), and currently distributes certain of the Company's products in those portions of the United States in which CCE previously distributed certain of the Company's products. Concurrently with this acquisition, a new entity, which retained the name Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc. ("New CCE") was formed which is currently the Company's distributor in Great Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Monaco and Sweden (added during the first quarter of 2011).

CCR, a customer of the DSD segment accounted for approximately 30% of the Company's net sales for the three-months ended March 31, 2011. CCE, a customer of the DSD segment accounted for approximately 35% of the Company's net sales for the three-months ended March 31, 2010.

Net sales to customers outside the United States amounted to \$55.5 million and \$29.4 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Such sales were approximately 15.6% and 12.3% of net sales for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

The Company's net sales by product line were as follows:

	Three-Months Ended March 31,	
	2011	2010
Energy drinks	\$ 327,642	\$ 210,977
Non-carbonated (primarily juice based beverages and Peace Tea™ iced teas)	18,944	17,145
Carbonated (primarily soda beverages)	7,269	7,716
Other	2,564	2,272
	<u>\$ 356,419</u>	<u>\$ 238,110</u>

**16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

A director of the Company is a partner in a law firm that serves as counsel to the Company. Expenses incurred in connection with services rendered by such firm to the Company during the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 were \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million, respectively.

Two directors and officers of the Company and their families are principal owners of a company that provides promotional materials to the Company. Expenses incurred with such company in connection with promotional materials purchased during the

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## ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Our Business

#### Overview

We develop, market, sell and distribute "alternative" beverage category beverages primarily under the following brand names: Monster Energy®, Java Monster™, Monster Energy® Extra Strength Nitrous Technology™, Monster Rehab™, Peace Tea™, Hansen's®, Hansen's Natural Sodas®, Junior Juice®, Blue Sky®, X-Presso Monster™, Vidration™, Worx Energy™, Admiral™, and Hubert's™.

We have two reportable segments, namely DSD, whose principal products comprise energy drinks, and Warehouse, whose principal products comprise juice based and soda beverages. The DSD segment develops, markets and sells products primarily through an exclusive distributor network, whereas the Warehouse segment develops, markets and sells products primarily direct to retailers.

Our Monster Energy® brand energy drinks include Monster Energy® energy drinks, lo-carb Monster Energy® energy drinks, Monster Energy® Assault® energy drinks, Monster Energy® Khaos™ energy drinks, Monster Energy® M-80™ energy drinks (named "RIPPER" in certain countries), Monster Energy® Heavy Metal™ energy drinks, Monster Energy® MIXXD™ energy drinks, Monster Energy® Absolutely Zero energy drinks, Monster Energy® Import and Import Light energy drinks, Monster Energy® Dub Edition energy drinks, Monster Rehab™ energy drinks, Monster Energy® M3 Super Concentrate energy drinks and Monster Energy® Extra Strength Nitrous Technology™ energy drinks in four variants, our lines of non-carbonated dairy based coffee + energy drinks including Java Monster™ Kona Blend, Java Monster™ Loca Moca®, Java Monster™ Mean Bean®, Java Monster™ Vanilla Light, Java Monster™ Irish Blend™, Java Monster™ Toffee as well as our X-Presso Monster™ Hammer and X-Presso Monster™ Midnite coffee energy drinks.

During the three-months ended March 31, 2011, we continued to expand our existing product lines and flavors and further developed our markets. In particular, we continued to focus on developing and marketing beverages that fall within the category generally described as the "alternative" beverage category, with particular emphasis on energy type drinks. During the three-months ended March 31, 2011, we introduced the following products:

- Monster Rehab™ energy drink, a non-carbonated rehydration energy drink (February 2011).
- Peace Tea™ "Caddy Shack", a non-carbonated tea + lemonade drink (February 2011).

Our gross sales\* of \$407.6 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 represented record sales for our first fiscal quarter. A substantial portion of our gross sales are derived from our Monster Energy® brand energy drinks. Gross sales of our Monster Energy® brand energy drinks were \$375.4 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, an increase of \$133.5 million, or 97.4% of our overall increase in gross sales for the 2011 first quarter. Any decrease in gross sales of our Monster Energy® brand energy drinks could have a significant adverse effect on our future revenues and net income. Competitive pressure in the energy drink category could adversely affect our operating results.

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\*Gross sales – see definition below.

Our gross sales of \$270.6 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010 were impacted by advance purchases made by our customers in the 2009 fourth quarter due to our announcement of a new per case marketing contribution program for our Monster Energy® distributors commencing January 1, 2010, as well as to avoid potential interruptions in product supply due to our announcement to transition our North American operations to the SAP enterprise resource planning system commencing January 2010 (the "Advance Purchases"). We previously estimated that gross sales for the three-months ended December 31, 2009 were increased by approximately 4% to 6% as a result of the Advance Purchases. We did not limit the amount of our customers' purchases during the fourth quarter of 2009.

Our DSD segment represented 93.9% and 91.2% of our consolidated net sales for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Our Warehouse segment represented 6.1% and 8.8% of our consolidated net sales for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Our sales and marketing strategy for all our beverages is to focus our efforts on developing brand awareness through image enhancing programs and product sampling. We use our branded vehicles and other promotional vehicles at events where we offer samples of our products to consumers. We utilize “push-pull” methods to achieve maximum shelf and display space exposure in sales outlets (including advertising, in-store promotions and in-store placement of point-of-sale materials, racks, coolers and barrel coolers) to achieve maximum demand from consumers for our products. We also utilize prize promotions, price promotions, competitions, endorsements from selected public and extreme sports figures, personality endorsements, including from television and other well known sports personalities, coupons, sampling and sponsorship of selected causes, events, athletes and teams. In-store posters, outdoor posters, print, radio and television advertising, together with price promotions and coupons, may also be used to promote our brands.

We believe that one of the keys to success in the beverage industry is differentiation, making our brands and products visually distinctive from other beverages on the shelves of retailers. We review our products and packaging on an ongoing basis and, where practical, endeavor to make them different, better and unique. The labels and graphics for many of our products are redesigned from time to time to maximize their visibility and identification, wherever they may be placed in stores, and we will continue to reevaluate the same from time to time.

All of our beverage products are manufactured by various third party bottlers and co-packers situated throughout the United States and abroad, under separate arrangements with each party.

Our growth strategy includes expanding our international business. Gross sales to customers outside the United States amounted to \$72.8 million and \$37.8 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Such sales were approximately 17.8% and 13.8% of gross sales for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Net sales in Europe for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 were 157% higher than in the three-months ended March 31, 2010. We plan to launch certain of our Monster Energy® brand energy drinks in Portugal, Greece, Cyprus and the Baltic States (Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia) during the first half of 2011 and plan to launch certain of our Monster Energy® brand energy drinks in additional countries in Central and Eastern Europe, South America and Asia in the second half of 2011.

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Our customers are primarily full service beverage distributors, retail grocery and specialty chains, wholesalers, club stores, drug chains, mass merchandisers, convenience chains, health food distributors and food service customers. Gross sales to our various customer types for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 are reflected below. Such information reflects sales made by us directly to the customer types concerned, which include our full service beverage distributors. Such full service beverage distributors in turn sell certain of our products to the customer types listed below. We do not have complete details of such full service distributors’ sales of our products to their respective customers and therefore limit our description of our customer types to include our sales to such full service distributors without reference to their sales to their own customers.

	Three-Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2011	2010
Full service distributors	65%	64%
Club stores, drug chains & mass merchandisers	10%	12%
Outside the U.S.	18%	14%
Retail grocery, specialty chains and wholesalers	5%	7%
Other	2%	3%

On October 2, 2010, The Coca-Cola Company (“TCCC”) completed its acquisition of the North American business operations of Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc. (“CCE”), through a merger with a wholly owned subsidiary of TCCC. The surviving wholly owned subsidiary was subsequently renamed Coca-Cola Refreshments USA, Inc. (“CCR”), and currently distributes certain of our products in those portions of the United States in which CCE previously distributed certain of our products. Concurrently with this acquisition, a new entity, which retained the name Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc. (“New CCE”) was formed, which currently distributes certain of our products in Great Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Monaco and Sweden (added during the first quarter of 2011).

