

HARBINGER GROUP INC.

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form S-4**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
**UNDER**  
**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**HARBINGER GROUP INC.**

*(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**

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

**3690**

*(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)*

**74-1339132**

*(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)*

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to public:** As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement becomes effective.

If the securities being registered on this Form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box.

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Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
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#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee(2)
10.625% Senior Secured Notes Due 2015	\$350,000,000	100%	\$350,000,000	\$40,635

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(f) of the Securities Act of 1933.

(2) The registration fee has been calculated pursuant to Rule 457(f) under the Securities Act of 1933.

**The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JANUARY 28, 2011**

**PROSPECTUS**

**HARBINGER GROUP INC.  
Exchange Offer for \$350,000,000  
10.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2015**

The Notes

We are offering to issue \$350,000,000 of 10.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2015, whose issuance is registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which we refer to as the exchange notes, in exchange for a like aggregate principal amount of 10.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2015, which were issued on November 15, 2010 and which we refer to as the initial notes. The exchange notes will be issued under the existing indenture, which currently governs the initial notes, dated as of November 15, 2010.

The exchange notes will mature on November 15, 2015. We will pay interest on the exchange notes on each May 15 and November 15, beginning on May 15, 2011.

The exchange notes will be secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of our assets, including, without limitation, all equity interests of Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. owned by us and related assets, all cash and investment securities owned by us, and all general intangibles owned by us. The exchange notes will be our senior secured obligations and will rank senior in right of payment to our future debt and other obligations that expressly provide for their subordination to the exchange notes, rank equally in right of payment to all of our existing and future unsubordinated debt, be effectively senior to all of our unsecured debt to the extent of the value of the collateral and be effectively subordinated to all liabilities of our subsidiaries, none of whom will initially guarantee the exchange notes.

Terms of the Exchange Offer

It will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, unless we extend it.

If all the conditions to the exchange offer are satisfied, we will exchange all of our 10.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2015 issued on November 15, 2010, which we refer to as the initial notes, that are validly tendered and not withdrawn for exchange notes.

You may withdraw your tender of initial notes at any time before the expiration of the exchange offer.

The exchange notes that we will issue you in exchange for your initial notes will be substantially identical to your initial notes except that, unlike your initial notes, the exchange notes will have no transfer restrictions or registration rights.

The exchange notes that we will issue you in exchange for your initial notes are new securities with no established market for trading.

**Before participating in the exchange offer, please refer to the section in this prospectus entitled Risk Factors commencing on page 11.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

Broker-dealers who receive exchange notes pursuant to the exchange offer must acknowledge that they will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such exchange notes. Broker-dealers who acquired the initial notes as a result of market-making or other trading activities may use the prospectus for the exchange offer, as supplemented or amended, in connection with resales of the exchange notes.

The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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**PROSPECTUS SUMMARY**

*The following summary highlights basic information about us and the exchange offer. It may not contain all of the information that is important to you. For a more comprehensive understanding of our business and the offering, you should read this entire prospectus, including the sections entitled Risk Factors and the historical and/or pro forma financial statements and the accompanying notes to those statements of Harbinger Group Inc., Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. and Spectrum Brands, Inc. Certain statements in this summary are forward-looking statements. See Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.*

*Unless otherwise indicated in this prospectus or the context requires otherwise, in this prospectus, HGI, we, us or our refers to Harbinger Group Inc. and, where applicable, its consolidated subsidiaries. Harbinger Capital refers to Harbinger Capital Partners LLC. Harbinger Parties refers, collectively, to Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd., Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. and Global Opportunities Breakaway Ltd.*

*Russell Hobbs refers to Russell Hobbs, Inc. and, where applicable, its consolidated subsidiaries. SB/RH Merger means the business combination of Spectrum Brands (as defined below) and Russell Hobbs consummated on June 16, 2010 creating Spectrum Brands Holdings. Spectrum Brands Holdings refers only to Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries. Spectrum Brands refers to Spectrum Brands, Inc. and, where applicable, its consolidated subsidiaries.*

*The term initial notes refers to the 10.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2015 that were issued on November 15, 2010 in a private offering. The term exchange notes refers to the 10.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2015 offered with this prospectus. The term notes refers to the initial notes and the exchange notes, collectively.*

*In this prospectus, on a pro forma basis, unless otherwise stated, means the applicable information is presented on a pro forma basis, giving effect to (i) the Spectrum Brands Acquisition (as defined below) and the other adjustments related to Spectrum Brands Holdings referred to in the introduction to the section entitled Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements and (ii) the issuance of the initial notes and the use of proceeds from such issuance. See The Spectrum Brands Acquisition and Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements, elsewhere in this prospectus.*

**Our Company**

HGI is a holding company that is majority owned by the Harbinger Parties. We were incorporated in Delaware in 1954 under the name Zapata Corporation and reincorporated in Nevada in April 1999 under the same name. On December 23, 2009, we were reincorporated in Delaware under the name Harbinger Group Inc. We had approximately \$139.9 million in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments (including U.S. Government Agency and Treasury securities), as of September 30, 2010. Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) under the symbol HRG .

Since the completion of the disposition of our 57% ownership interest in the common stock of Omega Protein Corporation ( Omega ) in December 2006, we have held substantially all of our assets in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. Since then, we have been actively looking for acquisition or investment opportunities with a principal focus on identifying and evaluating potential acquisitions of operating businesses. These efforts accelerated after the Harbinger Parties acquired 9.9 million shares, or approximately 51.6%, of our common stock in July 2009.

On January 7, 2011, we completed the transactions contemplated by the Contribution and Exchange Agreement, dated as of September 10, 2010 and amended on November 5, 2010 (as amended, the Exchange Agreement ), by and



between us and the Harbinger Parties, pursuant to which we issued approximately 119.9 million shares of our common stock to the Harbinger Parties in exchange for approximately 27.8 million shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock (the Spectrum Brands Acquisition ). See The Spectrum Brands Acquisition for further information. Following the completion of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, we own approximately 54.4% of the outstanding shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock, with a current market value of approximately \$928 million (as of January 14, 2011), and the Harbinger Parties own approximately 93.3% of our outstanding shares of common stock. On a pro forma basis including the proceeds

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of the initial notes, the combined value of our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments, excluding that of Spectrum Brands and net of current liabilities, was approximately \$468 million at September 30, 2010.

We are focused on obtaining controlling equity stakes in subsidiaries that operate across a diversified set of industries. We view the Spectrum Brands Acquisition as a first step in the process. We have identified the following six sectors in which we intend to pursue investment opportunities: consumer products, insurance and financial products, telecom, agriculture, power generation and water and natural resources.

In order to pursue our strategy, we will utilize the investment expertise and industry knowledge of Harbinger Capital, a multi-billion dollar private investment firm based in New York. We believe that the team at Harbinger Capital has a track record of making successful investments across various industries. We believe that our affiliation with Harbinger Capital will enhance our ability to identify and evaluate potential acquisition opportunities appropriate for a permanent capital vehicle. Our corporate structure provides significant advantages compared to the traditional hedge fund structure for long-term holdings as our sources of capital are longer term in nature and thus will more closely match our principal investment strategy. In addition, our corporate structure provides additional options for funding acquisitions, including the ability to use our common stock as a form of consideration.

Philip Falcone, who serves as our Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, founded Harbinger Capital in 2001. Mr. Falcone has over two decades of experience in leveraged finance, distressed debt and special situations. In addition to Mr. Falcone, Harbinger Capital employs a wide variety of professionals, including more than 20 investment professionals with expertise across various industries, including our targeted sectors.

### **Spectrum Brands Holdings**

Spectrum Brands Holdings is a global branded consumer products company with leading market positions in seven major product categories: consumer batteries, pet supplies, home and garden control, electric shaving and grooming, electric personal care, portable lighting products and small household. Spectrum Brands Holdings is a leading worldwide marketer of alkaline, zinc carbon, hearing aid and rechargeable batteries, battery-powered lighting products, electric shavers and accessories, grooming products and hair care appliances, aquariums and aquatic health supplies, specialty pet supplies, insecticides, repellants and herbicides. Spectrum Brands Holdings enjoys strong name recognition in its markets under the *Rayovac*, *VARTA* and *Remington* brands, each of which has been in existence for more than 80 years, and numerous other brands including *Spectracide*, *Cutter*, *Tetra*, *Dingo* and *8-in-1*.

As of September 30, 2010, Spectrum Brands Holdings' products and operations were managed in four operating segments: (i) Global Batteries & Personal Care, which consists of Spectrum Brands Holdings' worldwide battery, shaving and grooming, personal care and portable lighting products businesses, (ii) Global Pet Supplies, which consists of Spectrum Brands Holdings' worldwide pet supplies business, (iii) Home and Garden, which consists of Spectrum Brands Holdings' lawn and garden and insect control businesses, and (iv) Small Appliances, which resulted from SB/RH Merger and consists of small electrical appliances primarily in the kitchen and home product categories.

Spectrum Brands Holdings sells its products in approximately 120 countries through a variety of trade channels, including retailers, wholesalers and distributors, hearing aid professionals, industrial distributors, global online partners, internal e-commerce and original equipment manufacturers. Spectrum Brands Holdings' products are sold in more than one million retail locations globally.

Spectrum Brands Holdings' strategy is to provide quality and value to retailers and consumers worldwide. Most of its products are marketed on the basis of providing the same performance as its competitors for a lower price or better performance for the same price. Spectrum Brands Holdings' goal is to provide the highest returns to its customers and retailers, and to offer superior merchandising and category management. Its promotional spending focus is on winning

at the point of sale, rather than incurring significant advertising expenses. Spectrum Brands Holdings operates in several business categories in which it believes there are high

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barriers to entry and Spectrum Brands Holdings strives to achieve a low cost structure with a global shared services administrative structure, helping it to maintain attractive margins. This operating model, which Spectrum Brands Holdings refers to as the Spectrum value model, is what Spectrum Brands Holdings believes will drive returns for investors and customers.

Russell Hobbs, which was acquired by Spectrum Brands Holdings in the SB/RH Merger, is a leading marketer and distributor of a range of branded small household appliances, including small kitchen and home appliances, pet and pest products and personal care products. Spectrum Brands Holdings believes that the acquisition of Russell Hobbs will provide Spectrum Brands Holdings greater scale, a broader portfolio of brands and the ability to better leverage its distribution and customer network.

With the acquisition of Russell Hobbs, Spectrum Brands Holdings expanded its broad portfolio of well-recognized owned and licensed brand names to include, among others, *George Foreman*, *Black & Decker*, *Russell Hobbs*, *Farberware*, *LitterMaid*, *Juiceman*, *Breadman* and *Toastmaster*.

Russell Hobbs, formerly Salton, Inc. ( Salton ), was created through the merger of Salton and Applica Incorporated ( Applica ) in December 2007 (the Salton-Applica Merger ). Since the Salton-Applica Merger, the Russell Hobbs management team has transformed the company by rationalizing the brand portfolio around its core brands, eliminating approximately 80 underperforming brands and over 1,000 stock keeping units.

Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock trades on the NYSE under the symbol SPB .

**Corporate Structure**

The following represents our current corporate structure.

Note: Zap.Com Corporation, a 98% owned subsidiary of HGI with no operations, is not reflected above.

**Corporate Information**

We are a Delaware corporation and the address of our principal executive office is 450 Park Avenue, 27th Floor, New York, New York 10022. Our telephone number is (212) 906-8555. Our website address is [www.harbingergroupinc.com](http://www.harbingergroupinc.com). Information contained on our website is not part of this prospectus.

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**Summary of the Exchange Offer**

We are offering to issue \$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount of our exchange notes in exchange for a like aggregate principal amount of our initial notes. In order to exchange your initial notes, you must properly tender them, and we must accept your tender. We will exchange all outstanding initial notes that are validly tendered and not validly withdrawn.

Exchange Offer	We will issue our exchange notes in exchange for a like aggregate principal amount of our initial notes.
Expiration Date	The exchange offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on _____, 2011 (the expiration date _____), unless we decide to extend it.
Conditions to the Exchange Offer	<p>We will complete the exchange offer only if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>there is no change in the laws and regulations which would impair our ability to proceed with the exchange offer,</li><li>there is no change in the current interpretation of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) which permits resales of the exchange notes,</li><li>there is no stop order issued by the SEC or any state securities authority suspending the effectiveness of the registration statement which includes this prospectus or the qualification of the indenture for the exchange notes under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 and there are no proceedings initiated or, to our knowledge, threatened for that purpose,</li><li>there is no action or proceeding instituted or threatened in any court or before any governmental agency or body that would reasonably be expected to prohibit, prevent or otherwise impair our ability to proceed with the exchange offer, and</li><li>we obtain all the governmental approvals that we in our sole discretion deem necessary to complete the exchange offer.</li></ul> <p>Please refer to the section in this prospectus entitled "The Exchange Offer Conditions to the Exchange Offer."</p>
Procedures for Tendering Initial Notes	To participate in the exchange offer, you must complete, sign and date the letter of transmittal or its facsimile and transmit it, together with your initial notes to be exchanged and all other documents required by the letter of transmittal, to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as exchange agent (the exchange agent _____), at its address indicated under "The Exchange Offer Exchange Agent." In the alternative, you can tender your initial notes by book-entry delivery following the procedures described in this prospectus. For more information on tendering your notes, please refer to the section in this prospectus entitled "The Exchange Offer Procedures for Tendering Initial Notes."

**Special Procedures for Beneficial Owners** If you are a beneficial owner of initial notes that are registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and you wish to tender your initial notes in the exchange offer, you should contact the registered holder promptly and instruct that person to tender on your behalf.

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Guaranteed Delivery Procedures	If you wish to tender your initial notes and you cannot get the required documents to the exchange agent on time, you may tender your notes by using the guaranteed delivery procedures described under the section of this prospectus entitled <i>The Exchange Offer Procedures for Tendering Initial Notes Guaranteed Delivery Procedure</i> .
Withdrawal Rights	You may withdraw the tender of your initial notes at any time before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date of the exchange offer. To withdraw, you must send a written or facsimile transmission notice of withdrawal to the exchange agent at its address indicated under <i>The Exchange Offer Exchange Agent</i> before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date of the exchange offer.
Acceptance of Initial Notes and Delivery of Exchange Notes	If all the conditions to the completion of the exchange offer are satisfied, we will accept any and all initial notes that are properly tendered in the exchange offer on or before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date. We will return any initial note that we do not accept for exchange to you without expense promptly after the expiration date. We will deliver the exchange notes to you promptly after the expiration date and acceptance of your initial notes for exchange. Please refer to the section in this prospectus entitled <i>The Exchange Offer Acceptance of Initial Notes for Exchange; Delivery of Exchange Notes</i> .
U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations Relating to the Exchange Offer	Exchanging your initial notes for exchange notes will not be a taxable event to you for United States federal income tax purposes. Please refer to the section of this prospectus entitled <i>U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations</i> .
Exchange Agent	Wells Fargo Bank, National Association is serving as exchange agent in the exchange offer.
Fees and Expenses	We will pay all expenses related to the exchange offer. Please refer to the section of this prospectus entitled <i>The Exchange Offer Fees and Expenses</i> .
Use of Proceeds	We will not receive any proceeds from the issuance of the exchange notes. We are making the exchange offer solely to satisfy certain of our obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of November 15, 2010 (the <i>Registration Rights Agreement</i> ), by and among HGI and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Goldman Sachs & Co., as representatives of the initial purchasers, entered into in connection with the offering of the initial notes.
Consequences to Holders Who Do Not Participate in the Exchange Offer	If you do not participate in the exchange offer:  except as set forth in the next paragraph, you will not necessarily be able to require us to register your initial notes under the Securities Act of 1933,





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you will not be able to resell, offer to resell or otherwise transfer your initial notes unless they are registered under the Securities Act or unless you resell, offer to resell or otherwise transfer them under an exemption from the registration requirements of, or in a transaction not subject to, the Securities Act, and

the trading market for your initial notes will become more limited to the extent other holders of initial notes participate in the exchange offer.

You will not be able to require us to register your initial notes under the Securities Act unless:

because of any change in applicable law or in interpretations thereof by the SEC staff, HGI is not permitted to effect the exchange offer;

the exchange offer is not consummated by the 310th day after the issue date of the initial notes (the Issue Date );

any initial purchaser so requests with respect to initial notes held by it that are not eligible to be exchanged for exchange notes in the exchange offer; or

any other holder is prohibited by law or SEC policy from participating in the exchange offer or any holder (other than an exchanging broker-dealer) that participates in the exchange offer does not receive freely tradeable exchange notes on the date of the exchange and, in each case, such holder so requests.

In these cases, the Registration Rights Agreement requires us to file a registration statement for a continuous offering in accordance with Rule 415 under the Securities Act for the benefit of the holders of the initial notes described in this paragraph. We do not currently anticipate that we will register under the Securities Act any notes that remain outstanding after completion of the exchange offer.

Please refer to the section of this prospectus entitled The Exchange Offer Your Failure to Participate in the Exchange Offer Will Have Adverse Consequences.

Resales

It may be possible for you to resell the notes issued in the exchange offer without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act, subject to the conditions described under Obligations of Broker-Dealers below.

To tender your initial notes in the exchange offer and resell the exchange notes without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act, you must make the following representations:

you are authorized to tender the initial notes and to acquire exchange notes, and that we will acquire good and unencumbered title to those initial notes, free and clear of all liens, restrictions, charges and encumbrances and not subject to any adverse claim when the same are accepted by us,

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the exchange notes acquired by you are being acquired in the ordinary course of business,

you have no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in a distribution of the exchange notes and are not participating in, and do not intend to participate in, the distribution of such exchange notes,

you are not an affiliate, as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act, of ours, or you will comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act to the extent applicable,

if you are not a broker-dealer, you are not engaging in, and do not intend to engage in, a distribution of exchange notes, and

if you are a broker-dealer, initial notes to be exchanged were acquired by you as a result of market-making or other trading activities and you will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale, offer to resell or other transfer of such exchange notes.

Please refer to the sections of this prospectus entitled The Exchange Offer Procedure for Tendering Initial Notes Proper Execution and Delivery of Letters of Transmittal, Risk Factors Risks Relating to the Exchange Offer Some persons who participate in the exchange offer must deliver a prospectus in connection with resales of the exchange notes and Plan of Distribution.

**Obligations of Broker-Dealers**

If you are a broker-dealer who receives exchange notes, you must acknowledge that you will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resales of the exchange notes. If you are a broker-dealer who acquired the initial notes as a result of market making or other trading activities, you may use the exchange offer prospectus as supplemented or amended, in connection with resales of the exchange notes. If you are a broker-dealer who acquired the initial notes directly from HGI in the initial offering and not as a result of market making and trading activities, you must, in the absence of an exemption, comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with resales of the exchange notes.

**Summary of Terms of the Exchange Notes**

The following is a summary of the terms of this offering. For a more complete description of the notes as well as the definitions of certain capitalized terms used below, see Description of Notes in this prospectus.

Issuer	Harbinger Group Inc.
Exchange Notes	\$350 million aggregate principal amount of 10.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2015. The forms and terms of the exchange notes are the same as the form and terms of the initial notes except that the issuance of the

exchange notes is registered under the Securities Act, will not bear legends restricting their transfer and the exchange notes will not be entitled to registration rights under our Registration Rights Agreement. The exchange notes will

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evidence the same debt as the initial notes, and both the initial notes and the exchange notes will be governed by the same indenture.

Maturity	November 15, 2015.
Interest	Interest will be payable in cash on May 15 and November 15 of each year, beginning May 15, 2011.
Optional Redemption	<p>On or after May 15, 2013, we may redeem some or all of the exchange notes at any time at the redemption prices set forth in Description of Notes Optional Redemption. In addition, prior to May 15, 2013, we may redeem the exchange notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the exchange notes plus a make-whole premium.</p> <p>Before November 15, 2013, we may redeem up to 35% of the exchange notes, with the proceeds of equity sales at a price of 110.625% of principal plus accrued interest, provided that at least 65% of the original aggregate principal amount of the exchange notes issued under the indenture remains outstanding after the redemption, as further described in Description of Notes Optional Redemption.</p>
Change of Control	Upon a change of control (as defined under Description of Notes ), we will be required to make an offer to purchase the exchange notes. The purchase price will equal 101% of the principal amount of the exchange notes on the date of purchase plus accrued interest. We may not have sufficient funds available at the time of any change of control to make any required debt repayment (including repurchases of the exchange notes). See Risk Factors We may be unable to repurchase the notes upon a change of control.
Guarantors	Any subsidiary that guarantees our debt will guarantee the exchange notes. You should not expect that any subsidiaries will guarantee the exchange notes.
Ranking	<p>The exchange notes will be our senior secured obligations and will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>rank senior in right of payment to our future debt and other obligations that expressly provide for their subordination to the exchange notes;</li><li>rank equally in right of payment to all of our existing and future unsubordinated debt and be effectively senior to all of our unsecured debt to the extent of the value of the collateral; and</li><li>be effectively subordinated to all liabilities of our non-guarantor subsidiaries.</li></ul> <p>As of September 30, 2010, on a pro forma as adjusted basis, after giving effect to the Spectrum Brands Acquisition and the offering of the initial notes, we had no debt other than the initial notes and the total liabilities of</p>

our Spectrum Brands subsidiary was approximately \$2.8 billion, including trade payables.

Collateral

Our obligations under the exchange notes and the indenture are secured by a first priority lien on all of our assets (except for

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certain Excluded Property as defined under Description of Notes ), including, without limitation:

all equity interests of Spectrum Brands Holdings owned by us and related assets;

all cash and investment securities owned by us;

all general intangibles owned by us; and

any proceeds thereof (collectively, the collateral ).

We will be able to incur additional debt in the future that could equally and ratably share in the collateral. The amount of such debt will be limited by the covenants described under Description of Notes Certain Covenants Limitation on Debt and Disqualified Stock and Description of Notes Certain Covenants Limitation on Liens. Under certain circumstances, the amount of such debt could be significant.

Original Issue Discount

Because the initial notes were issued with original issue discount, the exchange notes should be treated as having been issued with original issue discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If the exchange notes are so treated, then a United States Holder (as defined in U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations ) will, in addition to the stated interest on the exchange notes, be required to include such original issue discount in gross income as it accrues, in advance of the receipt of cash. See U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.

Certain Covenants

The indenture contains covenants, subject to specified exceptions, limiting our ability and, in certain cases, our subsidiaries ability to:

incur additional indebtedness;

create liens or engage in sale and leaseback transactions;

pay dividends or make distributions in respect of capital stock;

make certain restricted payments;

sell assets;

engage in transactions with affiliates, except on an arms -length basis; or

consolidate or merge with, or sell substantially all of our assets to, another person.

We will also be required to maintain compliance with certain financial tests, including minimum liquidity and collateral coverage ratios.

You should read Description of Notes Certain Covenants for a description of these covenants.

Absence of a Public Market for the Exchange Notes

The exchange notes are new securities with no established market for them. We cannot assure you that a market for these exchange notes will develop or that this market will be liquid. Please refer to



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the section of this prospectus entitled **Risk Factors** **Risks Relating to the Notes**. An active public market may not develop for the notes, which may hinder your ability to liquidate your investment.

**Form of the Exchange Notes**

The exchange notes will be represented by one or more permanent global securities in registered form deposited on behalf of The Depository Trust Company ( **DTC** ) with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as custodian. You will not receive exchange notes in certificated form unless one of the events described in the section of this prospectus entitled **Description of Notes** **Book Entry; Delivery and Form** **Exchange of Global Notes for Certificated Notes** occurs. Instead, beneficial interests in the exchange notes will be shown on, and transfers of these exchange notes will be effected only through, records maintained in book entry form by **DTC** with respect to its participants.

**Use of Proceeds**

We will not receive any proceeds from the issuance of the exchange notes in exchange for the outstanding initial notes. We are making the exchange offer solely to satisfy our obligations under the **Registration Rights Agreement** entered into in connection with the offering of the initial notes.

**Risk Factors**

Investing in the exchange notes involves substantial risks and uncertainties. See **Risk Factors** and other information included in this prospectus for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in any exchange notes.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*Before acquiring the exchange notes, you should carefully consider the risk factors discussed below. Risks related to our business and the Spectrum Brands Acquisition are discussed below. Risks related to Spectrum Brands Holdings business are included in Annex A hereto. Any of these risk factors could materially and adversely affect our or Spectrum Brands Holdings' business, financial condition and results of operations.*

**Risks Related to the Notes**

*We are a holding company and we are dependent upon dividends or distributions from our operating subsidiaries to fund payments on the notes, and our ability to receive funds from our operating subsidiaries will be dependent upon the profitability of our operating subsidiaries and restrictions imposed by law and contracts.*

We are a holding company that does not itself conduct any business operations. As a result, we will rely upon dividends and other payments from our operating subsidiaries, including Spectrum Brands Holdings and other future acquired businesses, to generate the funds necessary to meet our obligations under the notes. We will be entitled to our proportionate share of any such dividends. Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities and they will have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay amounts due under the notes or to make any funds available to pay those amounts, whether by dividend, distribution, loan or other payments. Spectrum Brands Holdings and its existing and future subsidiaries are expected to be highly leveraged and will be required to dedicate a significant amount of cash to their own debt service needs.

Spectrum Brands Holdings is a holding company with limited business operations of its own and its main asset is the capital stock of its subsidiaries, principally Spectrum Brands. Spectrum Brands' \$300 million senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility due 2014 (the "Spectrum Brands ABL Facility"), its \$750 million senior secured term facility due 2016 (the "Spectrum Brands Term Loan"), the indenture governing its 9.50% senior secured notes due 2018 (the "Spectrum Brands Senior Secured Notes"), the indenture governing its 12% Notes due 2019 (the "Spectrum Brands Senior Subordinated Toggle Notes" and, collectively, the "Spectrum loan agreements") and other agreements substantially limit or prohibit certain payments of dividends or other distributions to Spectrum Brands Holdings. Specifically, (i) each indenture of Spectrum Brands generally prohibits the payment of dividends to shareholders except out of a cumulative basket based on an amount equal to the excess of (a) 50% of the cumulative consolidated net income of Spectrum Brands plus (b) 100% of the aggregate cash proceeds from the sale of equity by Spectrum Brands (or less 100% of the net losses) plus (c) any repayments to Spectrum Brands of certain investments plus (d) in the case of the indenture governing the Spectrum Brands Senior Subordinated Toggle Notes, \$50 million, subject to certain other tests and certain exceptions and (ii) each credit facility of Spectrum Brands generally prohibits the payment of dividends to shareholders except out of a cumulative basket amount limited to \$40 million per year. We expect that future debt of Spectrum Brands and Spectrum Brands Holdings will contain similar restrictions and we do not expect to receive dividends from Spectrum Brands Holdings in the near future.

The ability of our operating subsidiaries to make payments to us will also be subject to, among other things, the availability of profits or funds and requirements of applicable laws, including surplus, solvency and other limits imposed on the ability of companies to pay dividends.

*The notes are structurally subordinated to all liabilities of our subsidiaries and may be diluted by liens granted to secure future indebtedness.*

The notes are our senior secured obligations, secured on a first-lien basis by a pledge of substantially all of our assets, including our equity interests in our directly held subsidiaries, initially consisting of Spectrum Brands Holdings, and all cash and investment securities owned by us. The notes are not, and are not expected to be, guaranteed by any of our current or future subsidiaries. As a result of our holding company structure, claims of creditors of our subsidiaries will generally have priority as to the assets of our subsidiaries over our claims and over claims of the holders of our indebtedness, including the notes. As of September 30, 2010, on a pro forma basis, the notes are structurally subordinated to \$2.8 billion in total liabilities, including trade payables, of our subsidiaries.

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The creditors of our subsidiaries have direct claims on the subsidiaries and their assets and the claims of holders of the notes are structurally subordinated to any existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries. This means that the creditors of our subsidiaries have priority in their claims on the assets of the subsidiaries over our creditors, including the noteholders. All of our other consolidated liabilities, other than the notes, are obligations of our subsidiaries and are effectively senior to the notes.

As a result, upon any distribution to the creditors of any subsidiary in bankruptcy, liquidation, reorganization or similar proceedings, or following acceleration of our indebtedness or an event of default under such indebtedness, the lenders of the indebtedness of our subsidiaries will be entitled to be repaid in full from the proceeds of the assets securing such indebtedness, before any payment is made to holders of the notes from such proceeds. The indenture does not restrict the ability of our subsidiaries to incur additional indebtedness or grant liens secured by assets of our subsidiaries. Further, we may incur future indebtedness, some of which may be secured by liens on the collateral securing the notes, to the extent permitted by the indenture. In any of the foregoing events, we cannot assure you that there will be sufficient assets to pay amounts due on the notes. Holders of the notes will participate ratably with all holders of our senior secured indebtedness secured by the collateral, to the extent of the value of the collateral and potentially with all of our general creditors.

***The ability of the collateral agent to foreclose on the equity of our subsidiaries may be limited.***

The majority of the collateral for our obligations under the notes is a pledge of our equity interests in Spectrum Brands Holdings, and, in the future, other subsidiaries. If the collateral agent is required to exercise remedies and foreclose on the stock of Spectrum Brands Holdings pledged as collateral, it will have the right to require Spectrum Brands Holdings to file and have declared effective a shelf registration statement permitting resales of such stock. However, Spectrum Brands Holdings may not be able to cause such shelf registration statement to become effective or stay effective. The collateral agent's ability to sell Spectrum Brands Holdings stock without a registration statement may be limited pursuant to the securities laws, because such stock is control stock that was issued in a private placement, and the terms of the Stockholder Agreement, dated as of February 9, 2010 (the Spectrum Brands Holdings Stockholder Agreement), by and among the Harbinger Parties and Spectrum Brands Holdings.

The right and ability of the collateral agent to foreclose upon the equity of our subsidiaries upon the occurrence of an event of default is likely to be significantly impaired by applicable bankruptcy law if a bankruptcy proceeding were to be commenced by or against us or a subsidiary of ours prior to the collateral agent having foreclosed upon and sold the equity. Under applicable bankruptcy law, a secured creditor such as the collateral agent may be prohibited from foreclosing upon its security from a debtor in a bankruptcy case or from disposing of security repossessed from such debtor without bankruptcy court approval, which may not be given.

Moreover, the Bankruptcy Code may preclude the secured party from obtaining relief from the automatic stay in order to foreclose upon the equity if the debtor provides adequate protection. The meaning of the term adequate protection varies according to circumstances, but it is generally intended to protect the value of the secured creditor's interest in the collateral from any diminution in the value of the collateral as a result of the stay of repossession or the disposition or any use of the collateral by the debtor during the pendency of the bankruptcy case and may include, if approved by the court, cash payments or the granting of additional security. A bankruptcy court may determine that a secured creditor may not require compensation for a diminution in the value of its collateral if the value of the collateral exceeds the debt it secures.

In view of the lack of a precise definition of the term adequate protection and the broad discretionary powers of a bankruptcy court, it is impossible to predict how long payments under the notes could be delayed following commencement of a bankruptcy case, whether or when the collateral agent could repossess or dispose of the collateral, the value of the collateral at the time of the bankruptcy filing, or whether or to what extent holders of the notes would

be compensated for any delay in payment or diminution in the value of the collateral. The holders of the notes may receive in exchange for their claims a recovery that could be substantially less than the amount of their claims (potentially even nothing) and any such recovery could be in

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the form of cash, new debt instruments or some other security. Furthermore, in the event the bankruptcy court determines that the value of the collateral is not sufficient to repay all amounts due on the notes, the holders of the notes would have an undersecured claim, which means that they would have a secured claim to the extent of the value of the collateral and an unsecured claim for the difference. Applicable federal bankruptcy laws do not permit the payment or accrual of post-petition interest, costs and attorneys' fees for undersecured claims during the debtor's bankruptcy case.

If any of our subsidiaries commenced, or had commenced against it, a bankruptcy proceeding (but we had not commenced a bankruptcy proceeding), the plan of reorganization of such subsidiary could result in the cancellation of our equity interests in such subsidiary and the issuance of the equity in the subsidiary to the creditors of such subsidiary in satisfaction of their claims. At any time, a majority of the assets of Spectrum Brands are pledged as collateral for the Spectrum loan agreements. In a bankruptcy or liquidation, noteholders will only receive value from the equity interests pledged to secure the notes after payment of all debt obligations of Spectrum Brands, Spectrum Brands Holdings and our other subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes.

***Foreclosure on the stock of Spectrum Brands Holdings pledged as collateral would constitute a change of control under the agreements governing Spectrum Brands' debt.***

If the collateral agent were to exercise remedies and foreclose on a sufficient amount of the stock of Spectrum Brands Holdings pledged as collateral for the notes, the foreclosure could constitute a change of control under the agreements governing Spectrum Brands' debt. Under the Spectrum Brands Term Loan and the Spectrum Brands ABL Facility, a change of control is an event of default and, if a change of control were to occur, Spectrum Brands would be required to get an amendment to these agreements to avoid a default. If Spectrum Brands was unable to get such an amendment, the lenders could accelerate the maturity of each of the Spectrum Brands Term Loan and the Spectrum Brands ABL Facility. In addition, under the indentures governing Spectrum Brands Senior Secured Notes and Spectrum Brands Senior Subordinated Toggle Notes, upon a change of control Spectrum Brands is required to offer to repurchase such notes from the holders at a price equal to 101% of principal amount of the notes plus accrued interest. If Spectrum Brands was unable to make the change of control offer, it would be an event of default under the indentures that could allow holders of such notes to accelerate the maturity of the notes. In the event the lenders under the Spectrum loan agreements or holders of Spectrum Brands' notes exercised remedies in connection with a default, their claims to Spectrum Brands' assets will have priority over any claims of the holders of the notes.

***Perfection of security interests in some of the collateral may not occur and, as such, holders of the notes may lose the benefit of such security interests to the extent a default should occur prior to such perfection or if such security interest is perfected during the period immediately preceding our bankruptcy or insolvency or the bankruptcy or insolvency of any guarantor.***

Under the terms of the indenture, if any collateral is not automatically subject to a perfected security interest, then, promptly after the acquisition of such collateral, we will be required to provide security over such collateral. However, perfection of such security interests may not occur immediately. If a default should occur prior to the perfection of such security interests, holders of the notes may not benefit from such security interests.

In addition, if perfection of such security interests were to occur during a period shortly preceding our bankruptcy or insolvency or the bankruptcy or insolvency of any guarantor, such security interests may be subject to categorization as a preference and holders of the notes may lose the benefit of such security interests. In addition, applicable law requires that a security interest in certain tangible and intangible assets can only be properly perfected and its priority retained through certain actions undertaken by the secured party. The liens in the collateral securing the notes may not be perfected with respect to the claims of the notes if the collateral agent is not able to take the actions necessary to perfect any of these liens. The trustee or the collateral agent may not monitor, or we may not inform the trustee or the

collateral agent of, the future acquisition of property and rights that constitute collateral, and necessary action may not be taken to properly perfect the security interest in such after-acquired collateral. Neither the trustee nor the collateral agent has an obligation to monitor the acquisition of additional property or rights that constitute collateral or the perfection

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of any security interest in favor of the notes against third parties. Such failure may result in the loss of the security interest therein or the priority of the security interest in favor of the notes against third parties.

***There are circumstances other than repayment or discharge of the notes under which the collateral securing the notes will be released automatically, without your consent or the consent of the trustee.***

Under various circumstances, collateral securing the notes and guarantees, if any, will be released automatically, including:

upon payment in full of the principal, interest and all other obligations on the notes or a discharge or defeasance thereof;

with respect to collateral held by a guarantor (if any), upon the release of such guarantor from its guarantee; and

a disposition of such collateral to any person other than to us or a guarantor in a transaction that is permitted by the indenture; *provided that*, except in the case of any disposition of cash equivalents in the ordinary course of business, upon such disposition and after giving effect thereto, no default shall have occurred and be continuing, and we would be in compliance with the covenants set forth under Description of Notes Certain Covenants Maintenance of Liquidity, and Description of Notes Maintenance of Collateral Coverage (calculated as if the disposition date was a fiscal quarter-end).

See Description of Notes Security Release of Liens.

***The value of collateral may not be sufficient to repay the notes in full.***

The value of our collateral in the event of liquidation will depend on many factors. In particular, the equity interests of our subsidiaries that is pledged only has value to the extent that the assets of such subsidiaries are worth more than the liabilities of such subsidiaries (and, in a bankruptcy or liquidation, will only receive value after payment upon all such liabilities, including all debt of such subsidiaries). Consequently, liquidating the collateral may not produce proceeds in an amount sufficient to pay any amounts due on the notes. The fair market value of the collateral is subject to fluctuations based on factors that include, among others, prevailing interest rates, the ability to sell the collateral in an orderly sale, general economic conditions, the availability of buyers and similar factors. The amount to be received upon a sale of the collateral would be dependent on numerous factors, including the actual fair market value of the collateral at such time and the timing and the manner of the sale. By its nature, the collateral may be illiquid and may have no readily ascertainable market value. In the event of a foreclosure, liquidation, bankruptcy or similar proceeding, we cannot assure you that the proceeds from any sale or liquidation of the collateral will be sufficient to pay our obligations under the notes. Any claim for the difference between the amount, if any, realized by holders of the notes from the sale of collateral securing the notes and the obligations under the notes will rank equally in right of payment with all of our other unsecured senior debt and other unsubordinated obligations, including trade payables. To the extent that third parties establish liens on the collateral such third parties could have rights and remedies with respect to the assets subject to such liens that, if exercised, could adversely affect the value of the collateral or the ability of the collateral agent or the holders of the notes to realize or foreclose on the collateral. We may also issue additional notes as described above or otherwise incur obligations which would be secured by the collateral, the effect of which would be to increase the amount of debt secured equally and ratably by the collateral. The ability of the holders to realize on the collateral may also be subject to certain bankruptcy law limitations in the event of a bankruptcy. See The ability of the collateral agent to foreclose on the equity of our subsidiaries may be limited above.

***We will in most cases have control over the collateral.***



So long as no event of default shall have occurred and be continuing, and subject to certain terms and conditions, we will be entitled to exercise any voting and other consensual rights pertaining to all equity interests in our subsidiaries pledged pursuant to the security and pledge agreement and to remain in possession and retain exclusive control over the collateral (other than as set forth in the security and pledge agreement) and to collect, invest and dispose of any income thereon.

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***Our significant indebtedness could adversely affect our financial health and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations.***

We have a significant amount of indebtedness. As of September 30, 2010, on a pro forma basis, our total outstanding indebtedness (excluding the indebtedness of our subsidiaries) was \$350 million and our subsidiaries had, on a pro forma basis, approximately \$2.8 billion of indebtedness. Our significant indebtedness could have material consequences. For example, it could:

make it difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to the notes and any other outstanding future debt obligations;

increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions or a downturn in our business;

impair our ability to obtain additional financing in the future for working capital, investments, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes;

require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flows to the payment of principal and interest on our indebtedness, thereby reducing the availability of our cash flows to fund working capital, investments, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes; and

place us at a disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less indebtedness.

Any of these risks could impact our ability to fund our operations or limit our ability to expand our business, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations.

Our ability to make payments on the notes will depend upon the future performance of our operating subsidiaries and the ability to generate cash flow in the future, which are subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control. We cannot assure you that we will generate sufficient cash flow from our operating subsidiaries, or that future borrowings will be available to us, in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay the notes or to fund our other liquidity needs. If the cash flow from our operating subsidiaries is insufficient, we may take actions, such as delaying or reducing investments or acquisitions, attempting to restructure or refinance our indebtedness prior to maturity, selling assets or operations or seeking additional equity capital to supplement cash flow. Any or all of these actions may be insufficient to allow us to service the notes. Further, we may be unable to take any of these actions on commercially reasonable terms, or at all.

***We may and our subsidiaries may incur substantially more indebtedness. This could exacerbate the risks associated with our leverage.***

Subject to the limitations set forth in the indenture, we and our subsidiaries may incur additional indebtedness (including additional first-lien obligations) in the future. If we incur any additional indebtedness that ranks equally with the notes, the holders of that indebtedness will be entitled to share ratably with the holders of the notes in any proceeds distributed in connection with any insolvency, liquidation, reorganization, dissolution or other winding-up of us. If we incur additional secured indebtedness, the holders of such indebtedness will share equally and ratably in the collateral. This may have the effect of reducing the amount of proceeds paid to holders of the notes. If new indebtedness is added to our current levels of indebtedness, the related risks that we now face, including our possible inability to service our debt, could intensify.

***Covenants in the indenture limit, and other future debt agreements may limit, our ability to operate our business.***

The indenture contains, and any of our other future debt agreements may contain, covenants imposing operating and financial restrictions on our business. The indenture requires us to satisfy certain financial tests, including minimum liquidity and collateral coverage ratios. If we fail to meet or satisfy any of these covenants (after applicable cure periods), we would be in default and noteholders (through the trustee or collateral agent, as applicable) could elect to declare all amounts outstanding to be immediately due and payable, enforce their

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interests in the collateral pledged and restrict our ability to make additional borrowings. These agreements may also contain cross-default provisions, so that if a default occurs under any one agreement, the lenders under the other agreements could also declare a default. The covenants and restrictions in the indenture, subject to specified exceptions, restrict our, and in certain cases, our subsidiaries' ability to, among other things:

incur additional indebtedness;

create liens or engage in sale and leaseback transactions;

pay dividends or make distributions in respect of capital stock;

make certain restricted payments;

sell assets;

engage in transactions with affiliates, except on an arms'-length basis; or

consolidate or merge with, or sell substantially all of our assets to, another person.

These restrictions may interfere with our ability to obtain financings or to engage in other business activities, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations. See Description of Notes. These restrictions also may interfere with our ability to make payments on the notes.

***We may be unable to repurchase the notes upon a change of control.***

Under the indenture, each holder of notes may require us to repurchase all of such holder's notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if certain change of control events occur. However, it is possible that we will not have sufficient funds when required under the indenture to make the required repurchase of the notes, especially because such events will likely be a change of control under our subsidiaries' debt documents as well. If we fail to repurchase notes in that circumstance, we will be in default under the indenture. If we are required to repurchase a significant portion of the notes, we may require third party financing as such funds may otherwise only be available to us through a distribution by our subsidiaries to us. We cannot be sure that we would be able to obtain third party financing on acceptable terms, or at all, or obtain such funds through distributions from our subsidiaries.

***An active public market may not develop for the notes, which may hinder your ability to liquidate your investment.***

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market, and we do not intend to list them on any securities exchange or to seek approval for quotations through any automated quotation system. The initial purchasers have advised us that they intend to make a market in the notes, but the initial purchasers are not obligated to do so. The initial purchasers may discontinue any market making in the notes at any time, in their sole discretion. We therefore cannot assure you that:

a liquid market for the notes will develop;

you will be able to sell your notes; or

you will receive any specific price upon any sale of the notes.

We also cannot assure you as to the level of liquidity of the trading market for the notes, if one does develop. If a public market for the notes does develop, the notes could trade at prices that may be higher or lower than their principal amount or purchase price, depending on many factors, including prevailing interest rates, the market for similar notes and our financial performance. If no active trading market develops, you may not be able to resell your notes at their fair market value or at all.

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***The exchange notes should be treated as issued with original issue discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes.***

Because the initial notes were issued with original issue discount, the exchange notes should be treated as issued with original issue discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Thus, U.S. Holders (as defined in U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations ) will be required to include such original issue discount in gross income (as ordinary income) for U.S. federal income tax purposes as it accrues, in accordance with a constant yield method based on a compounding of interest, before the receipt of cash payments attributable to this income and regardless of the U.S. Holder's method of tax accounting. See U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.

***If a bankruptcy petition were filed by or against us, holders of the notes may receive a lesser amount for their claim than they would have been entitled to receive under the indenture.***

If a bankruptcy petition were filed by or against us under the Bankruptcy Code after the issuance of the notes, the claim by any holder of the notes for the principal amount of the notes may be limited to an amount equal to the sum of:

the original issue price for the notes; and

that portion of the original issue discount, if any, that does not constitute unmatured interest for purposes of the Bankruptcy Code.

Any original issue discount that was not amortized as of the date of the bankruptcy filing would constitute unmatured interest. Accordingly, holders of the notes under these circumstances may receive a lesser amount than they would be entitled to under the terms of the indenture, even if sufficient funds are available.

**Risks Related to the Exchange Offer**

***The issuance of the exchange notes may adversely affect the market for the initial notes.***

To the extent the initial notes are tendered and accepted in the exchange offer, the trading market for the untendered and tendered but unaccepted initial notes could be adversely affected. Because we anticipate that most holders of the initial notes will elect to exchange their initial notes for exchange notes due to the absence of restrictions on the resale of exchange notes under the Securities Act, we anticipate that the liquidity of the market for any initial notes remaining after the completion of the exchange offer may be substantially limited. Please refer to the section in this prospectus entitled The Exchange Offer Your Failure to Participate in the Exchange Offer Will Have Adverse Consequences.

***Some persons who participate in the exchange offer must deliver a prospectus in connection with resales of the exchange notes.***

Based on interpretations of the Staff of the SEC contained in Exxon Capital Holdings Corp., SEC no-action letter (April 13, 1988), Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc., SEC no-action letter (June 5, 1991) and Shearman & Sterling, SEC no-action letter (July 2, 1983), we believe that you may offer for resale, resell or otherwise transfer the exchange notes without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. However, in some instances described in this prospectus under Plan of Distribution, you will remain obligated to comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act to transfer your exchange notes. In these cases, if you transfer any exchange note without delivering a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act or without an exemption from registration of your exchange notes under the Securities Act, you may incur liability under the Securities Act. We do not and will not assume, or indemnify you against, this liability.



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**Risks Related to HGI**

*We may not be successful in identifying any additional suitable acquisition or investment opportunities.*

The successful implementation of our business strategy depends on our ability to identify and consummate suitable acquisitions or other investment opportunities. However, to date we have only been able to identify a limited number of such opportunities. There is no assurance that we will be successful in identifying or consummating any additional suitable acquisitions and certain acquisition opportunities may be limited or prohibited by applicable regulatory regimes. Even if we do complete another acquisition or business combination, there is no assurance that it will be successful in enhancing our business or our financial condition. In addition, the Spectrum Brands Acquisition and other acquisitions could divert a substantial amount of our management time and may be difficult for us to integrate, which could adversely affect management's ability to identify and consummate other investment opportunities. The failure to identify or successfully integrate future acquisitions and investment opportunities could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition and our ability to service our debt.

*Because we face significant competition for acquisition and investment opportunities, including from numerous companies with a business plan similar to ours, it may be difficult for us to fully execute our business strategy.*

We expect to encounter intense competition for acquisition and investment opportunities from both strategic investors and other entities having a business objective similar to ours, such as private investors (which may be individuals or investment partnerships), blank check companies, and other entities, domestic and international, competing for the type of businesses that we may intend to acquire. Many of these competitors possess greater technical, human and other resources, or more local industry knowledge, or greater access to capital, than we do and our financial resources will be relatively limited when contrasted with those of many of these competitors. These factors may place us at a competitive disadvantage in successfully completing future acquisitions and investments.

In addition, while we believe that there are numerous target businesses that we could potentially acquire or invest in, our ability to compete with respect to the acquisition of certain target businesses that are sizable will be limited by our available financial resources. This inherent competitive limitation gives others an advantage in pursuing acquisition and investment opportunities.

*Future acquisitions or investments could involve unknown risks that could harm our business and adversely affect our financial condition.*

We expect to become a diversified holding company with interests in a variety of industries and market sectors. The Spectrum Brands Acquisition and future acquisitions that we consummate will involve unknown risks, some of which will be particular to the industry in which the acquisition target operates. We may be unable to adequately address the financial, legal and operational risks raised by such acquisitions, especially if we are unfamiliar with the industry in which we invest. The realization of any unknown risks could prevent or limit us from realizing the projected benefits of the acquisitions, which could adversely affect our financial condition and liquidity. In addition, our financial condition, results of operations and the ability to service our debt, including the notes, will be subject to the specific risks applicable to any company in which we invest.

*Changes in our investment portfolio will likely increase our risk of loss.*

Because our investments in U.S. Government instruments continue to generate nominal returns, we are exploring alternatives (which could include the use of leverage) that could generate higher returns while we search for acquisition opportunities. Any such change in our investment portfolio will likely result in a higher risk of loss to us. The indenture does not generally limit the investments we are permitted to make.





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***There can be no assurance that our due diligence investigations will identify every matter that could have a material adverse effect on our company.***

We intend to conduct extensive business, financial and legal due diligence in connection with the evaluation of future acquisition and investment opportunities. However, there can be no assurance that our due diligence investigations will identify every matter that could have a material adverse effect on the acquisition or investment target.

Accordingly, there may be matters involving the business and operations of investment targets that we do not identify during our due diligence. To the extent we consummate any acquisition or investment and any of these issues arise, the business and operations of the investment target could be adversely affected, which in turn could adversely affect our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity.

***We could consume resources in researching acquisition or investment targets that are not consummated, which could materially adversely affect subsequent attempts to locate and acquire or invest in another business.***

We anticipate that the investigation of each specific acquisition or investment target and the negotiation, drafting, and execution of relevant agreements, disclosure documents, and other instruments will require substantial management time and attention and substantial costs for accountants, attorneys and other advisors. If a decision is made not to consummate a specific business combination, the costs incurred up to that point for the proposed transaction likely would not be recoverable. Furthermore, even if an agreement is reached relating to a specific acquisition or investment target, we may fail to consummate the investment or acquisition for any number of reasons, including those beyond our control. Any such event will result in a loss to us of the related costs incurred, which could adversely affect our financial position and our ability to consummate other acquisitions and investments.

***We may be unable to obtain additional financing to consummate future investments or acquisitions or to fund the operations and growth of an investment or acquisition, which could compel us to restructure the transaction or abandon a particular investment or acquisition.***

We will likely need to obtain additional financing in order to consummate future acquisitions and investment opportunities. We cannot assure you that any additional financing will be available to us on acceptable terms, if at all. This risk is exacerbated by the volatility the global credit markets have experienced over the past several years. To the extent that additional financing proves to be unavailable when needed to consummate a particular investment or acquisition, we may be compelled to either restructure the transaction or abandon the investment or acquisition. In addition, if we consummate an acquisition or investment, the company we acquire or invest in may require additional financing to fund continuing operations and/or growth. The failure by such company to secure additional financing if required could have a material adverse effect on the results of operations of such business, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition.

***Our investments in any future joint investment could be adversely affected by our lack of sole decision-making authority, our reliance on a partner's financial condition and disputes between us and our partners.***

We may in the future co-invest with third parties through partnerships or joint investment in an investment or acquisition target or other entities. In such circumstances, we may not be in a position to exercise significant decision-making authority regarding a target business, partnership or other entity if we do not own a substantial majority of the equity interests of the target. These investments may involve risks not present were a third party not involved, including the possibility that partners might become insolvent or fail to fund their share of required capital contributions. In addition, partners may have economic or other business interests or goals that are inconsistent with our business interests or goals, and may be in a position to take actions contrary to our policies or objectives. Such partners may also seek similar acquisition targets as us and we may be in competition with them for such business combination targets. Disputes between us and partners may result in litigation or arbitration that would increase our

costs and expenses and divert a substantial

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amount of our management's time and effort away from our business. Consequently, actions by, or disputes with, partners might result in subjecting assets owned by the partnership to additional risk. We may also, in certain circumstances, be liable for the actions of our third-party partners. For example, in the future we may agree to guarantee indebtedness incurred by a partnership or other entity. Such a guarantee may be on a joint and several basis with our partner in which case we may be liable in the event such party defaults on its guaranty obligation.

***There may be tax consequences associated with our acquisition, investment, holding and disposition of target companies and assets.***

We may incur significant taxes in connection with effecting acquisitions or investments, holding, receiving payments from, and operating target companies and assets and disposing of target companies or their assets.

***In addition to the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, we may make other significant investments in publicly traded companies. Changes in the market prices of the securities we own, particularly during times of volatility in security prices, can have a material impact on the value of our company portfolio.***

In addition to the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, we may make other significant investments in publicly traded companies. We will either consolidate our investments and subsidiaries or report such investments under the equity method of accounting. Changes in the market prices of the publicly traded securities of these entities could have a material impact on an investor's perception of the aggregate value of our company portfolio and on the value of the assets we can pledge to creditors for debt financing, which in turn could adversely affect our ability to incur additional debt or finance future acquisitions.

***Our ability to dispose of equity interests we acquire may be limited by restrictive stockholder agreements and by the federal securities laws.***

When we acquire less than 100% of the equity interests of a company, our investment may be illiquid and we may be subject to restrictive terms of agreements with other equityholders. For instance, our investment in Spectrum Brands Holdings is subject to the Spectrum Brands Holdings Stockholder Agreement, which may adversely affect our flexibility in managing our investment in Spectrum Brands Holdings. In addition, the shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings we received in the Spectrum Brands Acquisition are not registered under the Securities Act and are, and any other securities we acquire may be, restricted securities under the Securities Act and our ability to sell such securities could be limited to sales pursuant to: (i) an effective registration statement under the Securities Act covering the resale of those securities, (ii) Rule 144 under the Securities Act, which, among other things, requires a specified holding period and limits the manner and volume of sales, or (iii) another applicable exemption under the Securities Act. The inability to efficiently sell restricted securities when desired or necessary may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and liquidity, which could adversely affect our ability to service our debt.

***Any potential acquisition or investment in a foreign company or a company with significant foreign operations, such as Spectrum Brands Holdings, may subject us to additional risks.***

If we acquire or invest in a foreign business or other companies with significant foreign operations, such as Spectrum Brands Holdings, we will be subject to risks inherent in business operations outside of the United States. These risks include, for example, currency fluctuations, complex foreign regulatory regimes, punitive tariffs, unstable local tax policies, trade embargoes, risks related to shipment of raw materials and finished goods across national borders, restrictions on the movement of funds across national borders and cultural and language differences. If realized, some of these risks may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and liquidity, and can have an adverse effect on our ability to service our debt. For risks related to Spectrum Brands Holdings, see Annex A hereto.



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***The Harbinger Parties hold a majority of our outstanding common stock and have interests which may conflict with interests of our other stockholders and holders of the notes. As a result of this ownership, we are a controlled company within the meaning of the NYSE rules and are exempt from certain corporate governance requirements.***

The Harbinger Parties beneficially own shares of our outstanding common stock that collectively constitute more than 90% of our total voting power and, subject to the provisions of our organizational documents, the Harbinger Parties would be able to effect a short-form merger to acquire 100% of our common stock. Because of this, the Harbinger Parties exercise a controlling influence over our business and affairs and have the power to determine all matters submitted to a vote of our stockholders, including the election of directors, the removal of directors, and approval of significant corporate transactions such as amendments to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, mergers and the sale of all or substantially all of our assets. Moreover, a majority of the members of our board of directors were nominated by and are affiliated with or are or were previously employed by the Harbinger Parties or their affiliates. The Harbinger Parties could cause corporate actions to be taken even if the interests of these entities conflict with or are not aligned with the interests of our other stockholders and holders of the notes.

Because of our ownership structure, described above, we qualify for, and rely upon, the controlled company exception to the board of directors and committee composition requirements under the rules of the NYSE (the NYSE rules). Pursuant to this exception, we are exempt from rules that would otherwise require that our board of directors be comprised of a majority of independent directors (as defined under the NYSE rules), and that any compensation committee and corporate governance and nominating committee be comprised solely of independent directors, so long as the Harbinger Parties continue to own more than 50% of our combined voting power.

***We are dependent on certain key personnel and our affiliation with Harbinger Capital; business activities and other matters that affect Harbinger Capital could adversely affect our ability to execute our business strategy.***

We are dependent upon the skills, experience and efforts of Philip A. Falcone, Peter A. Jenson and Francis T. McCarron, our Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, our Chief Operating Officer and our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, respectively. Mr. Falcone is the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of Harbinger Capital and has significant influence over the acquisition opportunities HGI reviews. Mr. Falcone may be deemed to be an indirect beneficial owner of the shares of our common stock owned by the Harbinger Parties. Accordingly, Mr. Falcone may exert significant influence over all matters requiring approval by our stockholders, including the election or removal of directors and stockholder approval of acquisitions or other investment transactions. Mr. Jenson is the Chief Operating Officer of Harbinger Capital and of HGI. Mr. McCarron is currently our only permanent, full-time executive officer. Mr. McCarron is responsible for integrating our financial reporting with Spectrum Brands Holdings and any other businesses we acquire. The loss of Mr. Falcone, Mr. Jenson or Mr. McCarron or other key personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business or operating results.

Under the terms of our management agreement with Harbinger Capital, Harbinger Capital assists us in identifying potential acquisitions. Mr. Falcone's and Harbinger Capital's reputation and access to acquisition candidates is therefore important to our strategy of identifying acquisition opportunities. While we expect that Mr. Falcone and other Harbinger Capital personnel will devote a portion of their time to our business, they are not required to commit their full time to our affairs and will allocate their time between our operations and their other commitments in their discretion.

Harbinger Capital and its affiliates have historically been involved in miscellaneous corporate litigation related to transactions or the protection and advancement of some of their investments, such as litigation over satisfaction of closing conditions or litigation related to proxy contests and tender offers. These actions arise from the investing activities of Harbinger Capital and its affiliates conducted in the ordinary course of their business and do not arise from any allegations of misconduct asserted by investors in the funds against the



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firm or its personnel. Currently, affiliates of Harbinger Capital are defendants in one such action filed by Nacco, Inc., concerning the acquisition by the Harbinger Parties of Applica, Inc., in November 2006.

In addition, Harbinger Capital and its affiliates routinely cooperate with governmental and regulatory examinations, information-gathering requests (including informal requests, subpoenas, and orders seeking documents, testimony, and other information), and investigations and proceedings (both formal and informal). Harbinger Capital and its affiliates are currently cooperating with investigations with respect to particular investments and trading in securities of particular issuers, including investigations by the Department of Justice and the SEC that appear to relate primarily to a loan made by Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P., to Philip Falcone in October 2009. Harbinger Capital and/or its affiliates or investment funds are not currently parties to any litigation or formal enforcement proceeding brought by any governmental or regulatory authority.

If Mr. Falcone's and Harbinger Capital's other business interests or legal matters require them to devote more substantial amounts of time to those businesses or legal matters, it could limit their ability to devote time to our affairs and could have a negative effect on our ability to execute our business strategy. Moreover, their unrelated business activities or legal matters could present challenges which could not only affect the amount of business time that they are able to dedicate to our affairs, but also affect their ability to help us identify, acquire and integrate acquisition candidates.

***Our officers, directors, stockholders and their respective affiliates may have a pecuniary interest in certain transactions in which we are involved, and may also compete with us.***

We have not adopted a policy that expressly prohibits our directors, officers, stockholders or affiliates from having a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any investment to be acquired or disposed of by us or in any transaction to which we are a party or have an interest. Nor do we have a policy that expressly prohibits any such persons from engaging for their own account in business activities of the types conducted by us. Accordingly, such parties may have an interest in certain transactions such as strategic partnerships or joint ventures in which we are involved, and may also compete with us.

***In the course of their other business activities, our officers and directors may become aware of investment and acquisition opportunities that may be appropriate for presentation to our company as well as the other entities with which they are affiliated. Our officers and directors may have conflicts of interest in determining to which entity a particular business opportunity should be presented.***

Our officers and directors may become aware of business opportunities which may be appropriate for presentation to us as well as the other entities with which they are or may be affiliated. Due to our officers' and directors' existing affiliations with other entities, they may have fiduciary obligations to present potential business opportunities to those entities in addition to presenting them to us which could cause additional conflicts of interest. For instance, Messrs. Falcone and Jenson may be required to present investment opportunities to the Harbinger Parties. Accordingly, they may have conflicts of interest in determining to which entity a particular business opportunity should be presented. To the extent that our officers and directors identify business combination opportunities that may be suitable for entities to which they have pre-existing fiduciary obligations, or are presented with such opportunities in their capacities as fiduciaries to such entities, they may be required to honor their pre-existing fiduciary obligations to such entities. Accordingly, they may not present business combination opportunities to us that otherwise may be attractive to such entities unless the other entities have declined to accept such opportunities.

***We will need to increase the size of our organization, and may experience difficulties in managing growth.***



At the parent company level, we do not have significant operating assets and have only 8 employees as of January 14, 2011. In connection with the completion of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, and particularly if we proceed with other acquisitions or investments, we expect to require additional personnel and enhanced information technology systems. Future growth will impose significant added responsibilities on members of

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our management, including the need to identify, recruit, maintain and integrate additional employees and implement enhanced informational technology systems. Our future financial performance and our ability to compete effectively will depend, in part, on our ability to manage any future growth effectively. Future growth will also increase our costs and expenses and limit our liquidity.

***Agreements and transactions involving former subsidiaries may give rise to future claims that could materially adversely impact our capital resources.***

Throughout our history, we have entered into numerous transactions relating to the sale, disposal or spinoff of partially and wholly owned subsidiaries. We may have continuing obligations pursuant to certain of these transactions, including obligations to indemnify other parties to agreements, and may be subject to risks resulting from these transactions. For example, in 2005, we were notified by Weatherford International Inc. ( Weatherford ) of a claim for reimbursement in connection with the investigation and cleanup of purported environmental contamination at two properties formerly owned by one of our non-operating subsidiaries. The claim was made under an indemnification provision given by us to Weatherford in a 1995 asset purchase agreement. There can be no assurance that we will avoid costs and expenses in excess of our reserves in connection with any continuing obligation. If we were to incur any such costs and expenses, our results of operations, financial position and liquidity could be materially adversely affected.

***From time to time we may be subject to litigation for which we may be unable to accurately assess our level of exposure and which, if adversely determined, may have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition or results of operations.***

We and our subsidiaries are or may become parties to legal proceedings that are considered to be either ordinary or routine litigation incidental to our or their current or prior businesses or not material to our consolidated financial position or liquidity. There can be no assurance that we will prevail in any litigation in which we or our subsidiaries may become involved, or that our or their insurance coverage will be adequate to cover any potential losses. To the extent that we or our subsidiaries sustain losses from any pending litigation which are not reserved or otherwise provided for or insured against, our business, results of operations, cash flows and/or financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

HGI is a nominal defendant, and the members of our board of directors are named as defendants in a derivative action filed in December 2010 by Alan R. Kahn in the Delaware Court of Chancery. The plaintiff alleges that the Spectrum Brands Acquisition is financially unfair to HGI and its public stockholders and seeks unspecified damages and the rescission of the transaction. We believe the allegations are without merit and intend to vigorously defend this matter.

***We may suffer adverse consequences if we are deemed an investment company under the Investment Company Act and we may be required to incur significant costs to avoid investment company status and our activities may be restricted.***

We hold substantially all of our assets in cash, cash equivalents and investments in U.S. Government Agency and Treasury securities and in the common stock of Spectrum Brands Holdings. In addition, we have not held, and do not hold, ourself out as an investment company. We have been conducting a good faith search for additional merger or acquisition candidates, and have repeatedly and publicly disclosed our intention to acquire additional businesses. We believe that we are not an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the Investment Company Act ). The Investment Company Act contains substantive legal requirements that regulate the manner in which investment companies are permitted to conduct their business activities. If the SEC or a court were to disagree with us, we could be required to register as an investment company. This would negatively affect our ability to consummate an acquisition of an operating company, subject us to disclosure and accounting guidance geared toward investment,

rather than operating, companies; limit our ability to borrow money, issue options, issue multiple classes of stock and debt, and engage in transactions with affiliates; and require us to undertake significant costs and expenses to meet the disclosure and regulatory requirements to which we would be subject as a registered investment company.

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In order not to be regulated as an investment company under the Investment Company Act, unless we can qualify for an exemption, we must ensure that we are engaged primarily in a business other than investing, reinvesting, owning, holding or trading in securities (as defined in the Investment Company Act) and that we do not own or acquire investment securities having a value exceeding 40% of the value of our total assets (exclusive of U.S. government securities and cash items) on an unconsolidated basis. Rule 3a-1 of the Investment Company Act provides an exemption from registration as an investment company if a company meets both an asset and an income test and is not otherwise primarily engaged in an investment company business by, among other things, holding itself out to the public as such or by taking controlling interests in companies with a view to realizing profits through subsequent sales of these interests. A company satisfies the asset test of Rule 3a-1 if it has no more than 45% of the value of its total assets (adjusted to exclude U.S. Government securities and cash) in the form of securities other than interests in majority-owned subsidiaries and companies which it primarily and actively controls. A company satisfies the income test of Rule 3a-1 if it has derived no more than 45% of its net income for its last four fiscal quarters combined from securities other than interests in majority owned subsidiaries and primarily controlled companies.

***We may be subject to an additional tax as a personal holding company on future undistributed personal holding company income if we generate passive income in excess of operating expenses.***

Section 541 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), subjects a corporation which is a personal holding company (PHC), as defined in the Code, to a 15% tax on undistributed personal holding company income in addition to the corporation's normal income tax. Generally, undistributed personal holding company income is based on taxable income, subject to certain adjustments, most notably a deduction for federal income taxes and a modification of the usual net operating loss deduction. Personal holding company income (PHC Income) is comprised primarily of passive investment income plus, under certain circumstances, personal service income. A corporation generally is considered to be a PHC if (i) at least 60% of its adjusted ordinary gross income is PHC Income and (ii) more than 50% in value of its outstanding common stock is owned, directly or indirectly, by five or fewer individuals (including, for this purpose, certain organizations and trusts) at any time during the last half of the taxable year.

We did not incur a PHC tax for the 2009 fiscal year, because we had a sufficiently large net operating loss for that fiscal year. We also had a net operating loss for the 2010 fiscal year. However, so long as the Harbinger Funds hold more than 50% in value of our outstanding common stock at any time during any future tax year, it is possible that we will be considered a PHC if at least 60% of our adjusted ordinary gross income consists of PHC Income as discussed above. Thus, there can be no assurance that we will not be subject to this tax in the future, which, in turn, may materially adversely impact our financial position, results of operations, cash flows and liquidity, which in turn could adversely affect our ability to make debt service payments on the notes. In addition, if we are subject to this tax during future periods, statutory tax rate increases could significantly increase tax expense and adversely affect operating results and cash flows. Specifically, the current 15% tax rate on undistributed PHC Income is scheduled to expire at the end of 2012, so that, absent a statutory change, the rate will revert back to the highest individual ordinary income rate of 39.6% for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012.

***Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires us to document and test our internal controls over financial reporting and to report on our assessment as to the effectiveness of these controls. Any delays or difficulty in satisfying these requirements or negative reports concerning our internal controls could adversely affect our future results of operations and financial condition.***

We may in the future discover areas of our internal controls that need improvement, particularly with respect to acquired businesses and businesses that we may acquire in the future. We cannot be certain that any remedial measures we take will ensure that we implement and maintain adequate internal controls over our financial reporting processes and reporting in the future. Any failure to implement required new or improved controls, or difficulties

encountered in their implementation, could harm our operating results or cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations. If we are unable to conclude that we have effective internal controls over financial reporting, or if our independent registered public accounting firm is unable to provide us with

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an unqualified report regarding the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, investors could lose confidence in the reliability of our financial statements. Failure to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 could potentially subject us to sanctions or investigations by the SEC, or other regulatory authorities. In addition, failure to comply with our SEC reporting obligations may cause an event of default to occur under the indenture, or similar instruments governing any debt we incur in the future.

Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the period ended September 30, 2009 stated that we did not maintain effective controls over the application and monitoring of our accounting for income taxes. Specifically, we did not have controls designed and in place to ensure the accuracy and completeness of financial information provided by third party tax advisors used in accounting for income taxes and the determination of deferred income tax assets and the related income tax provision and the review and evaluation of the application of generally accepted accounting principles relating to accounting for income taxes. This control deficiency resulted in the restatement of our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the quarter ended September 30, 2009. Accordingly, we determined that this control deficiency constituted a material weakness as of September 30, 2009. As of the period ended December 31, 2009, we concluded that our ongoing remediation efforts resulted in control enhancements which had operated for an adequate period of time to demonstrate operating effectiveness. Although we believe that this material weakness has been remediated, there can be no assurance that similar weaknesses will not occur in the future which could adversely affect our future results of operations or financial condition.

In addition, if we were to acquire a previously privately owned company, we may incur significant additional costs in order to ensure that after such acquisition we continue to comply with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and other public company requirements, which in turn would reduce our earnings and negatively affect our liquidity. A target company may not be in compliance with the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 regarding adequacy of their internal controls and may not be otherwise set up for public company reporting. The development of an adequate financial reporting system and the internal controls of any such entity to achieve compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 may increase the time and costs necessary to complete any business combination. Furthermore, any failure to implement required new or improved controls, or difficulties encountered in the implementation of adequate controls over our financial processes and reporting in the future, could harm our operating results or cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations.

### **Risks Related to the Spectrum Brands Acquisition**

*We have incurred and expect to continue to incur substantial costs associated with the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, which will reduce the amount of cash otherwise available for other corporate purposes, and our financial results and liquidity may be adversely affected.*

We have incurred and expect to continue to incur substantial costs in connection with the Spectrum Brands Acquisition. These costs will reduce the amount of cash otherwise available to us for acquisitions and investments and other corporate purposes. There is no assurance that the actual costs will not exceed our estimates. We may incur additional material charges reflecting additional costs associated with the our oversight of Spectrum Brands and the integration of our financial reporting in fiscal quarters subsequent to the quarter in which the Spectrum Brands Acquisition was consummated.

*The pro forma financial statements presented are not necessarily indicative of our future financial condition or results of operations.*

The pro forma financial statements contained in this prospectus are presented for illustrative purposes only and may not be indicative of our future financial condition or results of operations. The pro forma financial statements have

been derived from the historical financial statements of our company and Spectrum Brands Holdings, and many adjustments and assumptions have been made regarding Spectrum Brands Holdings (giving effect to the SB/RH Merger) and our company after giving effect to the Spectrum Brands Acquisition. The information upon which these adjustments and assumptions have been made is preliminary,

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and these kinds of adjustments and assumptions are difficult to make with complete accuracy. Moreover, the pro forma financial statements do not reflect all costs that are expected to be incurred by us in connection with the Spectrum Brands Acquisition and by Spectrum Brands Holdings as a result of the SB/RH Merger. For example, the impact of any incremental costs incurred in integrating Spectrum Brands and Russell Hobbs and integrating our financial reporting requirements with Spectrum Brands is not reflected in the pro forma financial statements. As a result, the actual financial condition and results of operations of our company following the Spectrum Brands Acquisition may not be consistent with, or evident from, these pro forma financial statements.

The assumptions used in preparing the pro forma financial information may not prove to be accurate, and other factors may affect our future financial condition or results of operations. Any potential decline in our financial condition or results of operations could adversely affect our liquidity and ability to make interest or principal payments on the notes.

***There can be no assurance that we have identified every matter that could have a material adverse effect on Spectrum Brands Holdings or its subsidiaries.***

Although we have conducted business, financial and legal due diligence in connection with the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, there can be no assurance that due diligence has identified every matter that could have a material adverse effect on Spectrum Brands Holdings or its subsidiaries. Accordingly, there may be matters involving either Spectrum Brands Holdings or its subsidiaries and their respective operations that were not identified during our due diligence. Any of these matters could materially adversely affect our future financial condition.



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**SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

We have made in this prospectus forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties. These statements are based on the beliefs and assumptions of our management and the management of Spectrum Brands Holdings. Generally, forward-looking statements include information concerning possible or assumed future actions, events or results of operations of our company. Forward-looking statements specifically include, without limitation, the information regarding: efficiencies/cost avoidance, cost savings, income and margins, growth, economies of scale, combined operations, the economy, future economic performance, conditions to, and the timetable for, completing the integration of Spectrum Brands Holdings financial reporting with ours, completing future acquisitions and dispositions, litigation, potential and contingent liabilities, management's plans, business portfolios, changes in regulations and taxes.

Forward-looking statements may be preceded by, followed by or include the words may, will, believe, expect, anticipate, intend, plan, estimate, could, might, or continue or the negative or other variations thereof or other terminology.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of performance. You should understand that the following important factors, in addition to those discussed in the section captioned Risk Factors and in Annex A, Risk Factors of Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc., could affect the future results of our company, and could cause those results or other outcomes to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements.

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Important factors that could affect our future results, include, without limitation, the following:

our inability to successfully identify additional suitable acquisition opportunities and future acquisitions potentially involving various risks;

difficulty in fully executing our business strategy due to significant competition for acquisition and investment opportunities, including from numerous companies with a business plan similar to ours;

various unknown risks and uncertainties that would result from future acquisitions;

the inability to obtain additional financing to consummate future investments or acquisitions or to fund the operations and growth of an investment or acquisition, which could compel us to restructure the transaction or abandon a particular investment or acquisition;

changes in the market prices of publicly traded equity interests that we may acquire, particularly during times of volatility in security prices, could impact the aggregate value of our company portfolio and equity;

our ability to dispose of equity interests that we may acquire may be limited by restrictive stockholder agreements and by securities laws;

our principal stockholders hold a majority of our outstanding common stock and have interests which may conflict with interests of our stockholders and holders of the notes, and as a result of this ownership, we are a controlled company within the meaning of the NYSE rules and are exempt from certain corporate governance requirements;

our dependence on certain key personnel;

our officers, directors, stockholders and their respective affiliates may have a pecuniary interest in certain transactions in which we are involved, and may also compete with us;

changes in our investment portfolio will likely increase our risk of loss and subject us to additional risks;

our ability to increase the size of our organization and manage our growth;

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we may suffer adverse consequences if we are deemed an investment company and we may incur significant costs to avoid investment company status;

we may be subject to an additional tax as a personal holding company on future undistributed personal holding company income if we generate passive income in excess of operating expenses;

agreements and transactions involving former subsidiaries may give rise to future claims that could materially adversely impact our capital resources;

our investments in any future joint investment could be adversely affected by our lack of sole decision-making authority, our reliance on a partner's financial condition and disputes between us and our partners;

resources could be wasted in researching acquisition or investment targets that are not consummated;

there may be tax consequences associated with our acquisition, holding and disposition of target companies and assets;

litigation defense and settlement costs with respect to our prior businesses may be material;

Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires us to document and test our internal controls over financial reporting and to report on our assessment as to the effectiveness of these controls. Any delays or difficulty in satisfying these requirements or negative reports concerning our internal controls could adversely affect our future results of operations;

we may issue notes or other debt securities, or otherwise incur substantial debt, which may adversely affect our leverage and financial condition; and

our ability to successfully integrate Spectrum Brands Holdings' financial reporting with our financial reporting.

**Spectrum Brands Holdings**

Spectrum Brands Holdings' actual results or other outcomes from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements may be affected by a variety of important factors, including, without limitation, the following:

the impact of Spectrum Brands' substantial indebtedness on its business, financial condition and results of operations;

the impact of restrictions in Spectrum Brands' debt instruments on its ability to operate its business, finance its capital needs or pursue or expand business strategies;

any failure to comply with financial covenants and other provisions and restrictions of Spectrum Brands' debt instruments;

Spectrum Brands' ability to successfully integrate the business acquired in connection with the combination with Russell Hobbs and achieve the expected synergies from that integration at the expected costs;

the impact of expenses resulting from the implementation of new business strategies, divestitures or current and proposed restructuring activities;

the impact of fluctuations in commodity prices, costs or availability of raw materials or terms and conditions available from suppliers, including suppliers' willingness to advance credit;

interest rate and exchange rate fluctuations;

the loss of, or a significant reduction in, sales to a significant retail customer(s);

competitive promotional activity or spending by competitors or price reductions by competitors;

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the introduction of new product features or technological developments by competitors and/or the development of new competitors or competitive brands;

the effects of general economic conditions, including inflation, recession or fears of a recession, depression or fears of a depression, labor costs and stock market volatility or changes in trade, monetary or fiscal policies in the countries where Spectrum Brands does business;

changes in consumer spending preferences and demand for Spectrum Brands products;

Spectrum Brands ability to develop and successfully introduce new products, protect its intellectual property and avoid infringing the intellectual property of third parties;

Spectrum Brands ability to successfully implement, achieve and sustain manufacturing and distribution cost efficiencies and improvements, and fully realize anticipated cost savings;

the cost and effect of unanticipated legal, tax or regulatory proceedings or new laws or regulations (including environmental, public health and consumer protection regulations);

public perception regarding the safety of Spectrum Brands products, including the potential for environmental liabilities, product liability claims, litigation and other claims;

the impact of pending or threatened litigation;

changes in accounting policies applicable to Spectrum Brands business;

government regulations;

the seasonal nature of sales of certain of Spectrum Brands products;

the effects of climate change and unusual weather activity; and

the effects of political or economic conditions, terrorist attacks, acts of war or other unrest in international markets.

We also caution the reader that undue reliance should not be placed on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this prospectus. We do not undertake any duty or responsibility to update any of these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus or to reflect actual outcomes.

**THE SPECTRUM BRANDS ACQUISITION**

On June 16, 2010, Spectrum Brands Holdings completed the SB/RH Merger pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 9, 2010, as amended, by and among Spectrum Brands Holdings, Russell Hobbs, Spectrum Brands, Battery Merger Corp. and Grill Merger Corp. (the Merger Agreement). As a result of the completion of the SB/RH Merger, Russell Hobbs became a wholly owned subsidiary of Spectrum Brands, Spectrum Brands became a wholly owned subsidiary of Spectrum Brands Holdings and the stockholders of Spectrum Brands immediately prior to the consummation of the SB/RH Merger received shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock in exchange for their shares of Spectrum Brands common stock. Immediately prior to the SB/RH Merger, the

Harbinger Parties owned approximately 40.6% of the outstanding shares of Spectrum Brands common stock and 100% of the outstanding capital stock of Russell Hobbs and had an outstanding term loan to Russell Hobbs. Upon the completion of the SB/RH Merger, the stockholders of Spectrum Brands (other than the Harbinger Parties) owned approximately 36% of the outstanding shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock and the Harbinger Parties owned approximately 64% of the outstanding shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock. The Spectrum Brands common stock was delisted from the NYSE and shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock were listed on the NYSE under the ticker symbol `SPB`. Additional information about Russell Hobbs, a subsidiary of Spectrum Brands, can be found in HGI's Definitive Information Statement filed by HGI with the SEC on November 5, 2010.

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On January 7, 2011, we completed the Spectrum Brands Acquisition pursuant to the Exchange Agreement. As a result, the Harbinger Parties contributed 27,756,905 shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock, or approximately 54.4% of the outstanding Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock, to us in exchange for 119,909,829 newly issued shares of our common stock. This exchange ratio of 4.32 to 1.00 was based on the respective volume weighted average trading prices of our common stock (\$6.33) and Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock (\$27.36) on the NYSE for the 30 trading days from and including July 2, 2010 to and including August 13, 2010, the day we received the Harbinger Parties' proposal for the Spectrum Brands Acquisition.

After the completion of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, the Harbinger Parties own approximately 93.3% of our outstanding shares of common stock and the Harbinger Parties and Harbinger Capital together directly own approximately 12.7% of the outstanding shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock.

Upon the consummation of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, we became a party to the existing Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of February 9, 2010 (the Spectrum Brands Holdings Registration Rights Agreement), by and among the Harbinger Parties, Spectrum Brands Holdings, and Avenue International Master, L.P., Avenue Investments, L.P., Avenue Special Situations Fund IV, L.P., Avenue Special Situations Fund V, L.P. and Avenue-CDP Global Opportunities Fund, L.P. (the Avenue Parties). Under the Spectrum Brands Holdings Registration Rights Agreement, we have certain demand and piggy back registration rights with respect to our shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock.

Under the Spectrum Brands Holdings Registration Rights Agreement, we, the Harbinger Parties or the Avenue Parties may demand that Spectrum Brands Holdings register all or a portion of our or their respective shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock for sale under the Securities Act, so long as the anticipated aggregate offering price of the securities to be offered is (i) at least \$30 million if registration is to be effected pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1 or a similar long-form registration or (ii) at least \$5 million if registration is to be effected pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3 or a similar short-form registration.

The Spectrum Brands Holdings Registration Rights Agreement also provides that if Spectrum Brands Holdings decides to register shares of its common stock for its own account or the account of a stockholder other than us, the Harbinger Parties and the Avenue Parties (subject to certain exceptions set forth in the agreement), we, the Harbinger Parties or the Avenue Parties may require Spectrum Brands Holdings to include all or a portion of their shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock in the registration and, to the extent the registration is in connection with an underwritten public offering, to have such shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock included in the offering.

Following the consummation of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, we also became a party to the Spectrum Brands Holdings Stockholder Agreement. Under the Spectrum Brands Holdings Stockholder Agreement, the parties agree that, among other things:

Spectrum Brands Holdings will maintain (i) a special nominating committee of its board of directors (the Special Nominating Committee) consisting of three Independent Directors (as defined in the Spectrum Brands Holdings Stockholder Agreement), (ii) a nominating and corporate governance committee of its board of directors (the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee) and (iii) an Audit Committee in accordance with the NYSE rules;

for so long as we (together with our affiliates, including the Harbinger Parties) own 40% or more of Spectrum Brands Holdings' outstanding voting securities, we will vote our shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock to effect the structure of Spectrum Brands Holdings' board of directors described in the Spectrum Brands Holdings Stockholder Agreement and to ensure that Spectrum Brands Holdings' chief executive officer is

elected to its board of directors;

neither Spectrum Brands Holdings nor any of its subsidiaries will be permitted to pay any monitoring or similar fee to us or our affiliates, including the Harbinger Parties;



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we will not effect any transfer of Spectrum Brands Holdings equity securities to any person that would result in such person and its affiliates beneficially owning 40% or more of Spectrum Brands Holdings outstanding voting securities, unless (i) such person agrees to be bound by the terms of the Spectrum Brands Holdings Stockholder Agreement, (ii) the transfer is pursuant to a bona fide acquisition of Spectrum Brands Holdings approved by Spectrum Brands Holdings board of directors and a majority of the members of the Special Nominating Committee, (iii) the transfer is otherwise specifically approved by Spectrum Brands Holdings board of directors and a majority of the Special Nominating Committee, or (iv) the transfer is of 5% or less of Spectrum Brands Holdings outstanding voting securities;

before June 16, 2011, we will not (and we will not permit any of our affiliates, including the Harbinger Parties, to) make any public announcement with respect to, or submit a proposal for, or offer in respect of, a Going-Private Transaction (as defined in the Spectrum Brands Holdings Stockholder Agreement) of Spectrum Brands Holdings unless such action is specifically requested in writing by the board of directors of Spectrum Brands Holdings with the approval of a majority of the members of the Special Nominating Committee. In addition, under Spectrum Brands Holdings certificate of incorporation, no stockholder that (together with its affiliates) owns 40% or more of the outstanding voting securities of Spectrum Brands Holdings (the 40% Stockholder ) shall, or shall permit any of its affiliates or any group which such 40% Stockholder or any person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by such 40% Stockholder is a member of, to engage in any transactions that would constitute a Going-Private Transaction, unless such transaction satisfies certain requirements;

we will have certain inspection rights so long as we and our affiliates, including the Harbinger Parties, own, in the aggregate, at least 15% of the outstanding Spectrum Brands Holdings voting securities; and

we will have certain rights to obtain Spectrum Brands information, at our expense, for so long as we own at least 10% of the outstanding Spectrum Brands Holdings voting securities.

The provisions of the Spectrum Brands Holdings Stockholder Agreement (other than with respect to information and investigation rights) will terminate on the date on which we and our affiliates (including the Harbinger Parties) no longer beneficially own 40% of outstanding Spectrum Brands Holdings voting securities. The Spectrum Brands Holdings Stockholder Agreement terminates when any person or group owns 90% or more of the outstanding voting securities of Spectrum Brands Holdings.

In order to permit the collateral agent to exercise the remedies under the indenture and foreclose on the Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock pledged as collateral for the notes upon an event of default under the indenture, on January 7, 2011, simultaneously with the closing of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, the collateral agent became a party to the Spectrum Brands Holdings Stockholder Agreement and will, subject to certain exceptions, become subject to all of its covenants, terms and conditions to the same extent as HGI prior to such event of default.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We will not receive any cash proceeds from the issuance of the exchange notes in exchange for the outstanding initial notes. We are making this exchange solely to satisfy our obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement. In consideration for issuing the exchange notes, we will receive initial notes in like aggregate principal amount.

The gross proceeds from the offering of the initial notes were approximately \$345 million. We used approximately \$11 million of the proceeds to pay fees and expenses incurred in connection with the initial notes offering.



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The following table sets forth our unaudited consolidated cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and consolidated capitalization as of September 30, 2010:

on an actual basis;

on a pro forma basis to give effect to (i) the Spectrum Brands Acquisition and issuance of our common stock to effect the Spectrum Brands Acquisition and (ii) the issuance of the initial notes and the use of proceeds from such issuance.

You should read this table together with Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements, Use of Proceeds, The Spectrum Brands Acquisition and our historical financial statements and related notes and the financial statements and related notes of each of Spectrum Brands Holdings, Spectrum Brands and Russell Hobbs included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	<b>HGI As of September 30, 2010</b>	<b>Pro Forma As of September 30, 2010</b>
	<b>(In millions)</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 86.0	\$ 590.4
Short-term investments	54.0	54.0
<b>Debt:</b>		
<b>HGI Debt:</b>		
Notes		350.0
<b>Spectrum Brands Debt:</b>		
Spectrum Brands ABL Facility(1)		
Foreign Credit Facilities and Other		25.4
Spectrum Brands Term Loan(2)		750.0
Spectrum Brands Senior Secured Notes(3)		750.0
Spectrum Brands Senior Subordinated Toggle Notes(4)		245.0
Less: Original issuance discounts on debt		(31.6)
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 2,088.8</b>
Total HGI stockholders' equity	\$ 132.9	\$ 702.2
<b>Total capitalization</b>	<b>\$ 132.9</b>	<b>\$ 2,791.0</b>

(1) The Spectrum Brands ABL Facility provides for borrowings of up to \$300 million from time to time, subject to a borrowing base formula. As of September 30, 2010, no loans and \$37 million of letters of credit were outstanding under the Spectrum Brands ABL Facility and Spectrum Brands had the ability to borrow up to an additional

\$225 million, subject to satisfaction of customary borrowing conditions. The Spectrum Brands ABL Facility matures in June 2014.

- (2) Consists of \$750 million aggregate principal amount of borrowings under the Spectrum Brands Term Loan that was borrowed at a discount of approximately \$15 million. This discount accretes and is included in interest expense as this facility matures. The Spectrum Brands Term Loan matures in June 2016.
- (3) Consists of \$750 million aggregate principal amount of the Spectrum Brands Senior Secured Notes that were issued at a discount of approximately \$10 million. This discount accretes and is included in interest expense as the Spectrum Brands Senior Secured Notes mature. The Spectrum Brands Senior Secured Notes mature in June 2018.
- (4) As of September 30, 2010, \$245 million aggregate principal amount of the Spectrum Brands Senior Subordinated Toggle Notes was outstanding (including notes issued as payment of interest in kind). Spectrum Brands may elect to pay interest under the Spectrum Brands Senior Subordinated Toggle Notes in cash or as a payment in kind through the semi-annual interest period ended February 2011. The Spectrum Brands Senior Subordinated Toggle Notes mature in August 2019.

**Table of Contents****UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 and for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, the date of our latest publicly available financial information, gives effect to (i) the Spectrum Brands Acquisition as well as the effect of (ii) the SB/RH Merger, (iii) the emergence of Spectrum Brands from bankruptcy in August 2009 and the application of fresh-start accounting and (iv) the offering of the initial notes.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements shown below reflect historical financial information and have been prepared on the basis that the Spectrum Brands Acquisition is accounted for under Accounting Standards Codification Topic 805: Business Combinations ( ASC 805 ) as a transaction between entities under common control. In accordance with the guidance in ASC 805, the assets and liabilities transferred between entities under common control should be recorded by the receiving entity based on their carrying amounts (or at the historical cost basis of the parent, if these amounts differ). Although we issued shares of our common stock to effect the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, for accounting purposes Spectrum Brands will be treated as the predecessor and receiving entity of HGI since Spectrum Brands was an operating business in prior periods, whereas HGI was not. As Spectrum Brands was determined to be the accounting acquirer in the SB/RH Merger, the financial statements of Spectrum Brands will be presented as our predecessor entity for periods preceding the SB/RH Merger. After the issuance of the shares of our common stock to the Harbinger Parties to effect the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, our parent (the Harbinger Parties) owns approximately 93% of our outstanding common stock. Spectrum Brands, as the predecessor and under common ownership of the Harbinger Parties, will record HGI's assets and liabilities at the Harbinger Parties' basis as of the date that common control was first established (June 16, 2010). The carrying value of HGI's assets and liabilities approximated the Harbinger Parties' basis at that date.

The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined balance sheet at September 30, 2010 is presented on a basis to reflect (i) the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, (ii) the issuance of our common stock to effect the Spectrum Brands Acquisition and (iii) the offering of the initial notes, as if each had occurred on September 30, 2010. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 is presented on a basis to reflect (i) the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, (ii) the issuance of our common stock to effect the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, (iii) the SB/RH Merger and (iv) the offering of the initial notes, as if each had occurred on January 1, 2009. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2009 is presented on a basis to reflect (i) the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, (ii) the issuance of our common stock to effect the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, (iii) the SB/RH Merger and (iv) the offering of the initial notes, as if each had occurred on January 1, 2009, and (v) the emergence of Spectrum Brands from bankruptcy in August 2009 and the application of fresh-start accounting, as if the emergence had occurred on October 1, 2008 (the beginning of Spectrum Brands' fiscal year). Because of different fiscal year-ends, and in order to present results for comparable periods, the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2009 combines the historical consolidated statement of operations of HGI for the year then ended with the derived historical results of operations of Russell Hobbs for the twelve months ended December 31, 2009 and the historical consolidated statement of operations of Spectrum Brands for its fiscal year ended September 30, 2009. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 combines the historical condensed consolidated statement of operations of HGI for the nine months then ended with the derived historical results of operations of Russell Hobbs for the six months ended March 31, 2010, the last quarter end reported by Russell Hobbs prior to the SB/RH Merger, and the derived historical results of operations of SB Holdings for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 (which include Russell Hobbs' results of operations for the most recent three-month period ended September 30, 2010). Spectrum Brands' historical consolidated statement of operations for the three-month period ended January 3, 2010 has been excluded from the interim results in order to

present results comparable to HGI's nine-month period ended September 30, 2010. The results of Russell Hobbs have been excluded for the stub period from June 16, 2010, the date of the SB/RH Merger, to July 4, 2010 for pro forma purposes, since comparable results are included in the derived historical results of operations of Russell Hobbs for the six-month period ended March 31, 2010. Pro forma adjustments are made in order to reflect the

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potential effect of the transactions on the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations. As a result of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, the financial statements of Spectrum Brands, as predecessor, will replace those of HGI for periods prior to the Spectrum Brands Acquisition. Those financial statements will reflect the SB/RH Merger effective June 16, 2010. We do not present any pro forma annual periods prior to January 1, 2009 since these would be the same as Spectrum Brands' historical financial statements as the predecessor to HGI.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements and the notes to the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements were based on, and should be read in conjunction with:

our historical unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 included elsewhere in this prospectus;

our historical audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 included elsewhere in this prospectus; and

Spectrum Brands Holdings' historical audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010 included elsewhere in this prospectus.

Our historical consolidated financial information has been adjusted in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements to give effect to pro forma events that are (1) directly attributable to the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, the SB/RH Merger, the emergence of Spectrum Brands from bankruptcy in August 2009 and the application of fresh-start accounting, and the offering of the initial notes, (2) factually supportable, and (3) with respect to the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statements of operations, expected to have a continuing impact on our results. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements do not reflect any of HGI or Spectrum Brands Holdings' managements' expectations for revenue enhancements, cost savings from the combined company's operating efficiencies, synergies or other restructurings, or the costs and related liabilities that would be incurred to achieve such revenue enhancements, cost savings from operating efficiencies, synergies or restructurings, which could result from the SB/RH Merger.