Our customers include CCR (formerly known as CCE), New CCE, Coca-Cola Refreshments Canada, Ltd. (formerly known as Coca-Cola Bottling Company), CCBCC Operations, LLC, United Bottling Contracts Company, LLC and other Coca-Cola Company independent bottlers (collectively, the “TCCC North American Bottlers”), Wal-Mart, Inc. (including Sam’s Club), select Anheuser-Busch, Inc. (“AB”) distributors (the “AB Distributors”), certain bottlers of the Coca-Cola Hellenic group (“Coca-Cola Hellenic”), Kalil Bottling Group, Trader Joe’s, John Lenore & Company, Swire Coca-Cola, Costco, The Kroger Co. and Safeway, Inc. A decision by any large customer to decrease amounts purchased from us or to cease carrying our products could have a material negative effect on our financial condition and consolidated results of operations. CCR accounted for approximately 30% of our net sales for the three-months ended March 31, 2011. CCE accounted for approximately 35% of our net sales for the three-months ended March 31, 2010.

**Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth key statistics for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. (In thousands, except per share amounts)

	<b>Three-Months Ended March 31,</b>		<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>11 vs. 10</b>
Gross sales, net of discounts & returns *	\$ 407,593	\$ 270,566	50.6%
Less: Promotional and other allowances**	51,174	32,456	57.7%
Net sales	356,419	238,110	49.7%
Cost of sales	170,882	113,556	50.5%
Gross profit***	185,537	124,554	49.0%
Gross profit margin as a percentage of net sales	52.1%	52.3%	
Operating expenses	97,082	73,769	31.6%
Operating expenses as a percentage of net sales	27.2%	31.0%	
Operating income	88,455	50,785	74.2%
Operating income as a percentage of net sales	24.8%	21.3%	
Other income:			
Interest and other income, net	4	410	(99.0%)
Gain on investments and put option, net	297	576	(48.4%)
Total other income	301	986	(69.5%)
Income before provision for income taxes	88,756	51,771	71.4%
Provision for income taxes	33,713	19,208	75.5%
Net income	\$ 55,043	\$ 32,563	69.0%
Net income as a percentage of net sales	15.4%	13.7%	
Net income per common share:			
Basic	\$0.62	\$0.37	67.9%
Diluted	\$0.59	\$0.35	68.0%
Case sales (in thousands) (in 192-ounce case equivalents)	34,681	24,205	43.3%

\* Gross sales, although used internally by management as an indicator of operating performance, should not be considered as an alternative to net sales, which is determined in accordance with GAAP, and should not be used alone as an indicator of operating performance in place of net sales. Additionally, gross sales may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies as gross sales has been defined by our internal reporting requirements. However, gross sales is used by management to monitor operating performance including sales performance of particular products, salesperson performance, product growth or declines and our overall performance. The use of gross sales allows evaluation of sales performance before the effect of any promotional items, which can mask certain performance issues. Management believes the presentation of gross sales allows a more comprehensive presentation of our operating performance. Gross sales may not be realized in the form of cash receipts as promotional payments and allowances may be deducted from payments received from customers.

\*\* Although the expenditures described in this line item are determined in accordance with GAAP and meet GAAP requirements, the disclosure thereof does not conform with GAAP presentation requirements. Additionally, the presentation of promotional and other allowances may not be comparable to similar items presented by other companies. The presentation of promotional and other allowances facilitates an evaluation of the impact thereof on the

determination of net sales and illustrates the spending levels incurred to secure such sales. Promotional and other allowances constitute a material portion of our marketing activities.

\*\*\* Gross profit may not be comparable to that of other entities since some entities include all costs associated with their distribution process in cost of sales, whereas others exclude certain costs and instead include such costs within another line item such as operating expenses. We include out-bound freight and warehouse costs in operating expenses.

**Results of Operations for the Three-Months Ended March 31, 2011 Compared to the Three-Months Ended March 31, 2010**

**Gross Sales.\*** Gross sales were \$407.6 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, an increase of approximately \$137.0 million, or 50.6% higher than gross sales of \$270.6 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. Gross sales of our

Monster Energy® brand energy drinks represented approximately \$133.5 million, or 97.4%, of the increase in gross sales. Gross sales of our Monster Energy® brand energy drinks increased primarily due to increased sales by volume as a result of increased consumer demand in both our existing domestic and international markets as well as our expansion into new international markets. Pricing changes did not have a material impact on the increase in gross sales. To a lesser extent, the increase in gross sales was attributable to the impact in the 2010 first quarter of the Advance Purchases in the 2009 fourth quarter, which we believe negatively impacted gross sales for the 2010 first quarter. No other individual product line contributed either a material increase or decrease to gross sales for the three-months ended March 31, 2011. Promotional and other allowances were \$51.2 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, an increase of \$18.7 million, or 57.7% higher than promotional and other allowances of \$32.5 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. Promotional and other allowances as a percentage of gross sales increased to 12.6% from 12.0% for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. As a result, the percentage increase in gross sales for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 was slightly higher than the percentage increase in net sales.

*\*Gross sales – see definition above.*

**Net Sales.** Net sales were \$356.4 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, an increase of approximately \$118.3 million, or 49.7% higher than net sales of \$238.1 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. Net sales of our Monster Energy® brand energy drinks represented approximately \$115.7 million, or 97.8%, of the increase in net sales. Net sales of our Monster Energy® brand energy drinks increased primarily due to increased sales by volume as a result of increased consumer demand in both our existing domestic and international markets as well as our expansion into new international markets. Pricing changes did not have a material impact on the increase in net sales. To a lesser extent, the increase in net sales was attributable to the impact in the 2010 first quarter of the Advance Purchases in the 2009 fourth quarter, which we believe negatively impacted net sales for the 2010 first quarter. No other individual product line contributed either a material increase or decrease to net sales for the three-months ended March 31, 2011.

Case sales, in 192-ounce case equivalents, were 34.7 million cases for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, an increase of approximately 10.5 million cases or 43.3% higher than case sales of 24.2 million cases for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. The overall average net sales per case increased to \$10.28 for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, which was 4.5% higher than the average net sales per case of \$9.84 for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. The increase in the average net sales per case was attributable to an increase in the proportion of case sales derived from higher priced products, primarily our Monster Energy® brand energy drinks.

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Net sales for the DSD segment were \$334.7 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, an increase of approximately \$117.6 million, or 54.1% higher than net sales of \$217.2 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. Our Monster Energy® brand energy drinks represented approximately \$115.7 million, or 98.4%, of the increase in net sales for the DSD segment. Net sales for the DSD segment of our Monster Energy® brand energy drinks increased primarily due to increased sales by volume as a result of increased consumer demand in both our existing domestic and international markets as well as our expansion into new international markets. Pricing changes did not have a material impact on the increase in net sales for the DSD segment. To a lesser extent, the increase in net sales for the DSD segment was attributable to the impact in the 2010 first quarter of the Advance Purchases in the 2009 fourth quarter, which we believe negatively impacted net sales for the DSD segment for the 2010 first quarter. No other individual product line contributed either a material increase or decrease to net sales for the DSD segment for the three-months ended March 31, 2011.

Net sales for the Warehouse segment were \$21.7 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, an increase of approximately \$0.7 million, or 3.5% higher than net sales of \$21.0 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. The increase in net sales for the Warehouse segment was primarily attributable to increased sales by volume of aseptic juices of \$1.0 million, partially offset by decreased sales by volume of our sodas of \$0.9 million.

**Gross Profit.**\*\*\* Gross profit was \$185.5 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, an increase of approximately \$61.0 million, or 49.0% higher than the gross profit of \$124.6 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. Gross profit as a percentage of net sales decreased slightly to 52.1% for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 from 52.3% for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. The increase in gross profit dollars was primarily the result of the \$133.5 million increase in gross sales of our Monster Energy® brand energy drinks.