**The pro forma adjustments are based upon available information and assumptions that the managements of HGI and Spectrum Brands Holdings believe reasonably reflect the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, the SB/RH Merger, the emergence of Spectrum Brands from bankruptcy and the application of fresh-start accounting, and the offering of the initial notes. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements are provided for illustrative purposes only and do not purport to represent what our actual consolidated results of operations or the consolidated financial position would have been had the Spectrum Brands Acquisition and other identified events occurred on the date assumed, nor are they necessarily indicative of our future consolidated results of operations or financial position.**

**Table of Contents****Harbinger Group Inc. and Subsidiaries****Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Balance Sheet  
As of September 30, 2010**

	Historical		Pro Forma Adjustments		Initial Notes Offering(9)	Pro Forma Combined
	Harbinger Group Inc.	Spectrum Brands Holdings	Spectrum Brands Acquisition	Note		
	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2010	(In thousands)			
<b>ASSETS</b>						
<b>Current assets:</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 85,967	\$ 170,614	\$		\$ 333,849	\$ 590,430
Short-term investments	53,965					53,965
Trade and other accounts receivable, net		406,447				406,447
Inventories, net		530,342				530,342
Deferred income taxes		35,735				35,735
Assets held for sale		12,452				12,452
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,740	44,122				45,862
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>141,672</b>	<b>1,199,712</b>			<b>333,849</b>	<b>1,675,233</b>
Property, plant and equipment, net	143	201,164				201,307
Deferred charges and other		46,352				46,352
Goodwill		600,055				600,055
Intangible assets, net		1,769,360				1,769,360
Other assets	497	56,961			11,206	68,664
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 142,312</b>	<b>\$ 3,873,604</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>\$ 345,055</b>	<b>\$ 4,360,971</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>						
<b>Current liabilities:</b>						
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	\$ 20,710	\$		\$	\$ 20,710
Accounts payable	1,452	332,231				333,683
Accrued and other current liabilities	3,786	309,831				313,617
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>5,238</b>	<b>662,772</b>				<b>668,010</b>
Long-term debt		1,723,057			345,055	2,068,112



Pension liability	3,423	92,725			96,148
Non-current deferred income taxes		277,843			277,843
Other liabilities	684	70,828			71,512
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>9,345</b>	<b>2,827,225</b>			<b>345,055</b>
<b>Commitments and contingencies</b>					
<b>Stockholders equity:</b>					
Common stock	193	514	685	(6c)	1,392
Additional paid in capital	132,727	1,316,461	(594,440)	(6a,b,c)	854,748
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	10,243	(260,892)	100,757	(6a,b)	(149,892)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(10,223)	(7,497)	13,642	(6a,b)	(4,078)
Less treasury stock, at cost		(2,207)	2,207	(6c)	
<b>Total stockholders equity</b>	<b>132,940</b>	<b>1,046,379</b>	<b>(477,149)</b>		<b>702,170</b>
Noncontrolling interest	27		477,149	(6b)	477,176
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>132,967</b>	<b>1,046,379</b>			<b>1,179,346</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>\$ 142,312</b>	<b>\$ 3,873,604</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>\$ 345,055</b>
					<b>\$ 4,360,971</b>

**Table of Contents****Harbinger Group Inc. and Subsidiaries****Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statement of Operations  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009**

Harbinger Group Inc. 12 Months Ended	Historical				Pro Forma Adjustments				
	Successor	Spectrum Brands Inc.		Russell Hobbs, Inc.	Spectrum Brands		SB/RH Merger		
December 31, 2009	1 Month Ended September 30, 2009	Predecessor 11 Months Ended August 30, 2009	12 Months Ended September 30, 2009	12 Months Ended December 31, 2009	Fresh Start	Note	Related & Other	Note	In N Offe
	(In thousands, except per share data)								
\$	\$ 219,888	\$ 2,010,648	\$ 2,230,536	\$ 779,375	\$		\$		\$
	155,310	1,245,640	1,400,950	549,220	4,187	(5a,b)			
	178	13,189	13,367						
	64,400	751,819	816,219	230,155	(4,187)				
	39,136	363,106	402,242	117,406	335	(5b)			
6,290	20,578	145,235	165,813	39,531	19,743	(5b,c)	15,293	(6a,e,f,h)	
	3,027	21,391	24,418	4,027	398	(5b)			
	1,551	30,891	32,442	3,813					
		34,391	34,391						
6,290	64,292	595,014	659,306	164,777	20,476		15,293		
(6,290)	108	156,805	156,913	65,378	(24,663)		(15,293)		
(229)	16,962	172,940	189,902	44,657			(55,534)	(6d)	
(1,280)	(816)	3,320	2,504	4,013					
(4,781)	(16,038)	(19,455)	(35,493)	16,708	(24,663)		40,241		

	(3,962)	1,142,809	1,138,847		(1,138,847)	(5d)		
(4,781)	(20,000)	1,123,354	1,103,354	16,708	(1,163,510)		40,241	(
8,566	51,193	22,611	73,804	17,998	(2,572)	(5e)	(8,542)	(6a,g)
\$ (13,347)	\$ (71,193)	\$ 1,100,743	\$ 1,029,550	\$ (1,290)	\$ (1,160,938)		\$ 48,783	(
(3)							(42,553)	(6b)
\$ (13,344)	\$ (71,193)	\$ 1,100,743	\$ 1,029,550	\$ (1,290)	\$ (1,160,938)		\$ 91,336	\$ (
\$ (0.69)								
19,280							119,910	(6c)

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For the Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2010**

		Historical		Pro Forma Adjustments				
	Harbinger Group Inc.	Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc.	Russell Hobbs, Inc. 6 Month Period Ended March 31, 2010	Elimination of Russell Hobbs Duplicate Financial Information(7)	SB/RH Merger Related & Other	Note	Initial Notes Offering(9)	Pro Forma Combined
<b>(In thousands, except per share data)</b>								
<b>Net sales</b>	\$	\$ 1,975,071	\$ 406,412	\$ (35,755)	\$		\$	\$ 2,345,728
Cost of goods sold		1,232,624	275,668	(23,839)	(2,164)	(8b)		1,482,289
Restructuring and related charges		5,499						5,499
<b>Gross profit</b>		736,948	130,744	(11,916)	2,164			857,940
<b>Operating expenses:</b>								
Selling		355,524	60,906	(5,962)				410,468
General and administrative	14,876	156,193	21,616	(4,640)	(168)	(6a,e,f,h)		187,877
Research and development		24,568	4,217	(659)				28,126
Acquisition and integration related charges		38,452			(34,675)	(8a)		3,777
Restructuring and related charges		12,192	3,908					16,100
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	14,876	586,929	90,647	(11,261)	(34,843)			646,348
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	(14,876)	150,019	40,097	(655)	37,007			211,592
Interest (income)								
Expense	(156)	227,533	11,556	(3,866)	(98,824)	(6d)	30,219	166,462
Other (income)								
Expense, net	(351)	11,654	6,423	923				18,649
	(14,369)	(89,168)	22,118	2,288	135,831		(30,219)	26,481

**(Loss) income from  
continuing  
operations before  
income taxes**

(income tax expense  
benefit)

(761) 40,690 7,021 (214) 767 (6a,g)

47,503

**(Loss) income from  
continuing  
operations**

\$ (13,608) \$ (129,858) \$ 15,097 \$ 2,502 \$ 135,064

\$ (30,219) \$ (21,022)

**Less: (Loss) income  
from continuing  
operations**

**attributable to  
noncontrolling  
interest**

(3)

10,435

(6b)

10,432

**(Loss) income from  
continuing  
operations**

**attributable to  
controlling interest**

\$ (13,605) \$ (129,858) \$ 15,097 \$ 2,502 \$ 124,629

\$ (30,219) \$ (31,454)

**Basic and diluted loss  
from continuing  
operations per share**

**attributable to  
controlling interest**

\$ (0.70)

\$ (0.23)

**Weighted average  
shares of common  
stock outstanding**

19,286

119,910

(6c)

139,196

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HGI's fiscal year-end was December 31 while Spectrum Brands Holdings' fiscal year-end is September 30 and Russell Hobbs' fiscal year-end was June 30. In order for the year end pro forma results to be comparable, the Russell Hobbs 12-month period ended December 31, 2009 was calculated as follows:

	<b>Year Ended June 30, 2009 (A)</b>	<b>Six Months Ended December 31, 2009 (B)</b>	<b>Six Months Ended December 31, 2008 (C)</b>	<b>Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2009 (D)=(A)+(B)-(C)</b>
<b>Net sales</b>	\$ 796,628	\$ 459,521	\$ 476,774	\$ 779,375
Cost of goods sold	577,138	317,868	345,786	549,220
<b>Gross profit</b>	219,490	141,653	130,988	230,155
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
Selling	128,195	59,116	69,905	117,406
General and administrative	43,760	25,090	29,319	39,531
Research and development	4,813	4,659	5,445	4,027
Restructuring and related charges	9,700	1,769	7,656	3,813
Total operating expenses	186,468	90,634	112,325	164,777
<b>Operating income</b>	33,022	51,019	18,663	65,378
Interest expense	50,221	19,894	25,458	44,657
Other expense, net	4,622	3,224	3,833	4,013
<b>(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes</b>	(21,821)	27,901	(10,628)	16,708
Income tax expense	14,042	8,872	4,916	17,998
<b>(Loss) income from continuing operations</b>	\$ (35,863)	\$ 19,029	\$ (15,544)	\$ (1,290)

**Table of Contents****Harbinger Group Inc. and Subsidiaries****Notes to the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements (Continued)**

HGI's latest reporting period is the third quarter for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, while Russell Hobbs' last reporting period, prior to the SB/RH Merger, was its third quarter results for the nine-month period ended March 31, 2010 and Spectrum Brands Holdings' latest reporting period is its fiscal year ended September 30, 2010 (which includes results of operations for Russell Hobbs for the three month-period ended September 30, 2010). In order for the unaudited interim pro forma results to be comparable, results of Russell Hobbs and SB Holdings must reflect only nine months. Because Russell Hobbs' results of operations for the three months ended September 30, 2010 are included in Spectrum Brands Holdings' historical statement of operations (post SB/RH Merger), Russell Hobbs' historical financial information for the statement of operations covering the three-month period ended September 30, 2009 has been excluded, as follows:

	<b>Nine Months Ended March 31, 2010 (A)</b>	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 (B)</b>	<b>Six Months Ended March 31, 2010 (C)=(A)-(B)</b>
<b>Net sales</b>	\$ 617,281	\$ 210,869	\$ 406,412
Cost of goods sold	422,652	146,984	275,668
<b>Gross profit</b>	194,629	63,885	130,744
<b>Operating expenses:</b>			
Selling	87,539	26,633	60,906
General and administrative	35,715	14,099	21,616
Research and development	6,513	2,296	4,217
Restructuring and related charges	4,665	757	3,908
Total operating expenses	134,432	43,785	90,647
<b>Operating income</b>	60,197	20,100	40,097
Interest expense	24,112	12,556	11,556
Other expense (income), net	5,702	(721)	6,423
<b>Income from continuing operations before income taxes</b>	30,383	8,265	22,118
Income tax expense	11,375	4,354	7,021
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>	\$ 19,008	\$ 3,911	\$ 15,097

To derive Spectrum Brands Holdings' results for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, Spectrum Brands' historical financial information for the statement of operations covering the three-month period ended January 3, 2010 has been excluded, as follows:

	<b>Spectrum Brands</b>		<b>Spectrum Brands</b>
	<b>Holdings</b>	<b>Spectrum</b>	<b>Holdings</b>
	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Brands</b>	<b>Nine Months</b>
	<b>Ended</b>	<b>Three Months</b>	<b>Ended</b>
	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>Ended</b>	<b>September 30,</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>January 3,</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>(A)</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>(C) = (A) - (B)</b>
		<b>(B)</b>	
<b>Net sales</b>	\$ 2,567,011	\$ 591,940	\$ 1,975,071
Cost of goods sold	1,638,451	405,827	1,232,624
Restructuring and related charges	7,150	1,651	5,499
<b>Gross profit</b>	921,410	184,462	736,948



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	<b>Spectrum Brands</b>		<b>Spectrum Brands</b>
	<b>Holdings</b>		<b>Holdings</b>
	<b>Fiscal Year</b>		<b>Nine Months</b>
	<b>Ended</b>		<b>Ended</b>
	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>Spectrum</b>	<b>September 30,</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Brands</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>(A)</b>	<b>Three Months</b>	<b>(C) = (A) - (B)</b>
		<b>Ended</b>	
		<b>January 3,</b>	
		<b>2010</b>	
		<b>(B)</b>	
<b>Operating expenses:</b>			
Selling	466,813	111,289	355,524
General and administrative	199,386	43,193	156,193
Research and development	31,013	6,445	24,568
Acquisition and integration related charges	38,452		38,452
Restructuring and related charges	16,968	4,776	12,192
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>752,632</b>	<b>165,703</b>	<b>586,929</b>
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>168,778</b>	<b>18,759</b>	<b>150,019</b>
Interest expense	277,015	49,482	227,533
Other expense, net	12,300	646	11,654
<b>Loss from continuing operations before reorganization items and income taxes</b>	<b>(120,537)</b>	<b>(31,369)</b>	<b>(89,168)</b>
Reorganization items expense, net	3,646	3,646	
<b>Loss from continuing operations before income taxes</b>	<b>(124,183)</b>	<b>(35,015)</b>	<b>(89,168)</b>
Income tax expense	63,189	22,499	40,690
<b>Loss from continuing operations</b>	<b>\$ (187,372)</b>	<b>\$ (57,514)</b>	<b>\$ (129,858)</b>

**(2) BASIS OF PRO FORMA PRESENTATION**

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements have been prepared using the historical consolidated financial statements of HGI, Russell Hobbs, Spectrum Brands and Spectrum Brands Holdings. To derive the financial statements for Spectrum Brands Holdings, Spectrum Brands historical financial statements for the fourth calendar quarter of 2009 have been excluded. The historical financial statements for Russell Hobbs includes the fourth calendar quarter of 2009 in both the annual 2009 and interim 2010 unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements presented herein; the results of operations for Russell Hobbs for the three-month period ended September 30, 2010 are included in Spectrum Brands Holdings historical statement of operations for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010. The predecessor of the historical financial statements of Spectrum Brands Holdings is Spectrum Brands. The Spectrum Brands Acquisition is accounted for as a merger among entities under common

control with Spectrum Brands Holdings/Spectrum Brands as the predecessor and receiving entity of HGI.

**(3) SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements of HGI do not assume any differences in accounting policies between HGI and Spectrum Brands Holdings. HGI will review the accounting policies of HGI and Spectrum Brands Holdings to ensure conformity of HGI's accounting policies to those of Spectrum Brands Holdings (as predecessor) and, as a result of that review, HGI may identify differences between the accounting policies of these companies that, when conformed, could have a material impact on the combined financial statements. At this time, HGI is not aware of any differences that would have a material impact on the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements.

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Russell Hobbs was acquired by Spectrum Brands Holdings as a result of the SB/RH Merger on June 16, 2010. The consideration was in the form of newly-issued shares of common stock of Spectrum Brands Holdings exchanged for all of the outstanding shares of common and preferred stock and certain debt of Russell Hobbs held by the Harbinger Parties. Inasmuch as Russell Hobbs was a private company and its common stock was not publicly traded, the closing market price of the Spectrum Brands common stock at June 15, 2010 was used to calculate the purchase price. The total purchase price of Russell Hobbs was approximately \$597,579 determined as follows:

Spectrum Brands closing price per share on June 15, 2010	\$ 28.15
Purchase price Russell Hobbs allocation 20,704 shares(1)(2)	\$ 575,203
Cash payment to pay off Russell Hobbs North American credit facility	22,376
<b>Total purchase price of Russell Hobbs</b>	<b>\$ 597,579</b>

- (1) Number of shares calculated based upon conversion formula, as defined in the SB/RH Merger agreement, using balances as of June 16, 2010.
- (2) The fair value of 271 shares of unvested restricted stock units as they relate to post combination services will be recorded as operating expense over the remaining service period and were assumed to have no fair value for the purchase price.

The total purchase price for Russell Hobbs was allocated to the preliminary net tangible and intangible assets of Russell Hobbs by Spectrum Brands Holdings based upon their preliminary fair values at June 16, 2010 and is reflected in Spectrum Brands Holdings historical consolidated statement of financial position as of September 30, 2010 as set forth below. The excess of the purchase price over the preliminary net tangible assets and intangible assets was recorded as goodwill. The preliminary allocation of the purchase price was based upon a valuation for which the estimates and assumptions are subject to change within the measurement period (up to one year from the acquisition date). The primary areas of the preliminary purchase price allocation that are not yet finalized relate to certain legal matters, amounts for income taxes including deferred tax accounts, amounts for uncertain tax positions, and net operating loss carryforwards inclusive of associated limitations, and the final allocation of goodwill. Spectrum Brands Holdings expects to continue to obtain information to assist it in determining the fair values of the net assets acquired at the acquisition date during the measurement period. The preliminary purchase price allocation for Russell Hobbs is as follows:

Current assets	\$ 307,809
Property, plant and equipment	15,150
Intangible assets	363,327
Goodwill	120,079
Other assets	15,752

Total assets acquired	822,117
Current liabilities	142,046
Total debt	18,970(1)
Long-term liabilities	63,522
Total liabilities assumed	224,538
Net assets acquired	\$ 597,579

(1) Represents indebtedness of Russell Hobbs assumed in the SB/RH Merger.

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Spectrum Brands emerged from bankruptcy on August 28, 2009 (the Effective Date ) and, in accordance with ASC 852, adopted fresh-start reporting since the reorganization value of the assets of Spectrum Brands immediately prior to the Effective Date ( Predecessor Company ) of the plan of reorganization was less than the total of all post-petition liabilities and allowed claims, and the holders of the Predecessor Company s voting shares immediately before the Effective Date received less than 50 percent of the voting shares of the emerging entity.

Spectrum Brands analyzed the transactions that occurred during the two-day period from August 29, 2009, the day after the Effective Date, and August 30, 2009, the fresh-start reporting date, and concluded that such transactions were not material individually or in the aggregate as such transactions represented less than one percent of the total net sales for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009. As a result, Spectrum Brands determined that August 30, 2009 would be an appropriate fresh-start reporting date to coincide with Spectrum Brands normal financial period close for the month of August 2009. Upon adoption of fresh-start reporting, periods ended prior to August 30, 2009 are not comparable to those of Spectrum Brands after the Effective Date ( Successor Company ).

These pro forma adjustments represent the fresh-start adjustments as if Spectrum Brands fresh-start reporting had occurred on October 1, 2008, the beginning of its fiscal year. The adjustments made are as follows:

a) An adjustment of \$48,762 was recorded to adjust inventory to fair value. As a result of this increase in inventory, \$16,319 was recorded as cost of goods sold within the Spectrum Brands consolidated statement of operations for the year ended September 30, 2009. This cost has been excluded from the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations as this amount is considered non-recurring.

b) Spectrum Brands recorded an increase of \$34,699 to adjust the net book value of property, plant and equipment to fair value giving consideration to their highest and best use. Key assumptions used in the valuation of Spectrum Brands property, plant and equipment were a combination of the cost and market approach, depending on whether market data was available. The step up in depreciation expense associated with this increase in book value was \$21,723 for the period from October 1, 2008 to August 30, 2009. This is reflected in the statement of operations as follows:

	<b>Eleven Month Period Ended August 30, 2009 Step-up Adjustment</b>	
Cost of goods sold	\$	20,506
Selling		335
General and administrative		484
Research and development		398
Total	\$	21,723

c) Certain indefinite-lived intangible assets, which include trade names, trademarks and technology, were valued using a relief from royalty methodology. Customer relationships were valued using a multi-period excess earnings method. Certain intangible assets are subject to sensitive business factors of which only a portion are within control of Spectrum Brands management. The total fair value of indefinite and definite lived intangibles was \$1,459,500 as of August 30, 2009. The incremental intangible amortization associated with the increase in indefinite lived intangible assets was \$19,260 for the period from October 1, 2008 to August 30, 2009.

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d) In connection with its emergence from bankruptcy, Spectrum Brands incurred certain expenses and recorded certain income, gains and losses as Reorganization items expense (income), net. Since these items are directly attributable to Spectrum Brands' emergence from bankruptcy and are not expected to have a continuing impact on the combined entity's results, they have been eliminated from these pro forma financial statements. Reorganization items expense (income), net, for the eleven-month period ended August 30, 2009 and the one-month period ended September 30, 2009 are summarized as follows:

	<b>Successor Company One Month Ended September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Predecessor Company Eleven Months Ended August 30, 2009</b>
Legal and professional fees	\$ 3,962	\$ 74,624
Deferred financing costs		10,668
Provision for rejected leases		6,020
Administrative related reorganization items	3,962	91,312
Gain on cancellation of debt		(146,555)
Fresh-start reporting adjustments		(1,087,566)
Reorganization items expense (income), net	\$ 3,962	\$ (1,142,809)

e) Spectrum Brands recorded a decrease of \$2,572 of net tax expense for non-U.S. subsidiaries for the period from October 1, 2008 to August 30, 2009. During all periods presented, Spectrum Brands had a full valuation allowance for all net U.S. deferred tax assets, exclusive of indefinite-lived intangibles. Due to Spectrum Brands' full valuation allowance position, any tax effect of the fresh-start pro forma adjustments for the U.S. parent and U.S. subsidiaries would be offset by an adjustment to the valuation allowance. As such, Spectrum Brands has recorded a zero tax effect for the pro forma adjustments related to the U.S. parent and U.S. subsidiaries.

**(6) PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS - OTHER**

a) To effect the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, HGI issued its common stock to the Harbinger Parties in exchange for the controlling financial interest in Spectrum Brands Holdings. After this issuance of shares, the Harbinger Parties own approximately 93% of HGI's outstanding common stock. Spectrum Brands as the receiving and predecessor entity and under common control of the Harbinger Parties will record HGI's assets and liabilities at the Harbinger Parties basis as of the date common control was established. The carrying value of HGI's assets and liabilities approximated the Harbinger Parties' basis at the date that common control with Spectrum Brands Holdings was established (June 16, 2010). However, adjustments were made to income taxes and pension expense to reflect the effect of rolling back the Harbinger Parties' basis in HGI to the January 1, 2009 assumed transaction date for purposes of the unaudited condensed combined pro forma statements of operations. This results in a decrease in General and administrative expense for pension expense in the amount of \$881 and \$689 for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the

nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, respectively. Similarly, the tax adjustment is as shown in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 included herein.

The financial statements of Spectrum Brands Holdings/Spectrum Brands, as predecessor, will replace those of HGI for periods prior to the date common control with Spectrum Brands Holdings was established (June 16, 2010) and, as such, these adjustments eliminate HGI's historical retained earnings and accumulated other comprehensive loss prior to that date as well as the subsequent amortization through September 30, 2010 of accumulated other comprehensive loss to retained earnings (through HGI's historical net loss for the period).



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b) Adjustment reflects the noncontrolling interest in Spectrum Brands Holdings upon the completion of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition. HGI owns approximately 54.4% of the outstanding Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock, subsequent to the Spectrum Brands Acquisition. The allocation to noncontrolling interest from the components of stockholders' equity reflects 45.6% of Spectrum Brands Holdings' stockholders' equity at September 30, 2010.

c) Adjustment reflects the 119,910 shares of HGI common stock issued as a result of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition. The adjustment also reflects the elimination of Spectrum Brands Holdings' historical capital structure.

d) The SB/RH Merger resulted in a substantial change to the Spectrum Brands Holdings' debt structure, as further discussed in the notes to the Spectrum Brands Holdings' historical financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The change in interest expense is \$55,534 and \$98,824 for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, respectively. The adjustment consists of the following:

	<b>Assumed Interest Rate</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010</b>
\$750,000 Term loan	8.1%	\$ 60,750	\$ 45,055
\$750,000 Senior secured notes	9.5%	71,250	52,646
\$231,161 Senior subordinated notes	12.0%	27,739	20,804
\$22,000 ABL revolving credit facility	6.0%	1,320	990
Foreign debt, other obligations and capital leases		4,243	7,207
Amortization of debt issuance costs		13,723	9,697
<b>Total pro forma interest expense</b>		<b>179,025</b>	<b>136,399</b>
Less: elimination of historical interest expense		234,559	235,223
<b>Pro forma adjustment</b>		<b>\$ (55,534)</b>	<b>\$ (98,824)</b>

An assumed increase or decrease of 1/8 percent in the interest rate assumed above with respect to the \$750,000 term loan and the \$22,000 ABL revolving credit facility, which have variable interest rates, would impact total pro forma interest expense by \$965 and \$723 for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, respectively.

e) Adjustment reflects increased amortization expense associated with the fair value adjustment of Russell Hobbs intangible assets of \$9,535 and \$4,806 for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, respectively. The adjustment for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 reflects an adjustment to the Russell Hobbs historical six-month period ended March 31, 2010 only (the last reported period prior to the SB/RH Merger), as the Russell Hobbs acquisition is already reflected in the last three months of Spectrum Brands Holdings' nine-month period ended September 30, 2010.

f) Adjustment reflects an increase in equity awards amortization of \$7,622 for the year ended December 31, 2009 and a decrease in equity awards amortization of \$3,534 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, respectively, to reflect equity awards issued in connection with the SB/RH Merger which had vesting periods ranging from 1-12 months. As a result, assuming the transaction was completed on January 1, 2009, these awards would be fully vested in the period ended December 31, 2009. For purposes of this pro forma adjustment, fair value is assumed to be the average of the high and low price of Spectrum Brands common stock at June 16, 2010 of \$28.24 per share, management's most reliable determination of fair value.

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g) As a result of Russell Hobbs and Spectrum Brands existing income tax loss carryforwards in the United States, for which full valuation allowances have been provided, no deferred income taxes have been established and no income tax has been provided in the pro forma adjustments related to the SB/RH Merger.

h) Adjustment reflects decreased depreciation expense associated with the fair value adjustment of Russell Hobbs property, plant and equipment of \$983 and \$751 for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, respectively. The adjustment for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 reflects an adjustment to the Russell Hobbs historical six-month period ended March 31, 2010 only (the last reported period prior to the SB/RH Merger), as the Russell Hobbs acquisition is already reflected in the last three months of Spectrum Brands Holdings nine-month period ended September 30, 2010. The adjustments have been recorded to General and administrative expense. Pro forma impacts to Cost of goods sold for depreciation associated with the fair value adjustment of Russell Hobbs equipment is considered immaterial.

**(7) PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENT ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATE FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

This pro forma adjustment represents the elimination of the financial data from June 16, 2010 through July 4, 2010 of Russell Hobbs that is reflected in Spectrum Brands Holdings historical financial statements. These are considered duplicative because a full nine months of financial results for Russell Hobbs has been reflected in the unaudited condensed combined pro forma statement of operations for the interim period consisting of the six-month Russell Hobbs historical period ended March 31, 2010, prior to the SB/RH Merger, and the three month period ended September 30, 2010, subsequent to the SB/RH Merger, included in Spectrum Brands Holdings historical statement of operations for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010.

**(8) NON-RECURRING COSTS**

a) Spectrum Brands Holdings financial results for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 include \$34,675 of expenses related to the SB/RH Merger. These costs include severance and fees for legal, accounting, financial advisory, due diligence, tax, valuation, printing and other various services necessary to complete this transaction and were expensed as incurred. These costs have been excluded from the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 as these amounts are considered non-recurring.

b) Spectrum Brands Holdings increased Russell Hobbs inventory by \$2,504, to estimated fair value, upon completion of the SB/RH Merger. Cost of sales increased by this amount during the first inventory turn subsequent to the completion of the SB/RH Merger. \$340 was recorded in the three months ended July 4, 2010 and has been eliminated as part of the Elimination of duplicate financial information adjustments discussed in Note (7) above. The remaining \$2,164 was recorded in Spectrum Brands Holdings historical statement of operations for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 which amount has been eliminated as a pro forma adjustment related to the SB/RH Merger. These costs have been excluded from the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 as these amounts are considered non-recurring.

**(9) PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS RELATED TO THE INITIAL NOTES OFFERING**

On November 15, 2010, HGI issued the initial notes in private placement to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The issue price of the initial notes was

98.587% of par. The pro forma cash adjustment of \$333,849 reflects the \$345,055 proceeds from the offering (which is net of the original issue discount of \$4,945), less debt issuance costs of \$11,206.

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The incremental interest expense related to the initial notes was calculated as follows

	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2009</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010</b>
Interest expense on notes at 10.625%	\$ 37,187	\$ 27,891
Amortization of original issue discount on Notes	790	653
Amortization of debt issuance costs	2,229	1,675
Pro forma adjustment	\$ 40,206	\$ 30,219

As a result of HGI's existing income tax loss carryforwards, for which valuation allowances have been provided, no income tax benefit has been reflected in the pro forma adjustments related to HGI.

**Table of Contents****SELECTED HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

*The following is selected historical financial information of HGI. Selected historical financial information of Spectrum Brands Holdings is included in Annex B hereto.*

The following table sets forth our selected historical consolidated financial information for the periods and as of the dates presented. The selected financial information as of December 31, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006 and 2005 and for each of the five fiscal years then ended has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. The selected financial information as of September 30, 2010 and for the nine-month period then ended has been derived from our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements which include, in the opinion of our management, all adjustments necessary to present fairly our results of operations and financial position for the periods and dates presented. All these adjustments are of a normal recurring nature except for the adjustments to income tax disclosed in note (1) below.

The financial information indicated may not be indicative of future performance. This financial information and other data should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, our respective audited and unaudited consolidated financial statements, including the related notes thereto, our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. All amounts are in thousands, except for per share amounts.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010(1) 2009 (Unaudited)			Years Ended December 31, 2008 2007 2006(3) 2005(4)			
<b>Income Statement Data:</b>							
Revenues	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Operating loss	(14,876)	(3,775)	(6,290)	(3,237)	(3,388)	(4,730)	(5,517)
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(13,605)	(9,686)	(13,344)	(12)	2,551	(273)	(3,112)
Loss from discontinued operations(5)						(4,390)	(6,064)
Net (loss) income	(13,608)	(9,688)	(13,347)	(13)	2,550	(4,664)	(9,177)
Net (loss) income attributable to HGI	(13,605)	(9,686)	(13,344)	(12)	2,551	(4,663)	(9,176)
Net (loss) income per share basic and diluted:							
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(0.70)	(0.50)	(0.69)	(0.00)	0.13	(0.01)	(0.16)
Loss from discontinued						(0.23)	(0.32)

operations							
Net (loss) income	(0.70)	(0.50)	(0.69)	(0.00)	0.13	(0.24)	(0.48)
<b>Balance Sheet</b>							
<b>Data (at period end):</b>							
Total assets	142,312	155,166	152,883	164,032	165,444	163,731	304,756
Total equity	132,967	149,587	145,797	158,847	162,133	159,302	231,621
<b>Other Data:</b>							
Working capital(6)	136,434	144,117	\$ 141,947	\$ 153,908	\$ 154,275	\$ 150,490	\$ 155,503

- (1) During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, loss from continuing operations reflects a benefit from income taxes of \$0.8 million which represents the restoration of deferred tax assets previously written off in connection with the change in control of our company in 2009, as discussed further in note (2) below, and a related reversal of accrued interest and penalties on uncertain tax positions. These deferred tax assets relate to net operating loss carryforwards which are realizable to the extent we settle our uncertain tax positions for which we have previously recorded \$0.8 million of reserves and related accrued interest and penalties.

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- (2) The change in control of our company in year ended December 31, 2009 resulted in a change of ownership of our company under sections 382 and 383 of the Code. As a result, we wrote off approximately \$7.4 million of net operating loss carryforward tax benefits and alternative minimum tax credits. Additionally, as a result of cumulative losses in recent years, we increased our valuation allowance for our deferred tax assets by \$2.8 million.
- (3) During 2006, we sold our approximate 57% ownership interest in Omega Protein Corporation in two separate transactions for combined proceeds of \$75.5 million. In conjunction with the sale, we recognized transaction related losses of \$10.3 million (\$7.2 million net of tax adjustments). Such amounts are included under loss from discontinued operations for the year ended December 31, 2006.
- (4) During 2005, we sold our approximate 77% ownership interest in Safety Components International, Inc. for proceeds of \$51.2 million. Accordingly, we recognized a loss on sale of \$12.2 million (\$9.9 million net of tax effects). Such amounts are included under loss from discontinued operations for the year ended December 31, 2005.
- (5) Loss from discontinued operations includes transaction related losses as discussed in notes (3) and (4) and the operating results for Omega Protein Corporation for the periods ending December 31, 2006 and Safety Components International, Inc. for the period ending December 31, 2005.
- (6) Working capital is defined as current assets less current liabilities.



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

*The following is HGI's management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations. Management's discussion and analysis of financial conditions and results of operations of Spectrum Brands Holdings is included in Annex C hereto.*

The following is a discussion of our financial condition and results of operations. This discussion should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those discussed herein. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed above in Risk Factors, as well as those discussed in this section and elsewhere in this prospectus.

**Overview**

We are a holding company that is majority owned by the Harbinger Parties. We were incorporated in Delaware in 1954 under the name Zapata Corporation and reincorporated in Nevada in April 1999 under the same name. On December 23, 2009, we were reincorporated in Delaware under the name Harbinger Group Inc. (the Reincorporation Merger). We had approximately \$139.9 million in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments (including U.S. Government Agency and Treasury securities) as of September 30, 2010. Our common stock trades on the NYSE under the symbol HRG.

Since the completion of the disposition of our 57% ownership interest in the common stock of Omega in December 2006, we have held substantially all of our assets in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. Since then, we have been actively looking for acquisition or investment opportunities with a principal focus on identifying and evaluating potential acquisitions of operating businesses. These efforts accelerated after the Harbinger Parties acquired 9.9 million shares, or approximately 51.6%, of our common stock in July 2009 (the 2009 Change of Control).

On January 7, 2011, we completed the transactions contemplated by the Exchange Agreement, pursuant to which we issued approximately 119.9 million shares of our common stock to the Harbinger Parties in exchange for approximately 27.8 million shares of common stock of Spectrum Brands Holdings. See The Spectrum Brands Acquisition for further information. Following the completion of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, we own approximately 54.4% of the outstanding shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock, with a current market value of approximately \$928 million (as of January 14, 2011). The Harbinger Parties own approximately 93.3% of our outstanding shares of common stock.

We are focused on obtaining controlling equity stakes in subsidiaries that operate across a diversified set of industries. We view the Spectrum Brands Acquisition as a first step in the process. We have identified the following six sectors in which we intend to pursue investment opportunities: consumer products, insurance and financial products, telecom, agriculture, power generation and water and natural resources.

In order to pursue our strategy, we will utilize the investment expertise and industry knowledge of Harbinger Capital, a multi-billion dollar private investment firm based in New York. We believe that the team at Harbinger Capital has a track record of making successful investments across various industries. We believe that our affiliation with Harbinger Capital will enhance our ability to identify and evaluate potential acquisition opportunities appropriate for a permanent capital vehicle. Our corporate structure provides significant advantages compared to the traditional hedge fund structure for long-term holdings as our sources of capital are longer term in nature and thus will more closely

match our principal investment strategy. In addition, our corporate structure provides additional options for funding acquisitions, including the ability to use our common stock as a form of consideration.

Philip Falcone, who serves as our Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, founded Harbinger Capital in 2001. Mr. Falcone has over two decades of experience in leveraged finance, distressed debt and special situations. In addition to Mr. Falcone, Harbinger Capital employs a wide variety of professionals,

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including more than 20 investment professionals with expertise across various industries, including our targeted sectors.

**Recent Developments*****Initial Notes Offering***

On November 15, 2010, we completed the initial notes offering, consisting of \$350 million aggregate principal amount of 10.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2015. The proceeds of the initial notes offering were placed into escrow pending the consummation of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition. On January 7, 2011, following the consummation of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition and the satisfaction of the other escrow release conditions, the proceeds of the initial notes offering were released from escrow.

***Spectrum Brands Acquisition***

The Spectrum Brands Acquisition was consummated on January 7, 2011. For more information regarding the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, see [The Spectrum Brands Acquisition](#) elsewhere in this prospectus.

**Results of Operations*****Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 Compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009***

Presented below is a table that summarizes our results of operations and compares the amount of the change between the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>		<b>Favorable/</b>
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>(Unfavorable)</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>
Revenues	\$	\$	\$
Cost of revenues			
Gross profit			
Operating expenses:			
General and administrative	14,876	3,775	(11,101)
Total operating expenses	14,876	3,775	(11,101)
Operating loss	(14,876)	(3,775)	(11,101)
Other income:			
Interest income	156	197	(41)
Other, net	351	1,246	(895)
	507	1,443	(936)
Loss before income taxes	(14,369)	(2,332)	(12,037)
(Provision for) benefit from income taxes	761	(7,356)	8,117

Net loss	(13,608)	(9,688)	(3,920)
Less: Net loss attributable to the noncontrolling interest	3	2	1
Net loss attributable to Harbinger Group Inc.	\$ (13,605)	\$ (9,686)	\$ (3,919)
Net loss per common share basic and diluted	\$ (0.70)	\$ (0.50)	\$ (0.20)

We reported a net loss of \$13.6 million or \$(0.70) per diluted share for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to a net loss of \$9.7 million or \$(0.50) per diluted share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 reflected the write off of \$8.2 million of deferred tax assets in connection with our change in controlling shareholders. The increase in our pre-tax loss principally resulted from an increase in professional fees associated with advisors retained

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to assist us in evaluating business acquisition opportunities and preparing related public company filings and, to a lesser extent, from additional employee and other costs related to relocating our corporate headquarters.

The following presents a more detailed discussion of our operating results:

*Revenues.* For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, we had no revenues. We do not expect to recognize revenues until we acquire one or more operating businesses in the future.

*Cost of revenues.* For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, we had no cost of revenues.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses consist primarily of professional fees (including advisory services, legal and accounting fees), salaries and benefits, office rent, pension expense and insurance costs. General and administrative expenses increased \$11.1 million to \$14.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 from \$3.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. This increase was primarily a result of an increase in professional fees associated with advisors retained to assist us in evaluating business acquisition opportunities and preparing related public company filings and, to a lesser extent, increases in employee and other costs related to relocating our corporate headquarters to New York City. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we incurred \$9.3 million, in professional fees related to potential acquisitions, including \$4.3 million related to the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, compared to insignificant amounts in the prior year comparable periods.

*Interest income.* Interest income decreased \$41,000 to \$156,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 from \$197,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. Our interest income will continue to be negligible while our cash equivalents and investments are invested principally in U.S. Government instruments and the interest rates on those instruments remain insignificant.

*Other, net.* Other income decreased \$895,000 to \$351,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 from \$1.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. Our other income is primarily related to settlements on legal claims relating to solvent schemes with insurers in various markets. The fluctuation in other income will vary as we reach settlements with these insurers.

*Income taxes.* The effective tax benefit rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was 5%. The benefit from income taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 principally represents the restoration in the 2010 first quarter of \$732,000 of deferred tax assets previously written off in connection with the 2009 Change of Control and a related reversal of \$35,000 of accrued interest and penalties on uncertain tax positions. These deferred tax assets relate to net operating loss carryforwards which are realizable to the extent we settle our uncertain tax positions for which we had previously recorded \$732,000 of reserves and \$35,000 of related accrued interest and penalties. As a result, the final resolution of these uncertain tax positions will have no net effect on our future provision for (or benefit from) income taxes.

In the third quarter of 2009, we wrote off \$8.2 million of deferred tax assets. This resulted from our ownership change that, pursuant to Sections 382 and 383 of the Code, limits our ability to utilize our net operating loss carryforwards and alternative minimum tax credits.

Due to our cumulative losses in recent years, we determined that, as of September 30, 2010, a valuation allowance was still required for all of our deferred tax assets other than our refundable alternative minimum tax credits and the balance of deferred tax assets described above. Accordingly, we do not expect to record any future benefit from income taxes until it is more likely than not that some or all of our remaining net operating loss carryforwards will be

realizable.

**Table of Contents*****Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007***

Presented below is a table that summarizes our results of operations and compares the amount of the change between 2009 and 2008 (the 2009 Change ) and between 2008 and 2007 (the 2008 Change ).

	Years Ended December 31,			2009 Change	2008 Change
	2009	2008	2007		
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)				
Revenues	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost of revenues					
Gross profit					
Operating expenses:					
General and administrative	6,290	3,237	3,388	3,053	(151)
Total operating expenses	6,290	3,237	3,388	3,053	(151)
Operating loss	(6,290)	(3,237)	(3,388)	(3,053)	151
Other income:					
Interest income	229	3,013	7,681	(2,784)	(4,668)
Other, net	1,280	113	570	1,167	(457)
	1,509	3,126	8,251	(1,617)	(5,125)
(Loss) income before income taxes	(4,781)	(111)	4,863	(4,670)	(4,974)
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	(8,566)	98	(2,313)	(8,664)	2,411
Net (loss) income	(13,347)	(13)	2,550	(13,334)	(2,563)
Less: Net loss attributable to the noncontrolling interest	3	1	1	2	
Net (loss) income attributable to Harbinger Group Inc.	\$ (13,344)	\$ (12)	\$ 2,551	\$ (13,332)	\$ (2,563)
Net (loss) income per common share basic and diluted	\$ (0.69)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.13	\$ (0.69)	\$ (0.13)

***2009 Compared to 2008***

We reported a net loss of \$13.3 million or \$(0.69) per diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to a net loss of \$12,000 or \$0.00 per diluted share in 2008. The increase in net loss resulted from the write off of \$7.4 million of net operating loss carryforward tax benefits and alternative minimum tax credits resulting from the 2009 Change of Control which constituted a change of ownership under Sections 382 and 383 of the Code. Additionally, as a result of cumulative losses in recent years, we increased our valuation allowance for our deferred tax assets by \$2.8 million during the fourth quarter of 2009. The increase in net loss also resulted from increases in professional fees and pension expenses and a decrease in interest income, all partially offset by the recognition of

other income in 2009 related to former businesses of HGI.

The following presents a more detailed discussion of our operating results:

*Revenues.* For the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, we had no revenues.

*Cost of revenues.* For the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, we had no cost of revenues.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses increased \$3.1 million from \$3.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 to \$6.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2009. This increase was primarily a result of increases in professional fees of \$1.9 million, predominately arising from the 2009 Change of Control, the transition to a reconstituted board of directors, the Reincorporation Merger, and increased efforts in evaluating possible business acquisitions, and an increase of \$0.9 million in actuarially determined pension expenses.



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*Interest income.* Interest income decreased \$2.8 million from \$3.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 to \$0.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, resulting from sustained lower interest rates on our cash equivalents and investments which are invested principally in U.S. Government instruments.

*Other, net.* Other, net was \$1.3 million and \$0.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. During 2009, we received a refund of excess collateral of \$0.8 million from a rent-a-captive insurance arrangement which we entered into in 1993. As we had previously written off the balance of our excess collateral, the full amount of this refund was recorded as other income. We do not believe we have any material obligations under this arrangement and do not expect to receive any additional material reimbursements related to this program. Also during 2009, we received \$0.3 million from settlement agreements entered into during 2009 in which we agreed to accept a payment in exchange for the termination of insurance coverage on certain non-operating subsidiaries.

*Income taxes.* Despite a pretax loss of \$4.8 million, we recorded a provision for income taxes of \$8.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to a benefit for income taxes of \$0.1 million for the prior year. The change from a benefit to a provision resulted primarily from the write-off of \$7.4 million of net operating loss carryforward tax benefits and alternative minimum tax credits resulting from the 2009 Change of Control which constituted a change in ownership under Sections 382 and 383 of the Code. Additionally, as a result of our cumulative losses, we have determined that, as of December 31, 2009, a valuation allowance of approximately \$2.8 million was required for deferred tax assets whose realization did not meet the more likely than not criteria.

### ***2008 Compared to 2007***

We reported a net loss of \$12,000 or \$0.00 per diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to net income of \$2.6 million or \$0.13 per diluted share in 2007. The change from net income to net loss resulted primarily from decreased interest income during 2008 compared to 2007.

The following presents a more detailed discussion of our operating results:

*Revenues.* For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, we had no revenues.

*Cost of revenues.* For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, we had no cost of revenues.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses decreased \$0.2 million from \$3.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 to \$3.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 as a result of decreases in professional fees and costs.

*Interest income.* Interest income decreased \$4.7 million from \$7.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 to \$3.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. This decrease was primarily attributable to sustained lower interest rates on cash equivalents and investments during 2008 compared to 2007. In July 2008, due to market conditions and in an effort to preserve principal, we liquidated our U.S. Government Agency securities and purchased U.S. Treasury securities with the proceeds.

*Other, net.* Other, net decreased \$0.5 million from \$0.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 to \$0.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. This decrease resulted from higher levels of insurance and other recoveries recognized during 2007 compared to 2008.

*Income taxes.* We recorded a benefit for income taxes of \$0.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to a provision for income taxes of \$2.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The change from a provision to a benefit for income taxes was attributable to the pretax loss in the year ended December 31, 2008

compared to pretax income in 2007. Additionally, the loss in 2008 resulted in no additional provision for a 15% tax on undistributed personal holding company income for the year ended December 31, 2008 as was required for 2007.

**Table of Contents****Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Prior to the issuance of the notes, our liquidity needs have been primarily for professional fees (including advisory services, legal and accounting fees), salaries and benefits, office rent, pension expense and insurance costs. We may also utilize a significant portion of our cash, cash equivalents and investments to fund all or a portion of the cost of any future acquisitions.

The following table summarizes information about our contractual obligations (in thousands) as of September 30, 2010, as adjusted for the pro forma effect of the initial notes issued on November 15, 2010 (but not the Spectrum Brands Acquisition), and the effect such obligations are expected to have on our liquidity and cash flow in future periods:

<b>Contractual Obligations(1)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Payments Due by Period</b>				
		<b>Remainder of 2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012 and 2013</b>	<b>2014 and 2015</b>	<b>After 2015</b>
Pension liabilities(2)	\$ 3,527	\$ 27	\$ 98	\$ 189	\$ 168	\$ 3,045
Retirement agreement(3)	431	28	113	226	64	
Operating lease obligations	468	52	208	208		
<b>Total as of September 30, 2010</b>	<b>4,426</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>3,045</b>
Long-term debt issued November 15, 2010(4)	350,000				350,000	
Interest payments on long-term debt	185,938		37,188	74,375	74,375	
<b>Pro forma contractual obligations</b>	<b>\$ 540,364</b>	<b>\$ 107</b>	<b>\$ 37,607</b>	<b>\$ 74,998</b>	<b>\$ 424,607</b>	<b>\$ 3,045</b>

- (1) We also have \$0.4 million of potential obligations related to uncertain tax positions for which the timing and amount of payment cannot be reasonably estimated due to the nature of the uncertainties. See Note 5 to our unaudited consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2010, included elsewhere in this prospectus.
- (2) For more information concerning pension liabilities, see Note 12 to our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2009, included elsewhere in this prospectus.
- (3) Amounts in this category relate to a retirement agreement entered into in 1981 with a former executive officer of ours.
- (4) Represents the initial notes, which were issued after September 30, 2010.

Our current source of liquidity is our cash, cash equivalents and investments, including the net proceeds of the notes issuance. Because we have historically limited our investments principally to U.S. Government instruments, we do not expect to earn significant interest income in the near term. In the future, we may expand our investment approach to include investments that will generate greater returns. We are exploring alternative investment opportunities for our cash while we search for acquisition opportunities.

We expect these cash, cash equivalents and investments to continue to be a source of liquidity except to the extent that they may be used to fund the acquisition of operating businesses or assets. As of September 30, 2010, our cash, cash equivalents and investments were \$139.9 million compared to \$151.9 million as of December 31, 2009.

Based on current levels of operations, we do not have any significant capital expenditure commitments and management believes that our consolidated cash, cash equivalents and investments on hand will be adequate to fund our operational and capital requirements for at least the next twelve months. As described in Recent Developments Initial Notes Offering , the proceeds of the initial notes offering significantly enhanced our liquidity. Depending on the size and terms of future acquisitions of operating businesses or assets, we may also seek to raise additional capital through the issuance of equity and to incur additional debt. There is no assurance, however, that such capital will be available at the time, in the amounts necessary or with terms satisfactory to us.

**Table of Contents****Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

Throughout our history, we have entered into indemnifications in the ordinary course of business with our customers, suppliers, service providers, business partners and in certain instances, when we sold businesses. Additionally, we have indemnified our directors and officers who are, or were, serving at our request in such capacities. Although the specific terms or number of such arrangements is not precisely known due to the extensive history of our past operations, costs incurred to settle claims related to these indemnifications have not been material to our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. Further, we have no reason to believe that future costs to settle claims related to our former operations will have material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**Summary of Cash Flows**

The following table summarizes our consolidated cash flow information for the last three fiscal years and the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (in thousands):

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>		<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>September 30, 2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Cash (used in) provided by:</b>					
Operating activities	\$ (11,727)	\$ (1,416)	\$ (2,694)	\$ 389	\$ 2,182
Investing activities	(30,242)	(12,094)	(12,068)	3,054	180
Financing activities	4				
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (41,965)	\$ (13,510)	\$ (14,762)	\$ 3,443	\$ 2,362

***Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities.***

Cash used in operating activities was \$11.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to cash used in operating activities of \$1.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The increase in usage of cash is primarily related to higher general and administrative expenditures for the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

Cash used in operating activities was \$2.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to cash provided by operating activities of \$0.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. The change from cash provided by operating activities to cash used in operating activities resulted principally from lower interest income and higher administrative expenses during 2009 compared to 2008.

Cash provided by operating activities was \$0.4 million and \$2.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. This decrease resulted principally from lower interest income during 2008 compared to 2007.

***Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities.***

Variations in our net cash provided by (used in) investing activities are typically the result of the change in mix of cash, cash equivalents and investments during the period. All highly liquid investments with original maturities of

three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents and all investments with original maturities of greater than three months are classified as either short- or long-term investments.

Cash used in investing activities was \$30.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to \$12.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The increase in cash used in investing activities resulted principally from additional purchases of short-term investments during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

Cash used in investing activities was \$12.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to cash provided by investing activities of \$3.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. This change from

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cash provided by investing activities to cash used in investing activities resulted from additional purchases of investments during 2009 compared to 2008.

Cash provided by investing activities was \$3.1 million and \$0.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. This increase resulted from additional purchases and sales of short-term investments during 2008 compared to 2007.

### ***Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities.***

Cash provided by financing activities was \$4,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 representing proceeds from stock options exercised. We had no cash flows from financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 or for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 or 2007.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted**

As of the date of this prospectus, there are no recent accounting pronouncements that have not yet been adopted that we believe may have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

## **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition, liquidity and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported therein. The following lists our current accounting policies involving significant management judgment and provides a brief description of these policies:

*Litigation and environmental reserves.* The establishment of litigation and environmental reserves requires judgments concerning the ultimate outcome of pending claims against us and our subsidiaries. In applying judgment, management utilizes opinions and estimates obtained from outside legal counsel to apply the appropriate accounting for contingencies. Accordingly, estimated amounts relating to certain claims have met the criteria for the recognition of a liability. Other claims for which a liability has not been recognized are reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with accounting guidance. A liability is recognized for all associated legal costs as incurred. Liabilities for litigation settlements, environmental settlements, legal fees and changes in these estimated amounts may have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

If the actual cost of settling these matters, whether resulting from adverse judgments or otherwise, differs from the reserves totaling \$0.3 million we have accrued as of September 30, 2010, that difference will be reflected in our results of operations when the matter is resolved or when our estimate of the cost changes.

*Deferred income taxes.* Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which the temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in the tax rates is recognized in earnings in the period that includes the enactment date. Additionally, taxing jurisdictions could retroactively disagree with our tax treatment of certain items, and some historical transactions have income tax effects going forward. Accounting guidance require these future effects to be evaluated using current laws, rules and regulations, each of which can change at any time and in an unpredictable manner.

Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Cumulative losses weigh heavily in the overall assessment of the need for a valuation allowance. As a result of our cumulative losses in recent years, we determined that, as of December 31, 2009, a valuation allowance



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was required for all of our deferred tax assets other than the refundable alternative minimum tax credits. Consequently, our valuation allowance, which related only to state net operating loss carryforward tax benefits in previous years, increased from \$7,000 as of December 31, 2008 to \$2.7 million as of December 31, 2009.

We also apply the accounting guidance for uncertain tax positions which prescribes a minimum recognition threshold a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements. It also provides information on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. Accrued interest expense and penalties related to uncertain tax positions are recorded in (Provision) benefit for income taxes. Our reserve for uncertain tax positions totaled \$0.4 million as of September 30, 2010 and \$0.7 million as of December 31, 2009 and 2008.

*Defined benefit plan assumptions.* We have two defined benefit plans, under which participants earn a retirement benefit based upon a formula set forth in each plan. We record income or expense related to these plans using actuarially determined amounts that are calculated using the accounting guidance for pensions. Key assumptions used in the actuarial valuations include the discount rate and the anticipated rate of return on plan assets. These rates are based on market interest rates, and therefore fluctuations in market interest rates could impact the amount of pension income or expense recorded for these plans. Despite our belief that our estimates are reasonable for these key actuarial assumptions, future actual results may differ from our estimates, and these differences could be material to our future financial statements.

The discount rate enables a company to state expected future cash flows at a present value on the measurement date. We have little latitude in selecting this rate as it is based on a review of projected cash flows and on high-quality fixed income investments at the measurement date. A lower discount rate increases the present value of benefit obligations and increases pension expense. The expected long-term rate of return reflects the average rate of earnings expected on funds invested or to be invested in the pension plans to provide for the benefits included in the pension liability. We establish the expected long-term rate of return at the beginning of each year based upon information available to us at that time, including the plan's investment mix and the forecasted rates of return on these types of securities.

Differences in actual experience or changes in the assumptions may materially affect our financial position or results of operations. Actual results that differ from the actuarial assumptions are accumulated and amortized over future periods and, therefore, generally affect recognized expense and the recorded obligation in future periods. For example, due to significant adverse market conditions during 2008, our pension expense significantly increased during 2009 and 2010. A significant component of the increase was caused by the amortization of actuarial losses which reflects the increase in the accumulated differences in actual plan results compared to assumptions utilized in previous years.

We continually update and assess the facts and circumstances regarding these critical accounting matters and other significant accounting matters affecting estimates in our financial statements.

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**BUSINESS**

**Our Company**

HGI is a holding company that is majority owned by the Harbinger Parties. We were incorporated in Delaware in 1954 under the name Zapata Corporation and reincorporated in Nevada in April 1999 under the same name. On December 23, 2009, we were reincorporated in Delaware under the name Harbinger Group Inc. We had approximately \$139.9 million in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments (including U.S. Government Agency and Treasury securities), as of September 30, 2010. Our common stock trades on the NYSE under the symbol HRG .

Since the completion of the disposition of our 57% ownership interest in the common stock of Omega in December 2006, we have held substantially all of our assets in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. Since then, we have been actively looking for acquisition or investment opportunities with a principal focus on identifying and evaluating potential acquisitions of operating businesses. These efforts accelerated after the Harbinger Parties acquired 9.9 million shares, or approximately 51.6%, of our common stock in July 2009.

On January 7, 2011, we completed the transactions contemplated by the Exchange Agreement, pursuant to which we issued approximately 119.9 million shares of our common stock to the Harbinger Parties in exchange for approximately 27.8 million shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock. See The Spectrum Brands Acquisition . Following the completion of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, we own approximately 54.4% of the outstanding shares of Spectrum Brands Holdings common stock, with a current market value of approximately \$928 million (as of January 14, 2011), and the Harbinger Parties own approximately 93.3% of our outstanding shares of common stock. On a pro forma basis including the proceeds of the initial notes, the combined value of HGI s cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments, net of current liabilities, was approximately \$468 million at September 30, 2010. For information about Spectrum Brands Holdings, see Annex D, Description of the Business of Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc.

We are a holding company focused on obtaining controlling equity stakes in subsidiaries that operate across a diversified set of industries. We view the Spectrum Brands Acquisition as a first step in the process. We have identified the following six sectors in which we intend to pursue investment opportunities: consumer products, insurance and financial products, telecom, agriculture, power generation and water and natural resources.

In order to pursue our strategy, we will utilize the investment expertise and industry knowledge of Harbinger Capital, a multi-billion dollar private investment firm based in New York. We believe that the team at Harbinger Capital has a track record of making successful investments across various industries. We believe that our affiliation with Harbinger Capital will enhance our ability to identify and evaluate potential acquisition opportunities appropriate for a permanent capital vehicle. Our corporate structure provides significant advantages compared to the traditional hedge fund structure for long-term holdings as our sources of capital are longer term in nature and thus will more closely match our principal investment strategy. In addition, our corporate structure provides additional options for funding acquisitions, including the ability to use our common stock as a form of consideration.

Philip Falcone, who serves as our Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, founded Harbinger Capital in 2001. Mr. Falcone has over two decades of experience in leveraged finance, distressed debt and special situations. In addition to Mr. Falcone, Harbinger Capital employs a wide variety of professionals, including more than 20 investment professionals with expertise across various industries, including our targeted sectors.

## **Competition**

In identifying, evaluating and selecting a target business, we may encounter intense competition from other entities having similar business objectives such as strategic investors, private equity groups and special purpose acquisition corporations. Many of these entities are well established and have extensive experience

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identifying and effecting business combinations directly or through affiliates. Many of these competitors possess greater technical, human and other resources than us, and our financial resources will be relatively limited when contrasted with many of these competitors. Any of these factors may place us at a competitive disadvantage in successfully negotiating a business combination.

The Harbinger Parties and their affiliates include other vehicles that actively are seeking investment opportunities, and any one of those vehicles may at any time be seeking investment opportunities similar to those targeted by us. Our directors and officers who are affiliated with Harbinger may consider, among other things, asset type and investment time horizon in evaluating opportunities for us. In recognition of the potential conflicts that these persons and our other directors may have with respect to corporate opportunities, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation permits our board of directors from time to time to assert or renounce our interests and expectancies in one or more specific industries. In accordance with this provision, our board of directors renounced our interests and expectancies in the wireless communications industry. However, a renunciation of interests and expectancies in specific industries does not preclude us from seeking business acquisitions in those industries. We have had discussions regarding potential investments in various industries, including wireless communications.

## **Employees**

At January 14, 2011, we employed 8 persons. In the normal course of business, we use contract personnel to supplement our employee base to meet our business needs. We believe that our employee relations are generally satisfactory. We expect we will need to hire additional employees as a result of our ownership of a majority interest in Spectrum Brands Holdings and the increasing complexity of our business.

## **Legal and Environmental Matters Regarding Our Business**

In 2004, Utica Mutual Insurance Company ( Utica Mutual ) commenced an action against us in the Supreme Court for the County of Oneida, State of New York, seeking damages under a general agreement of indemnity entered into by us in the late 1970s. Based upon the information obtained to date, Utica Mutual is seeking damages due to payments it claims to have made under (i) a workers compensation bond and (ii) certain reclamation bonds which were issued to certain former subsidiaries and are alleged by Utica Mutual to be covered by the general agreement of indemnity. While the precise amount of Utica Mutual's claim is unclear, it appears it is claiming approximately \$0.5 million, including approximately \$0.2 million relating to the workers compensation bond and approximately \$0.3 million relating to reclamation bonds.

In 2005, we were notified by Weatherford of a claim for reimbursement of approximately \$0.2 million in connection with the investigation and cleanup of purported environmental contamination at two properties formerly owned by a non-operating subsidiary of ours. The claim was made under an indemnification provision given by us to Weatherford in a 1995 asset purchase agreement and relates to alleged environmental contamination that purportedly existed on the properties prior to the date of the sale. Weatherford has also advised us that it anticipates that further remediation and cleanup may be required, although Weatherford has not provided any information regarding the cost of any such future clean up. We have challenged any responsibility to indemnify Weatherford. We believe that we have meritorious defenses to the claim, including that the alleged contamination occurred after the sale of the property, and we intend to vigorously defend against it.

HGI is a nominal defendant, and the members of our board of directors are named as defendants in a derivative action filed in December 2010 by Alan R. Kahn in the Delaware Court of Chancery. The plaintiff alleges that the Spectrum Brands Acquisition is financially unfair to HGI and its public stockholders and seeks unspecified damages and the rescission of the transaction. We believe the allegations are without merit and intend to vigorously defend this matter.

In addition to the matters described above, we are involved in other litigation and claims incidental to our current and prior businesses. These include pending cases in Mississippi and Louisiana state court and in a federal multi-district litigation alleging injury from exposure to asbestos on offshore drilling rigs and shipping vessels formerly owned or operated by our offshore drilling and bulk-shipping affiliates.

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We have aggregate reserves for our legal and environmental matters of approximately \$0.3 million at both September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, which reserves relate primarily to the Utica Mutual and Weatherford claims described above. Although the outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, some of these matters may be disposed of unfavorably to us and we continue to incur ongoing defense costs in connection with some of these matters. However, based on currently available information, including legal defenses available to us, and given the aforementioned reserves and related insurance coverage, we do not believe that the outcome of these legal and environmental matters will have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**Properties**

Our principal executive office is located at 450 Park Avenue, 27th Floor, New York, New York 10022, where we lease approximately 2,350 square feet of office space.

**Spectrum Brands Holdings**

A description of the business of Spectrum Brands Holdings is included in Annex D hereto.

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The following table sets forth the name, age and position of our directors and officers.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>
Philip A. Falcone	47	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer
Peter A. Jenson	45	Chief Operating Officer and Director
Francis T. McCarron	53	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Richard H. Hagerup	58	Interim Chief Accounting Officer
Lap Wai Chan	44	Director
Lawrence M. Clark, Jr.	39	Director
Keith M. Hladek	35	Director
Thomas Hudgins	70	Director
Robert V. Leffler, Jr.	65	Director

*Philip A. Falcone*, age 47, has served as a director, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of HGI since July 2009. He is Chief Investment Officer and Chief Executive Officer of Harbinger Capital, an affiliate of HGI, and is Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Zap.Com. Mr. Falcone formed the predecessor of Harbinger Capital in 2001, and oversees its investment and business functions. Mr. Falcone has over two decades of experience in leveraged finance, distressed debt and special situations. Prior to joining the predecessor of Harbinger Capital, Mr. Falcone served as Head of High Yield Trading for Barclays Capital. None of the companies Mr. Falcone worked with before joining the predecessor of Harbinger Capital is an affiliate of HGI. We elected Mr. Falcone as a director because of his extensive investment experience and his controlling relationship with our controlling stockholders. We elected Mr. Falcone as our Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer because of his experience, and current position, as Chief Investment Officer and Chief Executive Officer of Harbinger Capital.

*Peter A. Jenson*, age 45, has served as a director of HGI since July 2009. He is Chief Operating Officer of Harbinger Capital, an affiliate of HGI, and was elected Secretary of HGI and Zap.Com in July 2009. Mr. Jenson is responsible for all operational activities of the Harbinger Parties and their management companies, including trade operations, portfolio accounting, valuation, treasury and portfolio financing, legal and compliance, information technology, administration and human resources. Prior to joining Harbinger Capital in 2009, Mr. Jenson held similar senior executive positions where he was responsible for finance and administration activities at Citadel Investment Group, a global financial institution, and Constellation Commodity Group, an energy company. Mr. Jenson was also a Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP where he was responsible for attestation and consulting activities across a broad spectrum of financial services clients, including commercial and international banks, trading organizations and investment companies. None of the companies Mr. Jenson worked with before joining Harbinger Capital is an affiliate of HGI. Mr. Jenson is a Chartered Accountant and a Certified Practising Accountant in Australia, as well as a Fellow of The Securities Institute in Australia. We elected Mr. Jenson as a director because of his expertise in operational activities, his knowledge of accounting and finance and his relationship with the Harbinger Parties, thereby providing the Board of Directors with important interaction with, and access to, our controlling stockholders.

*Francis T. McCarron*, age 53, has been the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of HGI since December 2009. Mr. McCarron also serves as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Zap.Com, a

position he has held since December 2009. From 2001 to 2007, Mr. McCarron was the Chief Financial Officer of Triarc Companies, Inc. ( Triarc ), which was renamed Wendy s/Arby s Group, Inc. in 2008. During 2008, Mr. McCarron was a consultant for Triarc. During the time of Mr. McCarron s employment, Triarc was a holding company that, through its principal subsidiary, Arby s Restaurant Group, Inc., was the franchisor of the Arby s restaurant system. Triarc (now Wendy/Arby s Group, Inc.) is not an affiliate of HGI.

*Richard H. Hagerup*, age 58, has been the Interim Chief Accounting Officer of HGI since December 2010. Mr. Hagerup also serves as Interim Chief Accounting Officer of Zap.Com, a position he has held since



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December 2010. Prior to being appointed as Interim Chief Accounting Officer of HGI, Mr. Hagerup served as HGI's contract controller, a position he held from January 2010. From April 1980 to April 2008, Mr. Hagerup held various accounting and financial reporting positions with Triarc and its affiliates, last serving as Controller of Triarc. During the time of Mr. Hagerup's employment, Triarc was a holding company listed on the NYSE that held controlling financial interests in various other companies including Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc. (the franchisor of the Arby's restaurant system). Wendy/Arby's Group, Inc. is not an affiliate of HGI.

*Lap Wai Chan*, age 44, has served as a director of HGI since October 2009. He is a consultant to MatlinPatterson Global Advisors ( MatlinPatterson ), a private equity firm focused on distressed control investments across a range of industries. From July 2002 to September 2009, Mr. Chan was a Managing Partner at MatlinPatterson. Prior to that, Mr. Chan was a Managing Director at Credit Suisse First Boston H.K. Ltd. ( Credit Suisse ). From March 2003 to December 2007, Mr. Chan served on the board of directors of Polymer Group, Inc. MatlinPatterson, Credit Suisse and Polymer Group, Inc. are not affiliates of HGI. We elected Mr. Chan as a director because of his extensive investment experience, particularly in Asia and Latin America, which strengthens the Board of Directors' collective qualifications, skills and experience.

*Lawrence M. Clark, Jr.*, age 39, has served as a director of HGI since July 2009. Mr. Clark is also a director of Zap.Com. Until January 2011, Mr. Clark was a Managing Director and Director of Investments of Harbinger Capital, a private equity fund and an affiliate of HGI, and is responsible for investments in metals, mining, industrials and retail companies, among other sectors. Mr. Clark served in that position since January 2006 and prior to that was a vice president from October 2002. Mr. Clark is in the process of launching BalanTrove Partners, a hedge fund. Prior to joining Harbinger Capital, from April 2001, Mr. Clark was a Distressed Debt and Special Situations Research Analyst at Satellite Asset Management, L.P. ( Satellite ), where he covered financially stressed and distressed industrial, cyclical and energy companies. He has actively participated in several financial restructurings in official and unofficial capacities as representative of holders of both secured and unsecured creditors. BalanTrove Partners and Satellite are not affiliates of HGI. Mr. Clark has completed Levels I and II of the Chartered Financial Analyst designation program. We elected Mr. Clark as a director because of his extensive investment experience in a broad range of industries.

*Keith M. Hladek*, age 35, has served as a director of HGI since October 2009. Mr. Hladek is also a director of Zap.Com. He is Chief Financial Officer of Harbinger Capital, an affiliate of HGI. Mr. Hladek is responsible for all accounting and operations of the Harbinger Funds and management companies, including portfolio accounting, valuation, settlement, custody, and administration of investments. Prior to joining Harbinger Capital in 2009, Mr. Hladek was Controller at Silver Point Capital, L.P., a distressed debt and credit-focused private investment firm, where he was responsible for accounting, operations and valuation for various funds and related financing vehicles. None of the companies Mr. Hladek worked with before joining Harbinger Capital is an affiliate of HGI. Mr. Hladek is a Certified Public Accountant in New York. We elected Mr. Hladek as a director because of his extensive accounting and operations experience and his relationship with the Harbinger Parties, thereby providing the Board of Directors with important interaction with, and access to, our controlling stockholders.

*Thomas Hudgins*, age 70, has served as a director of HGI since October 2009. He is a retired partner of Ernst & Young LLP ( E&Y ). From 1993 to 1998, he served as E&Y's Managing Partner of its New York Office with over 1,200 audit and tax professionals and staff personnel. During his tenure at E&Y, Mr. Hudgins was the coordinating partner for a number of multinational companies, including American Express Company, American Standard Inc., Textron Inc., MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings Inc., and Morgan Stanley, as well as various mid-market and leveraged buy-out companies. As coordinating partner, he had the lead responsibility for the world-wide delivery of audit, tax and management consulting services to these clients. Mr. Hudgins also served on E&Y's international executive committee for its global financial services practice. Mr. Hudgins serves as a member of the board of directors and chairman of the audit committee and member of the compensation committee of RHI Entertainment Inc. He

previously served on the board of directors and as a member of various committees of Foamex International Inc. and Aurora Foods, Inc. E&Y, RHI Entertainment Inc., Foamex International Inc. and Aurora Foods, Inc. are not affiliates of HGI. We elected Mr. Hudgins

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because he possesses particular knowledge and experience in accounting, finance and capital structures, which strengthens the Board of Directors' collective qualifications, skills and experience.

*Robert V. Leffler, Jr.*, age 65, has served as a director of HGI since May 1995. For more than the past six years, Mr. Leffler has owned and operated the Leffler Agency, an advertising and marketing/public relations firm based in Baltimore, Maryland and Tampa, Florida, which specializes in sports, rental real estate and broadcast television. The Leffler Agency is not an affiliate of HGI. We elected Mr. Leffler because we believe he provides a unique historical perspective to our long operating history in light of his service on our Board of Directors since 1995.

## **CERTAIN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

### **Controlled Company**

The board of directors has determined that HGI is a controlled company for the purposes of Section 303A of the NYSE rules, as the Harbinger Parties control more than 50% of HGI's voting power. A controlled company may elect not to comply with certain NYSE rules, including (1) the requirement that a majority of the board of directors consist of independent directors, (2) the requirement that a nominating/corporate governance committee be in place that is composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities, and (3) the requirement that a compensation committee be in place that is composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities. We currently avail ourselves of the controlled company exceptions. The board of directors has determined that it is appropriate not to have a nominating/corporate governance or compensation committee because of our relatively limited number of directors, our limited number of senior executives and our status as a controlled company under applicable NYSE rules.

### **Director Independence**

The board of directors has determined that Messrs. Chan, Hudgins and Leffler are independent directors under the NYSE rules. Under the NYSE rules, no director qualifies as independent unless the board of directors affirmatively determines that the director has no material relationship with HGI. Based upon information requested from and provided by each director concerning their background, employment and affiliations, including commercial, industrial, banking, consulting, legal, accounting, charitable and familial relationships, the board of directors has determined that each of the independent directors named above has no material relationship with HGI, nor has any such person entered into any material transactions or arrangements with HGI or its subsidiaries, either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with HGI, and is therefore independent under the NYSE rules.

As provided for under the NYSE rules, the board of directors has adopted categorical standards or guidelines to assist the board of directors in making its independence determinations with respect to each director. Under the NYSE rules, immaterial relationships that fall within the guidelines are not required to be disclosed in this prospectus.

**Table of Contents****EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION****Summary Compensation Table**

The following table discloses compensation for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 received by (i) Philip A. Falcone, our Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, (ii) Francis T. McCarron, our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, who was appointed in December 2009, (iii) Richard H. Hagerup, our Interim Chief Accounting Officer, who was appointed in December 2010 and (iv) Leonard DiSalvo, our Vice President Finance until May 31, 2010. These individuals are also referred to in this prospectus as our named executive officers.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Award (\$)	Non-Qualified Non-Equity Deferred Incentive Compensation		All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
						Plan Compensation (\$)	Earnings (\$)(1)		
Philip A. Falcone, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer	2010 2009	(2) (2)							
Francis T. McCarron, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2010 2009	500,000 15,070	500,000(3)		329,361(5)			9,800(4)	1,009,800 344,431
Richard H. Hagerup, Interim Chief Accounting Officer	2010	20,000(6)							20,000
Leonard DiSalvo, Former Vice President Finance	2010 2009	111,557(7) 245,000		(8)				192,939(9) 9,800(4)	304,496 348,295

(1) The HGI Pension Plan (the Pension Plan) was frozen in 2005; accordingly, the amount of future pension benefits an employee will receive is fixed. Disclosed changes in pension value are caused by actuarial related changes in the present value of the named executive officer's accumulated benefit. Actuarial assumptions such as age and the selected discount rate will cause an annual change in the actuarial pension value of an employee's benefit but does not result in any change in the actual amount of future benefits an employee will receive.

(2) Mr. Falcone is an employee of an affiliate of the Harbinger Parties and he does not receive any compensation for his services as our Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer.

- (3) Mr. McCarron's bonus is discretionary and has not yet been determined. Pursuant to Mr. McCarron's employment agreement, he is guaranteed a minimum bonus amount of \$500,000 for 2010. We expect that Mr. McCarron's bonus will be determined by the date our year-end financial statements are completed in February 2011; we will disclose this amount in a Form 8-K filing under Item 5.02(f).
- (4) Amounts represent HGI's matching contribution under HGI's 401(k) plan.
- (5) In 2009, stock options were granted with a grant date fair value of \$2.63 with the following assumptions used in the determination of fair value using the Black-Scholes option pricing model: expected option term of six years, volatility of 32.6%, risk-free interest rate of 3.1% and no assumed dividend yield. No stock options were granted in 2008 or 2010.
- (6) Excludes any compensation paid to Mr. Hagerup for consulting services he performed before he became our Interim Chief Accounting Officer in December 2010.
- (7) Excludes any compensation paid to Mr. DiSalvo for consulting services he performed after his employment terminated on May 31, 2010.

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- (8) For 2010, Mr. DiSalvo earned a bonus of \$34,453, which was computed at a rate of 125% of his 2009 bonus. Pursuant to his severance agreement, in lieu of receiving this bonus, Mr. DiSalvo received a lump-sum severance payment of \$184,453 (included as All Other Compensation in this table).
- (9) Amount consists of \$184,453 in severance payments and \$8,486 for HGI's matching contribution under HGI's 401(k) plan.

**Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End**

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards				
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Price (\$)(1)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
Philip A. Falcone									
Francis T. McCarron	125,000(2)			7.01	12/23/2019				
Richard H. Hagerup									
Leonard DiSalvo	100,000(3)			2.775	11/30/2011(4)				
	160,000(3)			6.813	12/8/2013(4)				

(1) The exercise price of all equity awards is equal to the fair market value (closing trading price of our common stock) on the date of grant.

(2) Amounts vest in one-third increments annually from date of grant. Accordingly, (1) on December 24, 2010, options for 41,667 shares of common stock became exercisable; (2) on December 24, 2011, options for an

additional 41,667 shares of common stock will become exercisable and (3) on December 24, 2012, options for an additional 41,666 shares of common stock will become exercisable.

- (3) Amounts are fully vested as of the date of this prospectus.
- (4) Pursuant to Mr. DiSalvo's retention and consulting agreement, his termination of employment on May 31, 2010 was, solely with respect to his options, deemed to be effective August 31, 2010.

### **Determination of Compensation**

We do not have a compensation committee because of the limited number of our senior executives and our status as a controlled company under applicable NYSE rules. Instead, the entire Board of Directors is responsible for determining compensation for our directors and executive officers. The Board of Directors may delegate the authority to recommend the amount or form of executive or director compensation to individual directors or executive officers, but the authority to approve the compensation rests with the entire Board of Directors. During our last completed fiscal year, the Board of Directors did not retain compensation consultants to determine or recommend the amount or form of executive or director compensation, but it may do so in the future if it deems it appropriate.

### **Elements of Post-Termination Compensation and Benefits**

*Pension Plan.* Benefits under our Pension Plan are based on employees' years of service and compensation level. All of the costs of this plan are borne by us. The plan's participants are 100% vested in the accrued benefit after five years of service.

In 2005, our Board of Directors authorized a freeze of the Pension Plan in accordance with ERISA rules and regulations so that new employees, after January 15, 2006, are not eligible to participate in the Pension

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Plan and further benefits no longer accrue for existing participants. Of our named executive officers, only Leonard DiSalvo was eligible to participate in this plan and he no longer accrues additional benefits.

*401(k) Plan.* We maintain a 401(k) plan in which eligible participants may defer a fixed amount or a percentage of their eligible compensation, subject to limitations. We make discretionary matching contributions of up to 4% of eligible compensation. Mr. Falcone does not participate in our 401(k) plan and Mr. Hagerup is not eligible to participate in our 401(k) plan. Mr. McCarron was not eligible to participate in our 401(k) plan in 2009. Our match for Mr. McCarron was \$9,800 in 2010 and our match for Mr. DiSalvo was \$9,800 in 2009 and \$8,486 in 2010.

*Senior Executive Health Plan.* During the second quarter of 2006, the Board of Directors established the HGI Corporation Senior Executive Retiree Health Care Benefit Plan to provide health and medical benefits for certain of our former senior executive officers. These health insurance benefits are consistent with HGI's existing benefits available to employees. Participation of individuals in this plan is determined by the Board of Directors. There are no current participants in this plan, although the Board of Directors may permit our current executive officers to participate following their retirement.

*Deferred Compensation Arrangements.* We do not currently have any deferred compensation arrangements or plans.

*Other.* We continue to provide benefits to the surviving spouse of former HGI Chairman, B. John Mackin, under the terms of a Consulting and Retirement Agreement dated August 27, 1981. Mr. Mackin retired as an employee of HGI in 1985. The agreement provides for health and dental benefits and annual retirement income of \$112,500 to Mr. Mackin's widow for the remainder of her life. This amount represents half of the \$225,000 per annum that was paid to Mr. Mackin prior to his death in 2003.

## **Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers; Payments upon Termination and Change in Control**

Philip A. Falcone, our Chief Executive Officer, Francis T. McCarron, our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and Richard H. Hagerup, our Interim Chief Accounting Officer, are employees at will. Mr. Falcone was not or is not a party to an employment agreement with HGI. We have employment agreements with Mr. McCarron, and Mr. Hagerup. We have a consulting agreement with Leonard DiSalvo, our former Vice President Finance. We also have indemnification agreements with Messrs. Falcone, McCarron and DiSalvo, pursuant to which we agreed to indemnify them to the fullest extent of the law. We expect to enter into a similar indemnification agreement with Mr. Hagerup.

Other than the termination payments payable to Messrs. McCarron, Hagerup and DiSalvo as described below, we are not obligated to make any payments or provide any benefits to our named executive officers upon the termination of employment, a change of control of HGI, or a change in the named executive officer's responsibilities following a change of control.

### ***Employment Agreement with Francis T. McCarron***

Pursuant to our employment agreement with Mr. McCarron, dated as of December 24, 2009, Mr. McCarron's annual base salary is \$500,000 and, beginning January 1, 2010, he is eligible to earn an annual cash bonus targeted at 300% of his base salary upon the attainment of certain reasonable performance objectives to be set by, and in the sole discretion of, our Board or the Compensation Committee of the Board, in consultation with Mr. McCarron. For 2010, Mr. McCarron was guaranteed a minimum annual bonus of \$500,000. His annual bonus for 2010 has not been set.

Pursuant to his employment agreement, Mr. McCarron was granted an initial non-qualified option to purchase 125,000 shares of our common stock (the Initial Option) pursuant to our Amended and Restated 1996 Long-Term



Incentive Plan. The Initial Option will vest in three substantially equal annual installments, subject to Mr. McCarron's continued employment on each annual vesting date, and has an exercise price equal to the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date of grant. For years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, Mr. McCarron will be eligible to receive an additional annual option or similar equity grant

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having a fair value targeted at between 25% and 50% of Mr. McCarron's total annual compensation for the immediately preceding year, subject to the sole discretion of our Board of Directors (including the discretion to grant awards higher than the targeted amount).

If Mr. McCarron's employment is terminated for any reason, he is entitled to his salary through his final date of active employment plus any accrued but unused vacation pay. He is also entitled to any benefits mandated under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act ( COBRA ) or required under the terms of HGI's plans described above.

If Mr. McCarron's employment was terminated by us without cause, or by him for Good Reason, as defined below, at any time on or prior to December 31, 2010, he was entitled to the continuation of his base salary until December 31, 2010 and his Initial Option to purchase 125,000 shares of our common stock would have become fully vested. In addition, he would have been entitled to his annual bonus for 2010, in an amount equal to the greater of \$500,000 or the bonus earned for the year based upon the actual attainment of the performance goals, as pro-rated for the number of days Mr. McCarron was employed in 2010. If the termination of employment occurs at any time after December 31, 2010, Mr. McCarron will be entitled to the continuation of his base salary for three months following such termination and full vesting of his Initial Option. He will also be entitled to his 2010 annual bonus to the extent not previously paid as of the date his employment terminates.

*Good Reason* means the occurrence of any of the following events without either Mr. McCarron's express prior written consent or full cure by us within 30 days: (i) any material diminution in Mr. McCarron's title, responsibilities or authorities, (ii) the assignment to him of duties that are materially inconsistent with his duties as the principal financial officer of HGI; (iii) any change in the reporting structure so that he reports to any person or entity other than Chief Executive Officer and/or the Board; (iv) the relocation of Mr. McCarron's principal office, or principal place of employment, to a location that is outside the borough of Manhattan, New York; (v) a breach by HGI of any material terms of Mr. McCarron's employment agreement; or (vi) any failure of HGI to obtain the assumption (in writing or by operation of law) of our obligations under his employment agreement by any successor to all or substantially all of our business or assets upon consummation of any merger, consolidation, sale, liquidation, dissolution or similar transaction.

***Employment Agreement with Richard H. Hagerup***

As of December 1, 2010, we entered into a Temporary Employment Agreement with Mr. Hagerup pursuant to which we employ Mr. Hagerup as our Interim Chief Accounting Officer. Mr. Hagerup's bi-weekly pay is \$9,230.77. Mr. Hagerup's employment is temporary and at will and may be terminated by Mr. Hagerup or HGI at any time for any reason or no reason whatsoever and without notice. As a temporary employee, Mr. Hagerup is not eligible to participate in any of HGI's benefit plans. If HGI terminates Mr. Hagerup's employment other than for Cause, as defined in his employment agreement, upon less than 30 days' notice, HGI will continue to pay Mr. Hagerup's salary through the 30-day period.

***Retention and Consulting Agreement with Leonard DiSalvo***

On January 22, 2010, we entered into a Retention and Consulting Agreement with Mr. DiSalvo pursuant to which Mr. DiSalvo continued to be employed by HGI through May 31, 2010, and was then entitled to the following retention payments: (i) a lump sum payment equal to \$150,000; (ii) a pro-rated bonus for 2010 equal to \$34,453; and (iii) three months of outplacement services.

Since June 1, 2010, Mr. DiSalvo has been providing certain consulting services to HGI. For each full month of service, Mr. DiSalvo is compensated \$21,233.33, a rate equal to 1/12th of his annual base salary at the rate in effect on

the date his employment terminated. In addition, Mr. DiSalvo had the right to (but did not) elect health care continuation coverage under COBRA and we would have paid his COBRA premiums during the consulting period at the same rate we pay health insurance premiums for our active employees. The consulting services continue for 12 months, except that Mr. DiSalvo may terminate the consulting period at any time upon 30 days prior written notice to us and we may terminate the consulting period at any time for

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cause. Mr. DiSalvo's entitlement to the payments was also subject to his execution of a release in a form reasonably acceptable to us, which he executed in May 2010.

Mr. DiSalvo's stock options continue to be subject to the terms of our 1996 Long-Term Incentive Plan, except that for purposes of these options, Mr. DiSalvo's employment was deemed to terminate on August 31, 2010.

**Director Compensation**

The following table shows for the fiscal year 2010 certain information with respect to the compensation of the current directors of HGI, excluding Philip A. Falcone, whose compensation is disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table above. There are no individuals who were directors at any time during 2010 but are not currently directors.

Name	Fees Earned		Non-Equity Nonqualified Incentive			Total
	or Paid in Cash (\$)(1)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	Plan Compensation (\$)	Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	
Lap W. Chan	279,718(2)					279,718
Lawrence M. Clark, Jr.						
Keith M. Hladek						
Thomas Hudgins	186,108(3)					186,108
Peter A. Jenson						
Robert V. Leffler	171,679(3)					171,679

- (1) During 2010, directors who were not employees of HGI or of the Harbinger Parties (or an affiliate) were paid an annual retainer of \$35,000 (on a quarterly basis), plus \$1,000 per meeting for each standing committee of the Board of Directors on which a director served or \$2,000 per meeting for each standing committee of the Board of Directors of which a director was Chairman. Those directors who also are employees of HGI or of the Harbinger Parties (or an affiliate) do not receive any compensation for their services as directors.
- (2) In 2010, the Board of Directors formed a special committee to consider certain proposed acquisitions (the Special Committee). Mr. Chan acted as Chairman of the Special Committee and for this service, was paid a fee of \$25,000 per calendar month during which the Special Committee was in existence, and a fee of \$1,500 per meeting.
- (3) For service on the Special Committee, Messrs. Hudgins and Leffler were paid a fee of \$10,000 per calendar month during which the Special Committee was in existence, and a fee of \$1,500 per meeting.

**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Our Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing and addressing conflicts of interests of directors and executive officers, as well as reviewing and discussing with management and the independent registered public accounting firm, and approving as the case may be, any transactions or courses of dealing with related parties that are required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404 of Regulation S-K, which is the SEC's disclosure rules for certain related party transactions.

## **Management Agreement**

Effective March 1, 2010, we entered into a Management and Advisory Services Agreement (the Management Agreement ) with Harbinger Capital, pursuant to which Harbinger Capital has agreed to provide us with advisory and consulting services, particularly with regard to identifying and evaluating investment opportunities. Harbinger Capital is an affiliate of the Harbinger Parties, which collectively hold approximately 93.3% of our outstanding shares of common stock. Harbinger Capital is also the employer of Messrs. Falcone, Jenson and Hladek, who are our directors and, in the case of Messrs. Falcone and Jenson, our officers. We have agreed to reimburse Harbinger Capital for (i) its out-of-pocket expenses and its fully-loaded cost (based

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on budgeted compensation and overhead) of services provided by its legal and accounting personnel (but excluding such services as are incidental and ordinary course activities) and (ii) upon our completion of any transaction, Harbinger Capital's out-of-pocket expenses and its fully-loaded cost (based on budgeted compensation and overhead) of services provided by its legal and accounting personnel (but not its investment banking personnel) relating to such transaction, to the extent not previously reimbursed by us. Requests by Harbinger Capital for reimbursement are subject to review by our Audit Committee, after review by our management. The Management Agreement has a three-year term, with automatic one-year extensions unless terminated by either party with 90 days' notice. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we did not accrue any costs related to the Management Agreement.

## **Spectrum Brands Acquisition; Related Transactions**

For a description of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, the Spectrum Brands Holdings Registration Rights Agreement, the Spectrum Brands Holdings Stockholder Agreement and related transactions and the interests our directors and significant stockholders have in this transaction, see "The Spectrum Brands Acquisition" elsewhere in this prospectus.

## **Registration Rights Agreement**

In connection with the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, HGI and the Harbinger Parties entered into a registration rights agreement, dated as of September 10, 2010, (the "Registration Rights Agreement") pursuant to which, after the consummation of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition, the Harbinger Parties will, among other things and subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, have certain demand and so-called "piggy back" registration rights with respect to (i) any and all shares of HGI's common stock owned after the date of the Registration Rights Agreement by the Harbinger Parties and their permitted transferees (irrespective of when acquired) and any shares of HGI's common stock issuable or issued upon exercise, conversion or exchange of HGI's other securities owned by the Harbinger Parties, and (ii) any of HGI securities issued in respect of the shares of HGI's common stock issued or issuable to any of the Harbinger Parties with respect to the securities described in clause (i).

Under the Registration Rights Agreement, after the consummation of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition any of the Harbinger Parties may demand that HGI register all or a portion of such Harbinger Party's shares of HGI's common stock for sale under the Securities Act, so long as the anticipated aggregate offering price of the securities to be offered is (i) at least \$30 million if registration is to be effected pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1 or any similar "long-form" registration or (ii) at least \$5 million if registration is to be effected pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3 or a similar "short-form" registration. Under the agreement, HGI is not obligated to effect more than three such "long-form" registrations in the aggregate for all of the Harbinger Parties.

The Registration Rights Agreement also provides that if HGI decides to register any shares of its common stock for its own account or the account of a stockholder other than the Harbinger Parties (subject to certain exceptions set forth in the agreement), the Harbinger Parties may require HGI to include all or a portion of their shares of HGI's common stock in the registration and, to the extent the registration is in connection with an underwritten public offering, to have such shares included in the offering.

## **Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions of Spectrum Brands Holdings**

A description of certain relationships and related party transactions of Spectrum Brands Holdings is attached as Annex E hereto.

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The table below shows the number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned by:

each named executive officer,

each director,

each person known to us to beneficially own more than 5% of our outstanding common stock (the 5% stockholders ), and

all directors and executive officers as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC. Determinations as to the identity of 5% stockholders and the number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned, including shares which may be acquired by them within 60 days, is based upon filings with the SEC as indicated in the footnotes to the table below. Except as otherwise indicated, we believe, based on the information furnished or otherwise available to us, that each person or entity named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of our common stock shown as beneficially owned by them, subject to applicable community property laws.

In computing the number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of that person, shares of our common stock that are subject to options held by that person that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of January 20, 2011, are deemed outstanding. These shares of our common stock are not, however, deemed outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Unless otherwise noted below, the address of each beneficial owner listed in the table is c/o Harbinger Group Inc., 450 Park Avenue, 27th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

<b>Name and Address</b>	<b>Beneficial Ownership</b>	<b>Percent of Class</b>
<b>5% Stockholders</b>		
Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd.(1)	95,932,068	68.9%
Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P.(2)	21,493,161	15.4%
Global Opportunities Breakaway Ltd.(3)	12,434,660	8.9%
<b>Our Directors and Executive Officers Serving at January 20, 2011</b>		
Lap W. Chan		
Lawrence M. Clark, Jr.		
Leonard DiSalvo(4)	260,000	*
Philip A. Falcone(5)	129,859,889	93.3%
Keith M. Hladek(6)		
Thomas Hudgins		
Peter A. Jenson(6)		
Robert V. Leffler, Jr.(7)	8,000	*
Francis T. McCarron		
Richard H. Hagerup		
All current directors and executive officers as a group (10 persons)	129,867,889	93.3%

\* Indicates less than 1% of our outstanding common stock.

- (1) Based solely on a Schedule 13D, Amendment No. 5, filed with the SEC on January 12, 2011, Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd. (the Master Fund ) is the beneficial owner of 95,932,068 shares of our common stock, which may also be deemed to be beneficially owned by Harbinger Capital, the investment manager of Master Fund; Harbinger Holdings, LLC ( Harbinger Holdings ), the managing member of Harbinger Capital, and Philip A. Falcone, the managing member of Harbinger Holdings and the



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portfolio manager of the Master Fund. The address of the Master Fund is c/o International Fund Services (Ireland) Limited, 78 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland.

- (2) Based solely on a Schedule 13D, Amendment No. 5, filed with the SEC on January 12, 2011, Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. (the "Special Situations Fund") is the beneficial owner of 21,493,161 shares of our common stock, which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC ("HCPSS"), the general partner of the Special Situations Fund, Harbinger Holdings, the managing member of HCPSS, and Mr. Falcone, the managing member of Harbinger Holdings and the portfolio manager of the Special Situations Fund. The address of the Special Situations Fund is 450 Park Avenue, 30th Floor, New York, New York, 10022.
- (3) Based solely on a Schedule 13D, Amendment No. 5, filed with the SEC on September 15, 2010, Global Opportunities Breakaway Ltd. (the "Global Fund") is the beneficial holder of 12,434,660 shares of our common stock, which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Harbinger Capital Partners II LP ("HCP II"), the investment manager of the Global Fund; Harbinger Capital Partners II GP LLC ("HCP II GP"), the general partner of HCP II, and Mr. Falcone, the managing member of HCP II GP and the portfolio manager of the Global Fund. The address of the Global Fund is c/o Maples Corporate Services Limited, PO Box 309, Umland House, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands KY1-1104.
- (4) Represents 260,000 shares of our common stock issuable under options exercisable within 60 days of January 20, 2011.
- (5) Based solely on a Schedule 13D, Amendment No. 5, filed with the SEC on January 12, 2011, Mr. Falcone, the managing member of Harbinger Holdings and HCP II GP and portfolio manager of each of the Master Fund, the Special Situations Fund and the Global Fund, may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own 129,859,889 shares of our common stock, constituting approximately 93.3% of our outstanding common stock, and has shared voting and dispositive power over all such shares. Mr. Falcone disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares reported in the Schedule 13D, except with respect to his pecuniary interest therein. Mr. Falcone's address is c/o Harbinger Holdings, LLC, 450 Park Avenue, 30th Floor, New York, New York, 10022.
- (6) The address of each beneficial owner is c/o Harbinger Capital Partners LLC, 450 Park Avenue, 30th Floor, New York, New York 10022.
- (7) Represents 8,000 shares of our common stock issuable under options exercisable within 60 days of January 20, 2011.

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**THE EXCHANGE OFFER**

**Terms of the Exchange Offer**

We are offering to exchange our exchange notes for a like aggregate principal amount of our initial notes.

The exchange notes that we propose to issue in the exchange offer will be substantially identical to our initial notes except that, unlike our initial notes, the exchange notes will have no transfer restrictions or registration rights. You should read the description of the exchange notes in the section in this prospectus entitled Description of Notes.

We reserve the right in our sole discretion to purchase or make offers for any initial notes that remain outstanding following the expiration or termination of the exchange offer and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, to purchase initial notes in the open market or privately negotiated transactions, one or more additional tender or exchange offers or otherwise. The terms and prices of these purchases or offers could differ significantly from the terms of the exchange offer.

**Expiration Date; Extensions; Amendments; Termination**

The exchange offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, unless we extend it in our reasonable discretion. The expiration date of the exchange offer will be at least 20 business days after the commencement of the exchange offer in accordance with Rule 14e-1(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ).

We expressly reserve the right to delay acceptance of any initial notes, extend or terminate the exchange offer and not accept any initial notes that we have not previously accepted if any of the conditions described below under Conditions to the Exchange Offer have not been satisfied or waived by us. We will notify the exchange agent of any delay, extension or termination of the exchange offer by oral notice, promptly confirmed in writing, or by written notice. We will also notify the holders of the initial notes by a press release or other public announcement communicated before 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled expiration date unless applicable laws require us to do otherwise.

We also expressly reserve the right to amend the terms of the exchange offer in any manner. If we make any material change, we will promptly disclose this change in a manner reasonably calculated to inform the holders of our initial notes of the change including providing public announcement or giving oral or written notice to these holders. A material change in the terms of the exchange offer could include a change in the timing of the exchange offer, a change in the exchange agent and other similar changes in the terms of the exchange offer. If we make any material change to the exchange offer, we will disclose this change by means of a post-effective amendment to the registration statement which includes this prospectus and will distribute an amended or supplemented prospectus to each registered holder of initial notes. In addition, we will extend the exchange offer for an additional five to ten business days as required by the Exchange Act, depending on the significance of the amendment, if the exchange offer would otherwise expire during that period. We will promptly notify the exchange agent by oral notice, promptly confirmed in writing, or written notice of any delay in acceptance, extension, termination or amendment of the exchange offer.

**Procedures for Tendering Initial Notes**

***Proper Execution and Delivery of Letters of Transmittal***

To tender your initial notes in the exchange offer, you must use *one of the three* alternative procedures described below:

(1) *Regular delivery procedure:* Complete, sign and date the letter of transmittal, or a facsimile of the letter of transmittal. Have the signatures on the letter of transmittal guaranteed if required by the letter of transmittal. Mail or otherwise deliver the letter of transmittal or the facsimile together with the certificates representing the initial notes being tendered and any other required documents to the exchange agent on or before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

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(2) *Book-entry delivery procedure*: Send a timely confirmation of a book-entry transfer of your initial notes, if this procedure is available, into the exchange agent's account at DTC in accordance with the procedures for book-entry transfer described under *Book-Entry Delivery Procedure* below, on or before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

(3) *Guaranteed delivery procedure*: If time will not permit you to complete your tender by using the procedures described in (1) or (2) above before the expiration date and this procedure is available, comply with the guaranteed delivery procedures described under *Guaranteed Delivery Procedure* below.

The method of delivery of the initial notes, the letter of transmittal and all other required documents is at your election and risk. Instead of delivery by mail, we recommend that you use an overnight or hand-delivery service. If you choose the mail, we recommend that you use registered mail, properly insured, with return receipt requested. **In all cases, you should allow sufficient time to assure timely delivery.** You should not send any letters of transmittal or initial notes to us. You must deliver all documents to the exchange agent at its address provided below. You may also request your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or nominee to tender your initial notes on your behalf.

Only a holder of initial notes may tender initial notes in the exchange offer. A holder is any person in whose name initial notes are registered on our books or any other person who has obtained a properly completed bond power from the registered holder.

If you are the beneficial owner of initial notes that are registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and you wish to tender your notes, you must contact that registered holder promptly and instruct that registered holder to tender your notes on your behalf. If you wish to tender your initial notes on your own behalf, you must, before completing and executing the letter of transmittal and delivering your initial notes, either make appropriate arrangements to register the ownership of these notes in your name or obtain a properly completed bond power from the registered holder. The transfer of registered ownership may take considerable time.

You must have any signatures on a letter of transmittal or a notice of withdrawal guaranteed by:

(1) a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.,

(2) a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States, or

(3) an eligible guarantor institution within the meaning of Rule 17Ad-15 under the Exchange Act, *unless* the initial notes are tendered:

(1) by a registered holder or by a participant in DTC whose name appears on a security position listing as the owner, who has not completed the box entitled *Special Issuance Instructions* or *Special Delivery Instructions* on the letter of transmittal and only if the exchange notes are being issued directly to this registered holder or deposited into this participant's account at DTC, or

(2) for the account of a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States or an eligible guarantor institution within the meaning of Rule 17Ad-15 under the Exchange Act.

If the letter of transmittal or any bond powers are signed by:

(1) the recordholder(s) of the initial notes tendered: the signature must correspond with the name(s) written on the face of the initial notes without alteration, enlargement or any change whatsoever.

(2) a participant in DTC: the signature must correspond with the name as it appears on the security position listing as the holder of the initial notes.

(3) a person other than the registered holder of any initial notes: these initial notes must be endorsed or accompanied by bond powers and a proxy that authorize this person to tender the initial notes on

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behalf of the registered holder, in satisfactory form to us as determined in our sole discretion, in each case, as the name of the registered holder or holders appears on the initial notes.

(4) trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, attorneys-in-fact, officers of corporations or others acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity: these persons should so indicate when signing. Unless waived by us, evidence satisfactory to us of their authority to so act must also be submitted with the letter of transmittal.

To tender your initial notes in the exchange offer, you must make the following representations:

(1) you are authorized to tender, sell, assign and transfer the initial notes tendered and to acquire exchange notes issuable upon the exchange of such tendered initial notes, and that we will acquire good and unencumbered title thereto, free and clear of all liens, restrictions, charges and encumbrances and not subject to any adverse claim when the same are accepted by us,

(2) any exchange notes acquired by you pursuant to the exchange offer are being acquired in the ordinary course of business, whether or not you are the holder,

(3) you or any other person who receives exchange notes, whether or not such person is the holder of the exchange notes, has an arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in a distribution of such exchange notes within the meaning of the Securities Act and is not participating in, and does not intend to participate in, the distribution of such exchange notes within the meaning of the Securities Act,

(4) you or such other person who receives exchange notes, whether or not such person is the holder of the exchange notes, is not an affiliate, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act, of ours, or if you or such other person is an affiliate, you or such other person will comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act to the extent applicable,

(5) if you are not a broker-dealer, you represent that you are not engaging in, and do not intend to engage in, a distribution of exchange notes, and

(6) if you are a broker-dealer that will receive exchange notes for your own account in exchange for initial notes, you represent that the initial notes to be exchanged for the exchange notes were acquired by you as a result of market-making or other trading activities and acknowledge that you will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale, offer to resell or other transfer of such exchange notes.