*\*\*\*Gross profit – see definition above.*

**Operating Expenses.** Total operating expenses were \$97.1 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, an increase of approximately \$23.3 million, or 31.6% higher than total operating expenses of \$73.8 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. The increase in operating expenses was partially attributable to increased expenditures of \$4.1 million for advertising, increased expenditures of \$3.3 million for commissions, increased expenditures of \$3.2 million for sponsorships and endorsements, increased out-bound freight and warehouse costs of \$2.9 million, increased expenditures of \$2.5 million for merchandise displays, increased expenditures of \$2.4 million for allocated trade development, increased expenditures for samples of \$1.1 million and increased payroll expenses of \$1.1 million. Total operating expenses as a percentage of net sales was 27.2% for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, compared to 31.0% for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. The decrease in total

operating expenses as a percentage of net sales was primarily attributable to lower payroll expenses and professional service fees as a percentage of net sales.

*Contribution Margin.* Contribution margin for the DSD segment was \$110.1 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, an increase of approximately \$37.0 million, or 50.7% higher than contribution margin of \$73.1 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. The increase in the contribution margin for the DSD segment was primarily the result of the \$133.5 million increase in gross sales of our Monster Energy® brand energy drinks. Contribution margin for the

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Warehouse segment was (\$0.3) million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, approximately \$0.6 million lower than contribution margin of \$0.3 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. The decrease in the contribution margin for the Warehouse segment was primarily attributable to increased off-invoice and promotional allowances.

*Operating Income.* Operating income was \$88.5 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, an increase of approximately \$37.7 million, or 74.2% higher than operating income of \$50.8 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. Operating income as a percentage of net sales increased to 24.8% for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 from 21.3% for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. The increase in operating income was primarily due to an increase in gross profit of \$61.0 million, partially offset by a \$23.3 million increase in operating expenses. The increase in operating income as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to a decrease in operating expenses as a percentage of net sales. Operating income was negatively affected by combined operating losses of \$3.1 million and \$4.0 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, in relation to our operations in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Australia and Brazil.

*Other Income.* Other income was \$0.3 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, a decrease of \$0.7 million from \$1.0 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. This decrease was primarily attributable to an increase of \$0.8 million in foreign currency losses.

*Provision for Income Taxes.* Provision for income taxes was \$33.7 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, an increase of \$14.5 million or 75.5% higher than the provision for income taxes of \$19.2 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. The effective combined federal, state and foreign tax rate increased to 38.0% from 37.1% for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The increase in the effective tax rate was primarily the result of the continuation of a full valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets of a foreign subsidiary established during the second fiscal quarter of 2010. The increase in tax rates was partially offset by a lower effective state tax rate for the three-months ended March 31, 2011.

*Net Income.* Net income was \$55.0 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, an increase of \$22.5 million or 69.0% higher than net income of \$32.6 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. The increase in net income was primarily attributable to an increase in gross profit of \$61.0 million. The increase in net income was partially offset by an increase in operating expenses of \$23.3 million and an increase in the provision for income taxes of \$14.5 million.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

*Cash flows provided by operating activities* – Net cash provided by operating activities was \$23.6 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, as compared with net cash provided by operating activities of \$68.0 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. For the three-months ended March 31, 2011, cash provided by operating activities was primarily attributable to net income earned of \$55.0 million and adjustments for certain non-cash expenses consisting of \$3.8 million of stock-based compensation and \$3.6 million of depreciation and other amortization. For the three-months ended March 31, 2011, cash provided by operations also increased due to a \$20.9 million increase in income taxes payable, a \$9.8 million decrease in prepaid income taxes, a \$3.5 million increase in accounts payable and a \$2.2 million increase in accrued liabilities. For the three-months ended March 31, 2011, cash provided by operating activities was reduced due to a \$47.6

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million increase in accounts receivable, a \$19.5 million increase in inventory, a \$4.0 million increase in prepaid expenses and other current assets, a \$2.4 million decrease in accrued compensation and a \$1.1 million decrease in deferred revenue. For the three-months ended March 31, 2010, cash provided by operating activities was primarily attributable to net income earned of \$32.6 million and adjustments for certain non-cash expenses consisting of \$5.0 million of stock-based compensation, a \$4.5 million impairment on investments and \$2.6 million of depreciation and other amortization. For the three-months ended March 31, 2010, cash provided by operations also increased due to a \$35.3 million increase in accounts payable, \$15.5 million increase in accrued liabilities and a \$12.7 million increase in income taxes payable. For the three-months ended March 31, 2010, cash provided by operating activities was reduced due to a \$11.4 million increase in inventory, a \$10.3 million increase in accounts receivable, a \$6.5 million increase in tax benefit from exercise of stock options, a \$5.1 million gain on the Put Option, a \$3.7 million decrease in

accrued compensation, a \$1.6 million increase in prepaid expenses and other current assets, and a \$2.1 million decrease in deferred revenue.

*Cash flows used in investing activities* – Net cash used in investing activities was \$48.5 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, as compared to net cash used in investing activities of \$31.1 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. For the three-months ended March 31, 2011, cash used in investing activities was primarily attributable to purchases of held-to-maturity investments, purchases of available-for-sale investments, purchases of property and equipment and additions to intangibles. For the three-months ended March 31, 2010 cash used in investing activities was primarily attributable to purchases of held-to-maturity investments, additions to intangibles and purchases of property and equipment. For both the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, cash provided by investing activities was primarily attributable to maturities of held-to-maturity investments and available-for-sale investments. For both the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, cash used in investing activities included the acquisitions of fixed assets consisting of vans and promotional vehicles, coolers and other equipment to support our marketing and promotional activities, production equipment, furniture and fixtures, office and computer equipment, computer software, and equipment used for sales and administrative activities, as well as certain leasehold improvements. Management expects that the Company will continue to use a portion of its cash in excess of its requirements for operations for purchasing short-term and long-term investments and for other corporate purposes. From time to time, management considers the acquisition of capital equipment, specifically items of production equipment required to produce certain of our products, storage racks, vans, trucks and promotional vehicles, coolers and other promotional equipment as well as the introduction of new product lines and businesses compatible with the image of our brands.

*Cash flows (used in) provided by financing activities* – Net cash used in financing activities was \$34.7 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2011, as compared to net cash provided by financing activities of \$10.8 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2010. For the three-months ended March 31, 2011 cash used in financing activities was primarily attributable to purchases of common stock. For the three-months ended March 31, 2011 cash provided by financing activities was primarily attributable to \$4.2 million received from the issuance of common stock in connection with the exercise of certain stock options. For the three-months ended March 31, 2010 cash provided by financing activities was primarily attributable to a \$6.5 million excess tax benefit in connection with the exercise of certain stock options and proceeds of \$4.5 million received from the issuance of common stock in connection with the exercise of certain stock options.

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Purchases of inventories, increases in accounts receivable and other assets, acquisition of property and equipment, acquisition and maintenance of trademarks, payments of accounts payable, income taxes payable and purchases of our common stock are expected to remain our principal recurring uses of cash.

*Cash and cash equivalents, short-term and long-term investments* – At March 31, 2011, we had \$295.5 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$329.4 million in short-term and long-term investments. We have historically invested these amounts in U.S. Treasury bills, government agencies and municipal securities (which may have an auction reset feature), corporate notes and bonds, commercial paper and money market funds meeting certain criteria. Our risk management policies emphasize credit quality (primarily based on short-term ratings by nationally recognized statistical organizations) in selecting and maintaining our investments. We regularly assess market risk of our investments and believe our current policies and investment practices adequately limit those risks. However, certain of these investments are subject to general credit, liquidity, market and interest rate risks. These market risks associated with our investment portfolio may have an adverse effect on our future results of operations, liquidity and financial condition.

Our long-term investments are comprised of auction rate securities. A large portion of these notes carry an investment grade or better credit rating and are additionally backed by various federal agencies and/or monoline insurance companies. The applicable interest rate is reset at pre-determined intervals, usually every 7 to 35 days. Liquidity for these auction rate securities was typically provided by an auction process which allowed holders to sell their notes at periodic auctions. During the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, the auctions for these auction rate securities failed, and there is no assurance that future auctions will succeed. The auction failures have been attributable to inadequate buyers and/or buying demand and/or the lack of support from financial advisors and sponsors. In the event that there is a failed auction, the indenture governing the security in some cases requires the issuer to pay interest at a default rate that may be above market rates for similar instruments. The securities for which auctions have failed will continue to accrue and/or pay interest at their pre-determined default rates and be auctioned every 7 to 35 days until their respective auction succeeds, the issuer calls the securities, they mature or we are able to sell the securities to third parties. As a result, our ability to liquidate and fully recover the carrying value of our auction rate securities in the near term may be limited.