You must also warrant that the acceptance of any tendered initial notes by HGI and the issuance of exchange notes in exchange therefor shall constitute performance in full by HGI of its obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement relating to the initial notes.

To effectively tender notes through DTC, the financial institution that is a participant in DTC will electronically transmit its acceptance through the Automatic Tender Offer Program. DTC will then edit and verify the acceptance and send an agent's message to the exchange agent for its acceptance. An agent's message is a message transmitted by DTC to the exchange agent stating that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from the participant in DTC tendering the notes that this participant has received and agrees to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal, and that we may enforce this agreement against this participant.

***Book-Entry Delivery Procedure***

Any financial institution that is a participant in DTC's systems may make book-entry deliveries of initial notes by causing DTC to transfer these initial notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC in accordance with DTC's procedures for transfer. To effectively tender notes through DTC, the financial institution that is a participant in DTC will electronically transmit its acceptance through the Automatic Tender Offer Program. The DTC will then edit and verify the acceptance and send an agent's message to the exchange agent for its acceptance. An agent's message is a message transmitted by DTC to the exchange agent stating that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from the participant in DTC tendering the notes that this participation

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has received and agrees to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal, and that we may enforce this agreement against this participant. The exchange agent will make a request to establish an account for the initial notes at DTC for purposes of the exchange offer within two business days after the date of this prospectus.

A delivery of initial notes through a book-entry transfer into the exchange agent's account at DTC will only be effective if an agent's message or the letter of transmittal or a facsimile of the letter of transmittal with any required signature guarantees and any other required documents is transmitted to and received by the exchange agent at the address indicated below under "Exchange Agent" on or before the expiration date unless the guaranteed delivery procedures described below are complied with. **Delivery of documents to DTC does not constitute delivery to the exchange agent.**

### ***Guaranteed Delivery Procedure***

If you are a registered holder of initial notes and desire to tender your notes, and (1) these notes are not immediately available, (2) time will not permit your notes or other required documents to reach the exchange agent before the expiration date or (3) the procedures for book-entry transfer cannot be completed on a timely basis and an agent's message delivered, you may still tender in the exchange offer if:

(1) you tender through a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States, or an eligible guarantor institution within the meaning of Rule 17Ad-15 under the Exchange Act,

(2) on or before the expiration date, the exchange agent receives a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal or facsimile of the letter of transmittal, and a notice of guaranteed delivery, substantially in the form provided by us, with your name and address as holder of the initial notes and the amount of notes tendered, stating that the tender is being made by that letter and notice and guaranteeing that within three NYSE trading days after the expiration date the certificates for all the initial notes tendered, in proper form for transfer, or a book-entry confirmation with an agent's message, as the case may be, and any other documents required by the letter of transmittal will be deposited by the eligible institution with the exchange agent, and

(3) the certificates for all your tendered initial notes in proper form for transfer or a book-entry confirmation as the case may be, and all other documents required by the letter of transmittal are received by the exchange agent within three NYSE trading days after the expiration date.

### **Acceptance of Initial Notes for Exchange; Delivery of Exchange Notes**

Your tender of initial notes will constitute an agreement between you and us governed by the terms and conditions provided in this prospectus and in the related letter of transmittal.

We will be deemed to have received your tender as of the date when your duly signed letter of transmittal accompanied by your initial notes tendered, or a timely confirmation of a book-entry transfer of these notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC with an agent's message, or a notice of guaranteed delivery from an eligible institution is received by the exchange agent.

All questions as to the validity, form, eligibility, including time of receipt, acceptance and withdrawal of tenders will be determined by us in our sole discretion. Our determination will be final and binding.

We reserve the absolute right to reject any and all initial notes not properly tendered or any initial notes which, if accepted, would, in our opinion or our counsel's opinion, be unlawful. We also reserve the absolute right to waive any



conditions of the exchange offer or irregularities or defects in tender as to particular notes with the exception of conditions to the exchange offer relating to the obligations of broker dealers, which we will not waive. If we waive a condition to the exchange offer, the waiver will be applied equally to all note holders. Our interpretation of the terms and conditions of the exchange offer, including the instructions in the letter of transmittal, will be final and binding on all parties. Unless waived, any defects or irregularities in

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connection with tenders of initial notes must be cured within such time as we shall determine. None of us, the exchange agent or any other person will be under any duty to give notification of defects or irregularities with respect to tenders of initial notes. None of us, the exchange agent or any other person will incur any liability for any failure to give notification of these defects or irregularities. Tenders of initial notes will not be deemed to have been made until such irregularities have been cured or waived. The exchange agent will return without cost to their holders any initial notes that are not properly tendered and as to which the defects or irregularities have not been cured or waived promptly following the expiration date.

If all the conditions to the exchange offer are satisfied or waived on the expiration date, we will accept all initial notes properly tendered and will issue the exchange notes promptly thereafter. Please refer to the section of this prospectus entitled **Conditions to the Exchange Offer** below. For purposes of the exchange offer, initial notes will be deemed to have been accepted as validly tendered for exchange when, as and if we give oral or written notice of acceptance to the exchange agent.

We will issue the exchange notes in exchange for the initial notes tendered pursuant to a notice of guaranteed delivery by an eligible institution only against delivery to the exchange agent of the letter of transmittal, the tendered initial notes and any other required documents, or the receipt by the exchange agent of a timely confirmation of a book-entry transfer of initial notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC with an agent's message, in each case, in form satisfactory to us and the exchange agent.

If any tendered initial notes are not accepted for any reason provided by the terms and conditions of the exchange offer or if initial notes are submitted for a greater principal amount than the holder desires to exchange, the unaccepted or non-exchanged initial notes will be returned without expense to the tendering holder, or, in the case of initial notes tendered by book-entry transfer procedures described above, will be credited to an account maintained with the book-entry transfer facility, promptly after withdrawal, rejection of tender or the expiration or termination of the exchange offer.

By tendering into the exchange offer, you will irrevocably appoint our designees as your attorney-in-fact and proxy with full power of substitution and resubstitution to the full extent of your rights on the notes tendered. This proxy will be considered coupled with an interest in the tendered notes. This appointment will be effective only when, and to the extent that, we accept your notes in the exchange offer. All prior proxies on these notes will then be revoked and you will not be entitled to give any subsequent proxy. Any proxy that you may give subsequently will not be deemed effective. Our designees will be empowered to exercise all voting and other rights of the holders as they may deem proper at any meeting of note holders or otherwise. The initial notes will be validly tendered only if we are able to exercise full voting rights on the notes, including voting at any meeting of the note holders, and full rights to consent to any action taken by the note holders.

## **Withdrawal of Tenders**

Except as otherwise provided in this prospectus, you may withdraw tenders of initial notes at any time before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

For a withdrawal to be effective, you must send a written or facsimile transmission notice of withdrawal to the exchange agent before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date at the address provided below under **Exchange Agent** and before acceptance of your tendered notes for exchange by us.

Any notice of withdrawal must:

(1) specify the name of the person having tendered the initial notes to be withdrawn,

(2) identify the notes to be withdrawn, including, if applicable, the registration number or numbers and total principal amount of these notes,

(3) be signed by the person having tendered the initial notes to be withdrawn in the same manner as the original signature on the letter of transmittal by which these notes were tendered, including any required signature guarantees, or be accompanied by documents of transfer sufficient to permit the trustee

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for the initial notes to register the transfer of these notes into the name of the person having made the original tender and withdrawing the tender,

(4) specify the name in which any of these initial notes are to be registered, if this name is different from that of the person having tendered the initial notes to be withdrawn, and

(5) if applicable because the initial notes have been tendered through the book-entry procedure, specify the name and number of the participant's account at DTC to be credited, if different than that of the person having tendered the initial notes to be withdrawn.

We will determine all questions as to the validity, form and eligibility, including time of receipt, of all notices of withdrawal and our determination will be final and binding on all parties. Initial notes that are withdrawn will be deemed not to have been validly tendered for exchange in the exchange offer.

The exchange agent will return without cost to their holders all initial notes that have been tendered for exchange and are not exchanged for any reason, promptly after withdrawal, rejection of tender or expiration or termination of the exchange offer.

You may retender properly withdrawn initial notes in the exchange offer by following one of the procedures described under "Procedures for Tendering Initial Notes" above at any time on or before the expiration date.

## **Conditions to the Exchange Offer**

We will complete the exchange offer only if:

(1) there is no change in the laws and regulations which would reasonably be expected to impair our ability to proceed with the exchange offer,

(2) there is no change in the current interpretation of the staff of the SEC which permits resales of the exchange notes,

(3) there is no stop order issued by the SEC or any state securities authority suspending the effectiveness of the registration statement which includes this prospectus or the qualification of the indenture for the exchange notes under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 and there are no proceedings initiated or, to our knowledge, threatened for that purpose,

(4) there is no action or proceeding instituted or threatened in any court or before any governmental agency or body that would reasonably be expected to prohibit, prevent or otherwise impair our ability to proceed with the exchange offer, and

(5) we obtain all the governmental approvals that we in our sole discretion deem necessary to complete the exchange offer.

These conditions are for our sole benefit. We may assert any one of these conditions regardless of the circumstances giving rise to it and may also waive any one of them, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time, if we determine in our reasonable discretion that it has not been satisfied, subject to applicable law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all conditions to the exchange offer must be satisfied or waived before the expiration of the exchange offer. If we waive a condition to the exchange offer, the waiver will be applied equally to all note holders. Each of these rights will be deemed an ongoing right which we may assert at any time and from time to time.

If we determine that we may terminate the exchange offer because any of these conditions is not satisfied, we may:

(1) refuse to accept and return to their holders any initial notes that have been tendered,

(2) extend the exchange offer and retain all notes tendered before the expiration date, subject to the rights of the holders of these notes to withdraw their tenders, or

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(3) waive any condition that has not been satisfied and accept all properly tendered notes that have not been withdrawn or otherwise amend the terms of the exchange offer in any respect as provided under the section in this prospectus entitled Expiration Date; Extensions; Amendments; Termination.

## **Accounting Treatment**

We will record the exchange notes at the same carrying value as the initial notes as reflected in our accounting records on the date of the exchange. Accordingly, we will not recognize any gain or loss for accounting purposes. We will amortize the costs related to the issuance of the initial notes over the term of the initial notes and exchange notes and expense the costs of the exchange offer as incurred.

## **Exchange Agent**

We have appointed Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as exchange agent for the exchange offer. You should direct all questions and requests for assistance on the procedures for tendering and all requests for additional copies of this prospectus or the letter of transmittal to the exchange agent as follows:

By mail:

Wells Fargo Bank,  
National Association  
Corporate Trust Operations  
MAC N9303-121  
PO Box 1517  
Minneapolis, MN 55480

By hand/overnight delivery:

Wells Fargo Bank,  
National Association  
Corporate Trust Operations  
MAC N9303-121  
Sixth & Marquette Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55479

Confirm by telephone: (800) 344-5128

## **Fees and Expenses**

We will bear the expenses of soliciting tenders in the exchange offer, including fees and expenses of the exchange agent and trustee and accounting, legal, printing and related fees and expenses.

We will not make any payments to brokers, dealers or other persons soliciting acceptances of the exchange offer. However, we will pay the exchange agent reasonable and customary fees for its services and will reimburse the exchange agent for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the exchange offer. We will also pay brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for forwarding copies of the prospectus, letters of transmittal and related documents to the beneficial owners of the initial notes and for handling or forwarding tenders for exchange to their customers.



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We will pay all transfer taxes, if any, applicable to the exchange of initial notes in accordance with the exchange offer. However, tendering holders will pay the amount of any transfer taxes, whether imposed on the registered holder or any other persons, if:

- (1) certificates representing exchange notes or initial notes for principal amounts not tendered or accepted for exchange are to be delivered to, or are to be registered or issued in the name of, any person other than the registered holder of the notes tendered,
- (2) tendered initial notes are registered in the name of any person other than the person signing the letter of transmittal, or
- (3) a transfer tax is payable for any reason other than the exchange of the initial notes in the exchange offer.

If you do not submit satisfactory evidence of the payment of any of these taxes or of any exemption from this payment with the letter of transmittal, we will bill you directly the amount of these transfer taxes.

## **Your Failure to Participate in the Exchange Offer Will Have Adverse Consequences**

The initial notes were not registered under the Securities Act or under the securities laws of any state and you may not resell them, offer them for resale or otherwise transfer them unless they are subsequently registered or resold under an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. If you do not exchange your initial notes for exchange notes in accordance with the exchange offer, or if you do not properly tender your initial notes in the exchange offer, you will not be able to resell, offer to resell or otherwise transfer the initial notes unless they are registered under the Securities Act or unless you resell them, offer to resell or otherwise transfer them under an exemption from the registration requirements of, or in a transaction not subject to, the Securities Act.

In addition, except as set forth in this paragraph, you will not be able to obligate us to register the initial notes under the Securities Act. You will not be able to require us to register your initial notes under the Securities Act unless:

- (1) because of any change in applicable law or in interpretations thereof by the SEC Staff, HGI is not permitted to effect the exchange offer;
- (2) the exchange offer is not consummated by the 310th day after the Issue Date;
- (3) any initial purchaser so requests with respect to initial notes held by it that are not eligible to be exchanged for exchange notes in the exchange offer; or
- (4) any other holder is prohibited by law or SEC policy from participating in the exchange offer or any holder (other than an exchanging broker-dealer) that participates in the exchange offer does not receive freely tradeable Exchange Notes on the date of the exchange and, in each case, such holder so requests,

in which case the Registration Rights Agreement requires us to file a registration statement for a continuous offer in accordance with Rule 415 under the Securities Act for the benefit of the holders of the initial notes described in this sentence. We do not currently anticipate that we will register under the Securities Act any notes that remain outstanding after completion of the exchange offer.

## **Delivery of Prospectus**



Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account in exchange for initial notes, where such initial notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such exchange notes. See Plan of Distribution.

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**DESCRIPTION OF NOTES**

In this Description of Notes, HGI refers only to Harbinger Group Inc., and any successor obligor on the notes, and not to any of its subsidiaries. You can find the definitions of certain terms used in this description under Certain Definitions.

HGI issued the initial notes and will issue the exchange notes under the indenture, dated as of November 15, 2010, between HGI and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the indenture). The terms of the notes include those stated in the indenture and those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. The term notes means all notes issued under the indenture, including the initial notes, the exchange notes and any additional notes.

The following is a summary of the material provisions of the indenture. Because this is a summary, it may not contain all the information that is important to you. You should read the indenture in its entirety. Copies of the indenture are available as described under Where You Can Find More Information.

**Basic Terms of Notes**

The notes are

senior secured obligations of HGI, that are secured by a first priority Lien (subject to certain exceptions and Permitted Liens) on the Collateral referred to below;

ranked equally in right of payment with all existing and future unsubordinated Debt of HGI and effectively senior to all unsecured Debt of HGI to the extent of the value of the Collateral; and

ranked senior in right of payment to all of HGI's and the Guarantors' future Debt that expressly provides for its subordination to the notes and the Note Guarantees.

**Principal, Maturity and Interest**

HGI issued \$350.0 million aggregate principal amount of the notes in the initial notes offering. The notes will mature on November 15, 2015. Interest on the notes will accrue at the rate per annum set forth on the cover of this prospectus. HGI will pay interest on the notes semi-annually in arrears on May 15 and November 15 of each year, commencing on May 15, 2011, to holders of record on the immediately preceding May 1 and November 1. Interest on the notes will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the Issue Date. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

HGI will pay interest on overdue principal of the notes at a rate equal to 1.0% per annum in excess of the rate per annum set forth on the cover of this prospectus and will pay interest on overdue installments of interest at such higher rate, in each case to the extent lawful. Additional interest is payable with respect to the notes in certain circumstances if HGI does not consummate the exchange offer (or shelf registration, if applicable) as further described under Registration Rights; Additional Interest.

**Additional Notes**

Subject to the covenants described below, HGI may issue additional notes under the indenture in an unlimited principal amount having the same terms in all respects as the notes, or in all respects except with respect to interest paid or payable on or prior to the first interest payment date after the issuance of such notes. The notes and any additional notes would be treated as a single class for all purposes under the indenture and will vote together as one class on all matters with respect to the notes. Additional notes cannot be issued under the same CUSIP number unless the additional notes and original notes are fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

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### **Escrow Arrangements**

Pursuant to the terms of the indenture, HGI deposited into an account (the *Account*) the proceeds of the initial notes offering, plus an incremental amount (either in cash or in the form of a letter of credit) sufficient to pay the issue price of the notes, together with Accrued Yield (as defined herein) and interest accrued on the notes from the Issue Date to, but excluding, April 7, 2011 (the day that is five business days after March 31, 2011), pledged to the trustee, for the benefit of the holders of the notes, and invested in Cash Equivalents in which the trustee, for the benefit of the holders of the notes had a valid and perfected first-priority security interest. On January 7, 2011, following the consummation of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition and the satisfaction of the other escrow release conditions, the proceeds of the initial notes offering and the other assets in the Account were released from escrow.

### **Guaranties**

If any Subsidiary of HGI guarantees any Debt of HGI, such Subsidiary must provide a full and unconditional guaranty of the notes (a *Note Guaranty*).

Each Note Guaranty will be limited to the maximum amount that would not render the Guarantor's obligations subject to avoidance under applicable fraudulent conveyance provisions of the United States Bankruptcy Code or any comparable provision of state law. By virtue of this limitation, a Guarantor's obligation under its Note Guaranty could be significantly less than amounts payable with respect to the notes, or a Guarantor may have effectively no obligation under its Note Guaranty.

The Note Guaranty of a Guarantor will terminate upon:

- (1) a sale or other disposition (including by way of consolidation or merger) of the Guarantor or the sale or disposition of all or substantially all the assets of the Guarantor (other than to HGI or a Subsidiary of HGI) permitted by the indenture,
- (2) a Guarantor ceases to guarantee any Debt of HGI, or
- (3) defeasance or discharge of the notes, as provided in *Defeasance and Discharge*.

As of the date of this prospectus, there are no Guarantors.

### **Ranking**

The indebtedness evidenced by the notes will rank equal in right of payment with all future senior Debt of HGI, and will have the benefit of a first-priority security interest in the Collateral as described under *Collateral*.

As of September 30, 2010, on a pro forma basis, HGI would have had no Debt other than the notes. Subject to the limits described under *Certain Covenants*, *Limitation on Debt and Disqualified Stock* and *Limitation on Liens*, HGI may incur additional Debt, some of which may be secured.

HGI is organized and intended to be operated as a holding company that will own Equity Interests of various operating companies, including, initially, Spectrum Equity Interests. It is not expected that future operating Subsidiaries will guarantee the notes. Claims of creditors of non-guarantor Subsidiaries, including trade creditors, and creditors holding debt and guarantees issued by those Subsidiaries, and claims of preferred stockholders (if any) of those Subsidiaries generally will have priority with respect to the assets and earnings of those Subsidiaries over the claims of creditors of HGI, including holders of the notes, and holders of minority interests in such Subsidiaries will

have ratable claims with claims of creditors of HGI. The notes therefore will be effectively subordinated to creditors (including trade creditors) and preferred stockholders (if any) of Subsidiaries of HGI. As of September 30, 2010, on a pro forma basis, the total liabilities of HGI's Subsidiaries would have been approximately \$2.8 billion, including trade payables. The indenture does not limit the incurrence of Debt (or other liabilities) and Disqualified Stock of Subsidiaries that are not guarantors. See Certain Covenants Limitation on Debt and Disqualified Stock .

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HGI's ability to pay interest on the notes is dependent upon the receipt of dividends and other distributions from its Subsidiaries. The availability of distributions from its Subsidiaries will be subject to the satisfaction of various covenants and conditions contained in the applicable Subsidiary's existing and future financing and organizational documents, as well as applicable law, rule and regulation. See Risk Factors Risks Related to the Notes We are a holding company and are dependent upon dividends or distributions from our operating subsidiaries to fund payments on the notes, and our ability to receive funds from our operating subsidiaries will be dependent upon the profitability of our operating subsidiaries and restrictions imposed by law and contracts.

## **Security**

### ***General***

HGI's obligations under the notes and the indenture are secured by a first priority Lien on all assets of HGI (other than Excluded Property, and subject to certain Permitted Collateral Liens), including without limitation:

all Equity Interests of Spectrum owned by HGI and related assets, including all general intangibles under contracts (including without limitation, the registration rights agreement) that HGI has with Spectrum;

all cash and investment securities owned by HGI;

all general intangibles owned by HGI; and

any proceeds thereof (collectively, the *Collateral* ).

HGI will be able to Incur additional Debt in the future that could equally and ratably share in the Collateral. The amount of such Debt will be limited by the covenants described under Certain Covenants Limitation on Debt and Disqualified Stock and Limitation on Liens. Under certain circumstances, the amount of such Debt could be significant.

### ***After-Acquired Property***

If any property (other than Excluded Property) is acquired by HGI or a Guarantor that is not automatically subject to a perfected security interest under the Security Documents, any Excluded Property ceases to fit within the definition thereof, or a Subsidiary becomes a Guarantor, then HGI or such Guarantor will, promptly after such property's acquisition, such property ceasing to be Excluded Property or such Subsidiary becoming a Guarantor, provide security over such property (or, in the case of a new Guarantor, all of its assets (except any Excluded Property)) in favor of Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as collateral agent (the *Collateral Agent* ) and deliver certain certificates to the Collateral Agent and opinions in respect thereof as specified in the indenture and the Security Documents.

### ***Security Agreement***

The security interests described above have been effected pursuant to a Security and Pledge Agreement, dated as of January 7, 2011, by and among HGI and the Collateral Agent (the *Security and Pledge Agreement* ). So long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, and subject to certain terms and conditions, HGI is entitled to exercise any voting and other consensual rights pertaining to all Equity Interests pledged pursuant to the Security and Pledge Agreement and to remain in possession and retain exclusive control over the Collateral (other than as set forth in the Security and Pledge Agreement) and to collect, invest and dispose of any income or dividends thereon. The Security and Pledge Agreement, however, generally requires HGI to deliver to the Collateral Agent, and for the Collateral Agent to maintain in its control and possession, certificates evidencing pledges of Equity Interests or, in the

case of Equity Interests that are uncertificated or held through a securities intermediary, control through registration of such interests in the name of the Collateral Agent. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Security and Pledge Agreement provides that the Collateral Agent may, and upon the instructions of the

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Authorized Representatives (as set forth below under *Collateral Trust Agreement* ) shall, foreclose upon and sell the applicable Collateral and distribute the net proceeds of any such sale to the trustee and the holders of the notes and other *Pari Passu Obligations*, subject to applicable laws and applicable governmental requirements. Upon such event and until the relevant Event of Default is cured or waived, all of the rights of HGI or the applicable Guarantor to exercise voting or other consensual rights with respect to the Collateral shall cease, and all such rights shall become vested in the Collateral Agent, which, to the extent permitted by law, shall have the sole right to exercise such voting and other consensual rights.

The Security and Pledge Agreement, the Collateral Trust Agreement (as defined below) and the indenture provide that HGI and each Guarantor shall, at its sole expense, do all acts which may be reasonably necessary to confirm that the Collateral Agent holds, for the benefit of the holders of the notes and the trustee, duly created, enforceable and perfected first-priority Liens in the Collateral, subject to Permitted Collateral Liens. As necessary, or upon reasonable request of the Collateral Agent, HGI and each Guarantor shall, at its sole expense, execute, acknowledge and deliver such documents and instruments (including the filing of financing statements or amendments or continuations thereto) and take such other actions which may be necessary to assure, perfect, transfer and confirm the rights conveyed by the Security and Pledge Agreement and any other Security Documents, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

The Security and Pledge Agreement also provides that, on the earlier to occur of (i) the occurrence of a Default, (ii) such time as Spectrum becomes a well-known seasoned issuer as defined under the Securities Act rules and regulations, and (iii) at any time that the Liquid Collateral Coverage Ratio is less than 1.75 to 1, HGI will be required to exercise all of its contractual rights and use its commercially reasonable efforts to, as promptly as possible, cause Spectrum to file and become effective a shelf registration that shall be in form suitable for use by the Collateral Agent in connection with any disposition of Spectrum Equity Interests constituting part of the Collateral in connection with any exercise of remedies, and to keep such shelf registration statement effective at all times until the earlier of the time (i) the notes are repaid in full or (ii) all Spectrum Equity Interests pledged as Collateral have been disposed of by the Collateral Agent.

***Collateral Trust Agreement******General***

On January 7, 2011, HGI (together with any Guarantors, the *Trustors* ) and the Collateral Agent entered into the Collateral Trust Agreement (the *Collateral Trust Agreement* ). The Collateral Trust Agreement sets forth the terms on which the Collateral Agent (directly or through co-trustees or agents) will accept, hold, administer, enforce and distribute the proceeds of all Liens on the Collateral held by it in trust for the benefit of holders of the notes, and all other *Pari-Passu Obligations* (as defined below). The agent or other representative of the holders of any series of future Debt (together with the trustee, the *Authorized Representatives* ) intended to constitute *Obligations* secured equally and ratably by Liens on the Collateral (collectively, *Pari-Passu Obligations* ) will be required to execute a joinder to the Collateral Trust Agreement in order to confirm the agreement of the applicable secured parties to be bound by the terms thereof.

***Equal and Ratable Sharing of Collateral***

Pursuant to the Collateral Trust Agreement, each Authorized Representative (on behalf of itself and each holder of *Obligations* that it represents) acknowledges and agrees that, pursuant to the Security Documents, the security interest granted to the Collateral Agent under the Security Documents shall for all purposes and at all times secure the *Obligations* in respect of the notes, the Note Guarantees, and any other *Pari-Passu Obligations* on an equal and ratable basis, to the extent such Liens have not been released in accordance with the terms of the indenture.



*Enforcement of Liens; Voting*

The Collateral Trust Agreement provides that if an event of default shall have occurred and be continuing under the indenture or any Pari-Passu Obligation, and if the Collateral Agent shall have received a written direction from Authorized Representatives that collectively represent at least a majority in principal amount of

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the Pari-Passu Obligations (each such representative acting at the direction of holders of the obligations so represented by it), unless inconsistent with applicable law, the Collateral Agent shall pursuant to such direction, institute and maintain such suits and proceedings as it may deem appropriate to protect and enforce the rights vested in it by the Collateral Trust Agreement and each Security Document, including the exercise of any trust or power conferred on the Collateral Agent, or for the appointment of a receiver, or for the taking of any remedial action authorized by the Collateral Trust Agreement.

The right of the Collateral Agent to repossess and dispose of the Collateral upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default under the indenture:

in the case of Collateral securing Permitted Liens, is subject to applicable law and the terms of agreements governing those Permitted Liens;

with respect to any Collateral, is subject to applicable law and is likely to be significantly impaired by applicable bankruptcy law if a bankruptcy case were to be commenced by or against HGI or any of the Guarantors prior to the Collateral Agent having repossessed and disposed of the Collateral; and

in the case of Equity Interests, is subject to applicable securities laws, which may require that any such sale be effected through a private placement (which could require such disposition to be made at a discount to prices that could be obtained in the public markets) or through an SEC registration.

### ***Order of Application of Proceeds of Collateral***

Any proceeds of any Collateral foreclosed upon or otherwise realized upon pursuant to the Security Documents will be applied in the following order:

first, to the Collateral Agent to pay any costs and expenses due to the Collateral Agent in connection with the foreclosure or realization of such Collateral,

second, to the trustee and each other Authorized Representative (if any), equally and ratably (in the same proportion that such unpaid Pari-Passu Obligations of the trustee or such other Authorized Representative, as applicable, bears to all unpaid Pari-Passu Obligations (on the relevant distribution date) for application to the payment in full of all outstanding Pari-Passu Obligations that are then due and payable to the secured parties (which shall then be applied or held by the trustee and each such other Authorized Representative in such order as may be provided in the applicable indenture or other instrument governing such Debt); and

finally, in the case of any surplus, to HGI or the Guarantor that pledged such Collateral, or its successors or assigns.

Subject to the terms of applicable agreements, the application of proceeds provisions set forth immediately above are intended for the benefit of, and will be enforceable as a third party beneficiary by, each present and future holder of Pari-Passu Obligations, the trustee, each other present and future Authorized Representative and the Collateral Agent.

### ***Release of Liens***

The Liens on the Collateral securing the notes and the Note Guarantees will be released:

(1) upon payment in full of principal, interest and all other Obligations on the notes or satisfaction and discharge of the indenture or defeasance (including covenant defeasance of the notes);

(2) upon release of a Note Guarantee (with respect to the Liens securing such Note Guarantee granted by such Guarantor);

(3) in connection with any disposition of Collateral to any Person other than HGI or any Guarantor (but excluding any transaction subject to the covenant described under Consolidation, Merger or Sale of Assets ) that is permitted by the indenture (with respect to the Lien on such Collateral); *provided that*, except in the case of any disposition of Cash Equivalents in the ordinary course of business, upon such

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disposition and after giving effect thereto, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing, and HGI would be in compliance with the covenants set forth under Certain Covenants Maintenance of Liquidity, and Maintenance of Collateral Coverage (calculated as if the disposition date was a date on which such covenant is required to be tested under Maintenance of Collateral Coverage );

(4) in whole or in part, with the consent of the holders of the requisite percentage of notes in accordance with the provisions described under the caption Amendments and Waivers, including the release of all or substantially all of the Collateral if approved by holders of at least 75% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes; or

(5) with respect to assets that become Excluded Property.

Each of the releases described in clauses 1, 2, 3 and 5 shall be effected by the Collateral Agent upon receipt of appropriate notice of instruction, to the extent required, without the consent of holders or any action on the part of the trustee.

Upon compliance by HGI or any Guarantor, as the case may be, with the conditions precedent required by the indenture, the trustee or the Collateral Agent shall promptly cause to be released and re-conveyed to HGI or the Guarantor, as the case may be, the released Collateral.

To the extent applicable, HGI will comply with Section 313(b) of the Trust Indenture Act relating to reports, but will not be subject to Section 314(d) of the Trust Indenture Act, relating to the release of property and to the substitution therefor of any property to be pledged as collateral for the notes except to the extent required by law. Any certificate or opinion required by Section 314(d) of the Trust Indenture Act may be made by an officer of HGI except in cases where Section 314(d) requires that such certificate or opinion be made by an independent engineer, appraiser or other expert. The most recent appraisals required pursuant to the definition of Fair Market Value shall be deemed sufficient for such purposes to the maximum extent permitted by law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, HGI and the Guarantors will not be required to comply with all or any portion of Section 314(d) of the Trust Indenture Act if they determine, in good faith based on advice of outside counsel, that under the terms of that section and/or any interpretation or guidance as to the meaning thereof of the SEC and its staff, including no action letters or exemptive orders, all or any portion of Section 314(d) of the Trust Indenture Act is inapplicable to the released Collateral. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, certain no-action letters issued by the SEC have permitted an indenture qualified under the Trust Indenture Act to contain provisions permitting the release of collateral from Liens under such indenture in the ordinary course of an issuer's business without requiring the issuer to provide certificates and other documents under Section 314(d) of the Trust Indenture Act. In addition, under interpretations provided by the SEC, to the extent that a release of a Lien is made without the need for consent by the noteholders or the trustee, the provisions of Section 314(d) may be inapplicable to the release. The indenture contains such provisions.

### ***No Impairment of the Security Interests***

Neither HGI nor any of the Guarantors will be permitted to take any action, or knowingly omit to take any action, which action or omission could reasonably be expected to have the result of materially impairing the perfection or priority of the security interest with respect to the Collateral for the benefit of the trustee and the noteholders.

The indenture provides that any release of Collateral in accordance with the provisions of the indenture and the Security Documents will not be deemed to impair the security under the indenture, and that any engineer, appraiser or other expert may rely on such provision in delivering a certificate requesting release so long as all other provisions of the indenture with respect to such release have been complied with.

### ***Certain Limitations on the Collateral***

The value of the Collateral in the event of liquidation will depend on many factors. In particular, the Equity Interests that are pledged represent an equity interest in the pledged Subsidiaries, and only have value to the extent that the assets of such Subsidiaries are worth in excess of the liabilities of such Subsidiaries (and,

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in a bankruptcy or liquidation, will only receive value after payment upon all such liabilities, including all Debt of such Subsidiaries). Consequently, liquidating the Collateral may not produce proceeds in an amount sufficient to pay any amounts due on the notes. See Risk Factors Risks Related to the Notes The value of the collateral may not be sufficient to repay the notes in full . In addition, enforcement of the Liens on the Collateral may be limited by applicable governmental requirements. The fair market value of the Collateral is subject to fluctuations based on factors that include, among others, prevailing interest rates, the ability to sell the Collateral in an orderly sale, general economic conditions, the availability of buyers and similar factors. The amount to be received upon a sale of the Collateral would be dependent on numerous factors, including the actual fair market value of the Collateral at such time and the timing and the manner of the sale. By its nature, some of the Collateral may be illiquid and may have no readily ascertainable market value. In the event of a foreclosure, liquidation, bankruptcy or similar proceeding, we cannot assure you that the proceeds from any sale or liquidation of the Collateral will be sufficient to pay HGI s Obligations under the notes. Any claim for the difference between the amount, if any, realized by holders of the notes from the sale of Collateral securing the notes and the Obligations under the notes will rank equally in right of payment with all of HGI s other unsecured senior debt and other unsubordinated obligations, including trade payables. To the extent that third parties establish Liens on the Collateral such third parties could have rights and remedies with respect to the assets subject to such Liens that, if exercised, could adversely affect the value of the Collateral or the ability of the Collateral Agent or the holders of the notes to realize or foreclose on the Collateral. HGI may also issue additional notes as described above or otherwise Incur Obligations which would be secured by the Collateral, the effect of which would be to increase the amount of Debt secured equally and ratably by the Collateral. The ability of the holders to realize on the Collateral may also be subject to certain bankruptcy law limitations in the event of a bankruptcy. See Certain bankruptcy limitations.

***Certain Bankruptcy Limitations***

In addition to the limitations described above, the right of the Collateral Agent to obtain possession, exercise control over or dispose of the Collateral during the existence of an Event of Default is likely to be significantly impaired by applicable bankruptcy law if HGI were to have become a debtor under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the Collateral Agent having exercised control over or disposed of the Collateral. Under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, a secured creditor is prohibited by the automatic stay from exercising control over or disposing of collateral taken from a debtor in a bankruptcy case, without bankruptcy court approval. Moreover, the U.S. Bankruptcy Code permits the debtor in certain circumstances to continue to retain and to use collateral owned as of the date of the bankruptcy filing (and the proceeds, products, offspring, rents or profits of such collateral) even though the debtor is in default under the applicable debt instruments, *provided that* the secured creditor is given adequate protection. The term adequate protection is not defined in the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, but it includes making periodic cash payments, providing an additional or replacement Lien or granting other relief, in each case to the extent that the collateral decreases in value during the pendency of the bankruptcy case as a result of, among other things, the imposition of the automatic stay, the use, sale or lease of such collateral or any grant of a priming lien in connection with debtor-in-possession financing. The type of adequate protection provided to a secured creditor may vary according to circumstances. In view of the lack of a precise definition of the term adequate protection and the broad discretionary powers of a bankruptcy court, it is impossible to predict whether or when the Collateral Agent could repossess or dispose of the Collateral, or whether or to what extent holders would be compensated for any delay in payment or decrease in value of the Collateral through the requirement of adequate protection.

Furthermore, in the event a bankruptcy court determines the value of the Collateral (after giving effect to any prior or pari passu Liens) is not sufficient to repay all amounts due on the notes, the holders of the notes would hold secured claims to the extent of the value of the Collateral and would hold unsecured claims with respect to any shortfall. Under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, a secured creditor s claim includes interest and any reasonable fees, costs or charges provided for under the agreement under which such claim arose if the claims are oversecured. In addition, if HGI were to become the subject of a bankruptcy case, the bankruptcy court, among other things, may void certain prepetition

transfers made by the entity that is the subject of the bankruptcy filing, including, without limitation, transfers held to be preferences or fraudulent conveyances.

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Except as set forth in this section, the notes are not redeemable at the option of HGI.

At any time and from time to time prior to May 15, 2013, HGI may redeem the notes at its option, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of notes redeemed plus the Applicable Premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, the applicable redemption date.

*Applicable Premium* means, with respect to any note on any redemption date, the greater of

(i) 1.0% of the principal amount of such note; or

(ii) the excess of:

(a) the present value at such redemption date of (i) the redemption price of such note at May 15, 2013 (such redemption price being set forth in the table appearing below), plus (ii) all required interest payments due on such note through May 15, 2013 excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the applicable redemption date, computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such redemption date plus 50 basis points; over

(b) the principal amount of the note.

*Treasury Rate* means, as of any redemption date, the yield to maturity as of such redemption date of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15(519) that has become publicly available at least two business days prior to the redemption date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the redemption date to May 15, 2013; *provided, however*, that if the period from the redemption date to May 15, 2013, is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year will be used.

At any time and from time to time on or after May 15, 2013, HGI may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to the percentage of principal amount set forth below plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Price</b>
May 15, 2013	105.313%
November 15, 2013	102.656%
November 15, 2014 and thereafter	100.000%

At any time and from time to time prior to November 15, 2013, HGI may redeem notes with the net cash proceeds received by HGI from any Equity Offering at a redemption price equal to 110.625% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, in an aggregate principal amount for all such redemptions not to exceed 35% of the original aggregate principal amount of the notes issued under the indenture (including additional notes), *provided that*

(1) in each case the redemption takes place not later than 90 days after the closing of the related Equity Offering, and



(2) not less than 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes issued under the indenture remains outstanding immediately thereafter.

**Selection and Notice**

If fewer than all of the notes are being redeemed, the trustee will select the notes to be redeemed pro rata, by lot or by any other method the trustee in its sole discretion deems fair and appropriate in accordance with DTC procedure, in denominations of \$2,000 principal amount and higher integral multiples of \$1,000. Upon surrender of any note redeemed in part, the holder will receive a new note equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the surrendered note. Once notice of redemption is sent to the holders, notes called

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for redemption become due and payable at the redemption price on the redemption date, and, commencing on the redemption date, notes redeemed will cease to accrue interest.

### **No Sinking Fund**

There will be no sinking fund payments for the notes.

### **Certain Covenants**

The indenture contains covenants including, among others, the following:

#### ***Maintenance of Liquidity***

From the Issue Date and until the second semi-annual interest payment on the notes is made, HGI and the Guarantors shall maintain an amount in Cash Equivalents that is subject to no Liens (other than Liens under the Security Documents) in an amount equal to HGI's obligations to pay interest on the notes and all other Debt of HGI and the Guarantors for the next twelve months. Thereafter, HGI and the Guarantors shall maintain an amount in Cash Equivalents that is subject to no Liens (other than Liens under the Security Documents) in an amount equal to HGI's obligations to pay interest on the notes and all other Debt of HGI and the Guarantors for the next six months. In the case any such Debt bears interest at a floating rate, HGI may assume that the reference interest rate in effect on the applicable date of determination will be in effect for the remainder of such period.

#### ***Maintenance of Collateral Coverage***

- (a) As of (i) the last day of each fiscal year and (ii) the last day of the second fiscal quarter of HGI, HGI shall not permit the Collateral Coverage Ratio to be less than 2.0 to 1.0; *provided* that, beginning at the time that the outstanding principal amount of Pari-Passu Obligations (including the principal amount of the notes) equals or exceeds \$400.0 million and for so long as such amount equals or exceeds \$400.0 million, HGI shall not permit the Collateral Coverage Ratio to be less than 2.5 to 1 as of such dates.
- (b) As of the last day of each fiscal quarter of HGI, HGI shall not permit the Liquid Collateral Coverage Ratio to be less than 1.25 to 1.0.
- (c) From and after the date, if any, that HGI or any Guarantor makes any Investment in LightSquared pursuant to clause (e)(A)(ii) under *Limitation on Restricted Payments* and so long as such Investment is still outstanding, HGI and the Guarantors shall not permit the Cash Collateral Coverage Ratio to be less than 2.0 to 1.0 at any time.

#### ***Limitation on Debt and Disqualified Stock***

- (a) Neither HGI nor any Guarantor will Incur any Debt.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, HGI and, to the extent provided below, any Guarantor may Incur the following (*Permitted Debt*):
- (1) Debt of HGI or any Guarantor constituting Pari-Passu Obligations for which the Authorized Representative of such Debt holders has executed a joinder to the Collateral Trust Agreement as described under the caption *Security Collateral Trust Agreement*; *provided* that, on the date of the Incurrence, after giving effect to the Incurrence and the receipt and application of the proceeds therefrom, (i) the aggregate principal amount of Debt outstanding incurred under this clause (1), together with Debt Incurred under clause (4) (and any Permitted Refinancing Debt Incurred to

refinance Debt incurred pursuant to such clauses that is a Pari-Passu Obligation), does not exceed \$400.0 million and (ii) the Collateral Coverage Ratio is not less than 2.25 to 1.0 or, to the extent that the Collateral Coverage Ratio is then required to be not less than 2.5 to 1.0 (including as a result of such incurrence of Debt) pursuant to the proviso set forth under clause (a) of Maintenance of Collateral Coverage , 2.5 to 1.0;

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(2) Debt of HGI or any Guarantor owed to HGI or any Guarantor so long as such Debt continues to be owed to HGI or any Guarantor;

(3) Subordinated Debt of HGI or any Guarantor; *provided* that (a) such Debt has a Stated Maturity after the Stated Maturity of the notes and (b) on the date of the Incurrence, after giving effect to the Incurrence and the receipt and application of the proceeds therefrom, the Collateral Coverage Ratio is not less than 2.0 to 1.0, calculated as if all Debt of HGI and the Guarantors outstanding at such time was included in clause (ii) of the definition of Collateral Coverage Ratio ;

(4) Debt of HGI pursuant to the notes (other than additional notes) and Debt of any Guarantor pursuant to a Note Guaranty of the notes (including additional notes);

(5) Debt ( *Permitted Refinancing Debt* ) constituting an extension or renewal of, replacement of, or substitution for, or issued in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to repay, redeem, repurchase, refinance or refund, including by way of defeasance (all of the foregoing, for purposes of this clause, *refinance* ) then outstanding Debt in an amount not to exceed the principal amount of the Debt so refinanced, plus premiums, fees and expenses; *provided* that

(A) in case the Debt to be refinanced is Subordinated Debt, the new Debt, by its terms or by the terms of any agreement or instrument pursuant to which it is outstanding, is expressly made subordinate in right of payment to the notes at least to the extent that the Debt to be refinanced is subordinated to the notes,

(B) the new Debt does not have a Stated Maturity prior to the Stated Maturity of the Debt to be refinanced, and the Average Life of the new Debt is at least equal to the remaining Average Life of the Debt to be refinanced, and

(C) Debt Incurred pursuant to clauses (2), (3), (6), (7), (9), (10), (11), (12) and (13) may not be refinanced pursuant to this clause;

(6) Hedging Agreements of HGI or any Guarantor entered into in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of managing risks associated with the business of HGI or its Subsidiaries and not for speculation;

(7) Debt of HGI or any Guarantor with respect to (A) letters of credit and bankers' acceptances issued in the ordinary course of business and not supporting other Debt, including letters of credit supporting performance, surety or appeal bonds, workers' compensation claims, health, disability or other benefits to employees or former employees or their families or property, casualty or liability insurance or self-insurance, and letters of credit in connection with the maintenance of, or pursuant to the requirements of, environmental or other permits or licenses from governmental authorities, or other Debt with respect to reimbursement type obligations regarding workers' compensation claims and (B) indemnification, adjustment of purchase price, earn-out or similar obligations incurred in connection with the acquisition or disposition of any business or assets;

(8) Debt of HGI outstanding on the Issue Date (and, for purposes of clause (5)(C), not otherwise constituting Permitted Debt);

(9) Debt of HGI or any Guarantor consisting of Guarantees of Debt of HGI or any Guarantor Incurred under any other clause of this covenant;

(10) Debt of HGI or any Guarantor Incurred on or after the Issue Date not otherwise permitted in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed \$10.0 million;

(11) Debt arising from endorsing instruments of deposit and from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument drawn against insufficient funds, in each case, in the ordinary course of business; *provided* that such Debt is extinguished within five business days of Incurrence;

(12) Debt of HGI or any Guarantor consisting of the financing of insurance premiums;

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(13) Contribution Debt; and

(14) Debt, which may include Capital Leases, Incurred on or after the Issue Date no later than 180 days after the date of purchase, or completion of construction or improvement of property, for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or cost of construction or improvement; *provided* that the principal amount of any Debt Incurred pursuant to this clause may not exceed (a) \$1 million less (b) the aggregate outstanding amount of Permitted Refinancing Debt Incurred to refinance Debt Incurred pursuant to this clause.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this covenant, for purposes of determining compliance with this covenant, increases in Debt solely due to fluctuations in the exchange rates of currencies will not be deemed to exceed the maximum amount that HGI or a Guarantor may Incur under this covenant. For purposes of determining compliance with any U.S. dollar-denominated restriction on the Incurrence of Debt, the U.S. dollar-equivalent principal amount of Debt denominated in a foreign currency shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date such Debt was Incurred; *provided* that if such Debt is Incurred to refinance other Debt denominated in a foreign currency, and such refinancing would cause the applicable U.S. dollar-denominated restriction to be exceeded if calculated at the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date of such refinancing, such U.S. dollar-denominated restriction shall be deemed not to have been exceeded so long as the principal amount of such refinancing Debt does not exceed the principal amount of such Debt being refinanced. The principal amount of any Debt Incurred to refinance other Debt, if Incurred in a different currency from the Debt being refinanced, shall be calculated based on the currency exchange rate applicable to the currencies in which such respective Debt is denominated that is in effect on the date of such refinancing.

(d) In the event that an item of Debt meets the criteria of more than one of the types of Debt described in this covenant, HGI, in its sole discretion, will classify items of Debt and will only be required to include the amount and type of such Debt in one of such clauses and HGI will be entitled to divide and classify an item of Debt in more than one of the types of Debt described in this covenant, and may, at any time after such Incurrence (based on circumstances existing at such time), change the classification of an item of Debt (or any portion thereof) to any other type of Debt described in this covenant at any time. If any Contribution Debt is redesignated as Incurred under any provision other than clause (13) of paragraph (b), the related issuance of Equity Interests may be included in any calculation under paragraph (a)(3)(B) of Limitation on Restricted Payments.

(e) Neither HGI nor any Guarantor may Incur any Debt that is subordinated in right of payment to other Debt of HGI or the Guarantor unless such Debt is also subordinated in right of payment to the notes or the relevant Note Guaranty on substantially identical terms. This does not apply to distinctions between categories of Debt that exist by reason of any Liens or Guarantees securing or in favor of some but not all of such Debt.

***Limitation on Restricted Payments***

(a) HGI will not, and, to the extent within HGI's control, will not permit any of its Subsidiaries (including any Guarantor) to, directly or indirectly (the payments and other actions described in the following clauses being collectively *Restricted Payments*):

declare or pay any dividend or make any distribution on its Equity Interests (other than dividends or distributions paid in HGI's Qualified Equity Interests) held by Persons other than HGI or any of its Subsidiaries;

purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire for value any Equity Interests of HGI or any direct or indirect parent of HGI held by Persons other than HGI or any of its Subsidiaries;

repay, redeem, repurchase, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value, or make any payment on or with respect to, any Subordinated Debt of HGI or any Guarantor except a payment of interest or principal at Stated Maturity; or

make any Investment in any direct or indirect parent of HGI;

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unless, at the time of, and after giving effect to, the proposed Restricted Payment:

- (1) no Default has occurred and is continuing,
- (2) HGI could Incur at least \$1.00 of Debt under paragraph (b)(1) under Limitation on Debt and Disqualified Stock , and
- (3) the aggregate amount expended for all Restricted Payments made on or after the Issue Date would not, subject to paragraph (c), exceed the sum of
  - (A) 50% of the aggregate amount of the Consolidated Net Income (or, if the Consolidated Net Income is a loss, minus 100% of the amount of the loss) accrued on a cumulative basis during the period, taken as one accounting period, beginning with the first fiscal quarter commencing after the Issue Date and ending on the last day of HGI s most recently completed fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available, plus
  - (B) subject to paragraph (c), the aggregate net cash proceeds and the fair market value of marketable securities or other property received by HGI (other than from a Subsidiary) after the Issue Date
    - (i) from the issuance and sale of its Qualified Equity Interests, including by way of issuance of its Disqualified Equity Interests or Debt to the extent since converted into Qualified Equity Interests of HGI, or
    - (ii) as a contribution to its common equity (but excluding any equity contribution consisting of Equity Interests of Spectrum or related assets contributed in connection with the satisfaction of the Escrow Conditions).

The amount expended in any Restricted Payment, if other than in cash, will be deemed to be the fair market value of the relevant non-cash assets, as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors, whose determination will be conclusive and evidenced by a resolution of the Board of Directors.

(b) The foregoing will not prohibit:

- (1) the payment of any dividend within 60 days after the date of declaration thereof if, at the date of declaration, such payment would comply with paragraph (a);
- (2) dividends or distributions by a Subsidiary payable, on a pro rata basis or on a basis more favorable to HGI, to all holders of any class of Capital Stock of such Subsidiary a majority of the voting power of which is held, directly or indirectly through Subsidiaries, by HGI;
- (3) the repayment, redemption, repurchase, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement for value of Subordinated Debt with the proceeds of, or in exchange for, Permitted Refinancing Debt;
- (4) the purchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of Equity Interests of HGI or any direct or indirect parent in exchange for, or out of the proceeds of (i) an offering (occurring within 60 days of such purchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value) of, Qualified Equity Interests of HGI or (ii) a contribution to the common equity capital of HGI;
- (5) the repayment, redemption, repurchase, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement of Subordinated Debt of HGI in exchange for, or out of the proceeds of, (i) an offering (occurring within 60 days of such purchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value) of Qualified Equity Interests of HGI or (ii) a contribution to the common



equity capital of the Issuer;

(6) the purchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of Equity Interests of HGI held by officers, directors or employees or former officers, directors or employees (or their estates or beneficiaries under their estates), upon death, disability, retirement, severance or termination of employment or pursuant to any agreement under which the Equity Interests were issued; *provided* that the aggregate cash consideration paid therefor in any twelve-month period after the Issue Date does not exceed an aggregate amount of \$5.0 million;

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- (7) the repurchase of any Subordinated Debt at a purchase price not greater than (x) 101% of the principal amount thereof in the event of a change of control pursuant to a provision no more favorable to the holders thereof than Repurchase of Notes Upon a Change of Control or (y) 100% of the principal amount thereof in the event of an Asset Sale pursuant to a provision no more favorable to the holders thereof than Limitation on Asset Sales, *provided* that, in each case, prior to the repurchase HGI has made an Offer to Purchase and repurchased all notes issued under the indenture that were validly tendered for payment in connection with the offer to purchase;
- (8) Restricted Payments not otherwise permitted hereby in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$10.0 million;
- (9) (a) repurchases of Equity Interests deemed to occur upon the exercise of stock options or warrants if the Equity Interests represent all or a portion of the exercise price thereof (or related withholding taxes) and (b) Restricted Payments by HGI to allow the payment of cash in lieu of the issuance of fractional shares upon the exercise of options or warrants or upon the conversion or exchange of Equity Interests of HGI in an aggregate amount under this clause (b) not to exceed \$1.0 million;
- (10) payment of dividends or distributions on Disqualified Equity Interests of HGI or any Guarantor and payment of any redemption price or liquidation value of any Disqualified Equity Interest when due in accordance with its terms, in each case, to the extent that such Disqualified Equity Interest was permitted to be Incurred in accordance with the provisions of the indenture;
- (11) in the case of any Subsidiary of HGI that, in the ordinary course of its business, makes Investments in private collective investment vehicles (including private collective investment vehicles other than those owned by Permitted Holders), Investments by such Subsidiary in private collective investment vehicles owned or managed by Permitted Holders;
- (12) Payments by HGI used to fund costs, expenses and fees related to (i) the Spectrum Brands Acquisition as disclosed in the prospectus or (ii) future acquisitions if such costs, expenses and fees are reasonable and customary (as determined in good faith by HGI); and
- (13) the payment of dividends on Qualified Equity Interests of up to 8.0% per annum of the greater of the gross proceeds received by HGI from any offering or sale of such Qualified Equity Interests after the Issue Date or the accreted value of such Equity Interests (*provided* that the aggregate amount of dividends paid on such Qualified Equity Interests shall not exceed the proceeds therefrom received by HGI after the Issue Date);
- provided* that, in the case of clauses (6), (7), (10) and (13), no Default has occurred and is continuing or would occur as a result thereof.
- (c) Proceeds of the issuance of Qualified Equity Interests will be included under clause (3) of paragraph (a) only to the extent they are not applied as described in clause (4) or (5) of paragraph (b). Restricted Payments permitted pursuant to clauses (2) through (9), (11) and (12) will not be included in making the calculations under clause (3) of paragraph (a).
- (d) For purposes of determining compliance with this covenant, in the event that a proposed Restricted Payment (or portion thereof) meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of Restricted Payments described in clauses (1) through (13) above, or is entitled to be incurred pursuant to paragraph (a) of this covenant, HGI will be entitled to classify or re-classify (based on circumstances existing at the time of such re-classification) such Restricted Payment (or portion thereof) in any manner that complies with this covenant and such Restricted Payment will be treated as having been made pursuant to only such clause or clauses or the paragraph (a) of this covenant.

(e) HGI and the Guarantors will not directly or indirectly make any Investment in

(A) LightSquared; *provided* that HGI and any Guarantor may acquire Equity Interests in LightSquared (which Equity Interests in LightSquared shall be pledged as Collateral) (i) solely in exchange for

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Qualified Equity Interests of HGI or solely as a contribution to the common equity of HGI; or (ii) if, after giving effect to the Investment, the Cash Collateral Coverage Ratio would be at least 2.0 to 1.0; or

(B) any Persons, the Equity Interests of which constitute Excluded Property of a type described in clause (iii) of the definition thereof; *provided* that HGI may make Investments in such Persons in an aggregate amount under this clause (B) not to exceed \$15.0 million.

In the case of clause (B), such restriction shall no longer apply (and Investments made in such Person shall no longer count against the amount set forth in the proviso) if the Equity Interests of such Person cease to constitute Excluded Property and are pledged as Collateral.

***Limitation on Liens***

Neither HGI nor any Guarantor will, create, incur, assume or otherwise cause or suffer to exist or become effective any Lien of any kind (other than Permitted Liens or, in the case of the Collateral, other than Permitted Collateral Liens) upon any of their property or assets, now owned or hereafter acquired.

***Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions***

Neither HGI nor any Guarantor will enter into any Sale and Leaseback Transaction with respect to any property or asset unless HGI or the Guarantor would be entitled to

(1) Incur Debt in an amount equal to the Attributable Debt with respect to such Sale and Leaseback Transaction pursuant to Limitation on Debt and Disqualified Stock , and

(2) create a Lien on such property or asset securing such Attributable Debt without equally and ratably securing the notes pursuant to Limitation on Liens ,

in which case, the corresponding Debt and Lien will be deemed Incurred pursuant to those provisions.

***Limitation on Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Subsidiaries***

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), HGI will not, and, to the extent within HGI's control, will not permit any Subsidiary to, create or otherwise cause or permit to exist or become effective any encumbrance or restriction of any kind on the ability of any Subsidiary to:

(1) pay dividends or make any other distributions on any Equity Interests of the Subsidiary owned by HGI or any other Subsidiary;

(2) pay any Debt or other obligation owed to HGI or any other Subsidiary;

(3) make loans or advances to HGI or any other Subsidiary; or

(4) transfer any of its property or assets to HGI or any other Subsidiary.

(b) The provisions of paragraph (a) do not apply to any encumbrances or restrictions:

(1) existing on the Issue Date in the indenture or any other agreements in effect on the Issue Date, and any extensions, renewals, replacements or refinancings of any of the foregoing; *provided* that the encumbrances and restrictions in the

extension, renewal, replacement or refinancing are, taken as a whole, no less favorable in any material respect to the noteholders than the encumbrances or restrictions being extended, renewed, replaced or refinanced;

(2) existing under or by reason of applicable law, rule, regulation or order;

(3) existing with respect to any Person, or to the property or assets of any Person, at the time the Person is acquired by HGI or any Subsidiary, which encumbrances or restrictions (i) are not applicable to any other Person or the property or assets of any other Person (other than Subsidiaries of such Person) and (ii) do not materially adversely affect the ability to make interest, principal and redemption payments on the notes and any extensions, renewals, replacements, or refinancings of any of the foregoing, *provided* the encumbrances and restrictions in the extension, renewal, replacement or refinancing are, taken as a

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whole, no less favorable in any material respect to the noteholders than the encumbrances or restrictions being extended, renewed, replaced or refinanced;

(4) of the type described in clause (a)(4) arising or agreed to in the ordinary course of business (i) that restrict in a customary manner the subletting, assignment or transfer of any property or asset that is subject to a lease or license or (ii) by virtue of any Lien on, or agreement to transfer, option or similar right (including any asset sale or stock sale agreement) with respect to any property or assets of, HGI or any Subsidiary;

(5) with respect to a Subsidiary and imposed pursuant to an agreement that has been entered into for the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the Capital Stock of, or property and assets of, the Subsidiary that is permitted by Limitation on Asset Sales ;

(6) contained in the terms governing any Debt of any Subsidiary if the encumbrances or restrictions are ordinary and customary for a financing of that type;

(7) required pursuant to the indenture;

(8) existing pursuant to customary provisions in partnership agreements, limited liability company organizational governance documents, joint venture and other similar agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business that restrict the transfer of ownership interests in such partnership, limited liability company, joint venture or similar Person;

(9) consisting of restrictions on cash or other deposits or net worth imposed by customers, suppliers or landlords under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(10) existing pursuant to purchase money and capital lease obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business; and

(11) restrictions or conditions contained in any trading, netting, operating, construction, service, supply, purchase or other agreement to which HGI or any of its Subsidiaries is a party entered into in the ordinary course of business; *provided* that such agreement prohibits the encumbrance solely of the property or assets of HGI or such Subsidiary that are the subject of such agreement, the payment rights arising thereunder or the proceeds thereof and does not extend to any other asset or property of HGI or such Subsidiary or the assets or property of any other Subsidiary.

For purposes of determining compliance with this covenant, (i) the priority of any Preferred Stock in receiving dividends or liquidating distributions prior to dividends or liquidating distributions being paid on common stock or other Preferred Stock shall not be deemed a restriction on the ability to make distributions on Equity Interests and (ii) the subordination of loans or advances made to HGI or any Subsidiary to other Debt Incurred by HGI or any such Subsidiary shall not be deemed a restriction on the ability to make loans or advances.

***Repurchase of Notes upon a Change of Control***

If a Change of Control occurs, each holder of notes will have the right to require HGI to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or a higher multiple of \$1,000) of that holder's notes pursuant to a Change of Control Offer on the terms set forth in the indenture. In the Change of Control Offer, HGI will offer a payment (such payment, a *Change of Control Payment* ) in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of notes repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, to the date of purchase. Within 30 days following any Change of Control, HGI will mail a notice to each holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and offering to repurchase notes on the date specified in such notice (the *Change of Control Payment Date* ), which date shall be no

earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed, pursuant to the procedures required by the indenture and described in such notice. HGI will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the notes as a result of a Change of Control. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control provisions of the

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indenture, HGI will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Change of Control provisions of the indenture by virtue of such compliance.

On or before the Change of Control Payment Date, HGI will, to the extent lawful:

- (1) accept for payment all notes or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;
- (2) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all notes or portions thereof properly tendered; and
- (3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the trustee the notes so accepted together with an officers certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of notes or portions thereof being purchased by HGI.

The paying agent will promptly mail or wire transfer to each holder of notes properly tendered the Change of Control Payment for such notes, and the trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each holder a new note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the notes surrendered, if any; *provided* that such new note will be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or a higher integral multiple of \$1,000.

A Change of Control will generally constitute a change of control under Spectrum's existing debt instruments, and any future credit agreements or other agreements to which HGI or any of its Subsidiaries becomes a party may provide that certain change of control events with respect to HGI would constitute a default under these agreements. HGI's ability to pay cash to the holders following the occurrence of a Change of Control may be limited by HGI's then existing financial resources. Moreover, the exercise by the holders of their right to require HGI to purchase the notes could cause a default under other debt, even if the Change of Control itself does not, due to the financial effect of the purchase on HGI. There can be no assurance that sufficient funds will be available when necessary to make the required purchase of the notes. See Risk Factors Risks Related to the Notes We may be unable to repurchase the notes upon a change of control.

HGI will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if (1) a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in the indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by HGI and purchases all notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer or (2) notice of redemption has been given with respect to all the notes pursuant to the indenture as described above under the caption Optional Redemption, unless and until there is a default in payment of the applicable redemption price.

A Change of Control Offer may be made in advance of a Change of Control, conditional upon such Change of Control, if a definitive agreement is in place for the Change of Control at the time of making of the Change of Control Offer.

The provisions under the indenture relative to HGI's obligation to make a Change of Control Offer may be waived or modified with the written consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes.

The definition of Change of Control includes a phrase relating to the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of HGI and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase substantially all, there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, the ability of a holder of the notes to require HGI to repurchase such notes as a result of a sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of less than all of the assets of HGI and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole to another Person or group may be uncertain.



*Limitation on Asset Sales*

Neither HGI nor any Guarantor will make any Asset Sale unless the following conditions are met:

(1) The Asset Sale is for fair market value, as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors.

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(2) At least 75% of the consideration consists of Cash Equivalents received at closing or Replacement Assets (*provided* such Replacement Assets or Equity Interests of any direct Subsidiary that directly or indirectly owns such Replacement Assets are pledged as Collateral pursuant to the Security Documents). For purposes of this clause (2):

(A) the assumption by the purchaser of Debt or other obligations (other than Subordinated Debt) of HGI or a Guarantor pursuant to a customary novation agreement,

(B) instruments or securities received from the purchaser that are promptly, but in any event within 120 days of the closing, converted by HGI to Cash Equivalents, to the extent of the Cash Equivalents actually so received and

(C) any Designated Non-cash Consideration received by HGI or any Guarantor in such Asset Sale having an aggregate fair market value, taken together with all other Designated Non-cash Consideration received pursuant to this clause (C) that is at that time outstanding, not to exceed \$10.0 million at the time of the receipt of such Designated Non-cash Consideration (with the fair market value of each item of Designated Non-cash Consideration being measured at the time received and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value) (*provided* such assets or Equity Interests of any direct Subsidiary that directly or indirectly owns such assets are pledged as Collateral pursuant to the Security Documents)

shall be considered Cash Equivalents received at closing.

(3) Within 420 days after the receipt of any Net Cash Proceeds from an Asset Sale, the Net Cash Proceeds may be used to (a) acquire all or substantially all of the assets of an operating business, a majority of the Voting Stock of another Person that thereupon becomes a Subsidiary engaged in an operating business or to make other Investments in Persons other than Permitted Holders in the ordinary course of business (collectively, *Replacement Assets* ) or (b) to make a capital contribution to a Subsidiary, the proceeds of which are used by such Subsidiary to purchase an operating business, to make capital expenditures or otherwise acquire long-term assets that are to be used in an operating business (which assets or Voting Stock shall be pledged as Collateral) or to make other Investments in Persons other than Permitted Holders in the ordinary course of business.

Following the entering into of a binding agreement with respect to an Asset Sale and prior to the consummation thereof, Cash Equivalents (whether or not actual Net Cash Proceeds of such Asset Sale) used for the purposes described in this clause (3) that are designated as uses in accordance with this clause (3), and not previously or subsequently so designated in respect of any other Asset Sale, shall be deemed to be Net Cash Proceeds applied in accordance with this clause (3).

(4) The Net Cash Proceeds of an Asset Sale not applied pursuant to clause (3) within 420 days of the Asset Sale constitute *Excess Proceeds* . Excess Proceeds of less than \$2.0 million will be carried forward and accumulated; *provided* that until the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds equals or exceeds \$20.0 million, all or any portion of such Excess Proceeds may be used or invested in the manner described in clause (3) above and such invested amount shall no longer be considered Excess Proceeds. When accumulated Excess Proceeds equals or exceeds such amount, HGI must, within 30 days, make an Offer to Purchase notes having a principal amount equal to

(A) accumulated Excess Proceeds, multiplied by

(B) a fraction (x) the numerator of which is equal to the outstanding principal amount of the notes and (y) the denominator of which is equal to the outstanding principal amount of the notes and all Pari-Passu Obligations secured by Liens on the Collateral and owed to anyone other than HGI, a Subsidiary or any Permitted Holder similarly required to be repaid, redeemed or tendered for in connection with the Asset Sale, rounded down to the nearest \$1,000. The purchase price for the notes will be 100% of the principal amount plus accrued interest to the date of

purchase. If the Offer to Purchase is for less than all of the outstanding notes and notes in an aggregate principal amount in excess of the purchase amount are tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to the offer, HGI will

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purchase notes having an aggregate principal amount equal to the purchase amount on a pro rata basis, by lot or any other method that the trustee in its sole discretion deems fair and appropriate with adjustments so that only notes in multiples of \$1,000 principal amount will be purchased. Upon completion of the Offer to Purchase, Excess Proceeds will be reset at zero, and any Excess Proceeds remaining after consummation of the Offer to Purchase may be used for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by the indenture.

***Limitation on Transactions with Affiliates***

(a) HGI will not, and, to the extent within HGI's control, will not permit any Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, enter into, renew or extend any transaction or arrangement including the purchase, sale, lease or exchange of property or assets, or the rendering of any service with any Affiliate of HGI or any Subsidiary (a *Related Party Transaction*), involving payments or consideration in excess of \$1.0 million except upon fair and reasonable terms that taken as a whole are no less favorable to HGI or the Subsidiary than could be obtained in a comparable arm's-length transaction with a Person that is not an Affiliate of HGI.

(b) Any Related Party Transaction or series of Related Party Transactions with an aggregate value in excess of \$5.0 million must first be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors who are disinterested in the subject matter of the transaction pursuant to a Board Resolution delivered to the trustee. Prior to entering into any Related Party Transaction or series of Related Party Transactions with an aggregate value in excess of \$15.0 million, HGI must in addition obtain and deliver to the trustee a favorable written opinion from a nationally recognized investment banking, appraisal, or accounting firm as to the fairness of the transaction to HGI and its Subsidiaries from a financial point of view.

(c) The foregoing paragraphs do not apply to

(1) any transaction between HGI and any of its Subsidiaries or between Subsidiaries of HGI;

(2) the payment of reasonable and customary regular fees and compensation to, and reasonable and customary indemnification arrangements and similar payments on behalf of, directors of HGI who are not employees of HGI;

(3) any Restricted Payments if permitted by *Limitation on Restricted Payments* ;

(4) transactions or payments, including the award of securities, pursuant to any employee, officer or director compensation or benefit plans or arrangements entered into in the ordinary course of business, or approved by the Board of Directors;

(5) transactions pursuant to any contract or agreement in effect on the Issue Date, as amended, modified or replaced from time to time so long as the terms of the amended, modified or new agreements, taken as a whole, are no less favorable to HGI and its Subsidiaries than those in effect on the date of the indenture;

(6) the entering into of a customary agreement providing registration rights to the direct or indirect stockholders of HGI and the performance of such agreements;

(7) the issuance of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Equity Interests) of HGI to any Person or any transaction with an Affiliate where the only consideration paid by HGI or any Subsidiary is Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Equity Interests) of HGI or any contribution to the capital of HGI;

(8) the entering into of any tax sharing agreement or arrangement or any other transactions undertaken in good faith for the sole purpose of improving the tax efficiency of HGI and its Subsidiaries;

(9) (A) transactions with customers, clients, suppliers or purchasers or sellers of goods or services, or transactions otherwise relating to the purchase or sale of goods or services, in each case in the ordinary course of business and otherwise in compliance with the terms of the indenture, (B) transactions with joint ventures entered into in ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice or industry norm or (C) any management services or support agreement entered into on terms consistent with past

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practice and approved by a majority of HGI's Board of Directors (including a majority of the disinterested directors) in good faith;

(10) transactions permitted by, and complying with, the provisions of, the Consolidation, Merger or Sale of Assets covenant, or any merger, consolidation or reorganization of HGI with an Affiliate, solely for the purposes of reincorporating HGI in a new jurisdiction;

(11) (a) transactions between HGI or any of its Subsidiaries and any Person that is an Affiliate solely because one or more of its directors is also a director of HGI; *provided* that such director abstains from voting as a director of HGI on any matter involving such other Person or (b) transactions entered into with any of HGI's or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates for shared services, facilities and/or employee arrangements entered into on commercially reasonable terms (as determined in good faith by HGI);

(12) Investments permitted pursuant to clause (11) of Covenants Limitation on Restricted Payments on commercially reasonable terms (as determined in good faith by HGI);

(13) payments by HGI or any Subsidiary to any Affiliate for any financial advisory, financing, underwriting or placement services or in respect of other investment banking activities, including in connection with acquisitions or divestitures, which payments are on arms-length terms and are approved by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors (including a majority of the disinterested directors) in good faith;

(14) any transaction pursuant to which any Permitted Holder provides HGI and/or its Subsidiaries, at cost, with services, including services to be purchased from third-party providers, such as legal and accounting, tax, consulting, financial advisory, corporate governance, insurance coverage and other services, which transaction is approved by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors (including a majority of the disinterested directors) in good faith;

(15) the contribution of Equity Interests of Spectrum to HGI or any Subsidiary by a Permitted Holder; and

(16) the entering into of customary investment management contracts between a Permitted Holder and any Subsidiary of HGI that, in the ordinary course of its business, makes Investments in private collective investment vehicles (including private collective investment vehicles other than those owned by Permitted Holders), which investment management contracts are entered into on commercially reasonable terms and approved by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors (including a majority of the disinterested directors) in good faith.

***Financial Reports***

(a) Whether or not HGI is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, HGI must provide the trustee and noteholders with, or electronically file with the Commission, within the time periods specified in those sections

(1) all quarterly and annual reports that would be required to be filed with the Commission on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if HGI were required to file such reports, including a Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and, with respect to annual information only, a report thereon by HGI's certified independent accountants, and

(2) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the Commission on Form 8-K if HGI were required to file such reports.

In addition, whether or not required by the Commission, HGI will, if the Commission will accept the filing, file a copy of all of the information and reports referred to in clauses (1) and (2) with the Commission for public availability within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and regulations. In addition, HGI will make the information and reports available to securities analysts and prospective investors upon request.

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For so long as any of the notes remain outstanding and constitute restricted securities under Rule 144, HGI will furnish to the holders of the notes and prospective investors, upon their request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.

### ***Reports to Trustee***

HGI will deliver to the trustee:

(1) within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year a certificate stating that HGI has fulfilled its obligations under the indenture or, if there has been a Default, specifying the Default and its nature and status; and

(2) as soon as reasonably possible and in any event within 30 days after HGI becomes aware or should reasonably become aware of the occurrence of a Default, an Officers Certificate setting forth the details of the Default, and the action which HGI proposes to take with respect thereto.

### ***No Investment Company Registration***

Neither HGI nor any Guarantor will register, or be required to register, as an investment company as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

## **Consolidation, Merger or Sale of Assets**

### ***HGI***

(a) HGI will not

consolidate with or merge with or into any Person, or

sell, convey, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets as an entirety or substantially an entirety, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, to any Person or

permit any Person to merge with or into HGI,

unless:

(1) either (x) HGI is the continuing Person or (y) the resulting, surviving or transferee Person is a corporation organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States of America or any jurisdiction thereof and expressly assumes by supplemental indenture all of the obligations of HGI under the indenture and the notes and the Registration Rights Agreement;

(2) immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no Default has occurred and is continuing;

(3) immediately after giving effect to the transaction on a pro forma basis, HGI or the resulting surviving or transferee Person would be in compliance with the covenants set forth under Certain Covenants Maintenance of Liquidity, and Certain Covenants Maintenance of Collateral Coverage (calculated as if the date of the transaction was a date on which such covenant is required to be tested under Maintenance of Collateral Coverage ); and

(4) HGI delivers to the trustee an officers certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that the consolidation, merger or transfer and the supplemental indenture (if any) comply with the indenture;



*provided*, that clauses (2) and (3) do not apply (i) to the consolidation or merger of HGI with or into a Wholly Owned Subsidiary or the consolidation or merger of a Wholly Owned Subsidiary with or into HGI or (ii) if, in the good faith determination of the Board of Directors of HGI, whose determination is evidenced by a Resolution of HGI's Board of Directors, the sole purpose of the transaction is to change the jurisdiction of incorporation of HGI.

(b) HGI shall not lease all or substantially all of its assets, whether in one transaction or a series of transactions, to one or more other Persons.

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(c) The foregoing shall not apply to (i) any transfer of assets by HGI to any Guarantor, (ii) any transfer of assets among Guarantors or (iii) any transfer of assets by a Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor to (x) another Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor or (y) HGI or any Guarantor.

(d) Upon the consummation of any transaction effected in accordance with these provisions, if HGI is not the continuing Person, the resulting, surviving or transferee Person will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, HGI under the indenture and the notes with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named as HGI in the indenture. Upon such substitution, except in the case of a sale, conveyance, transfer or disposition of less than all its assets, HGI will be released from its obligations under the indenture and the notes.

***Guarantors***

No Guarantor may:

consolidate with or merge with or into any Person, or

sell, convey, transfer or dispose of, all or substantially all its assets as an entirety or substantially as an entirety, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, to any Person, or

permit any Person to merge with or into the Guarantor

unless:

(A) the other Person is HGI or any Subsidiary that is Guarantor or becomes a Guarantor concurrently with the transaction; or

(B) (1) either (x) the Guarantor is the continuing Person or (y) the resulting, surviving or transferee Person expressly assumes by supplemental indenture all of the obligations of the Guarantor under its Note Guaranty; and

(2) immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no Default has occurred and is continuing; or

(C) the transaction constitutes a sale or other disposition (including by way of consolidation or merger) of the Guarantor or the sale or disposition of all or substantially all the assets of the Guarantor (in each case other than to HGI or a Subsidiary) otherwise permitted by the indenture.

**Default and Remedies**

***Events of Default***

An *Event of Default* occurs if

(1) HGI defaults in the payment of the principal of any note when the same becomes due and payable at maturity, upon acceleration or redemption, or otherwise (other than pursuant to an Offer to Purchase);

(2) HGI defaults in the payment of interest (including any Additional Interest) on any note when the same becomes due and payable, and the default continues for a period of 30 days;

(3) HGI fails to make an Offer to Purchase and thereafter accept and pay for notes tendered when and as required pursuant to Repurchase of Notes Upon a Change of Control or Certain Covenants Limitation on Asset Sales , or HGI or any Guarantor fails to comply with Consolidation, Merger or Sale of Assets ;

(4) HGI defaults in the performance of or breaches the covenants set forth under Certain Covenants Maintenance of Liquidity, or Certain Covenants Maintenance of Collateral Coverage and such default or breach is not cured within (i) 45 days after the date of default under clause (a) of Certain Covenants Maintenance of Collateral Coverage or (ii) 15 days after the date of any default under Certain Covenants Maintenance of Liquidity, or clauses (b) or (c) of Certain

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Covenants Maintenance of Collateral Coverage (it being understood that the date of default in the case of covenants tested at the end of a fiscal period is the last day of such fiscal period);

(5) HGI defaults in the performance of or breaches any other covenant or agreement of HGI in the indenture or under the notes and the default or breach continues for a period of 60 consecutive days after written notice to HGI by the trustee or to HGI and the trustee by the holders of 25% or more in aggregate principal amount of the notes;

(6) the failure by HGI or any Significant Subsidiary to pay any Debt within any applicable grace period after final maturity or the acceleration of any such Debt by the holders thereof because of a default, in each case, if the total amount of such Debt unpaid or accelerated exceeds \$25.0 million;

(7) one or more final judgments or orders for the payment of money are rendered against HGI or any of its Significant Subsidiaries and are not paid or discharged, and there is a period of 60 consecutive days following entry of the final judgment or order that causes the aggregate amount for all such final judgments or orders outstanding and not paid or discharged against all such Persons to exceed \$25.0 million (in excess of amounts which HGI's insurance carriers have agreed to pay under applicable policies) during which a stay of enforcement, by reason of a pending appeal or otherwise, is not in effect;

(8) certain bankruptcy defaults occur with respect to HGI or any Significant Subsidiary;

(9) any Note Guaranty of a Significant Subsidiary ceases to be in full force and effect, other than in accordance the terms of the indenture, or a Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary denies or disaffirms its obligations under its Note Guaranty; or

(10) (a) the Liens created by the Security Documents shall at any time not constitute a valid and perfected Lien on any portion of the Collateral (with a fair market value in excess of \$25.0 million) intended to be covered thereby (to the extent perfection by filing, registration, recordation or possession is required by the indenture or the Security Documents), (b) any of the Security Documents shall for whatever reason be terminated or cease to be in full force and effect (except for expiration in accordance with its terms or amendment, modification, waiver, termination or release in accordance with the terms of the indenture) or (c) the enforceability of the Liens created by the Security Documents shall be contested by HGI or any Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary.

***Consequences of an Event of Default***

If an Event of Default, other than a bankruptcy default with respect to HGI, occurs and is continuing under the indenture, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding, by written notice to HGI (and to the trustee if the notice is given by the holders), may, and the trustee at the written request of such holders shall, declare the principal of and accrued interest on the notes to be immediately due and payable. Upon a declaration of acceleration, such principal and interest will become immediately due and payable. If a bankruptcy default occurs with respect to HGI, the principal of and accrued interest on the notes then outstanding will become immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the trustee or any holder.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes by written notice to HGI and to the trustee may waive all past defaults and rescind and annul a declaration of acceleration and its consequences if

(1) all existing Events of Default, other than the nonpayment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the notes that have become due solely by the declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived, and

(2) the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Except as otherwise provided in Consequences of an Event of Default or Amendments and Waivers Amendments  
with Consent of Holders, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the

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outstanding notes may, by written notice to the trustee, waive an existing Default and its consequences. Upon such waiver, the Default will cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom will be deemed to have been cured, but no such waiver will extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

In the event of a declaration of acceleration of the notes because an Event of Default described in clause (6) under Events of Default has occurred and is continuing, the declaration of acceleration of the notes shall be automatically annulled if the event of default or payment default triggering such Event of Default pursuant to clause (6) shall be remedied or cured, or waived by the holders of the Debt, or the Debt that gave rise to such Event of Default shall have been discharged in full, within 30 days after the declaration of acceleration with respect thereto and if (1) the annulment of the acceleration of the notes would not conflict with any judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction and (2) all existing Events of Default, except nonpayment of principal, premium or interest on the notes that became due solely because of the acceleration of the notes, have been cured or waived.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee. However, the trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or the indenture, that may involve the trustee in personal liability, or that the trustee determines in good faith may be unduly prejudicial to the rights of holders of notes not joining in the giving of such direction, and may take any other action it deems proper that is not inconsistent with any such direction received from holders of notes.

A holder may not institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to the indenture or the notes, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy under the indenture or the notes, unless:

- (1) the holder has previously given to the trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default;
- (2) holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of outstanding notes have made written request to the trustee to institute proceedings in respect of the Event of Default in its own name as trustee under the indenture;
- (3) holders have offered to the trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the trustee against any costs, liabilities or expenses to be incurred in compliance with such request;
- (4) the trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding; and
- (5) during such 60-day period, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes have not given the trustee a direction that is inconsistent with such written request.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the right of a holder of a note to receive payment of principal of or interest on its note on or after the Stated Maturities thereof, or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such dates, may not be impaired or affected without the consent of that holder.

If any Default occurs and is continuing and is actually known to the trustee, the trustee will send notice of the Default to each holder within 90 days after it occurs, unless the Default has been cured; *provided* that, except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any note, the trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as the trustee in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interest of the holders.

## **No Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees, Incorporators, Members and Stockholders**

No director, officer, employee, incorporator, member or stockholder of HGI or any Guarantor, as such, will have any liability for any obligations of HGI or such Guarantor under the notes, any Note Guaranty or the indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations. Each holder of notes by accepting a note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for

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issuance of the notes. This waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under the federal securities laws and it is the view of the Commission that such a waiver is against public policy.

**Amendments and Waivers**

***Amendments Without Consent of Holders***

HGI and the trustee may amend or supplement the indenture, the notes (and HGI, the trustee or the Collateral Agent may amend or supplement the Security Documents) without notice to or the consent of any noteholder

- (1) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency in the indenture or the notes;
- (2) to comply with Consolidation, Merger or Sale of Assets ;
- (3) to comply with any requirements of the Commission in connection with the qualification of the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act;
- (4) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of an appointment by a successor trustee;
- (5) to provide for uncertificated notes in addition to or in place of certificated notes, *provided* that the uncertificated notes are issued in registered form for purposes of Section 163(f) of the Code, or in a manner such that the uncertificated notes are described in Section 163(f)(2)(B) of the Code;
- (6) to provide for any Guarantee of the notes, to secure the notes or to confirm and evidence the release, termination or discharge of any Guarantee of or Lien securing the notes when such release, termination or discharge is permitted by the indenture;
- (7) to provide for or confirm the issuance of additional notes;
- (8) to make any other change that does not materially and adversely affect the rights of any holder;
- (9) to conform any provision to this Description of Notes , as certified by an officers certificate; or
- (10) to evidence the issuance of any Pari-Passu Obligations and secure such obligations with Liens on the Collateral.

***Amendments With Consent of Holders.***

(a) Except as otherwise provided in Default and Remedies Consequences of a Default or paragraph (b), HGI and the trustee may amend the indenture and the notes with the written consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes and the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes may waive future compliance by HGI with any provision of the indenture or the notes. In addition, the trustee is authorized to permit the Collateral Agent to amend any Security Document with the written consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a), without the consent of each holder affected, an amendment or waiver may not

- (1) reduce the principal amount of or change the Stated Maturity of any installment of principal of any note,



- (2) reduce the rate of or change the Stated Maturity of any interest payment on any note,
- (3) reduce the amount payable upon the redemption of any note or change the time of any mandatory redemption or, in respect of an optional redemption, the times at which any note may be redeemed,
- (4) after the time an Offer to Purchase is required to have been made, reduce the purchase amount or purchase price, or extend the latest expiration date or purchase date thereunder,

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- (5) make any note payable in money other than that stated in the note,
- (6) impair the right of any holder of notes to receive any principal payment or interest payment on such holder's notes, on or after the Stated Maturity thereof, or to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment,
- (7) make any change in the percentage of the principal amount of the notes required for amendments or waivers,
- (8) modify or change any provision of the indenture affecting the ranking of the notes or any Note Guaranty in a manner adverse to the holders of the notes, or
- (9) make any change in any Note Guaranty that would adversely affect the noteholders.

In addition, no amendment, supplement or waiver may release all or substantially all of the Collateral without the consent of holders of at least 75% in aggregate principal amount of notes.

It is not necessary for noteholders to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, supplement or waiver, but is sufficient if their consent approves the substance thereof.

The indenture provides that, in determining whether the holders of the required principal amount of notes have concurred in any direction, waiver or consent, notes owned by HGI, any Guarantor or by any Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with HGI or any Guarantor shall be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding, except that, for the purpose of determining whether the trustee shall be protected in relying on any such direction, waiver or consent, only notes which a responsible officer of the trustee actually knows are so owned shall be so disregarded. Subject to the foregoing, only notes outstanding at the time shall be considered in any such determination. As a result, notes held by the Harbinger Parties will not be able to vote in respect of any direction, waiver or consent so long as the Harbinger Parties control HGI.

**Defeasance and Discharge**

HGI may discharge its obligations under the notes and the indenture by irrevocably depositing in trust with the trustee money or U.S. Government Obligations sufficient to pay principal of and interest on the notes to maturity or redemption within one year, subject to meeting certain other conditions.

HGI may also elect to

- (1) discharge most of its obligations in respect of the notes and the indenture, not including obligations related to the defeasance trust or to the replacement of notes or its obligations to the trustee ( *legal defeasance* ), or
- (2) discharge its obligations under most of the covenants and under clause (3) of Consolidation, Merger or Sale of Assets HGI (and the events listed in clauses (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) (with respect to Significant Subsidiaries only), (9) and (10) under Default and Remedies Events of Default will no longer constitute Events of Default) ( *covenant defeasance* ) by irrevocably depositing in trust with the trustee money or U.S. Government Obligations sufficient, in the opinion of an independent firm of certified public accountants, to pay principal of and interest on the notes to maturity or redemption and by meeting certain other conditions, including delivery to the trustee of either a ruling received from the Internal Revenue Service or an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of the defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would otherwise have been the case. In the case of legal defeasance, such an opinion could not be given absent a change of law after the date of the indenture.

In the case of either discharge or defeasance, the Note Guaranties, if any, will terminate.

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### **Concerning the Trustee**

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association is the trustee under the indenture.

Except during the continuance of an Event of Default, the trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in the indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations will be read into the indenture against the trustee. In case an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the trustee shall exercise those rights and powers vested in it by the indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs. No provision of the indenture requires the trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of its duties thereunder, or in the exercise of its rights or powers, unless it receives indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

The indenture and provisions of the Trust Indenture Act incorporated by reference therein contain limitations on the rights of the trustee, should it become a creditor of any obligor on the notes, to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise. The trustee is permitted to engage in other transactions with HGI and its Affiliates; *provided* that if it acquires any conflicting interest it must either eliminate the conflict within 90 days, apply to the Commission for permission to continue or resign.

### **Book-Entry, Delivery and Form**

Except as described below, we will initially issue the exchange notes in the form of one or more registered exchange notes in global form without coupons (the *global notes*). We will deposit each global note on the date of the closing of the exchange offer with, or on behalf of, DTC in New York, New York, and register the exchange notes in the name of DTC or its nominee, or will leave these notes in the custody of the trustee.

### ***Depository Procedures***

The following description of the operations and procedures of The Depository Trust Company ( *DTC* ), the Euroclear System ( *Euroclear* ) and Clearstream Banking, S.A. ( *Clearstream* ) are provided solely as a matter of convenience. These operations and procedures are solely within the control of the respective settlement systems and are subject to changes by them. We take no responsibility for these operations and procedures and urge you to contact the system or their participants directly to discuss these matters.

DTC has advised us that it is a limited-purpose trust company created to hold securities for its participating organizations (collectively, the *Participants*) and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of transactions in those securities between the Participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of its Participants. The Participants include securities brokers and dealers (including the initial purchasers), banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Access to DTC's system is also available to other entities such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Participant, either directly or indirectly (collectively, the *Indirect Participants*). Persons who are not Participants may beneficially own securities held by or on behalf of DTC only through the Participants or the Indirect Participants. The ownership interests and transfers of ownership interests in each security held by or on behalf of DTC are recorded only on the records of the Participants and Indirect Participants and not on the records of DTC.

DTC has also advised us that, pursuant to procedures established by it:

(1) upon deposit of the global notes, DTC will credit the accounts of the Participants designated by the initial purchasers with portions of the principal amount of the global notes; and

(2) ownership of these interests in the global notes will be shown on, and the transfer of ownership of these interests will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC (with respect to the Participants) or by the Participants and the Indirect Participants (with respect to other owners of beneficial interest in the global notes).

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Investors in the global notes who are Participants may hold their interests therein directly through DTC. Investors in the global notes who are not Participants may hold their interests therein indirectly through organizations (including Euroclear and Clearstream) which are Participants. Investors in the global notes may also hold their interests therein through Euroclear or Clearstream, if they are participants in such systems, or indirectly through organizations that are participants. Investors may also hold interests in the global notes through Participants in the DTC system other than Euroclear and Clearstream. Euroclear and Clearstream will hold interests in the global notes on behalf of their participants through customers' securities accounts in their respective names on the books of their respective depositories, which are Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of Euroclear, and Citibank, N.A., as operator of Clearstream. All interests in a global note, including those held through Euroclear or Clearstream, may be subject to the procedures and requirements of DTC. Those interests held through Euroclear or Clearstream may also be subject to the procedures and requirements of such systems. The laws of some states require that certain Persons take physical delivery in definitive form of securities that they own. Consequently, the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global note to such Persons will be limited to that extent. Because DTC can act only on behalf of the Participants, which in turn act on behalf of the Indirect Participants, the ability of a Person having beneficial interests in a global note to pledge such interests to Persons that do not participate in the DTC system, or otherwise take actions in respect of such interests, may be affected by the lack of a physical certificate evidencing such interests.

**Except as described below, owners of interests in the global notes will not have notes registered in their names, will not receive physical delivery of notes in certificated form and will not be considered the registered owners or holders thereof under the indenture for any purpose.**

Payments in respect of the principal of, premium on, if any, interest and Special Interest, if any, on a global note registered in the name of DTC or its nominee will be payable to DTC in its capacity as the registered holder under the indenture. Under the terms of the indenture, HGI and the trustee will treat the Persons in whose names the notes, including the global notes, are registered as the owners of the notes for the purpose of receiving payments and for all other purposes. Consequently, none of HGI, the trustee or any of their respective agents has or will have any responsibility or liability for:

(1) any aspect of DTC's records or any Participant's or Indirect Participant's records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interest in the global notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of DTC's records or any Participant's or Indirect Participant's records relating to the beneficial ownership interests in the global notes; or

(2) any other matter relating to the actions and practices of DTC or any of its Participants or Indirect Participants.

DTC has advised us that its current practice, upon receipt of any payment in respect of securities such as the notes, including principal and interest, is to credit the accounts of the relevant Participants with the payment on the payment date unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on such payment date. Each relevant Participant is credited with an amount proportionate to its beneficial ownership of an interest in the principal amount of the relevant security as shown on the records of DTC. Payments by the Participants and the Indirect Participants to the beneficial owners of the notes will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, which will be the responsibility of the Participants or the Indirect Participants and will not be the responsibility of DTC, the trustee or us. Neither we nor the trustee will be liable for any delay by DTC or any of the Participants or the Indirect Participants in identifying the beneficial owners of the notes, and we and the trustee may conclusively rely on, and will be protected in relying on, instructions from DTC or its nominee for all purposes.

Transfers between the Participants will be effected in accordance with DTC's procedures, and will be settled in same-day funds, and transfers between participants in Euroclear and Clearstream will be effected in accordance with their respective rules and operating procedures.

Cross-market transfers between the Participants, on the one hand, and Euroclear or Clearstream participants, on the other hand, will be effected through DTC in accordance with DTC's rules on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, by their respective depositaries; however, such cross-market

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transactions will require delivery of instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, by the counterparty in such system in accordance with the rules and procedures and within the established deadlines (Brussels time) of such system. Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its respective depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving interests in the relevant global note in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Euroclear participants and Clearstream participants may not deliver instructions directly to the depositories for Euroclear or Clearstream.

DTC has advised us that it will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of notes only at the direction of one or more Participants to whose account DTC has credited the interests in the global notes and only in respect of such portion of the aggregate principal amount of the notes as to which such Participant or Participants has or have given such direction. However, if there is an Event of Default under the notes, DTC reserves the right to exchange the global notes for legended notes in certificated form, and to distribute such notes to its Participants.

Although DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream have agreed to the foregoing procedures to facilitate transfers of interests in the global notes among participants in DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, they are under no obligation to perform or to continue to perform such procedures, and may discontinue such procedures at any time. None of HGI, the trustee and any of their respective agents will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream or their respective participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

### ***Exchange of Global Notes for Certificated Notes***

A global note is exchangeable for certificated notes if:

- (1) DTC notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for the global notes and a successor depository is not appointed by HGI within 90 days of the notice; or
- (2) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and the trustee has received a request from the depository.

In addition, beneficial interests in a global note may be exchanged for certificated notes upon prior written notice given to the trustee by or on behalf of DTC in accordance with the indenture. In all cases, certificated notes delivered in exchange for any global note or beneficial interests in global notes will be registered in the names, and issued in any approved denominations, requested by or on behalf of the depository (in accordance with its customary procedures) and will bear the applicable restrictive legend referred to in Notice to Investors, unless that legend is not required by applicable law.

### ***Exchange of Certificated Notes for Global Notes***

Certificated notes may not be exchanged for beneficial interests in any global note unless the transferor first delivers to the trustee a written certificate (in the form provided in the indenture) to the effect that such transfer will comply with the appropriate transfer restrictions applicable to such notes. See Notice to Investors.

### ***Same Day Settlement and Payment***

HGI will make payments in respect of the notes represented by the global notes, including principal, premium, if any, interest and Special Interest, if any, by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by DTC or its nominee. HGI will make all payments of principal, premium, if any, interest and Special Interest, if any, with respect to certificated notes by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by the holders of



the certificated notes or, if no such account is specified, by mailing a check to each such holder's registered address. The notes represented by the global notes are expected to be eligible to trade in DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System, and any permitted secondary market trading activity in such notes will, therefore, be required by DTC to be settled in immediately available funds, subject

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in all cases to the rules and procedures of DTC and its Participants. We expect that secondary trading in any certificated notes will also be settled in immediately available funds.

Because of time zone differences, the securities account of a Euroclear or Clearstream participant purchasing an interest in a global note from a Participant will be credited, and any such crediting will be reported to the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream participant, during the securities settlement processing day (which must be a business day for Euroclear and Clearstream) immediately following the settlement date of DTC. DTC has advised HGI that cash received in Euroclear or Clearstream as a result of sales of interests in a global note by or through a Euroclear or Clearstream participant to a Participant will be received with value on the settlement date of DTC but will be available in the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream cash account only as of the business day for Euroclear or Clearstream following DTC's settlement date.

## **Governing Law**

The indenture, including any Note Guaranties, and the notes shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York, without regard to its conflict of laws principles.

## **Certain Definitions**

*Accrued Yield* means an amount in respect of each \$1,000 principal amount of notes that, together with the accrued interest to be paid in a Special Redemption, will provide the holder thereof with the yield to maturity on such note, calculated on the basis of a 360 day year and payable for the actual number of days elapsed from the Issue Date. *Yield to maturity* means the annual yield to maturity of the notes, calculated based on market convention and as reflected in the pricing term sheet for this offering.

*Affiliate* means, with respect to any Person, any other Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with, such Person. For purposes of this definition, *control* (including, with correlative meanings, the terms *controlling*, *controlled by* and *under common control with*) with respect to any Person means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

*Asset Sale* means any sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of any assets by HGI or any Guarantor, including by means of a merger, consolidation or similar transaction and including any sale by HGI or any Guarantor of the Equity Interests of any Subsidiary (each of the above referred to as a *disposition*), *provided* that the following are not included in the definition of *Asset Sale* :

(1) a disposition to HGI or a Guarantor, including the sale or issuance by HGI or any Guarantor of any Equity Interests of any Subsidiary to HGI or any Guarantor;

(2) the disposition by HGI or any Guarantor in the ordinary course of business of (i) Cash Equivalents and cash management investments, (ii) damaged, worn out or obsolete assets, (iii) rights granted to others pursuant to leases or licenses, or (iv) inventory and other assets acquired and held for resale in the ordinary course of business (it being understood that any Equity Interests of any direct Subsidiary of HGI or any Guarantor and the assets of an operating business, unit, division or line of business shall not constitute inventory or other assets acquired and held for resale in the ordinary course of business);

(3) the sale or discount of accounts receivable arising in the ordinary course of business;

- (4) a transaction covered by Consolidation, Merger or Sale of Assets HGI ;
- (5) a Restricted Payment permitted under Limitation on Restricted Payments ;
- (6) the issuance of Disqualified Equity Interests pursuant to Limitation on Debt and Disqualified Stock ;
- (7) any disposition in a transaction or series of related transactions of assets with a fair market value of less than \$5.0 million;

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(8) any disposition of Equity Interests of a Subsidiary pursuant to an agreement or other obligation with or to a Person from whom such Subsidiary was acquired or from whom such Subsidiary acquired its business and assets (having been newly formed in connection with such acquisition), made as part of such acquisition and in each case comprising all or a portion of the consideration in respect of such sale or acquisition;

(9) any surrender or waiver of contract rights pursuant to a settlement, release, recovery on or surrender of contract, tort or other claims of any kind;

(10) foreclosure or any similar action with respect to any property or other asset of HGI or any of its Subsidiaries;

(11) dispositions in connection with Permitted Liens; and

(12) dispositions of marketable securities, other than shares of Spectrum common stock, constituting less than 5% of the Total Assets; *provided* that such disposition is at fair market value and the consideration consists of Cash Equivalents.