In March 2010, we entered into an agreement (the “ARS Agreement”), related to \$54.2 million in par value auction rate securities (“ARS Securities”). Under the ARS Agreement, we have the right, but not the obligation, to sell these ARS Securities including all accrued but unpaid interest (the “Put Option”) as follows: (i) on or after March 22, 2011, up to \$13.6 million aggregate par value; and (ii) semi-annual or annual installments thereafter with full sale rights available on or after March 22, 2013. The ARS Securities will continue to accrue interest until redeemed through the Put Option, or as determined by the auction process or the terms outlined in the prospectus of the respective ARS Securities when the auction process fails. During the three-months ended March 31, 2011, \$1.0 million of par value ARS Securities were redeemed at par through normal market channels (\$7.4 million of



par value ARS Securities were redeemed at par through normal market channels during the year ended December 31, 2010). Subsequent to March 31, 2011, \$13.6 million of par value ARS Securities were redeemed through the exercise of the Put Option.

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The ARS Agreement represents a firm commitment in accordance with ASC 815, which defines a firm commitment with an unrelated party, binding on both parties and usually legally enforceable, with the following characteristics: (i) the commitment specifies all significant terms, including the quantity to be exchanged, the fixed price, and the timing of the transaction; and (ii) the commitment includes a disincentive for nonperformance that is sufficiently large to make performance probable. The enforceability of the ARS Agreement results in a Put Option and should be recognized as a separate freestanding asset and is accounted for separately from the Company's auction rate securities. The Put Option does not meet the definition of a derivative instrument under ASC 815. Therefore, we elected the fair value option under ASC 825-10 in accounting for the Put Option. As of March 31, 2011, we recorded \$3.8 million as the fair market value of the Put Option (\$3.5 million current portion included in prepaid expenses and other current assets and \$0.3 million long-term portion included in other assets) in the condensed consolidated balance sheet, with a corresponding gain of \$0.02 million recorded in other income in the condensed consolidated statement of income for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 (a \$3.8 million gain was previously recognized through earnings during the year ended December 31, 2010). The valuation of the Put Option utilized a mark-to-model approach which included estimates for interest rates, timing and amount of cash flows, adjusted for any bearer risk associated with the put issuer's ability to repurchase the ARS Securities in installments as indicated above beginning March 22, 2011, and expected holding periods for the Put Option. These assumptions are typically volatile and subject to change as the underlying data sources and market conditions evolve. The Put Option will continue to be adjusted on each balance sheet date based on its then fair value, with changes in fair value recorded in earnings.

At March 31, 2011, we held auction rate securities with a face value of \$78.6 million (amortized cost basis of \$69.9 million). A Level 3 valuation was performed on our auction rate securities as of March 31, 2011 resulting in a fair value of \$25.5 million for our available-for-sale auction rate securities (after a \$7.2 million impairment) and \$42.1 million for our trading auction rate securities, which are included in short-term and long-term investments. This valuation utilized a mark-to-model approach which included estimates for interest rates, timing and amount of cash flows, credit and liquidity premiums, and expected holding periods for the auction rate securities. These assumptions are typically volatile and subject to change as the underlying data sources and market conditions evolve.

ASC 320-10-35 indicates that an other-than-temporary impairment must be recognized through earnings if an investor has the intent to sell the debt security or if it is more likely than not that the investor will be required to sell the debt security before recovery of its amortized cost basis. However, even if an investor does not expect to sell a debt security, it must compare the present value of cash flows expected to be collected from the security with the amortized cost basis of the security. If the present value of cash flows expected to be collected is less than the amortized cost basis of the security, the entire amortized cost basis of the security will not be recovered (that is, a "Credit Loss" exists), and an other-than-temporary impairment shall be considered to have occurred. In the event of a Credit Loss and absent the intent or requirement to sell a debt security before recovery of its amortized cost, only the amount associated with the Credit Loss is recognized as a loss in the income statement. The amount of loss relating to other factors is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). ASC 320-10-35 also requires additional disclosures regarding the calculation of the Credit Loss and the factors considered in reaching a conclusion that an investment is not other-than-temporarily impaired.

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In connection with the ARS Agreement, during the first fiscal quarter of 2010, we reclassified \$54.2 million of auction rate securities from available-for-sale to trading in accordance with ASC 320, as we had the ability and intent to exercise the related Put Option beginning March 22, 2011. We recognized a net gain (loss) through earnings on our trading securities of \$0.2 million and (\$4.9) million during the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

We determined that of the \$7.2 million impairment of our available-for-sale auction rate securities at March 31, 2011, \$2.2 million was deemed temporary and \$5.0 million was deemed other-than-temporary. The other-than-temporary impairment was deemed Credit Loss related. We recorded no additional other-than-temporary impairment that was deemed Credit Loss related during the three-months ended March 31, 2011 (\$0.6 million, \$3.9 million and \$0.5 million were previously deemed other-than-temporary Credit Loss related and were charged through earnings for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively). At March 31, 2011, \$2.2 million of temporary impairment has been recorded, less a tax benefit of \$0.8 million, as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income. The factors evaluated to differentiate between temporary impairment and other-than-temporary impairment included the projected future cash flows, credit ratings actions, and assessment of the credit quality of the underlying collateral, as well as the other factors included in the valuation model for debt securities described above.

The net effect of (i) the revaluation of the Put Option as of March 31, 2011; (ii) the revaluation of trading ARS Securities as of March 31, 2011; (iii) the redemption at par of certain ARS Securities; and (iv) a recognized gain resulting from the redemption at par of a previously other-than-temporarily impaired security during the first fiscal quarter of 2011, resulted in a gain of \$0.3

million included in other income for the three-months ended March 31, 2011. The net effect of (i) the acquisition of the Put Option during the first fiscal quarter of 2010; (ii) the transfer from available-for-sale to trading of the ARS Securities during the first fiscal quarter of 2010; and (iii) a recognized gain resulting from the redemption at par of a previously other-than-temporary impaired security during the first fiscal quarter of 2010, resulted in a gain of \$0.6 million included in other income for the three-months ended March 31, 2010.

We hold additional auction rate securities that do not have a related put option. These auction rate securities continue to be classified as available-for-sale securities. The Company intends to retain its investment in the issuers until the earlier of the anticipated recovery in market value or maturity.

Based on our ability to access cash and cash equivalents and other short-term investments and based on our expected operating cash flows, we do not anticipate that the current lack of liquidity of these investments will have a material adverse effect on our liquidity or working capital. If uncertainties in the credit and capital markets continue, or uncertainties in the expected performance of the issuer of the Put Option arise, or there are rating downgrades on the auction rate securities held by us, we may be required to recognize additional impairments on these investments.

*Debt and other obligations* – We have a credit facility with Comerica Bank (“Comerica”) consisting of a revolving line of credit up to \$10.0 million of non-collateralized debt. The revolving line of credit is effective through June 1, 2012. Interest on borrowings under the line of credit is based on Comerica’s base (prime) rate minus up to 1.5%, or varying London Interbank Offered Rates up to

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180 days, plus an additional percentage of up to 1.75%, depending upon certain financial ratios maintained by us. We had no outstanding borrowings on this line of credit at March 31, 2011. Letters of credit issued on our behalf, totaling \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million under this credit facility, were outstanding as of March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010.

At March 31, 2011, we were in compliance with the terms of our line of credit, which contain certain financial covenants, including certain financial ratios. If any event of default shall occur for any reason, whether voluntary or involuntary, Comerica may declare all or any portion outstanding on the line of credit immediately due and payable, exercise rights and remedies available, including instituting legal proceedings.