*Attributable Debt* means, in respect of a Sale and Leaseback Transaction, at the time of determination, the present value, discounted at the interest rate implicit in the Sale and Leaseback Transaction determined in accordance with GAAP, of the total obligations of the lessee for rental payments during the remaining term of the lease in the Sale and Leaseback Transaction.

*Average Life* means, with respect to any Debt or Disqualified Equity Interests, the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the sum of the products of (x) the number of years from the date of determination to the dates of each successive scheduled principal payment of such Debt or such redemption or similar payment with respect to such Disqualified Equity Interests and (y) the amount of such principal, or redemption or similar payment by (ii) the sum of all such principal, or redemption or similar payments.

*Beneficial Owner* has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular person (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such person shall be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such person has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition. The terms *Beneficially Owns* and *Beneficially Owned* shall have a corresponding meaning.

*Board of Directors* means:

(1) with respect to a corporation, the board of directors of the corporation or, except with respect to the definition of Change of Control, any duly authorized committee thereof having the authority of the full board with respect to the determination to be made;

(2) with respect to a limited liability company, any managing member thereof or, if managed by managers, the board of managers thereof, or any duly authorized committee thereof having the authority of the full board with respect to the determination to be made;

(3) with respect to a partnership, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the partnership; and

(4) with respect to any other Person, the board or committee of such Person serving a similar function.

*Capital Lease* means, with respect to any Person, any lease of any property which, in conformity with GAAP, is required to be capitalized on the balance sheet of such Person.

*Capital Stock* means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares of stock of a corporation, partnership interests or other equivalent interests (however designated, whether voting or non-voting) in such Person's equity, entitling the holder to receive a share of the profits and losses, and a distribution of assets, after liabilities, of such Person.

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*Cash Collateral Coverage Ratio* means, on any date of determination, the ratio of (i) the Fair Market Value of the Collateral (but only to the extent the notes are secured by a first-priority Lien pursuant to the Security Agreements on such Collateral that is subject to no prior Liens) consisting of Cash Equivalents to (ii) the principal amount of Debt secured by Liens on the Collateral outstanding on such date.

*Cash Equivalents* means

- (1) United States dollars, or money in other currencies received in the ordinary course of business;
- (2) U.S. Government Obligations or certificates representing an ownership interest in U.S. Government Obligations with maturities not exceeding one year from the date of acquisition;
- (3) (i) demand deposits, (ii) time deposits and certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition, (iii) bankers' acceptances with maturities not exceeding one year from the date of acquisition, and (iv) overnight bank deposits, in each case with any bank or trust company organized or licensed under the laws of the United States or any state thereof having capital, surplus and undivided profits in excess of \$500 million whose short-term debt is rated A-2 or higher by S&P or P-2 or higher by Moody's;
- (4) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than seven days for underlying securities of the type described in clauses (2) and (3) above entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in clause (3) above;
- (5) commercial paper rated at least P-1 by Moody's or A-1 by S&P and maturing within six months after the date of acquisition; and
- (6) money market funds at least 95% of the assets of which consist of investments of the type described in clauses (1) through (5) above.

*Change of Control* means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of HGI and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any person (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than a Permitted Holder;
- (2) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of HGI;
- (3) any person or group (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) becomes the ultimate Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of 35% or more of the voting power of the Voting Stock of HGI other than a Permitted Holder; *provided* that such event shall not be deemed a Change of Control so long as one or more Permitted Holders shall Beneficially Own more of the voting power of the Voting Stock of HGI than such person or group;
- (4) the first day on which a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of HGI are not Continuing Directors;

For purposes of this definition, (i) any direct or indirect holding company of HGI shall not itself be considered a Person for purposes of clauses (1) or (3) above or a person or group for purposes of clauses (1) or (3) above, *provided* that no person or group (other than the Permitted Holders or another such holding company) Beneficially Owns, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the voting power of the Voting Stock of such company, and a majority of the

Voting Stock of such holding company immediately following it becoming the holding company of HGI is Beneficially Owned by the Persons who Beneficially Owned the voting power of the Voting Stock of HGI immediately prior to it becoming such holding company and (ii) a Person shall not be deemed to have beneficial ownership of securities subject to a stock purchase agreement, merger agreement or similar agreement until the consummation of the transactions contemplated by such agreement.

*Change of Control Offer* has the meaning assigned to that term in the indenture governing the notes.

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*Collateral Agent* means Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, in its capacity as the Collateral Agent, or any collateral agent appointed pursuant to the Collateral Trust Agreement.

*Collateral Coverage Ratio* means, at the date of determination, the ratio of (i) the Fair Market Value of the Collateral (but only to the extent the notes are secured by a first-priority Lien on such Collateral pursuant to the Security Agreements that is subject to no prior Lien) to (ii) the principal amount of Debt secured by Liens on the Collateral outstanding on such date.

*Collateral Trust Agreement* means the collateral trust agreement dated as of the Issue Date among HGI, the Collateral Agent and the trustee, as amended from time to time.

*Consolidated Net Income* means, for any period, the aggregate net income (or loss) of HGI and its Subsidiaries for such period determined on a consolidated basis in conformity with GAAP, *provided* that the following (without duplication) will be excluded in computing Consolidated Net Income:

- (1) the net income (or loss) of any Person that is not a Guarantor, except that net income shall be included to the extent of the dividends or other distributions actually paid in cash to HGI or any of the Guarantors by such Person during such period;
- (2) any net income (or loss) of any Person acquired in a pooling of interests transaction for any period prior to the date of such acquisition;
- (3) any net after-tax gains or losses attributable to or associated with the extinguishment of Debt or Hedging Agreements;
- (4) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles;
- (5) any non-cash expense realized or resulting from stock option plans, employee benefit plans or post-employment benefit plans, or grants or sales of stock, stock appreciation or similar rights, stock options, restricted stock, preferred stock or other rights;
- (6) to the extent covered by insurance and actually reimbursed, or, so long as such Person has made a determination that there exists reasonable evidence that such amount will in fact be reimbursed by the insurer and only to the extent that such amount is (a) not denied by the applicable carrier in writing within 180 days and (b) in fact reimbursed within 365 days of the date of such evidence (with a deduction for any amount so added back to the extent not so reimbursed within 365 days), expenses with respect to liability or casualty events or business interruption;
- (7) any expenses or charges related to any issuance of Equity Interests, acquisition, disposition, recapitalization or issuance, repayment, refinancing, amendment or modification of Debt (including amortization or write offs of debt issuance or deferred financing costs, premiums and prepayment penalties), in each case, whether or not successful, including any such expenses or charges attributable to the issuance and sale of the notes and the consummation of the exchange offer pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement; and
- (8) any expenses or reserves for liabilities to the extent that HGI or any Subsidiary is entitled to indemnification therefor under binding agreements; *provided* that any liabilities for which HGI or such Subsidiary is not actually indemnified shall reduce Consolidated Net Income in the period in which it is determined that HGI or such Subsidiary will not be indemnified.

*Continuing Directors* means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Board of Directors of HGI who:



(1) was a member of such Board of Directors on the Issue Date or

(2) was nominated for election or elected to such Board of Directors with the approval of the Permitted Holders or a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such Board of Directors at the time of such nomination or election.

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*Contribution Debt* means Debt or Disqualified Equity Interests of HGI or any Guarantor with a Stated Maturity after the Stated Maturity of the notes in an aggregate principal amount or liquidation preference not greater than (i) half (in the case of Debt referred to in clause (1) below) and (ii) twice (in the case of unsecured Debt or Disqualified Equity Interests), the aggregate amount of cash received from the issuance and sale of Qualified Equity Interests of HGI or a capital contribution to the common equity of HGI; *provided that*:

(1) Contribution Debt may be secured by Liens on the Collateral (*provided* that no such Contribution Debt may be so secured unless, on the date of the Incurrence, after giving effect to the Incurrence and the receipt and application of the proceeds therefrom, (x) the aggregate principal amount of Debt outstanding and incurred under this clause (1), together with other Pari-Passu Obligations (including the notes) does not exceed \$500.0 million and (y) HGI would be in compliance with the covenants set forth under Certain Covenants Maintenance of Liquidity, and Maintenance of Collateral Coverage (calculated as if the Incurrence date was a date on which such covenant is required to be tested under Maintenance of Collateral Coverage ));

(2) such cash has not been used to make a Restricted Payment and shall thereafter be excluded from any calculation under paragraph (a)(3)(B) under Limitation on Restricted Payments (it being understood that if any such Debt or Disqualified Stock Incurred as Contribution Debt is redesignated as Incurred under any provision other than paragraph (b)(13) of the Limitation on Debt covenant, the related issuance of Equity Interests may be included in any calculation under paragraph (a)(3)(B) in the Limitation on Restricted Payments covenant); and

(3) such Contribution Debt (a) is Incurred within 180 days after the making of such cash contributions and (b) is so designated as Contribution Debt pursuant to an officers certificate on the Incurrence date thereof.

Any cash received from the issuance and sale of Qualified Equity Interests of HGI or a capital contribution to the common equity of HGI may only be applied to incur secured Debt pursuant to clause (i) of the first paragraph above or unsecured Debt or Disqualified Equity Interests pursuant to clause (ii) of such paragraph. For example, if HGI issues Qualified Equity Interests and receives \$100 of cash proceeds, HGI may either incur \$50 of secured Debt (subject to the conditions set forth in such clause (i)) or \$200 of unsecured Debt or Disqualified Equity Interests, but may not incur \$50 of secured Debt and \$150 of unsecured Debt.

*Debt* means, with respect to any Person, without duplication,

- (1) all indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money;
- (2) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments;
- (3) all obligations of such Person in respect of letters of credit, bankers acceptances or other similar instruments, excluding obligations in respect of trade letters of credit or bankers acceptances issued in respect of trade payables;
- (4) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred and unpaid purchase price of property or services which would have been recorded as liabilities under GAAP, excluding trade payables arising in the ordinary course of business;
- (5) all obligations of such Person as lessee under Capital Leases (other than the interest component thereof);
- (6) all Debt of other Persons Guaranteed by such Person to the extent so Guaranteed;
- (7) all Debt of other Persons secured by a Lien on any asset of such Person, whether or not such Debt is assumed by such Person;

(8) all obligations of such Person under Hedging Agreements; and

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(9) all Disqualified Equity Interests of such Person;

*provided, however*, that notwithstanding the foregoing, Debt shall be deemed not to include (1) deferred or prepaid revenues or (2) any liability for federal, state, local or other taxes owed or owing to any governmental entity.

The amount of Debt of any Person will be deemed to be:

(A) with respect to contingent obligations, the maximum liability upon the occurrence of the contingency giving rise to the obligation;

(B) with respect to Debt secured by a Lien on an asset of such Person but not otherwise the obligation, contingent or otherwise, of such Person, the lesser of (x) the fair market value of such asset on the date the Lien attached and (y) the amount of such Debt;

(C) with respect to any Debt issued with original issue discount, the face amount of such Debt less the remaining unamortized portion of the original issue discount of such Debt;

(D) with respect to any Hedging Agreement, the net amount payable if such Hedging Agreement terminated at that time due to default by such Person; and

(E) otherwise, the outstanding principal amount thereof.

*Default* means any event that is, or after notice or passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

*Designated Non-cash Consideration* means any non-cash consideration received by HGI or a Guarantor in connection with an Asset Sale that is designated as Designated Non-cash Consideration pursuant to an officers' certificate executed by an officer of HGI or such Guarantor at the time of such Asset Sale. Any particular item of Designated Non-cash Consideration will cease to be considered to be outstanding once it has been sold for cash or Cash Equivalents (which shall be considered Net Cash Proceeds of an Asset Sale when received).

*Disqualified Equity Interests* means Equity Interests that by their terms or upon the happening of any event are:

(1) required to be redeemed or redeemable at the option of the holder prior to the Stated Maturity of the notes for consideration other than Qualified Equity Interests, or

(2) convertible at the option of the holder into Disqualified Equity Interests or exchangeable for Debt;

*provided* that (i) only the portion of the Equity Interests which is mandatorily redeemable, is so convertible or exchangeable or is so redeemable at the option of the holder thereof prior to the Stated Maturity of the notes shall be deemed to be Disqualified Equity Interests, (ii) if such Equity Interests are issued to any employee or to any plan for the benefit of employees of HGI or its Subsidiaries or by any such plan to such employees, such Equity Interests shall not constitute Disqualified Equity Interests solely because they may be required to be repurchased by HGI in order to satisfy applicable statutory or regulatory obligations or as a result of such employee's termination, death or disability and (iii) Equity Interests will not constitute Disqualified Equity Interests solely because of provisions giving holders thereof the right to require repurchase or redemption upon an asset sale or change of control occurring prior to the Stated Maturity of the notes if those provisions:

(A) are no more favorable to the holders than Limitation on Asset Sales and Repurchase of Notes Upon a Change of Control, and

(B) specifically state that repurchase or redemption pursuant thereto will not be required prior to HGI's repurchase of the notes as required by the indenture. *Disqualified Stock* means Capital Stock constituting Disqualified Equity Interests.

*Domestic Subsidiary* means any Subsidiary formed under the laws of the United States of America or any jurisdiction thereof.

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*Equity Interests* means all Capital Stock and all warrants or options with respect to, or other rights to purchase, Capital Stock, but excluding Debt convertible into equity.

*Equity Offering* means a primary offering, whether by way of private placement or registered offering, after the Issue Date, of Qualified Stock of HGI other than an issuance registered on Form S-4 or S-8 or any successor thereto or any issuance pursuant to employee benefit plans or otherwise in compensation to officers, directors or employees.

*Exchange Act* means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

*Excluded Property* means

(i) motor vehicles, the perfection of a security interest in which is excluded from the Uniform Commercial Code in the relevant jurisdiction;

(ii) voting Equity Interests in any Foreign Subsidiary, to the extent (but only to the extent) required to prevent the Collateral from including more than 65% of all voting Equity Interests in such Foreign Subsidiary;

(iii) any interest in a joint venture or non-Wholly Owned Subsidiary to the extent and for so long as the attachments of security interest created hereby therein would violate any joint venture agreement, organizational document, shareholders agreement or equivalent agreement relating to such joint venture or Subsidiary;

(iv) any rights of HGI or any Guarantor in any contract or license if under the terms thereof, or any applicable law with respect thereto, the valid grant of a security interest therein to the Collateral Agent is prohibited and such prohibition has not been waived or the consent of the other party to such contract or license has not been obtained or, under applicable law, such prohibition cannot be waived;

(v) certain deposit accounts, the balance of which consists exclusively of (a) withheld income taxes and federal, state, local and foreign employment taxes in such amounts as are required to be paid to the IRS or any other applicable governmental authority and (b) amounts required to be paid over to an employee benefit plan on behalf of or for the benefit of employees of HGI or any Guarantor;

(vi) other property that the Collateral Agent may determine from time to time that the cost of obtaining a Lien thereon exceeds the benefits of obtaining such a Lien (it being understood that the Collateral Agent shall have no obligation to make any such determination);

(vii) any intent-to-use U.S. trademark application to the extent that, and solely during the period in which, the grant of a security interest therein would impair the validity or enforceability of such intent-to-use trademark application or the mark that is the subject of such application under applicable law;

(viii) Equity Interests of Zap.Com Corporation until such time as HGI determines that such Equity Interests should be pledged as Collateral, such determination (which shall be irrevocable) to be made by an officers' certificate delivered by HGI to the Collateral Agent; and

(ix) an amount in Cash Equivalents not to exceed \$1 million deposited for the purpose of securing, leases of office space, furniture or equipment;

*provided however* that Excluded Property shall not (i) apply to any contract or license to the extent the applicable prohibition is ineffective or unenforceable under the UCC (including Sections 9-406 through 9-409) or any other applicable law, or (ii) limit, impair or otherwise affect Collateral Agent's unconditional continuing security interest in

and Lien upon any rights or interests of HGI or such Guarantor in or to moneys due or to become due under any such contract or license (including any accounts).

*Fair Market Value means:*

(i) in the case of any Collateral that (a) is listed on a national securities exchange or (b) is actively traded in the over-the-counter-market and represents equity in a Person with a market capitalization of at

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least \$500 million on each trading day in the preceding 60 day period prior to such date, the product of (a) (i) the sum of the volume weighted average prices of a unit of such Collateral for each of the 20 consecutive trading days immediately prior to such date, divided by (ii) 20, multiplied by (b) the number of units pledged as Collateral;

(ii) in the case of any Collateral that is not so listed or actively traded (other than Cash Equivalents), the fair market value thereof (defined as the price that would be negotiated in an arms -length transaction for cash between a willing buyer and willing seller, neither of which is acting under compulsion), as determined by a written opinion of a nationally recognized investment banking, appraisal, accounting or valuation firm that is not an Affiliate of HGI; *provided* that (i) such written opinion may be based on a desktop appraisal conducted by such banking, appraisal, accounting or valuation firm for any date of determination that is not the end of the fiscal year for HGI and (ii) the fair market value thereof determined by such written opinion may be determined as of a date as early as 30 days prior to the end of the applicable fiscal period on which a covenant is required to be tested (the end of such period being referred to as the *Test Date* ); and

(iii) in the case of Cash Equivalents, the face value thereof.

The *volume weighted average price* means the per share of common stock (or per minimum denomination or unit size in the case of any security other than common stock) volume-weighted average price as displayed under the heading Bloomberg VWAP on Bloomberg page for the <equity> AQR page corresponding to the ticker for such common stock or unit (or its equivalent successor if such page is not available) in respect of the period from the scheduled open of trading until the scheduled close of trading of the primary trading session on such trading day (or if such volume-weighted average price is unavailable, the market value of one share of such common stock (or per minimum denomination or unit size in the case of any security other than common stock) on such trading day determined, using a volume-weighted average method, by a nationally recognized independent investment banking firm retained for this purpose by the trustee). The *volume weighted average price* will be determined without regard to after-hours trading or any other trading outside of the regular trading session trading hours.

In the case of any assets referenced in clause (ii) above tested on a date of determination other than in connection with a Test Date, for purposes of calculating compliance with a covenant, HGI will be permitted to rely on the value as determined by the written opinion given for the most recently completed Test Date.

For the avoidance of doubt:

(i) if HGI will be in compliance with an applicable covenant at a Test Date even if an asset constituting Collateral had no value, it shall not be required to obtain an appraisal of such Collateral (in which case such Collateral shall be assumed to have no value for such purpose); and

(ii) if HGI will be in compliance with an applicable covenant at a Test Date if an asset constituting Collateral has a minimum specified value, an appraisal establishing that such Collateral is worth at least such minimum specified value shall be sufficient (in which case such Collateral shall be assumed to have such minimum specified value for such purpose).

*Foreign Subsidiary* means any Subsidiary that is not a Domestic Subsidiary.

*GAAP* means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America as in effect as of the Issue Date.

*Guarantee* means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of any Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Debt or other obligation of any other Person and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any obligation, direct or



indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person (i) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Debt or other obligation of such other Person (whether arising by virtue of partnership arrangements, or by agreement to keep-well, to purchase assets, goods, securities or services, to take-or-pay, or to maintain financial statement conditions or otherwise) or (ii) entered into for purposes of assuring in any other manner the obligee of such Debt or other obligation of the payment thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof, in whole or in part; *provided*

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that the term *Guarantee* does not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business. The term *Guarantee* used as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

*Guarantor* means each Subsidiary that executes a supplemental indenture providing for the guaranty of the payment of the notes, or any successor obligor under its Note Guaranty pursuant to Consolidation, Merger or Sale of Assets, in each case unless and until such Guarantor is released from its Note Guaranty pursuant to the indenture.

*Hedging Agreement* means (i) any interest rate swap agreement, interest rate cap agreement or other agreement designed to manage fluctuations in interest rates or (ii) any foreign exchange forward contract, currency swap agreement or other agreement designed to manage fluctuations in foreign exchange rates.

*Incur* and *Incurrence* means, with respect to any Debt or Capital Stock, to incur, create, issue, assume or Guarantee such Debt or Capital Stock. If any Person becomes a Guarantor on any date after the date of the indenture, the Debt and Capital Stock of such Person outstanding on such date will be deemed to have been Incurred by such Person on such date for purposes of Limitation on Debt and Disqualified Stock, but will not be considered the sale or issuance of Equity Interests for purposes of Limitation on Asset Sales. The accrual of interest, accretion of original issue discount or payment of interest in kind or the accretion or payment in kind, accumulation of dividends on any Equity Interests, will not be considered an Incurrence of Debt.

*Investment* means

- (1) any direct or indirect advance, loan or other extension of credit to another Person,
- (2) any capital contribution to another Person, by means of any transfer of cash or other property or in any other form,
- (3) any purchase or acquisition of Equity Interests, bonds, notes or other Debt, or other instruments or securities issued by another Person, including the receipt of any of the above as consideration for the disposition of assets or rendering of services, or
- (4) any Guarantee of any obligation of another Person.

*Issue Date* means the date on which the notes are originally issued under the indenture.

*Lien* means any mortgage, pledge, security interest, encumbrance, lien or charge of any kind (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement or Capital Lease).

*Liquid Collateral Coverage Ratio* means the ratio of (i) the Fair Market Value of the Collateral (but only to the extent the notes are secured by a first-priority Lien pursuant to the Security Agreements on such Collateral that is subject to no prior Lien) consisting of (a) shares of common stock of Spectrum and (b) Cash Equivalents to (ii) the principal amount of Debt secured by Liens on the Collateral outstanding on such date.

*Moody's* means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and its successors.

*Net Cash Proceeds* means, with respect to any Asset Sale, the proceeds of such Asset Sale in the form of cash (including (i) payments in respect of deferred payment obligations to the extent corresponding to, principal, but not interest, when received in the form of cash, and (ii) proceeds from the conversion of other consideration received when converted to cash), net of

- (1) brokerage commissions, underwriting commissions and other fees and expenses related to such Asset Sale, including fees and expenses of counsel, accountants, consultants and investment bankers;
- (2) provisions for taxes as a result of such Asset Sale taking into account the consolidated results of operations of HGI and its Subsidiaries;
- (3) payments required to be made to holders of minority interests in Subsidiaries as a result of such Asset Sale or (except in the case of Collateral) to repay Debt outstanding at the time of such Asset Sale that is secured by a Lien on the property or assets sold;

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(4) appropriate amounts to be provided as a reserve against liabilities associated with such Asset Sale, including pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities, liabilities related to environmental matters and indemnification obligations associated with such Asset Sale, with any subsequent reduction of the reserve other than by payments made and charged against the reserved amount to be deemed a receipt of cash; and

(5) payments of unassumed liabilities (not constituting Debt) relating to the assets sold at the time of, or within 30 days after the date of, such Asset Sale.

*Note Guaranty* means the guaranty of the notes by a Guarantor pursuant to the indenture.

*Obligations* means, with respect to any Debt, all obligations (whether in existence on the Issue Date or arising afterwards, absolute or contingent, direct or indirect) for or in respect of principal (when due, upon acceleration, upon redemption, upon mandatory repayment or repurchase pursuant to a mandatory offer to purchase, or otherwise), premium, interest, penalties, fees, indemnification, reimbursement and other amounts payable and liabilities with respect to such Debt, including all interest accrued or accruing after the commencement of any bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or similar case or proceeding at the contract rate (including, without limitation, any contract rate applicable upon default) specified in the relevant documentation, whether or not the claim for such interest is allowed as a claim in such case or proceeding.

*Permitted Collateral Liens* means: (1) Liens on the Collateral to secure Obligations in respect of the notes (excluding any additional notes); (2) Liens on the Collateral that rank *pari passu* with or junior to the Liens securing the Obligations in respect of the notes and that secure Obligations in respect of Debt (including any additional notes) Incurred pursuant to clause (1) or (13) of the definition of Permitted Debt; (3) Liens to secure any Permitted Refinancing Debt (or successive Permitted Refinancing Debt) as a whole, or in part, of any Obligations secured by any Lien referred to in clauses (1) or (2) of this definition; and (4) Liens on the Collateral of the types described in clauses (4), (5), (6), (13), (14) and (15) of the definition of Permitted Liens.

*Permitted Holders* means

(1) each of Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd., Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. and Global Opportunities Breakaway Ltd;

(2) any Affiliate of any Person specified in clause (1), other than another portfolio company thereof (which means a company actively engaged in providing goods and services to unaffiliated customers) or a company controlled by a portfolio company ; or

(3) any Person both the Capital Stock and the Voting Stock of which (or in the case of a trust, the beneficial interests in which) are owned 50% or more by Persons specified in clauses (1) or (2).

*Permitted Liens* means

(1) Liens existing on the Issue Date not otherwise permitted;

(2) Permitted Collateral Liens;

(3) pledges or deposits under worker s compensation laws, unemployment insurance laws or similar legislation, or good faith deposits in connection with bids, tenders, contracts or leases, or to secure public or statutory obligations, surety bonds, customs duties and the like, or for the payment of rent, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of

business and not securing Debt;

(4) Liens imposed by law, such as carriers , vendors , warehousemen s and mechanics liens, in each case for sums not yet due or being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings;

(5) Liens in respect of taxes and other governmental assessments and charges which are not yet due or which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings;

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(6) Liens incurred in the ordinary course of business not securing Debt and not in the aggregate materially detracting from the value of the properties or their use in the operation of the business of HGI and the Guarantors;

(7) Liens on property of a Person at the time such Person becomes a Guarantor, *provided* such Liens were not created in contemplation thereof and do not extend to any other property of HGI or any other Guarantor;

(8) Liens on property or the Equity Interests of any Person at the time HGI or any Guarantor acquires such property or Person, including any acquisition by means of a merger or consolidation with or into HGI or a Guarantor of such Person, *provided* such Liens were not created in contemplation thereof and do not extend to any other property of HGI or any Guarantor;

(9) Liens securing Debt or other obligations of HGI or a Guarantor to HGI or a Guarantor;

(10) Liens securing Hedging Agreements so long as such Hedging Agreements relate to Debt for borrowed money that is, and is permitted to be under the indenture, secured by a Lien on the same property securing such Hedging Agreements;

(11) extensions, renewals or replacements of any Liens referred to in clauses (1), (7), or (8) in connection with the refinancing of the obligations secured thereby, *provided* that such Lien does not extend to any other property and, except as contemplated by the definition of Permitted Refinancing Debt, the amount secured by such Lien is not increased; and

(12) other Liens (not on the Collateral) securing obligations in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$5.0 million;

(13) licenses or leases or subleases as licensor, lessor or sublessor of any of its property, including intellectual property, in the ordinary course of business;

(14) Liens securing office leases and office furniture and equipment in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1 million; and

(15) Liens on property securing Debt permitted pursuant to clause (14) of Limitation on Debt and Disqualified Equity Interests .

*Person* means an individual, a corporation, a partnership, a limited liability company, an association, a trust or any other entity, including a government or political subdivision or an agency or instrumentality thereof.

*Preferred Stock* means, with respect to any Person, any and all Capital Stock which is preferred as to the payment of dividends or distributions, upon liquidation or otherwise, over another class of Capital Stock of such Person.

*Qualified Equity Interests* means all Equity Interests of a Person other than Disqualified Equity Interests.

*Qualified Stock* means all Capital Stock of a Person other than Disqualified Stock.

*Registration Rights Agreement* means the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of the Issue Date, by and among HGI and the initial purchasers.

*S&P* means Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, a division of McGraw Hill, Inc. and its successors.

*Sale and Leaseback Transaction* means, with respect to any Person, an arrangement whereby such Person enters into a lease of property previously transferred by such Person to the lessor.

*Security Documents* means (i) the Security and Pledge Agreement, (ii) the Collateral Trust Agreement and (iii) the security documents granting a security interest in any assets of any Person to secure the Obligations under the notes and the Note Guarantees, as each may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

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*Significant Subsidiary* means any Subsidiary, or group of Subsidiaries, that would, taken together, be a significant subsidiary as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 (w)(1) or (2) of Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act, as such regulation is in effect on the Issue Date.

*Stated Maturity* means (i) with respect to any Debt, the date specified as the fixed date on which the final installment of principal of such Debt is due and payable or (ii) with respect to any scheduled installment of principal of or interest on any Debt, the date specified as the fixed date on which such installment is due and payable as set forth in the documentation governing such Debt, not including any contingent obligation to repay, redeem or repurchase prior to the regularly scheduled date for payment.

*Subordinated Debt* means any Debt of HGI or any Guarantor which (i) is subordinated in right of payment to the notes or the Note Guaranty, as applicable, pursuant to a written agreement to that effect or (ii) is unsecured.

*Subsidiary* means with respect to any Person, any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the outstanding Voting Stock is owned, directly or indirectly, by, or, in the case of a partnership, the sole general partner or the managing partner or the only general partners of which are, such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person (or a combination thereof). Unless otherwise specified, *Subsidiary* means a Subsidiary of HGI.

*Total Assets* means the total assets of HGI and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, as shown on the most recent balance sheet of HGI.

*U.S. Government Obligations* means obligations issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States of America or by any agent or instrumentality thereof, *provided* that the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged in support thereof.

*Voting Stock* means, with respect to any Person, Capital Stock of any class or kind ordinarily having the power to vote for the election of directors, managers or other voting members of the governing body of such Person.

*Wholly Owned* means, with respect to any Subsidiary, a Subsidiary all of the outstanding Capital Stock of which (other than any director's qualifying shares) is owned by HGI and one or more Wholly Owned Subsidiaries (or a combination thereof).

## **U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

Subject to the limitations and qualifications set forth herein (including Exhibit 8.1 hereto), this discussion is the opinion of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, our U.S. federal income tax counsel. The following is a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations relevant to the exchange of initial notes for exchange notes pursuant to the exchange offer and the ownership and disposition of exchange notes acquired by United States Holders and non-United States Holders (each as defined below and collectively referred to as *Holders*) pursuant to the exchange offer. This discussion does not purport to be a complete analysis of all potential tax effects. The discussion is based on the Code, U.S. Treasury regulations issued thereunder (*Treasury Regulations*), rulings and pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service (the *IRS*) and judicial decisions in effect or in existence as of the date of this prospectus, all of which are subject to change at any time or to different interpretations. Any such change may be applied retroactively in a manner that could adversely affect a Holder and the continued validity of this summary. This discussion does not address all of the U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to a Holder in light of such Holder's particular circumstances (for example, United States Holders subject to the alternative minimum tax provisions of the Code) or to Holders subject to special rules, such as certain financial institutions, U.S. expatriates, partnerships or other pass-through entities, insurance companies, regulated investment companies,



real estate investment trusts, dealers in securities or currencies, traders in securities, Holders whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, tax-exempt organizations and persons holding the initial notes or exchange notes (collectively referred to as notes ) as part of a straddle, hedge, or conversion transaction within the meaning of Section 1258 of the Code or other integrated transaction within the meaning of Treasury

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Regulations Section 1.1275-6. Moreover, the effect of any applicable state, local or foreign tax laws, or U.S. federal gift and estate tax law is not discussed. The discussion deals only with notes held as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code.

We have not sought and will not seek any rulings from the IRS with respect to the matters discussed below. There can be no assurance that the IRS will not take a different position concerning the tax consequences of the exchange of initial notes for exchange notes pursuant to the exchange offer and ownership or disposition of the exchange notes acquired by Holders pursuant to the exchange offer or that any such position would not be sustained.

If an entity taxable as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds the notes, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner (or other owner) will depend on the status of the partner (or other owner) and the activities of the entity. Such partner (or other owner) should consult its tax advisor as to the tax consequences of the entity purchasing, owning and disposing of the notes.

**Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors with regard to the application of the tax consequences discussed below to their particular situations as well as the application of any state, local, foreign or other tax laws, including gift and estate tax laws.**

## **United States Holders**

This section applies to United States Holders. A United States Holder is a beneficial owner of notes that is:

a citizen or resident alien of the United States as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes,

a corporation (or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia,

an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of its source, or

a trust (i) if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more U.S. persons have authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (ii) that has a valid election in effect under applicable Treasury Regulations to be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

## **Exchange Offer**

Exchanging an initial note for an exchange note will not be treated as a taxable exchange for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Consequently, United States Holders will not recognize gain or loss upon receipt of an exchange note. The holding period for an exchange note will include the holding period for the initial note and the initial basis in an exchange note will be the same as the adjusted basis in the initial note.

## **Payments upon Optional Redemption, Change of Control or Other Circumstances**

In certain circumstances we may be obligated to pay amounts in excess of stated interest or principal on the exchange notes, or to pay the full principal amount of some or all of the exchange notes before their stated maturity date. These features of the exchange notes may implicate the provisions of the Treasury Regulations governing contingent payment debt instruments. A debt instrument is not subject to these provisions, however, if, at the date of its issuance, there is only a remote chance that contingencies affecting the instrument's yield to maturity will occur. We believe that the likelihood that we will be obligated to make payments in amounts or at times that affect the exchange notes' yield

to maturity is remote, and we do not intend to treat the exchange notes as contingent payment debt instruments. Our determination that these contingencies are remote is binding on a United States Holder unless such United States Holder discloses its contrary position in the manner required by applicable Treasury Regulations. Our determination is not, however, binding on the IRS, and if the IRS were to challenge this determination, a United States Holder might be required to accrue income on its exchange notes in excess of stated interest and original issue discount otherwise includible and to treat as ordinary income rather than as capital gain any income realized

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on the taxable disposition of an exchange note before the resolution of the contingencies. The remainder of this summary assumes that the exchange notes will not be subject to the Treasury Regulations governing contingent payment debt instruments.

***Interest***

Absent an election to the contrary (see Original Issue Discount Election to treat all interest as original issue discount, below), qualified stated interest ( QSI ) on the exchange notes will be taxable to a United States Holder as ordinary income at the time it is received or accrued, in accordance with such United States Holder's method of tax accounting. We expect the regular interest payments made on the exchange notes to be treated as QSI. An interest payment on a debt instrument is QSI if it is one of a series of stated interest payments on a debt instrument that are unconditionally payable at least annually at a single fixed rate, applied to the outstanding principal amount of the debt instrument.

***Original Issue Discount***

Because the initial notes were issued with original issue discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes ( OID ), the exchange notes should be treated as having been issued with OID. The following is a summary of the OID rules and their application to the exchange notes.

A United States Holder will be required to include OID in gross income (as ordinary income) for U.S. federal income tax purposes as it accrues (regardless of its method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes), which may be in advance of receipt of the cash attributable to that income. OID accrues under the constant-yield method, based on a compounded yield to maturity, as described below. Accordingly, a United States Holder will be required to include in income increasingly greater amounts of OID in successive accrual periods, unless the accrual periods vary in length (as described below).

The amount of OID a United States Holder must include in income each taxable year will equal the sum of the daily portions of the OID with respect to an exchange note for all days on which such holder owns the exchange note during the taxable year. A United States Holder determines the daily portions of OID by allocating to each day in an accrual period the pro rata portion of the OID that is allocable to that accrual period. The term accrual period means an interval of time with respect to which the accrual of OID is measured and which may vary in length over the term of an exchange note provided that each accrual period is no longer than one year and each scheduled payment of principal or interest occurs on either the first or last day of an accrual period.

The amount of OID allocable to an accrual period will be the excess, if any, of:

the product of the adjusted issue price of the exchange note at the beginning of the accrual period and its yield to maturity, over

the aggregate amount of any QSI allocable to the accrual period.

All of the stated interest on the exchange notes should constitute QSI. The adjusted issue price of an exchange note at the beginning of the first accrual period is its issue price, and, on any day thereafter, it is the sum of the issue price and the amount of OID previously included in gross income, reduced by the amount of any payment (other than a payment of QSI) previously made on the exchange note. If an interval between payments of QSI on an exchange note contains more than one accrual period, then, when a United States Holder determines the amount of OID allocable to an accrual period, such holder must allocate the amount of QSI payable at the end of the interval, including any QSI that is payable on the first day of the accrual period immediately following the interval, pro rata to each accrual period in the interval based on their relative lengths. In addition, a United States Holder must increase the adjusted issue price at

the beginning of each accrual period in the interval by the amount of any QSI that has accrued prior to the first day of the accrual period but that is not payable until the end of the interval. If all accrual periods are of equal length except for a shorter initial and/or final accrual period, a United States Holder can compute the amount of OID allocable to the initial period using any reasonable method; however, the OID allocable to the final accrual period will

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always be the difference between the amount payable at maturity (other than a payment of QSI) and the adjusted issue price at the beginning of the final accrual period.

*Election to treat all interest as original issue discount.* A United States Holder may elect to include in gross income all interest that accrues on its exchange note using the constant-yield method described above, with the modifications described below.

If a United States Holder makes this election for its exchange note, then, when such holder applies the constant-yield method:

the issue price of the exchange note will equal such holder's initial basis in the exchange note,

the issue date of the exchange note will be the date such holder acquired the initial note, and

no payments on the exchange note will be treated as payments of QSI.

This election will apply only to the exchange note for which such election is made by a United States Holder; however, if the exchange note has bond premium (described below under **Market Discount, Acquisition Premium and Bond Premium**), a United States Holder will be deemed to have made an election to apply amortizable bond premium against interest for all debt instruments with amortizable bond premium (other than debt instruments the interest on which is excludible from gross income) that such holder holds at the beginning of the taxable year to which the election applies or any taxable year thereafter. Additionally, if a United States Holder makes this election for a market discount note, such holder will be treated as having made the election discussed below under **Market Discount, Acquisition Premium and Bond Premium** to include market discount in income currently over the life of all debt instruments that you hold at the time of the election or acquire thereafter. A United States Holder may not revoke an election to apply the constant-yield method to all interest on an exchange note without the consent of the IRS.

***Market Discount, Acquisition Premium and Bond Premium***

*Market Discount.* If a United States Holder purchased an initial note (which will be exchanged for an exchange note pursuant to the exchange offer) for an amount that is less than its revised issue price, the amount of the difference should be treated as market discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Any market discount applicable to an initial note should carry over to the exchange note received in exchange therefor. The amount of any market discount will be treated as de minimis and disregarded if it is less than one-quarter of one percent of the revised issue price of the initial note, multiplied by the number of complete years to maturity. For this purpose, the revised issue price of an initial note equals the issue price of the initial note, increased by the amount of any OID previously accrued on the initial note (without regard to the amortization of any acquisition premium). Although the Code does not expressly so provide, the revised issue price of the initial note is decreased by the amount of any payments previously made on the initial note (other than payments of qualified stated interest). The rules described below do not apply to a United States Holder if such holder purchased an initial note that has de minimis market discount.

Under the market discount rules, a United States Holder is required to treat any principal payment on, or any gain on the sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition of, an exchange note as ordinary income to the extent of any accrued market discount (on the initial note or the exchange note) that has not previously been included in income. If a United States Holder disposes of an exchange note in an otherwise nontaxable transaction (other than certain specified nonrecognition transactions), such holder will be required to include any accrued market discount as ordinary income as if such holder had sold the exchange note at its then fair market value. In addition, such holder may be required to defer, until the maturity of the exchange note or its earlier disposition in a taxable transaction, the deduction of a

portion of the interest expense on any indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry the initial note or the exchange note received in exchange therefor.

Market discount accrues ratably during the period from the date on which such holder acquired the initial note through the maturity date of the exchange note (for which the initial note was exchanged), unless such

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holder makes an irrevocable election to accrue market discount under a constant yield method. Such holder may elect to include market discount in income currently as it accrues (either ratably or under the constant-yield method), in which case the rule described above regarding deferral of interest deductions will not apply. If such holder elects to include market discount in income currently, such holder's adjusted basis in an exchange note will be increased by any market discount included in income. An election to include market discount currently will apply to all market discount obligations acquired during or after the first taxable year in which the election is made, and the election may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS. If a United States Holder makes the election described above in **Original Issue Discount Election to treat all interest as OID** for a market discount note, such holder would be treated as having made an election to include market discount in income currently under a constant yield method, as discussed in this paragraph.

**Acquisition Premium.** If a United States Holder purchased an initial note (which will be exchanged for an exchange note pursuant to the exchange offer) for an amount that is less than or equal to the sum of all amounts (other than qualified stated interest) payable on the initial note after the purchase date but is greater than the adjusted issue price of such initial note, the excess is acquisition premium. Any acquisition premium applicable to an initial note should carry over to the exchange note received in exchange therefor. If such holder does not elect to include all interest income on the exchange notes in gross income under the constant yield method (see **Original Issue Discount Election to Treat All Interest as OID**, above), such holder's accruals of OID will be reduced by a fraction equal to (i) the excess of such holder's adjusted basis in the initial note immediately after the purchase over the adjusted issue price of the initial note, divided by (ii) the excess of the sum of all amounts payable (other than qualified stated interest) on the initial note after the purchase date over the adjusted issue price of the initial note.

**Bond Premium.** If a United States Holder purchased an initial note (which will be exchanged for an exchange note pursuant to the exchange offer) for an amount in excess of its principal amount, the excess will be treated as bond premium. Any bond premium applicable to an initial note should carry over to the exchange note received in exchange therefor. Such holder may elect to amortize bond premium over the remaining term of the exchange note on a constant yield method. In such case, such holder will reduce the amount required to be included in income each year with respect to interest on such holder's exchange note by the amount of amortizable bond premium allocable to that year. The election, once made, is irrevocable without the consent of the IRS and applies to all taxable bonds held during the taxable year for which the election is made or subsequently acquired. If such holder elected to amortize bond premium on an initial note, such election should carry over to the exchange note received in exchange therefor. If such holder does not make this election, such holder will be required to include in gross income the full amount of interest on the exchange note in accordance with such holder's regular method of tax accounting, and will include the premium in such holder's tax basis for the exchange note for purposes of computing the amount of such holder's gain or loss recognized on the taxable disposition of the exchange note. United States Holders should consult their own tax advisors concerning the computation and amortization of any bond premium on the exchange note.

***Sale or Other Taxable Disposition of the Exchange Notes***

A United States Holder will recognize gain or loss on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of an exchange note equal to the difference, if any, between the amount realized upon the disposition (less any portion allocable to any accrued and unpaid interest, which will be taxable as ordinary income to the extent not previously included in such holder's income) and the United States Holder's adjusted tax basis in the exchange note at the time of disposition. A United States Holder's adjusted tax basis in an exchange note will be the price such holder paid for the initial note, increased by any OID and market discount previously included in gross income and reduced (but not below zero) by amortized bond premium and payments, if any, such holder previously received other than QSI payments. This gain or loss will be a capital gain or loss (except to the extent of accrued interest not previously includible in income or to the extent the market discount rules require the recognition of ordinary income) and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the United States Holder has held the exchange note for more than one year.



Otherwise, such gain or loss will be a short-term capital gain or loss. Long-term capital gains of noncorporate United States Holders,

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including individuals, may be taxed at lower rates than items of ordinary income. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

### ***Medicare Contribution Tax on Unearned Income***

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, a 3.8% Medicare tax will be imposed on the lesser of the net investment income or the amount by which modified adjusted gross income exceeds a threshold amount, in either case, of United States Holders that are individuals, estates and trusts. Net investment income includes, among other things, interest income not derived from the conduct of a nonpassive trade or business. Payments of interest and accruals of OID on the exchange notes are expected to constitute net investment income.

### ***Information Reporting and Backup Withholding***

Information reporting requirements will apply to United States Holders that are not exempt recipients, such as corporations, with respect to certain payments of interest on the exchange notes, accruals of OID on the exchange notes and the proceeds of disposition (including a retirement or redemption of an exchange note). In addition, a United States Holder other than certain exempt recipients may be subject to backup withholding on the receipt of certain payments on the exchange notes if such holder:

fails to provide a correct taxpayer identification number ( TIN ), which for an individual is ordinarily his or her social security number,

is notified by the IRS that it is subject to backup withholding,

fails to certify, under penalties of perjury, that it has furnished a correct TIN and that the IRS has not notified the United States Holder that it is subject to backup withholding, or

otherwise fails to comply with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules.

United States Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding their qualification for an exemption from backup withholding and the procedures for obtaining such an exemption, if applicable. Backup withholding is not an additional tax and taxpayers may use amounts withheld as a credit against their U.S. federal income tax liability or may claim a refund as long as they timely provide certain information to the IRS.

### **Non-United States Holders**

This section applies to non-United States Holders. A non-United States Holder is a beneficial owner of notes that is not a United States Holder and that is an individual, corporation (or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes), estate or trust.

### ***Exchange Offer***

Non-United States Holders should not recognize gain or loss upon receipt of an exchange note in exchange for an initial note pursuant to the exchange offer.

### ***Interest Payments***

Subject to the discussion below concerning effectively connected income and backup withholding, interest paid to a non-United States Holder on an exchange note (which, for purposes of the non-United States Holder discussion,

includes any accrued OID) will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax or withholding tax, provided that such non-United States Holder meets the following requirements:

Such holder does not own, actually or constructively, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, stock constituting 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote.

Such holder is not, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a controlled foreign corporation related, directly or indirectly, to us through equity ownership.

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Such holder is not a bank receiving interest on an extension of credit made pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business.

Such holder provides a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN certifying its non-U.S. status.

The gross amount of payments of interest that do not qualify for the exception from withholding described above will be subject to U.S. withholding tax at a rate of 30%, unless (i) such holder provides a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN claiming an exemption from or reduction in withholding under an applicable tax treaty, or (ii) such interest is effectively connected with such holder's conduct of a U.S. trade or business and such holder provides a properly completed IRS Form W-8ECI.

### ***Sale or Other Taxable Disposition of the Exchange Notes***

Subject to the discussion below concerning backup withholding, a non-United States Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax or withholding tax on any gain recognized on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other disposition of an exchange note unless:

such holder is an individual present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the disposition and certain other conditions are met, in which case such holder will be subject to a 30% tax (or a lower applicable treaty rate) with respect to such gain (offset by certain U.S. source capital losses), or

such gain is effectively connected with such holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States, in which case such holder will be subject to tax as described below under Effectively Connected Income.

Any amounts in respect of accrued interest recognized on the sale or exchange of an exchange note will not be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax, unless the sale or exchange is part of a plan the principal purpose of which is to avoid tax and the withholding agent has actual knowledge or reason to know of such plan.

### ***Effectively Connected Income***

If interest or gain from a disposition of the exchange notes is effectively connected with a non-United States Holder's conduct of a U.S. trade or business, such holder will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the interest or gain on a net income basis in the same manner as if such holder were a United States Holder, unless an applicable income tax treaty provides otherwise. The interest or gain in respect of the exchange notes would be exempt from U.S. withholding tax if such holder claims the exemption by providing a properly completed IRS Form W-8ECI. In addition, if such holder is a foreign corporation, such holder may also be subject to a branch profits tax on its effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year, subject to certain adjustments, at a rate of 30% unless reduced or eliminated by an applicable tax treaty.

### ***Information Reporting and Backup Withholding***

Unless certain exceptions apply, we must report to the IRS and to a non-United States Holder any payments to such holder in respect of payments of interest and accruals of OID during the taxable year. Under current U.S. federal income tax law, backup withholding tax will not apply to payments of interest by us or our paying agent on an exchange note to a non-United States Holder, if such holder provides us with a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN, provided that we or our paying agent, as the case may be, do not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such holder is a U.S. person.