We believe that cash available from operations, including our cash resources and the revolving line of credit, will be sufficient for our working capital needs, including purchase commitments for raw materials and inventory, increases in accounts receivable, payments of tax liabilities, expansion and development needs, purchases of shares of our common stock, as well as any purchases of capital assets or equipment, through at least the next 12 months. Based on our current plans, at this time we estimate that capital expenditures are likely to be less than \$30.0 million through March 2012. However, future business opportunities may cause a change in this estimate.

The following represents a summary of the Company’s contractual obligations and related scheduled maturities as of March 31, 2011:

Obligations	Total	Payments due by period (in thousands)			
		Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
Contractual Obligations	\$ 58,650	\$ 36,085	\$ 17,690	\$ 4,875	\$ -
Capital Leases	1,623	1,623	-	-	-
Operating Leases	18,977	3,601	9,602	5,352	422
Purchase Commitments	38,571	38,571	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 117,821</u>	<u>\$ 79,880</u>	<u>\$ 27,292</u>	<u>\$ 10,227</u>	<u>\$ 422</u>

Contractual obligations include our obligations related to sponsorships and other commitments.

Purchase commitments include obligations incurred by us and our subsidiaries to various suppliers for raw materials used in the manufacturing and packaging of our products. These obligations vary in terms.

In addition to the above purchase obligations, approximately \$0.6 million of recognized tax benefits have been recorded as liabilities as of March 31, 2011, and we are uncertain as to if or when such amounts may be settled. Related to the unrecognized tax benefits not included in the table above, we have also recorded a liability for potential penalties and interest of \$0.4 million as of March 31, 2011.

In August 2008, we completed the purchase of 1.09 acres of land for a purchase price of \$1.4 million. In December 2009, we completed the purchase of an additional 2.12 acres of adjacent vacant land for a purchase price of \$1.7 million. The properties are located adjacent to our leased warehouse and distribution space.

## Sales

The table set forth below discloses selected quarterly data regarding sales for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Data from any one or more quarters or periods is not necessarily indicative of annual results or continuing trends.

Sales of beverages are expressed in unit case volume. A “unit case” means a unit of measurement equal to 192 U.S. fluid ounces of finished beverage (24 eight-ounce servings) or concentrate sold that will yield 192 U.S. fluid ounces of finished beverage. Unit case volume means the number of unit cases (or unit case equivalents) of beverages directly or indirectly sold by us.

Our quarterly results of operations reflect seasonal trends that are primarily the result of increased demand in the warmer months of the year. It has been our experience that beverage sales tend to be lower during the first and fourth quarters of each fiscal year. Because the primary historical market for our products is California, which has a year-long temperate climate, the effect of seasonal fluctuations on quarterly results may have been mitigated; however, such fluctuations may be more pronounced as the distribution of our products expands outside of California. Our experience with our energy drink products suggests that they are less seasonal than traditional beverages. As the percentage of our sales that are represented by such products continues to increase, seasonal fluctuations will be further mitigated. Quarterly fluctuations may also be affected by other factors including the introduction of new products, the opening of new markets, particularly internationally, where temperature fluctuations may be more pronounced, the addition of new bottlers and distributors, changes in the mix of the sales of our finished products and changes in and/or increased advertising and promotional expenses.

(In thousands, except average net sales per case)	Three-Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2011	2010
Net sales	\$ 356,419	\$ 238,110
Case sales (192-ounce case equivalents)	34,681	24,205
Average net sales per case	\$ 10.28	\$ 9.84

See Item 2, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Our Business” for additional information related to the increase in sales.

## Critical Accounting Policies

Changes to our critical accounting policies are discussed in “Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements” discussed below. There have been no other material changes to our critical accounting policies from the information provided in Item 7, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations”, included in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2010-06, “Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements”. ASU 2010-06 requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements including transfers in and out of Levels 1 and 2, and a higher level of disaggregation for the different types of financial instruments. In addition, with respect to the reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements, information on purchases, sales, issuances and settlements, requires separate presentation. The guidance also requires disclosure of valuation techniques and inputs used for fair value measurement of the Company’s Level 3 financial assets. The Company adopted the new guidance as of March 31, 2010, except for disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements in the roll-forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements, which are required for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010 (January 1, 2011 for the Company). The new guidance requires expanded disclosures only, and did not have a material effect on the Company’s financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

In September 2009, the FASB issued Update No. 2009-13, which updates the existing guidance regarding multiple-element revenue arrangements currently included under ASC 605-25. The revised guidance primarily provides two significant changes: 1) eliminates the need for objective and reliable evidence of the fair value for the undelivered element in order for a delivered item to be treated as a separate unit of accounting, and 2) eliminates the residual method to allocate the arrangement consideration. The guidance also expands the disclosure requirements for revenue recognition and is effective for the first annual reporting period beginning on or after June 15, 2010 (January 1, 2011 for the Company), with early adoption permitted provided that the revised

guidance is retroactively applied to the beginning of the year of adoption. The adoption of this guidance during the first quarter of 2011 did not have a material effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations and liquidity.

## Inflation

We do not believe that inflation had a significant impact on our results of operations for the periods presented.

## Forward-Looking Statements

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Act") provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of the Company. Certain statements made in this report may constitute forward-looking statements (within the meaning of Section 27.A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21.E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) (the "Exchange Act") regarding the expectations of management with respect to revenues, profitability, adequacy of funds from operations and our existing credit facility, among other things.

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All statements containing a projection of revenues, income (loss), earnings (loss) per share, capital expenditures, dividends, capital structure or other financial items, a statement of management's plans and objectives for future operations, or a statement of future economic performance contained in management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, including statements related to new products, volume growth and statements encompassing general optimism about future operating results and non-historical information, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Act. Without limiting the foregoing, the words "believes," "thinks," "anticipates," "plans," "expects," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

Management cautions that these statements are qualified by their terms and/or important factors, many of which are outside our control, involve a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors, that could cause actual results and events to differ materially from the statements made including, but not limited to, the following:

- The current uncertainty and volatility in the national and global economy;
- The impact of the acquisition of CCE's North American business by TCCC;
- Disruption in distribution or sales and/or decline in sales due to the termination and/or appointment of existing and/or new domestic and/or international distributors;
- The impact of the acquisition of AB by InBev;
- Lack of anticipated demand for our products in international markets;
- Unfavorable international regulations, including taxation requirements, tariffs or trade restrictions;
- Losses arising from our operations outside the United States;
- Our ability to manage legal and regulatory requirements in foreign jurisdictions, potential difficulties in staffing and managing foreign operations, potentially higher incidence of fraud or corruption and credit risk of foreign customers and distributors;
- Our foreign currency exchange rate risk with respect to our sales, expenses, profits, assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar continues to increase as we do not use derivative financial instruments to reduce our net exposure to currency fluctuations;
- Any proceedings which may be brought against us by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or other governmental agencies;
- The outcome of the shareholder derivative actions and shareholder securities litigation filed against us and/or certain of our officers and directors, and the possibility of other private litigation;
- The outcome of future auctions of auction rate securities and/or our ability to recover payment thereunder or from our Put Option;
- Our ability to address any significant deficiencies or material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting;
- Our ability to generate sufficient cash flows to support capital expansion plans and general operating activities;
- Decreased demand for our products resulting from changes in consumer preferences or from decreased consumer discretionary spending power;
- Changes in demand that are weather related, particularly in areas outside of California;
- Competitive products and pricing pressures and our ability to gain or maintain our share of sales in the marketplace as a result of actions by competitors;
- Our ability to introduce new products;
- An inability to achieve volume growth through product and packaging initiatives;

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- Our ability to sustain the current level of sales and/or increase the sales of our Monster Energy® brand energy drinks and/or our Java Monster™ line of non-carbonated dairy based coffee + energy drinks and/or our Monster Energy® Extra Strength

Nitrous Technology™ drinks and/or our Peace Tea™ iced teas and/or our Monster Rehab™ energy drinks and/or our Worx Energy™ energy shots;

- The impact of criticism of our energy drink products and/or the energy drink market generally and/or legislation enacted, whether as a result of such criticism or otherwise that limits or otherwise restricts the sale of energy drinks to minors and/or persons below a specified age and/or the venues in which energy drinks can be sold;
- Our ability to comply with existing foreign, national, state and local laws and regulations and/or any changes therein, including changes in accounting standards, taxation requirements (including tax rate changes, new tax laws and revised tax law interpretations) and environmental laws, as well as the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act, and regulations made thereunder or in connection therewith, as well as changes in any other food and drug laws, especially those that may affect the way in which our products are marketed, and/or labeled, and/or sold, including the contents thereof, as well as laws and regulations or rules made or enforced by the Food and Drug Administration, and/or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives, and/or the Federal Trade Commission and/or certain state regulatory agencies and/or any other countries in which we decide to sell our products;
- Changes in the cost, quality and availability of containers, packaging materials, raw materials and juice concentrates, and the ability to obtain and/or maintain favorable supply arrangements and relationships and procure timely and/or adequate production of all or any of our products;
- Our ability to pass on to our customers all or a portion of the increasing costs of raw materials and/or ingredients and/or commodities affecting our business;
- Our ability to achieve both domestic and international forecasts, which may be based on projected volumes and sales of many product types and/or new products, certain of which are more profitable than others; there can be no assurance that we will achieve projected levels or mixes of product sales;
- Our ability to penetrate new domestic and/or international markets;
- Our ability to gain approval or mitigate the delay in securing approval for the sale of our products in various countries;
- Economic or political instability in one or more of our international markets;
- Our ability to secure and/or retain competent and/or effective distributors internationally;
- The sales and/or marketing efforts of distributors of our products, most of which distribute products that are competitive with our products;
- Unilateral decisions by distributors, convenience chains, grocery chains, specialty chain stores, club stores and other customers to discontinue carrying all or any of our products that they are carrying at any time and/or restrict the range of our products they carry and/or devote less resources to the sale of our products;
- The terms and/or availability of our credit facility and the actions of our creditors;
- The costs and/or effectiveness of our advertising, marketing and promotional programs;
- Changes in product category consumption;
- Unforeseen economic and political changes;
- Possible recalls of our products and/or defective production;
- Our ability to make suitable arrangements for the co-packing of any of our products and/or the timely replacement of discontinued co-packing arrangements;
- Our ability to make suitable arrangements for the procurement of non-defective raw materials;

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- Our inability to protect and/or the loss of our intellectual property rights and/or our inability to use trademarks and/or trade names or designs in certain countries;
- Volatility of stock prices which may restrict stock sales or other opportunities;
- Provisions in our organizational documents and/or control by insiders which may prevent changes in control even if such changes would be beneficial to other stockholders;
- The ability of our bottlers and contract packers to manufacture our products;
- Exposure to significant liabilities due to litigation, legal or regulatory proceedings;
- Any disruption in and/or lack of effectiveness of our information technology systems could disrupt the Company's business, negatively impact customer relationships and negatively impact the Company's operations and abilities to operate efficiently and measure performance;
- Recruitment and retention of senior management and other key employees.

The foregoing list of important factors and other risks detailed from time to time in our reports filed with the SEC is not exhaustive. See the section entitled "Risk Factors" in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, for a more complete discussion of these risks and uncertainties and for other risks and uncertainties. Those factors and the other risk factors described therein are not necessarily all of the important factors that could cause actual results or developments to differ materially from those expressed in any of our forward-looking statements. Other unknown or unpredictable factors also could harm our results. Consequently, our actual results could be materially different from the results described or anticipated by our forward-looking statements due to the inherent uncertainty of estimates, forecasts and projections and may be better or worse than anticipated. Given these uncertainties, you should not rely on forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements represent our estimates and assumptions only as of the date that they were made. We expressly disclaim any duty to provide updates to forward-looking statements, and the estimates and assumptions associated with them, after the date of this report, in order to reflect changes in circumstances or expectations or the occurrence of unanticipated events except to the extent required by applicable securities laws.

### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

In the normal course of business, our financial position is routinely subject to a variety of risks. The principal market risks (i.e., the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices) to which we are exposed are fluctuations in energy and fuel prices, commodity prices affecting the costs of aluminum cans, juice concentrates and other raw materials (including, but not limited to, increases in the price of aluminum for cans, resin for PET plastic bottles, as well as apple juice concentrate and other juice concentrates, cane sugar and other sweeteners, glucose, sucrose and milk and cream, all of which are used in some or many of our products) and limited availability of certain raw materials. We are also subject to market risks with respect to the cost of commodities because our ability to recover increased costs through higher pricing is limited by the competitive environment in which we operate. In addition, we are subject to other risks associated with the business environment in which we operate, including the collectability of accounts receivable and inventory realization.

We do not use derivative financial instruments to protect ourselves from fluctuations in interest rates and do not hedge against fluctuations in commodity prices. We do not use hedging agreements or alternative instruments to manage the risks associated with securing sufficient ingredients or raw materials.

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Our gross sales to customers outside of the United States were approximately 18% and 14% of consolidated gross sales for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Our growth strategy includes expanding our international business. As a result, we are subject to risks from changes in foreign currency exchange rates. These changes result in cumulative translation adjustments, which are included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). We do not consider the potential loss resulting from a hypothetical 10% adverse change in quoted foreign currency exchange rates as of March 31, 2011 to be significant. For the three-months ended March 31, 2011, we did not use derivative financial instruments to reduce our net exposure to currency fluctuations.

We are primarily exposed to market risks from fluctuations in interest rates and the effects of those fluctuations on the market values of our short-term and long-term investments. Certain of our short-term and long-term investments are subject to interest rate risk because these investments generally include a fixed interest rate. As a result, the market values of these investments are affected by changes in prevailing interest rates.

At March 31, 2011, we had \$295.5 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$329.4 million in short-term and long-term investments including U.S. treasuries, certificates of deposit, municipal securities, U.S. government agency securities, variable rate demand notes and municipal securities (which may have an auction reset feature). Certain of these investments are subject to general credit, liquidity, market and interest rate risks. At the current time, we are not increasing our investments in auction rate securities nor investing in corporate bonds.

In March 2010, we entered into the ARS Agreement, related to \$54.2 million in par value auction rate securities. Under the ARS Agreement, we have the right, but not the obligation, to sell the ARS Securities including all accrued but unpaid interest as follows: (i) on or after March 22, 2011, up to \$13.6 million aggregate par value; and (ii) semi-annual or annual installments thereafter with full sale rights available on or after March 22, 2013. The ARS Securities will continue to accrue interest until redeemed through the Put Option, or as determined by the auction process or the terms outlined in the prospectus of the ARS Securities when the auction process fails. As of March 31, 2011, we recorded \$3.8 million as the fair market value of the Put Option (\$3.5 million current portion included in prepaid expenses and other current assets and \$0.3 million long-term portion included in other assets) in the condensed consolidated balance sheet, with a corresponding gain of \$0.02 million recorded in other income in the condensed consolidated statements of income for the three-months ended March 31, 2011 (a \$3.8 million gain was previously recognized through earnings during the year ended December 31, 2010). In connection with the ARS Agreement, during the first fiscal quarter of 2010, we reclassified \$54.2 million of auction rate securities from available-for-sale to trading, as we had the ability and intent to exercise the related Put Option beginning March 22, 2011. We recognized a net gain (loss) on trading securities of \$0.2 million and (\$4.9) million through earnings during the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. During the three-months ended March 31, 2011, \$1.0 million of par value ARS Securities were redeemed at par through normal market channels (\$7.4 million of par value ARS Securities were redeemed at par through normal market channels during the year ended December 31, 2010). Subsequent to March 31, 2011, \$13.6 million of par value ARS Securities were redeemed through the exercise of the Put Option.

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The applicable interest rate on our auction rate securities is reset at pre-determined intervals, usually every 7 to 35 days. Liquidity for auction rate securities was typically provided by an auction process which allowed holders to sell their notes. During the three-months ended March 31, 2011 and the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, the auctions for these auction rate securities failed. Based on an assessment of fair value as of March 31, 2011, we determined that there was a decline in fair value of

our available-for-sale auction rate securities of \$7.2 million. We determined that of the \$7.2 million decline in fair value of our auction rate securities at March 31, 2011, \$2.2 million was deemed temporary and \$5.0 million was deemed other-than-temporary. At March 31, 2011, \$2.2 million of temporary impairment has been recorded, less a tax benefit of \$0.8 million, as a component of other comprehensive income. We recorded no additional other-than-temporary impairment through earnings that was deemed Credit Loss related during the three-months ended March 31, 2011 (\$0.6 million, \$3.9 million and \$0.5 million were previously deemed other-than-temporary Credit Loss related and were charged through earnings for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively). There is no assurance that future auctions of any auction rate securities in our investment portfolio will succeed. These market risks associated with our investment portfolio may have an adverse effect on our future results of operations, liquidity and financial condition. See Item 2, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources", for additional information on our auction rate securities.

#### **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

*Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures* – Under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Company evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13(a)-15(e) and 15(d)-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are adequate and effective to ensure that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (1) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms and (2) is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

*Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting* – During the quarter ended March 31, 2011, we continued with our group-wide implementation of certain modules of SAP, an enterprise resource planning ("ERP") system, at our Australian and Canadian subsidiaries. We have modified the design and documentation of internal control processes and procedures relating to the new systems to supplement and complement existing internal controls. We expect the SAP system to further advance our control environment by automating manual processes, improving management visibility and standardizing processes as its full capabilities are utilized and we will continue to update our internal controls over financial reporting as necessary to accommodate modifications to the business processes and accounting processes. There were no other changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2011, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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## **PART II - OTHER INFORMATION**

### **ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

In September 2006, Christopher Chavez purporting to act on behalf of himself and a certain class of consumers filed an action in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Francisco, against the Company and its subsidiaries for unfair business practices, false advertising, violation of California Consumers Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA"), fraud, deceit and/or misrepresentation alleging that the Company misleadingly labels its Blue Sky beverages as manufactured and canned/bottled wholly in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Defendants removed this Superior Court action to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California (the "District Court") under the Class Action Fairness Act and filed motions for dismissal or transfer. On June 11, 2007, the District Court granted the Company's motion to dismiss Chavez's complaint with prejudice. On June 23, 2009, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ("Ninth Circuit") filed a memorandum opinion reversing the decision of the District Court and remanded the case to the District Court for further proceedings. The Company filed a motion to dismiss the CLRA claims; the plaintiff filed a motion for a decision on a preemption issue; and the plaintiff filed a motion for class certification. The hearing for all three motions occurred on May 27, 2010. On June 18, 2010, the District Court entered an order certifying the class, ruled that there was no preemption by federal law, and denied the Company's motion to dismiss. The class that the District Court certified initially consists of all persons who purchased any beverage bearing the Blue Sky mark or brand in the United States at any time between May 16, 2002 and June 30, 2006. The Company subsequently filed a petition with the Ninth Circuit seeking permission to file an appeal to reverse the decision to certify a class. On August 27, 2010, the Ninth Circuit denied the Company's petition. On September 9, 2010, the District Court approved the form of the class notice and its distribution plan; and set an opt-out date of December 10, 2010, and a trial date for March, 2011. On September 28, 2010, the Company filed a Request for Leave to file a motion for reconsideration of the order certifying the class action. On November 11, 2010, the Company filed two dispositive motions: a motion to decertify the class and a motion for summary judgment. The plaintiff filed his motion for partial summary judgment. The District Court took all motions under submission without oral argument. The District Court judge assigned to the case, Judge Vaughn Walker, announced his retirement from the bench, with such retirement effective February, 2011. On January 31, 2011, Judge Jeffrey S. White was assigned to the case and subsequently vacated all pending hearing dates. A case management conference was held on March 18, 2011, and the District Court has taken the pending motions under submission without oral argument. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses to all the allegations and plans a vigorous defense. The Company believes that any possible litigation losses, if awarded, would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

On August 28, 2008, the Company initiated an action against Oppenheimer Holdings Inc., Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., and Oppenheimer Asset Management Inc., in the United States District Court, Central District of California, for violations of federal securities laws and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, arising out of the Company's purchase of auction rate securities. The Company stipulated to arbitration before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), where the matter is now proceeding and a hearing has been scheduled for June 21, 2011. The Company has voluntarily dismissed, without prejudice, its claims against Oppenheimer Asset Management, Inc. The FINRA panel denied Oppenheimer Holdings, Inc.'s motion to be dismissed from the proceeding.

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In May 2009, Avraham Wellman, purporting to act on behalf of himself and a class of consumers in Canada, filed a putative class action in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, in the City of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, against the Company and its former Canadian distributor, Pepsi-Cola Canada Ltd., as defendants. The plaintiff alleges that the defendants misleadingly packaged and labeled Monster Energy® products in Canada by not including sufficiently specific statements with respect to contra-indications and/or adverse reactions associated with the consumption of the energy drink products. The plaintiff's claims against the defendants are for negligence, unjust enrichment, and making misleading/false representations in violation of the Competition Act (Canada), the Food and Drugs Act (Canada) and the Consumer Protection Act, 2002 (Ontario). The plaintiff claims general damages on behalf of the putative class in the amount of CDN\$20 million, together with punitive damages of CDN\$5 million, plus legal costs and interest. The plaintiff's certification motion materials have not yet been filed. The Company believes that any such damages, if awarded, would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations. In accordance with class action practices in Ontario, the Company will not file an answer to the complaint until after the determination of the certification motion. The Company believes that the plaintiff's complaint is without merit and plans a vigorous defense.

In addition to the above matters, the Company is subject to litigation from time to time in the normal course of business, including claims from terminated distributors. Although it is not possible to predict the outcome of such litigation, based on the facts known to the Company and after consultation with counsel, management believes that such litigation in the aggregate will likely not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

*Securities Litigation* — On September 11, 2008, a federal securities class action complaint styled *Cunha v. Hansen Natural Corp., et al.* was filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California (the "District Court"). On September 17, 2008, a second federal securities class action complaint styled *Brown v. Hansen Natural Corp., et al.* was also filed in the District Court.

On July 14, 2009, the District Court entered an order consolidating the actions and appointing lead counsel and the Structural Ironworkers Local Union #1 Pension Fund as lead plaintiff. On August 28, 2009, lead plaintiff filed a Consolidated Complaint for Violations of Federal Securities Laws (the "Consolidated Class Action Complaint"). The Consolidated Class Action Complaint purported to be brought on behalf of a class of purchasers of the Company's stock during the period November 9, 2006 through November 8, 2007 (the "Class Period"). It named as defendants the Company, Rodney C. Sacks, Hilton H. Schlosberg, and Thomas J. Kelly. Plaintiff principally alleged that, during the Class Period, the defendants made false and misleading statements relating to the Company's distribution coordination agreements with Anheuser-Busch, Inc. ("AB") and its sales of "Allied" energy drink lines, and engaged in sales of shares in the Company on the basis of material non-public information. Plaintiff also alleged that the Company's financial statements for the second quarter of 2007 did not include certain promotional expenses. The Consolidated Class Action Complaint alleged violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, and sought an unspecified amount of damages.

On November 16, 2009, the defendants filed their motion to dismiss the Consolidated Class Action Complaint pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) and 9(b), as well as the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. On July 12, 2010, following a hearing, the District Court

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granted the defendants' motion to dismiss the Consolidated Class Action Complaint, with leave to amend, on the grounds, among others, that it failed to specify which statements Plaintiff claimed were false or misleading, failed adequately to allege that certain statements were actionable or false or misleading, and failed adequately to demonstrate that defendants acted with scienter.

On August 27, 2010, Plaintiff filed a Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint for Violations of Federal Securities Laws (the "Amended Class Action Complaint"). While similar in many respects to the Consolidated Class Action Complaint, the Amended Class Action Complaint drops certain of the allegations set forth in the Consolidated Class Action Complaint and makes certain new allegations, including that the Company engaged in "channel stuffing" during the Class Period that rendered false or misleading the Company's reported sales results and certain other statements made by the defendants. In addition, it no longer names Thomas J. Kelly as a defendant. The Amended Class Action Complaint continues to allege violations of Sections 10(b) and



20(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, and seeks an unspecified amount of damages. Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the Amended Class Action Complaint on November 8, 2010. Plaintiff's opposition to defendants' motion was filed on January 14, 2011, and defendants' reply brief was filed on February 11, 2011. A hearing on defendants' motion to dismiss the Amended Class Action Complaint is currently scheduled for May 12, 2011.

The Amended Class Action Complaint seeks an unspecified amount of damages. As a result, the amount or range of reasonably possible litigation losses to which the Company is exposed cannot be estimated.

*Derivative Litigation* — On October 15, 2008, a derivative complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California (the "District Court"), styled *Merckel v. Sacks, et al.* On November 17, 2008, a second derivative complaint styled *Dislevy v. Sacks, et al.* was also filed in the District Court. The derivative suits were each brought, purportedly on behalf of the Company, by a shareholder of the Company who made no prior demand on the Company's Board of Directors.

On June 29, 2009, the District Court entered an order consolidating the Merckel and Dislevy actions. On July 13, 2009, the District Court entered an order re-styling the consolidated actions as *In re Hansen Derivative Shareholder Litigation*, appointing Raymond Merckel as lead plaintiff and appointing lead counsel, and establishing a schedule for the filing of a consolidated amended complaint and for defendants' response to such complaint.

On October 13, 2009, a purported Consolidated Shareholder Derivative Complaint (the "Consolidated Derivative Complaint") was filed. The Consolidated Derivative Complaint named as defendants certain current and former officers, directors, and employees of the Company, including Rodney C. Sacks, Hilton H. Schlosberg, Harold C. Taber, Jr., Benjamin M. Polk, Norman C. Epstein, Mark S. Vidergauz, Sydney Selati, Thomas J. Kelly, Mark J. Hall, and Kirk S. Blower, as well as Hilrod Holdings, L.P. The Company was named as a nominal defendant. The factual allegations of the Consolidated Derivative Complaint were similar to those set forth in the Consolidated Class Action Complaint described above. Plaintiff alleged that, from November 2006 to the present, the defendants caused the Company to issue false and misleading statements concerning its business prospects and failed to properly disclose problems related to its non-Monster energy drinks, the prospects for the Anheuser-Busch distribution relationship, and alleged "inventory loading" that affected the Company's results for the second quarter of 2007. Plaintiff further alleged

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that while the Company's shares were purportedly artificially inflated because of those improper statements, certain of the defendants sold Company stock while in possession of material non-public information. The Consolidated Derivative Complaint asserted various causes of action, including breach of fiduciary duty, aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty, violation of Cal. Corp. Code §§ 25402 and 25403 for insider selling, and unjust enrichment. The suit sought an unspecified amount of damages to be paid to the Company and adoption of corporate governance reforms, among other things.

On January 8, 2010, the Company filed its motion to dismiss the Consolidated Derivative Complaint pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) and 23.1. Plaintiff's counsel filed an opposition to the motion on February 22, 2010, in which it stated that lead plaintiff Raymond Merckel was no longer communicating with counsel and that it had located another shareholder of the Company, Anastasia Brueckheimer, who was willing to act as lead plaintiff. On March 2, 2010, plaintiff's counsel filed a motion to amend the Consolidated Derivative Complaint pursuant to Rule 15(a)(2) for the purpose of replacing Mr. Merckel as lead plaintiff.

On July 12, 2010, the District Court held a hearing on the Company's motion to dismiss and on plaintiff counsel's motion to amend the Derivative Complaint. In conjunction with the hearing, the District Court issued a tentative ruling that did not grant the motion to amend and instead indicated that the proposed substitute lead plaintiff, Ms. Brueckheimer, should have sought to intervene in the action pursuant to Rule 24. The District Court's tentative ruling further stated that (assuming that Ms. Brueckheimer were allowed to substitute as lead plaintiff) the Company's motion to dismiss the Consolidated Derivative Complaint would be granted, with leave to amend, on the ground that the allegations of demand futility were insufficient to excuse the failure to make a pre-suit demand on the Company's Board of Directors. Following the hearing, the District Court allowed Ms. Brueckheimer to file a motion for leave to intervene, and Ms. Brueckheimer subsequently filed a motion to intervene on July 16, 2010. On August 5, 2010, the parties filed a stipulation and proposed order with the District Court pursuant to which Ms. Brueckheimer would be permitted to intervene in the Derivative Litigation as lead plaintiff and to file a Verified Complaint in Intervention (the "Complaint in Intervention") similar in all material respects to the Consolidated Derivative Complaint. The District Court so-ordered the stipulation and proposed order and, as a result, the Complaint in Intervention was deemed to have been dismissed with leave to amend for the reasons set forth in the District Court's July 12, 2010 ruling.

On October 1, 2010, Ms. Brueckheimer filed a Verified Amended Consolidated Shareholder Derivative Complaint (the "Amended Derivative Complaint"). While the Amended Derivative Complaint asserts the same causes of action and contains many of the same substantive allegations as the Consolidated Derivative Complaint, it also advances new allegations about "channel stuffing," which are substantially similar to the allegations pled in the Amended Class Action Complaint. The Company filed a motion to dismiss the Amended Derivative Complaint on December 20, 2010. Ms. Brueckheimer's opposition to the Company's motion was filed on February 11, 2011, and the Company filed its reply brief on March 11, 2011. A hearing on the Company's motion to dismiss the Amended Derivative Complaint is currently scheduled for May 12, 2011.

Although the ultimate outcome of these matters cannot be determined with certainty, the Company believes that the allegations in the Amended Class Action Complaint and the Amended Derivative Complaint are without merit. The Company intends to vigorously defend against these lawsuits.

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The Amended Derivative Complaint names the Company as a nominal defendant and seeks an unspecified amount of damages on behalf of the Company against the various defendants named therein.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Our Risk Factors are discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010. There have been no material changes with respect to the risk factors disclosed in our Form 10-K.

**ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

On March 11, 2010, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$200.0 million of the Company's common stock. During the three-months ended March 31, 2011, the Company purchased 0.7 million shares of common stock at an average purchase price of \$54.88 per share for a total amount of \$38.9 million, which the Company holds in treasury. As of March 31, 2011, approximately \$137.6 million remained available under the plan for the repurchase of the Company's common stock.

The following tabular summary reflects our repurchase activity during the quarter ended March 31, 2011.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (In thousands)
January 1 - January 31	-	\$ -	624,721	\$ 176,446
February 1 - February 28	-	\$ -	624,721	\$ 176,446
March 1 - March 31	708,140	\$ 54.88	1,332,861	\$ 137,570
Total	708,140	\$ 54.88		

**ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

None.

**ITEM 4. RESERVED**

**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

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**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

- 31.1\* Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 31.2\* Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.1\* Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.2\* Certification by Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 101\* The following materials from Hansen Natural Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2011 are furnished herewith, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income for the Three-Months Ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Three-Months Ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, and (iv) the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged as blocks of text.

\* **Filed herewith**

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## SIGNATURES

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.

HANSEN NATURAL CORPORATION  
Registrant

Date: May 10, 2011

/s/ RODNEY C. SACKS  
Rodney C. Sacks  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
and Chief Executive Officer

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-14(a) OR 15D-14(a) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE  
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Rodney Sacks, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Hansen Natural Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
  - 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: May 10, 2011

/s/Rodney C. Sacks

Rodney C. Sacks  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
and Chief Executive Officer

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-14(a) OR 15D-14(a) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE  
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Hilton Schlosberg, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Hansen Natural Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
  - 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: May 10, 2011

/s/ Hilton H. Schlosberg

Hilton H. Schlosberg  
Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors,  
President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief  
Financial Officer and Secretary

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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 Hansen Natural Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2011 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), the undersigned, Rodney C. Sacks, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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.

Date: May 10, 2011

/s/ Rodney C. Sacks

Rodney C. Sacks  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
and Chief Executive Officer

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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 Hansen Natural Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2011 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), the undersigned, Hilton H. Schlosberg, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary of the Company, certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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.

Date: May 10, 2011

/s/ Hilton H. Schlosberg

Hilton H. Schlosberg  
Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors,  
President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief  
Financial Officer and Secretary

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