Payments pursuant to the sale, exchange or other disposition of exchange notes, made to or through a foreign office of a foreign broker, other than payments in respect of interest, will not be subject to information reporting and backup withholding; provided that information reporting may apply if the foreign broker has certain connections to the United States, unless the beneficial owner of the exchange note certifies, under penalties of perjury, that it is not a U.S. person, or otherwise establishes an exemption. Payments made to or

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through a foreign office of a U.S. broker will not be subject to backup withholding, but are subject to information reporting unless the beneficial owner of the exchange note certifies, under penalties of perjury, that it is not a U.S. person, or otherwise establishes an exemption. Payments to or through a U.S. office of a broker, however, are subject to information reporting and backup withholding, unless the beneficial owner of the exchange notes certifies, under penalties of perjury, that it is not a U.S. person, or otherwise establishes an exemption.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax; any amounts withheld from a payment to a non-United States Holder under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a credit against such holder's U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle such holder to a refund, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS. Non-United States Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding application of withholding and backup withholding in their particular circumstance and the availability of and procedure for obtaining an exemption from withholding and backup withholding under current Treasury Regulations.

## **PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer in exchange for initial notes acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market making or other trading activities may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act and, therefore, must deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resales, offers to resell or other transfers of the exchange notes received by it in connection with the exchange offer. Accordingly, each such broker-dealer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale of such exchange notes. The letter of transmittal states that by acknowledging that it will deliver and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of exchange notes received in exchange for initial notes where such initial notes were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. We have agreed that, for a period of 90 days after the expiration of the exchange offer, we will make this prospectus, as amended or supplemented, available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale.

We will not receive any proceeds from any sale of exchange notes by broker-dealers. Exchange notes received by broker-dealers for their own account pursuant to the exchange offer may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market, in negotiated transactions, through the writing of options on the exchange notes or a combination of such methods of resale, at market prices prevailing at the time of resale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or negotiated prices. Any such resale may be made directly to purchasers or to or through brokers or dealers who may receive compensation in the form of commissions or concessions from any such broker-dealer and/or the purchasers of any such exchange notes. Any broker-dealer that resells exchange notes that were received by it for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer and any broker or dealer that participates in a distribution of such exchange notes may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act and any profit of any such resale of exchange notes and any commissions or concessions received by any such persons may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under the Securities Act. The letter of transmittal states that by acknowledging that it will deliver and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act.

## **WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly and current reports and other information with the SEC in accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Act. You may read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of these reports, proxy statements and information may be obtained at prescribed rates from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

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on the operation of the Public Reference Room. In addition, the SEC maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy statements and other information regarding registrants, such as us, that file electronically with the SEC. The address of this web site is <http://www.sec.gov>.

Anyone who receives a copy of this prospectus may obtain a copy of the indenture without charge by writing to Harbinger Group Inc., Attn.: Chief Financial Officer, 450 Park Avenue, 27th Floor, New York, NY 10022.

**LEGAL MATTERS**

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, New York, New York, will opine that the exchange notes are binding obligations of the registrant.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated balance sheets of HGI as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in equity and comprehensive income (loss), and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009, included elsewhere in this prospectus, have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report included elsewhere in this prospectus. Such financial statements have been so included in reliance on the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated statements of financial position of Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. as of September 30, 2010 and 2009 (Successor Company), and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity (deficit) and comprehensive income (loss), and cash flows for the year ended September 30, 2010, the period August 31, 2009 to September 30, 2009 (Successor Company), the period October 1, 2008 to August 30, 2009, and the year ended September 30, 2008 (Predecessor Company), the financial statement schedule II, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2010, have been included in this registration statement and prospectus in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, appearing elsewhere herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

KPMG LLP's reports refer to Spectrum Brands' emergence from bankruptcy protection on August 28, 2009 and adoption of fresh start reporting on August 30, 2009, resulting in the Successor Company's consolidated financial statements prior to August 30, 2009 not being comparable to its consolidated financial statements for periods on or after August 30, 2009. KPMG LLP's reports also refer to the Successor Company's change to the measurement date of accounting for pension and other post retirement on September 30, 2009.



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**HARBINGER GROUP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	<b>September 30, 2010 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>December 31, 2009(A)</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 85,967	\$ 127,932
Short-term investments	53,965	15,952
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,740	530
Total current assets	141,672	144,414
Long-term investments		8,039
Property and equipment, net	143	35
Other assets	497	395
Total assets	\$ 142,312	\$ 152,883
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,452	\$ 593
Accrued and other current liabilities	3,786	1,874
Total current liabilities	5,238	2,467
Pension liabilities	3,423	3,519
Other liabilities	684	1,100
Total liabilities	9,345	7,086
Commitments and contingencies		
Harbinger Group Inc. stockholders' equity:		
Common stock	193	193
Additional paid in capital	132,727	132,638
Retained earnings	10,243	23,848
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(10,223)	(10,912)
Total Harbinger Group Inc. stockholders' equity	132,940	145,767
Noncontrolling interest	27	30
Total equity	132,967	145,797
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 142,312	\$ 152,883

(A) Derived and condensed from the audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2009.

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**HARBINGER GROUP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

	<b>Nine Months Ended  September 30,</b> <b>2010                      2009</b> <b>(Unaudited)</b> <b>(In thousands, except per share  data)</b>	
	\$	\$
Revenues		
Cost of revenues		
Gross profit		
Operating expenses:		
General and administrative	14,876	3,775
Total operating expenses	14,876	3,775
Operating loss	(14,876)	(3,775)
Other income:		
Interest income	156	197
Other, net	351	1,246
	507	1,443
Loss before income taxes	(14,369)	(2,332)
(Provision for) benefit from income taxes	761	(7,356)
Net loss	(13,608)	(9,688)
Less: Net loss attributable to the noncontrolling interest	3	2
Net loss attributable to Harbinger Group Inc.	\$ (13,605)	\$ (9,686)
Net loss per common share    basic and diluted	\$ (0.70)	\$ (0.50)
Weighted average common shares outstanding		
Basic	19,286	19,278
Diluted	19,286	19,278

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**HARBINGER GROUP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (13,608)	\$ (9,688)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	26	4
Stock-based compensation	85	
Deferred income taxes	148	7,336
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(1,326)	(123)
Accounts payable	859	(29)
Pension liabilities	593	683
Accrued and other current liabilities	1,912	458
Other liabilities	(416)	(57)
Net cash used in operating activities	(11,727)	(1,416)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of investments	(124,514)	(24,041)
Maturities of investments	94,538	11,989
Capital expenditures	(134)	(42)
Other investing activities	(132)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(30,242)	(12,094)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Stock options exercised	4	
Net cash provided by financing activities	4	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(41,965)	(13,510)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	127,932	142,694
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 85,967	\$ 129,184

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**HARBINGER GROUP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(Unaudited)**

**Note 1. Basis of Presentation**

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared by Harbinger Group Inc. (which, together with its consolidated subsidiaries, is referred to as the Company) pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The financial statements reflect all adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair statement of such information. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature except for the adjustments to income taxes disclosed in Note 5. Although the Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading, certain information and footnote disclosures, including a description of significant accounting policies normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. The year-end condensed balance sheet data was derived and condensed from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 9, 2010. The results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results for any subsequent periods or the entire fiscal year ending December 31, 2010.

***Reclassifications***

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior period financial information to conform to the current presentation. Specifically, the Company condensed Non-trade receivables into Prepaid expenses and other current assets in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets and condensed the change in Other receivables into the change in Prepaid expenses and other current assets in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

**Note 2. Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The Company classifies its U.S. Treasury investments as held-to-maturity and, accordingly, their carrying amounts represent amortized cost, which is original cost adjusted for the amortization of premiums and discounts, plus accrued interest. The accrued interest receivable is included in Prepaid expenses and other current assets in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The carrying amounts approximate fair value.

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The carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments for which the disclosure of fair values is required were as follows (in thousands):

	September 30, 2010			December 31, 2009		
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Unrecognized Loss	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Unrecognized Loss
<b>Cash and cash equivalents:</b>						
U.S. Treasury Bills	\$ 70,043	\$ 70,041	\$ (2)	\$ 127,593	\$ 127,591	\$ (2)
Treasury money market	392	392		36	36	
Checking accounts	15,536	15,536		303	303	
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>85,971</b>	<b>\$ 85,969</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>127,932</b>	<b>\$ 127,930</b>	<b>(2)</b>
Less: Interest receivable classified as other current assets	(4)					
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents, at cost</b>	<b>85,967</b>			<b>127,932</b>		
<b>Short-term investments</b>						
U.S. Treasury Bills and Notes	54,033	54,005	(28)	15,956	15,916	(40)
<b>Total short-term investments</b>	<b>54,033</b>	<b>\$ 54,005</b>	<b>(28)</b>	<b>15,956</b>	<b>\$ 15,916</b>	<b>(40)</b>
Less: Interest receivable classified as other current assets	(68)			(4)		
<b>Total short-term investments, at cost</b>	<b>53,965</b>			<b>15,952</b>		
<b>Long-term investments</b>						
U.S. Treasury Notes				8,056	8,018	(38)
<b>Total long-term investments</b>		<b>\$</b>		<b>8,056</b>	<b>\$ 8,018</b>	<b>(38)</b>
Less: Interest receivable classified as other current assets				(17)		
<b>Total long-term investments, at cost</b>				<b>8,039</b>		
<b>Total cash and investments</b>	<b>\$ 139,932</b>		<b>\$ (30)</b>	<b>\$ 151,923</b>		<b>\$ (80)</b>

The Company expects that none of the gross unrecognized losses aggregating \$30,000 as of September 30, 2010 will be realized since the Company has the intent and ability to hold its U.S. Treasury investments to maturity. All short-term investments will mature in less than one year.

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

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Net loss	\$ (13,608)	\$ (9,688)
Actuarial adjustments to pension plans, net of tax of \$0 and \$231	689	429
Total comprehensive loss	(12,919)	(9,259)
Less: Comprehensive loss (income) attributable to the noncontrolling interest	3	2
Comprehensive loss attributable to Harbinger Group Inc.	\$ (12,916)	\$ (9,257)

**Note 4. Net Loss Per Common Share Information**

Net loss per common share basic is computed by dividing Net loss attributable to Harbinger Group Inc. by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Net loss per common share diluted for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 was the same as Net loss per common share basic as the Company reported a net loss and, therefore, the effect of all potentially dilutive securities on the net loss would have been anti-dilutive.

As of September 30, 2010, there were 508,600 potential common shares issuable upon the exercise of stock options excluded from the calculation of Net loss per common share diluted because their impact would be anti-dilutive due to the Company's net loss for the period. Those stock options had a weighted average exercise price of \$5.62 per share.

**Note 5. Income Taxes**

The effective tax benefit rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was 5%. The benefit from income taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 principally represents the restoration in the 2010 first quarter of \$732,000 of deferred tax assets previously written off in connection with the change in control of the Company in the third quarter of 2009 and a related reversal of \$35,000 of accrued interest and penalties on uncertain tax positions. These deferred tax assets relate to net operating loss carryforwards which are realizable to the extent the Company settles its uncertain tax positions for which it had previously recorded \$732,000 of reserves and \$35,000 of related accrued interest and penalties. As a result, the final resolution of these uncertain tax positions will have no net effect on the Company's future provision for (or benefit from) income taxes.

In the third quarter of 2009, the Company wrote off \$8.2 million of deferred tax assets. This resulted from the Company's ownership change that, pursuant to Section 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code, limits its ability to utilize its net operating loss carryforwards and alternative minimum tax credits.

Due to the Company's cumulative losses in recent years, it determined that, as of September 30, 2010, a valuation allowance was still required for all of its deferred tax assets other than its refundable alternative minimum tax credits and the balance of deferred tax assets described above. Accordingly, the Company does not expect to record any future benefit from income taxes until it is more likely than not that some or all of its remaining net operating loss carryforwards will be realizable.

As of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Company had \$366,000 and \$732,000, respectively, of aggregate unrecognized tax benefits classified within Other liabilities. The decrease of \$366,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 resulted from the expiration in the third quarter of 2010 of the statute of limitations for certain unrecognized tax benefits. This was effectively offset by a

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\$366,000 reduction of deferred tax assets which, as described above, had been restored in the first quarter of 2010.

**Note 6. Pension Liabilities**

The Company has a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan (the Pension Plan ) covering certain current and former U.S. employees. During 2006, the Pension Plan was frozen which caused all existing participants to become fully vested in their benefits.

Additionally, the Company has an unfunded supplemental pension plan (the Supplemental Plan ) which provides supplemental retirement payments to certain former senior executives of the Company. The amounts of such payments equal the difference between the amounts received under the Pension Plan and the amounts that would otherwise be received if Pension Plan payments were not reduced as the result of the limitations upon compensation and benefits imposed by Federal law. Effective December 1994, the Supplemental Plan was frozen.

The Company plans to make no contributions to its Pension Plan during 2010. However, based on the currently enacted minimum pension plan funding requirements, the Company expects to make contributions during 2011. The Company plans to make no contributions to its Supplemental Plan in 2010 as the Supplemental Plan is an unfunded plan.

The components of net periodic benefit costs are as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010      2009</b>	
Service costs	\$	\$
Interest costs	753	825
Expected return on plan assets	(771)	(726)
Amortization of actuarial loss	689	660
Net periodic pension cost	\$ 671	\$ 759

Fair value measurements of net periodic benefit costs are as follows (in thousands):

<b>Asset Category</b>	<b>Fair Value(A)</b>	
Domestic equity securities	\$	7,021
International equity securities		1,456
Fixed income		6,029
Total	\$	14,506

- (A) All Pension Plan investments are invested in and among equity and fixed income asset classes through collective trusts. Each collective trust's valuation is based on its calculation of net asset value per share reflecting the fair value of its underlying investments. Since each of these collective trusts allows redemptions at net asset value per share at the measurement date, its valuation is categorized as a Level 2 fair value measurement.

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**HARBINGER GROUP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

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**Note 7: Commitments and Contingencies**

***Legal and Environmental Matters***

In 2004, Utica Mutual Insurance Company ( Utica Mutual ) commenced an action against the Company in the Supreme Court for the County of Oneida, State of New York, seeking reimbursement under a general agreement of indemnity entered into by the Company in the late 1970s. Based upon the discovery to date, Utica Mutual is seeking reimbursement for payments it claims to have made under (1) a workers compensation bond and (2) certain reclamation bonds which were issued to certain former subsidiaries and are alleged by Utica Mutual to be covered by the general agreement of indemnity. While the precise amount of Utica Mutual's claim is unclear, it appears it is claiming approximately \$0.5 million, including approximately \$0.2 million relating to the workers compensation bond and approximately \$0.3 million relating to the reclamation bonds.

In 2005, the Company was notified by Weatherford International Inc. ( Weatherford ) of a claim for reimbursement of approximately \$0.2 million in connection with the investigation and cleanup of purported environmental contamination at two properties formerly owned by a non-operating subsidiary of the Company. The claim was made under an indemnification provision provided by the Company to Weatherford in a 1995 asset purchase agreement and relates to alleged environmental contamination that purportedly existed on the properties prior to the date of the sale. Weatherford has also advised the Company that Weatherford anticipates that further remediation and cleanup may be required, although Weatherford has not provided any information regarding the cost of any such future clean up. The Company has challenged any responsibility to indemnify Weatherford. The Company believes that it has meritorious defenses to the claim, including that the alleged contamination occurred after the sale of the property, and intends to vigorously defend against it.

In addition to the matters described above, the Company is involved in other litigation and claims incidental to its current and prior businesses. These include multiple complaints in Mississippi and Louisiana state courts and in a federal multi-district litigation alleging injury from exposure to asbestos on offshore drilling rigs and shipping vessels formerly owned or operated by the Company's offshore drilling and bulk-shipping affiliates. The Company has aggregate reserves for its legal and environmental matters of approximately \$0.3 million at both September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009. Although the outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty and some of these matters may be disposed of unfavorably to the Company, based on currently available information, including legal defenses available to the Company, and given the aforementioned reserves and related insurance coverage, the Company does not believe that the outcome of these legal and environmental matters will have a material effect on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

***Guarantees***

Throughout its history, the Company has entered into indemnifications in the ordinary course of business with customers, suppliers, service providers, business partners and, in certain instances, when it sold businesses. Additionally, the Company has indemnified its directors and officers who are, or were, serving at the request of the Company in such capacities. Although the specific terms or number of such arrangements is not precisely known due to the extensive history of past operations, costs incurred to settle claims related to these indemnifications have not been material to the Company's financial statements. The Company has no reason to believe that future costs to settle claims related to its former operations will have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**Note 8. Related Party**

Effective March 1, 2010, the Company entered into a management agreement with Harbinger Capital Partners LLC ( Harbinger Capital ), an affiliate of the Company, whereby Harbinger Capital may provide

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advisory and consulting services to the Company. The Company has agreed to reimburse Harbinger Capital for its out-of-pocket expenses and the cost of certain services performed by legal and accounting personnel of Harbinger Capital under the agreement. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company did not accrue any costs related to this agreement.

On September 10, 2010, the Company entered into a Contribution and Exchange Agreement (the Exchange Agreement) with Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company (the Harbinger Master Fund), Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and Global Opportunities Breakaway Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company (collectively, the Harbinger Parties). The Harbinger Parties are our principal stockholders and are affiliates of Harbinger Capital.

Pursuant to the Exchange Agreement, the Company will issue an aggregate of 119,909,830 shares of its common stock to the Harbinger Parties in exchange for an aggregate of 27,756,905 shares of common stock (the SB Holdings Contributed Shares), \$0.01 par value per share (the SB Holdings common stock), of Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (SB Holdings), owned by the Harbinger Parties (the Spectrum Brands Acquisition), or approximately 54.4% of the outstanding SB Holdings common stock (approximately 54.1% on a fully diluted basis). The exchange ratio of 4.32 to 1.00 was based on the respective volume weighted average trading prices of the Company's common stock (\$6.33) and SB Holdings common stock (\$27.36) on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) for the 30 trading days from and including July 2, 2010 to and including August 13, 2010, the day the Company received the Harbinger Parties' proposal for the Spectrum Brands Acquisition.

SB Holdings is a global consumer products company and a leading supplier of batteries, shaving and grooming products, personal care products, small household appliances, specialty pet supplies, lawn & garden and home pest control products, personal insect repellents and portable lighting. Included in its portfolio of brands are Rayovac®, Remington®, Varta®, George Foreman®, Black&Decker Home®, Toastmaster®, Tetra®, Marineland®, Nature's Miracle®, Dingo®, 8-in-1®, Littermaid®, Spectracide®, Cutter®, Repel®, and HotShot®.

The Harbinger Parties currently own 9,950,061 shares of the Company's common stock, or approximately 51.6% of the outstanding common stock of the Company, and 34,256,905 shares of SB Holdings common stock.

The consummation of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition will result in the following: (i) the Harbinger Parties will together own approximately 93.3% of the Company's outstanding common stock; (ii) SB Holdings will become the Company's majority-owned subsidiary and its results will be consolidated with the Company's results in its financial statements; (iii) the Company will own approximately 54.4% of the outstanding SB Holdings common stock, or 54.1% of the fully diluted shares; (iv) Harbinger Master Fund will own approximately 12.7% of the outstanding and fully diluted shares of SB Holdings common stock; and (v) the remaining 32.9% of the outstanding SB Holdings common stock, or approximately 32.7% of the fully diluted shares, will continue to be owned by stockholders of SB Holdings who are not affiliated with the Harbinger Parties. SB Holdings common stock will continue to be traded on the NYSE under the symbol SPB following the consummation of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition.

On September 10, 2010, a special committee of the Company's board of directors (the Committee), consisting solely of directors who have been determined by the Company's board of directors to be independent under the NYSE rules, unanimously determined that the Exchange Agreement and the Spectrum Brands Acquisition are advisable to, and in the best interests of, the Company and its stockholders (other than the Harbinger Parties), approved the Exchange Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, and recommended that the Company's board of directors

approve the Exchange Agreement and the Company's stockholders approve the issuance of the Company's common stock pursuant to the Exchange Agreement. On September 10, 2010, the Company's board of directors (based in part on the unanimous approval and

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recommendation of the Committee) unanimously determined that the Exchange Agreement and the Spectrum Brands Acquisition are advisable to, and in the best interests of, the Company and its stockholders (other than the Harbinger Parties), approved the Exchange Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, and recommended that the Company's stockholders approve the issuance of its common stock pursuant to the Exchange Agreement.

On September 10, 2010, the Harbinger Parties, who held a majority of the Company's outstanding common stock on that date, approved the issuance of the Company's common stock pursuant to the Exchange Agreement by written consent in lieu of a meeting pursuant to Section 228 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

The Spectrum Brands Acquisition is subject to the following closing conditions, in addition to other customary closing conditions:

approval of the issuance of shares of the Company's common stock to the Harbinger Parties under the Exchange Agreement by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock (this condition has been satisfied);

the filing of an information statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) and the mailing of the information statement to the Company's stockholders at least 20 calendar days prior to the consummation of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition;

approval for the listing on the NYSE of shares of the Company's common stock to be issued under the Exchange Agreement;

the expiration of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976;

the SB Holdings Contributed Shares must represent at least 52.0% of SB Holdings outstanding common stock as of the closing date of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition calculated on a fully diluted basis;

each Harbinger Party's delivery of a certificate to the Company with respect to the tax treatment of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition applicable to the Harbinger Parties;

the Harbinger Parties' delivery to the Company of a certain Lock-Up Letter (as defined); and

the Company Registration Rights Agreement, as executed by the Company, and the SB Holdings Stockholder Agreement, as joined by the Company (each as defined), remaining in full force and effect.

The shares of the Company's common stock to be issued to the Harbinger Parties pursuant to the Exchange Agreement and the SB Holdings Contributed Shares to be contributed to the Company will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). These shares will be restricted securities under the Securities Act. The Company may not be able to sell the SB Holdings Contributed Shares and the Harbinger Parties may not be able to sell their shares of the Company's common stock acquired under the Exchange Agreement, except pursuant to: (i) an effective registration statement under the Securities Act covering the resale of those shares, (ii) Rule 144 under the Securities Act, which requires a specified holding period and limits the manner and volume of sales, or (iii) any other applicable exemption under the Securities Act.

**Note 9. Subsequent Events**

The Company evaluated subsequent events through the date when the financial statements were issued. During this period, the Company did not have any material recognizable subsequent events; however the Company did have unrecognized subsequent events as described below:

On October 8, 2010, the Company filed a Current Report on Form 8-K disclosing that it received an offer from the Harbinger Master Fund (i) to assign to the Company the Harbinger Master Fund's rights to acquire

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Old Mutual U.S. Life Holdings, Inc. and (ii) to transfer to the Company the Harbinger Master Fund's interest in Front Street Re, Ltd. (together, the Insurance Transaction). After further discussing financing alternatives and the Insurance Transaction as currently proposed, the Company and the Master Fund determined not to proceed with the Insurance Transaction by the Company. The parties may reconsider the Insurance Transaction by the Company on different terms in the future, but there is no proposal at this time and there can be no assurance that there will be an alternate proposal in the future.

On November 5, 2010, the Company priced \$350 million aggregate principal amount of its 10.625% senior secured notes due 2015 (the Notes). The Notes will be sold in a private placement pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, subject to market and other conditions. The Notes will be issued at a price equal to 98.587% of the principal amount thereof. The Company expects the offering to close on November 15, 2010, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes, which may include acquisitions and other investments. The net proceeds of the offering will be held in a segregated escrow account until consummation of the Spectrum Brands Acquisition. If the escrow conditions are not fulfilled by March 31, 2011, the Company will redeem the Notes at the issue price of the Notes, plus accrued yield and accrued and unpaid interest.

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of  
Harbinger Group, Inc.  
Rochester, NY

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Harbinger Group Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company ) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in equity and comprehensive income (loss), and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Harbinger Group Inc. and subsidiaries at December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Rochester, New York  
February 26, 2010

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**Table of Contents****HARBINGER GROUP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	<b>December 31, 2009</b>	<b>December 31, 2008</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 127,932	\$ 142,694
Short-term investments (Note 4)	15,952	11,965
Non-trade receivables (Notes 4 and 5)	40	130
Prepaid expenses and other current assets (Note 10)	490	256
Total current assets	144,414	155,045
Long-term investments (Note 5)	8,039	
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$7	35	
Deferred tax assets (Note 10)	395	8,987
Total assets	\$ 152,883	\$ 164,032
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 593	\$ 92
Accrued and other current liabilities (Note 6)	1,874	1,045
Total current liabilities	2,467	1,137
Pension liabilities (Note 12)	3,519	2,904
Other liabilities (Note 7)	1,100	1,144
Total liabilities	7,086	5,185
Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)		
Harbinger Group Inc. stockholders' equity (Note 8):		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par; 10,000,000 and 1,600,000 shares authorized at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively; none issued or outstanding		
Preference stock, \$.01 par; 0 and 14,400,000 shares authorized at December 31, 2009 and 2008; none issued or outstanding		
Common stock, \$.01 par, 500,000,000 and 132,000,000 shares authorized; 19,284,850 and 24,708,414 shares issued; and 19,284,850 and 19,276,334 shares outstanding at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively	193	247
Additional paid in capital	132,638	164,250
Retained earnings	23,848	37,192
Common stock held in treasury, at cost, 0 and 5,432,080 shares at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively		(31,668)

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Accumulated other comprehensive loss (Note 12)	(10,912)	(11,207)
Total Harbinger Group Inc. stockholders' equity	145,767	158,814
Noncontrolling interest	30	33
Total equity	145,797	158,847
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 152,883	\$ 164,032

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**HARBINGER GROUP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</b>		
Revenues	\$	\$	\$
Cost of revenues			
Gross profit			
Operating expenses:			
General and administrative (Notes 11, 12, 13 and 14)	6,290	3,237	3,388
Total operating expenses	6,290	3,237	3,388
Operating loss	(6,290)	(3,237)	(3,388)
Other income:			
Interest income	229	3,013	7,681
Other, net	1,280	113	570
	1,509	3,126	8,251
(Loss) income before income taxes	(4,781)	(111)	4,863
(Provision) benefit for income taxes (Note 10)	(8,566)	98	(2,313)
Net (loss) income	(13,347)	(13)	2,550
Less: Net loss attributable to the noncontrolling interest (Note 2)	3	1	1
Net (loss) income attributable to Harbinger Group Inc.	\$ (13,344)	\$ (12)	\$ 2,551
Net (loss) income per common share basic and diluted (Note 9)	\$ (0.69)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.13
Weighted average common shares outstanding:			
Basic	19,280	19,276	19,237
Diluted	19,280	19,276	19,422

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**HARBINGER GROUP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net (loss) income	\$ (13,347)	\$ (13)	\$ 2,550
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	7		3
Stock-based compensation	2		17
Taxes paid in connection with stock-based compensation			(220)
Deferred income taxes	8,542	(148)	1,617
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Non-trade receivables	90	894	(745)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(184)	8	23
Accounts payable	501	(88)	(237)
Pension liabilities	910	17	(2)
Accrued liabilities and other current liabilities	829	(96)	(665)
Other liabilities	(44)	(185)	(159)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(2,694)	389	2,182
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchases of investments	(28,065)	(302,064)	(288,564)
Maturities of investments	16,039	305,118	288,744
Capital expenditures	(42)		
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(12,068)	3,054	180
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(14,762)	3,443	2,362
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	142,694	139,251	136,889
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 127,932	\$ 142,694	\$ 139,251
Cash paid during the year for:			
Interest	\$	\$	\$
Income taxes	\$	\$ 97	\$ 1,244

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



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	<b>Common Shares</b>	<b>Stock Amount</b>	<b>Additional Paid in Capital</b>	<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>Common Stock Held in Treasury (In thousands)</b>	<b>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss</b>	<b>Non- Controlling Interest</b>	<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>Comprehen Income (Loss)</b>
<b>Balance at January 1, 2007</b>	24,617	\$ 246	\$ 164,454	\$ 34,653	\$ (31,668)	\$ (8,417)	\$ 35	\$ 159,303	
Net income				2,551			(1)	2,550	\$ 2,550
Actuarial adjustments to pension plans, net of tax effects (Note 12)						483		483	483
Stock-based compensation (Note 14)			17					17	
Stock option net exercises (Note 14)	92	1	(221)					(220)	
Comprehensive income attributable to the controlling interest (Note 2)									3,033
Total comprehensive income attributable to Harbinger Group, Inc.									\$ 3,033
<b>Balance at December 31, 2007</b>	24,709	247	164,250	37,204	(31,668)	(7,934)	34	162,133	
Net loss				(12)			(1)	(13)	\$ (12)
Actuarial adjustments to pension plans, net of tax effects (Note 12)						(3,273)		(3,273)	(3,273)
Comprehensive loss attributable to the controlling interest (Note 2)									(3,285)
Total comprehensive loss attributable to Harbinger Group, Inc.									\$ (3,285)

<b>Balance at</b>										
<b>December 31, 2008</b>	24,709	247	164,250	37,192	(31,668)	(11,207)	33	158,847		
Net loss				(13,344)			(3)	(13,347)	\$	(13,347)
Treasury stock										
Retirement (Note 8)	(5,432)	(54)	(31,614)		31,668					
Stock option net										
Exercises (Note 14)	8									
Actuarial adjustments to										
Pension plans, net of tax										
Effects (Note 12)						295		295		295
Stock-based										
Compensation (Note 14)			2					2		
Comprehensive loss										(13,050)
Loss: Comprehensive										
Loss attributable to the										
Noncontrolling interest										
(Note 2)										
Total comprehensive										
Loss attributable to										
Harbinger Group, Inc.										\$ (13,047)
<b>Balance at</b>										
<b>December 31, 2009</b>	19,285	\$ 193	\$ 132,638	\$ 23,848	\$	\$ (10,912)	\$ 30	\$ 145,797		

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 1. Business and Organization**

Harbinger Group Inc. (which, together with its consolidated subsidiaries, is referred to as the Company) is a holding company with approximately \$151.9 million in consolidated cash, cash equivalents and investments at December 31, 2009. The Company's principal focus is to identify and evaluate business combinations or acquisitions of businesses. The Company currently owns 98% of Zap.Com Corporation (Zap.Com), a public shell company that may seek assets or businesses to acquire.

On December 23, 2009, the Company completed a reincorporation merger with Zapata Corporation (the Reincorporation Merger). As a result, the Company's name changed from Zapata Corporation to Harbinger Group Inc. and the Company changed its domicile from the State of Nevada to the State of Delaware. See Note 8.

On July 9, 2009, Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd. (Master Fund), Global Opportunities Breakaway Ltd. (Global Fund) and Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. (Special Situations Fund) and together with the Master Fund and Global Fund, the Company's Principal Stockholders purchased 9,937,962 shares, or 51.6%, of the Company's common stock (the 2009 Change of Control). The Company's Principal Stockholders subsequently purchased 12,099 additional shares of the Company's common stock.

**Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies**

***Consolidation***

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Harbinger Group Inc., its 98% owned subsidiary, Zap.Com, and certain wholly-owned non-operating subsidiaries and are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted new accounting guidance which changed the accounting and reporting for minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries. Under the new guidance, ownership interests in subsidiaries held by parties other than the Company are classified as a component of equity in the Consolidated Balance Sheets titled Noncontrolling interest. The Consolidated Statements of Operations include the line items Net (loss) income, which represents net (loss) income attributable to both the Company and the noncontrolling interest in Zap.Com, Net loss attributable to the noncontrolling interest and Net (loss) income attributable to Harbinger Group Inc., which is the same amount as would be reported under the prior definition of Net income (loss). In addition, prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the requirements of the new guidance.

The Company follows the accounting guidance which establishes standards for reporting information about operating segments in annual financial statements and related disclosures about products and services, geographic areas and major customers. The Company has determined that it does not have any separately reportable operating segments.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

The Company principally invests its excess cash in U.S. Government instruments. All highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

***Investments***

A portion of the Company's investments are held in U.S. Government instruments with maturities greater than three months. As the Company has both the intent and the ability to hold these securities to maturity,

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they are considered held-to-maturity investments. Such investments are recorded at original cost plus accrued interest, which is included in Non-trade receivables.

***Income Taxes***

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

The Company also applies the accounting guidance for uncertain tax positions which prescribes a minimum recognition threshold a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements. It also provides information on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. Accrued interest expense and penalties related to uncertain tax positions are recorded in (Provision) benefit for income taxes.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Due to the inherent uncertainty involved in making estimates, actual results in future periods could differ from these estimates.

The Company's significant estimates which are susceptible to change in the near term relate to (1) estimates of reserves for litigation and environmental reserves (see Note 11), (2) recognition of deferred tax assets and related valuation allowances (see Note 10), and (3) assumptions used in the actuarial valuations for defined benefit plans (see Note 12).

***Concentrations of Credit Risk***

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk include the Company's cash, cash equivalents and investments. These funds are currently concentrated among three financial institutions; however, the majority of the Company's funds are invested in U.S. Government Treasuries, backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, which are held by these financial institutions on behalf of the Company.

***Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted***

There are no recent accounting pronouncements that have not yet been adopted that the Company believes may have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

***Reclassifications***

In addition to the retrospective reclassifications made in connection with the Company's adoption of the new accounting guidance for noncontrolling interests disclosed under Consolidation above, certain other reclassifications have been made to prior year financial information to conform to the current year presentation. Specifically, in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for 2008 and 2007, the change in prepaid pension cost was previously classified within the change in Other assets and is now classified within the change in Pension liabilities.

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The Company evaluated subsequent events through the date when the financial statements were issued.

**Note 3. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

All highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents. The Company's cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	<b>December 31, 2009</b>		
	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Fair Market Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Loss</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
U.S. Treasury Bills	\$ 127,593	\$ 127,591	\$ (2)
Treasury money market	36	36	
Checking accounts	303	303	
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 127,932	\$ 127,930	\$ (2)

As of December 31, 2009, amortized cost shown above included no accrued interest. Interest rates on the Company's Treasury Bills were 0.00% at December 31, 2009.

	<b>December 31, 2008</b>		
	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Fair Market Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Loss</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
U.S. Treasury Bills	\$ 142,680	\$ 142,675	\$ (5)
Treasury money market	3	3	
Checking accounts	11	11	
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 142,694	\$ 142,689	\$ (5)

As of December 31, 2008, amortized cost shown above included no accrued interest. Interest rates on the Company's Treasury Bills ranged from -0.10% to 0.00% at December 31, 2008.

**Note 4. Short-Term Investments**

As of December 31, 2009, the Company had held-to-maturity investments with maturities up to approximately 10 months. Interest rates on the Company's short-term investments ranged from 0.38% to 0.62% at December 31,

2009.

		<b>December 31, 2009</b>	
	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Fair Market Value</b>	<b>Unrealized (Loss) Gain</b>
		<b>(In thousands)</b>	
U.S. Treasury Notes	\$ 7,949	\$ 7,905	\$ (44)
U.S. Treasury Bills	8,007	8,011	4
Total short-term investments	15,956	\$ 15,916	\$ (40)
Less: interest receivable included in Non-trade receivables	4		
Total short-term investments, at cost	\$ 15,952		

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As of December 31, 2008, the Company had held-to-maturity investments with maturities up to approximately six months. Interest rates on the Company's short-term investments ranged from 1.70% to 2.05% at December 31, 2008.

		<b>December 31, 2008</b>	
	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Fair Market Value</b>	<b>Unrealized (Loss) Gain</b>
		<b>(In thousands)</b>	
U.S. Treasury Notes	\$ 8,009	\$ 7,976	\$ (33)
U.S. Treasury Bills	4,031	4,032	1
Total short-term investments	12,040	\$ 12,008	\$ (32)
Less: interest receivable included in Non-trade receivables	75		
Total short-term investments, at cost	\$ 11,965		

**Note 5. Long-Term Investments**

As of December 31, 2009, the Company had held-to-maturity investments with maturities up to approximately 1.3 years. Interest rates on the Company's long-term investments ranged from 0.44% to 0.60% at December 31, 2009. The Company held no long-term investments at December 31, 2008.

		<b>December 31, 2009</b>	
	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Fair Market Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Loss</b>
		<b>(In thousands)</b>	
U.S. Treasury Notes	\$ 8,056	\$ 8,018	\$ (38)
Total long-term investments	8,056	\$ 8,018	\$ (38)
Less: interest receivable included in Non-trade receivables	17		
Total long-term investments, at cost	\$ 8,039		

**Note 6. Accrued and Other Current Liabilities**

Accrued and other current liabilities are summarized as follows:

	<b>December 31, 2009</b>	<b>December 31, 2008</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Insurance	\$ 578	\$ 574
Professional fees	433	35
Legal and environmental reserves	345	100
Salary and benefits	169	113
Retirement agreement	113	113
Pension accrual	104	104
Director and committee fees	99	
Federal and state income taxes	33	6
	<b>\$ 1,874</b>	<b>\$ 1,045</b>

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Other liabilities are summarized as follows:

	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(In thousands)	
Uncertain tax positions	\$ 732	\$ 732
Retirement agreement	333	342
Other	35	70
	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,144

**Note 8. Equity**

On November 3, 2009, the Company's board of directors and Principal Stockholders approved the Reincorporation Merger of Zapata Corporation (Zapata), a Nevada corporation, with and into its newly formed wholly-owned subsidiary, Harbinger Group Inc., a Delaware corporation. The Principal Stockholders approved the Reincorporation Merger by written consent in lieu of a meeting. On December 23, 2009, the Company completed the Reincorporation Merger and the Company effectively changed its name to Harbinger Group Inc. and changed its domicile from the State of Nevada to the State of Delaware. In connection with the Reincorporation Merger, stockholders received one share of common stock of Harbinger Group Inc. for each share of Zapata common stock owned at the effective date of the Reincorporation Merger.

Immediately prior to the effectiveness of the Reincorporation Merger, the Company's authorized capital stock consisted of 1,600,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, 14,400,000 shares of preference stock, par value \$0.01 per share and 132,000,000 shares of common stock, of which 19,284,850 shares were outstanding and 5,432,080 shares were held in treasury. No preferred stock or preference stock was issued or outstanding.

At the time of the Reincorporation Merger and at December 31, 2009, the Company's authorized capital stock consisted of 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock and 500,000,000 shares of common stock. The board of directors has the right to set the dividend, voting, conversion, liquidation and other rights, as well as the qualifications, limitations and restrictions, with respect to the preferred stock. As of December 23, 2009 and giving effect to the Reincorporation Merger, the Company had 19,284,850 shares of common stock issued and outstanding, with no shares held in treasury, and no preferred stock issued or outstanding. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had 480,715,150 shares of common stock and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock available for issuance.

In December 2002, the board of directors authorized the purchase of up to 4.0 million shares of its outstanding common stock in the open market or privately negotiated transactions. No shares were repurchased under this authorization and the board of directors terminated this authorization on November 3, 2009.

**Note 9. Net (Loss) Income Per Common Share Information**

Net (loss) income per common share basic is computed by dividing Net (loss) income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Net loss per common share diluted for 2009 and 2008 was the same as Net loss per common share basic since the Company reported a net loss and therefore, the effect of all potentially dilutive securities on the net loss would have been antidilutive. Net income per common share diluted for 2007 was computed by dividing Net income by the weighted average number of shares plus the potential common share effect of dilutive stock options computed using the treasury stock method.

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The following table details the potential common shares excluded from the calculation of Net (loss) income per common share diluted because the associated exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the Company's common stock, or because their impact would be antidilutive due to the Company's net loss for the period (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Potential common shares excluded from the calculation of Net (loss) income per common share diluted			
Stock options	524	427	18
Weighted average exercise price per share	\$ 5.49	\$ 5.12	\$ 9.79

**Note 10. Income Taxes**

(Provision) benefit for income taxes consisted of the following:

	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Current:			
State	\$ (5)	\$ (24)	\$ (34)
Federal	(19)	(26)	(662)
Deferred:			
State	(49)	(10)	(1)
Federal	(8,493)	158	(1,616)
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	\$ (8,566)	\$ 98	\$ (2,313)

The following table reconciles the expected benefit (provision) for income taxes for all periods computed using the U.S. Federal statutory rate of 34% to the (Provision) benefit for income taxes as reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Operations:

	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Benefit (provision) at statutory rate	\$ 1,626	\$ 38	\$ (1,653)
Net operating loss and credit carryforward limitations due to ownership change	(7,376)		
Valuation allowance for deferred tax assets	(2,794)	(1)	165

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Non-deductible professional fees and advisory services	(40)		
Increase in tax reserve	(19)	(16)	
State income taxes, net of Federal benefit	20	(25)	(188)
Federal personal holding company tax			(575)
Change in estimated liabilities		123	
Effect of deferred rate change		(17)	
Other	17	(4)	(62)
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	\$ (8,566)	\$ 98	\$ (2,313)

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Temporary differences and tax credit carryforwards that gave rise to significant portions of deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	<b>December 31, 2009</b>	<b>December 31, 2008</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Deferred tax assets:		
Pension liabilities	\$ 1,424	\$ 1,212
Accruals not yet deductible	639	512
Net operating loss carryforward	635	257
Alternative minimum tax credit	514	7,082
	3,212	9,063
Less valuation allowance	(2,698)	(7)
Total deferred tax assets	514	9,056
Deferred tax liabilities		
Net deferred tax assets	\$ 514	\$ 9,056

The Company's net deferred tax assets are reflected in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets as follows:

	<b>December 31, 2009</b>	<b>December 31, 2008</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 119	\$ 69
Deferred tax assets	395	8,987
Net deferred tax assets	\$ 514	\$ 9,056

The 2009 Change of Control resulted in an ownership change under sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "IRC"). As a result, the Company's ability to utilize pre-ownership change net operating loss ("NOL") carryforwards of \$3.3 million and alternative minimum tax ("AMT") credits of \$6.6 million was eliminated. The \$3.3 million of NOL carryforwards included approximately \$0.3 million which has not been recognized for financial statement purposes as they relate to benefits associated with stock option exercises that have not reduced current taxes payable.

The Company has \$1.9 million of post-ownership change NOL carryforwards. However, in accordance with the accounting for stock-based compensation, approximately \$61,000 of these carryforwards have not been recognized for

financial statement purposes as they relate to benefits associated with stock option exercises that have not reduced current taxes payable. Equity will be increased by \$21,000 if and when such deferred tax assets are ultimately realized. The Company uses the ordering model prescribed by the liability method of accounting for income taxes when determining when excess tax benefits have been realized.

The Company's ability to utilize its NOL carryforward tax benefits is dependent on future taxable income. NOL carryforwards have a 20-year carry-forward period and will expire in 2029. Additionally, the Company has approximately \$0.5 million in refundable Federal AMT credits resulting from AMT net operating loss carryback provisions contained in tax legislation enacted during the fourth quarter of 2009.

Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment. Cumulative losses weigh heavily in the overall assessment of the need for a valuation allowance. As a result of its



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cumulative losses in recent years, the Company determined that, as of December 31, 2009, a valuation allowance was required for all of its deferred tax assets other than the refundable AMT credits. Consequently, the Company's valuation allowance, which related only to state NOL carryforward tax benefits in previous years, increased from \$7,000 as of December 31, 2008 to \$2.7 million as of December 31, 2009.

The Company also applies the accounting guidance for uncertain tax positions which prescribes a minimum recognition threshold a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements. Unrecognized tax benefits were approximately \$0.7 million as of December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008. The reversal of these benefits will reduce the Company's effective tax rate when recognized. The Company expects that the amount of unrecognized tax benefits will be reduced by half during the next 12 months. The following is a roll-forward of the Company's total uncertain tax positions (in thousands):

Balance at January 1, 2007	\$ 732
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year	
Additions for tax positions of prior years	
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	
Settlements	
Balance at December 31, 2007	\$ 732
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year	
Additions for tax positions of prior years	
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	
Settlements	
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$ 732
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year	
Additions for tax positions of prior years	
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	
Settlements	
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 732

Accrued interest expense and penalties, if any, related to the above uncertain tax positions are recorded in (Provision) benefit for income taxes. For the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, the amount of interest expense and penalties was \$19,000, \$16,000 and \$0, respectively. The Company files Federal and state consolidated income tax returns and is subject to income tax examinations for years after 2005. The Company currently has state tax returns under examination for the years 2006 and 2007.

If the Company has another change of ownership under section 382 of the IRC, utilization of NOL carryforward tax benefits could be significantly limited or possibly eliminated. An ownership change for this purpose is generally a change in the majority ownership of a company over a three-year period.

Section 541 of the IRC subjects a corporation that is a personal holding company ( PHC ), as defined in the IRC, to a 15% tax on undistributed personal holding company income in addition to the corporation's normal income tax. Generally, undistributed PHC income is based on taxable income, subject to certain adjustments, most notably a reduction for Federal income taxes. Personal holding company income is comprised primarily of passive investment income plus, under certain circumstances, personal service income. A corporation is generally considered to be a personal holding company if (1) 60% or more of its adjusted ordinary gross income is personal holding company income and (2) 50% or more of its outstanding common

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stock is owned, directly or indirectly, by five or fewer individuals at any time during the last half of the taxable year.

Although the Company believes that it is classified as a PHC for 2009, the Company did not incur a PHC tax as it had a net operating loss for the year ended December 31, 2009. Additionally, subsequent to the 2009 Change of Control, the Company may continue to qualify as a PHC in future periods. If it is determined that five or fewer individuals hold more than 50% in value of the Company's outstanding common stock during the second half of future tax years, it is possible that the Company could have at least 60% of adjusted ordinary gross income consist of PHC income as discussed above. Thus, there can be no assurance that the Company will not be subject to this tax in the future, which, in turn, may materially and adversely impact the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows. In addition, if the Company is subject to this tax in future periods, statutory tax rate increases could significantly increase its tax expense and adversely affect its consolidated operating results and cash flows. Specifically, the current 15% tax rate on undistributed PHC income is scheduled to expire as of December 31, 2010, after which the rate will revert back to the highest individual ordinary income rate of 39.6%.

**Note 11. Commitments and Contingencies**

***Lease Commitments***

Future annual minimum payments under non-cancelable operating lease obligations as of December 31, 2009 are approximately \$45,000 payable during the year ending December 31, 2010. Rental expense for leases was \$69,000, \$76,000 and \$69,000 in 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

***Legal and Environmental Matters***

During 2004, Utica Mutual Insurance Company ( Utica Mutual ) commenced an action against the Company in the Supreme Court for the County of Oneida, State of New York, seeking reimbursement under a general agreement of indemnity entered into by the Company in the late 1970s. Based upon the discovery to date, Utica Mutual is seeking reimbursement for payments it claims to have made under (1) a workers compensation bond and (2) certain reclamation bonds which were issued to certain former subsidiaries and are alleged by Utica Mutual to be covered by the general agreement of indemnity. While the precise amount of Utica Mutual's claim is unclear, it appears they are claiming approximately \$0.5 million, of which approximately \$0.2 million appears to have been paid out in connection with the workers compensation bond with the balance of \$0.3 million due for payment on the reclamation bonds.

During 2005, the Company was notified by Weatherford International Inc. ( Weatherford ) of a claim for reimbursement of approximately \$0.2 million in connection with the investigation and cleanup of purported environmental contamination at two properties formerly owned by a non-operating subsidiary of the Company. The claim was made under an indemnification provision given by the Company to Weatherford in a 1995 asset purchase agreement and relates to alleged environmental contamination that purportedly existed on the properties prior to the date of the sale. Weatherford has also advised the Company that it anticipates that further remediation and cleanup may be required, although Weatherford has not provided any information regarding the cost of any such future clean up. The Company has challenged any responsibility to indemnify Weatherford. The Company believes that it has meritorious defenses to the claim, including that the alleged contamination occurred after the sale of the property, and intends to vigorously defend against it.

In addition to the matters described above, the Company is involved in other litigation and claims incidental to its current and prior businesses. The Company has reserves for all of its legal and environmental matters aggregating approximately \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Although the outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty and some of these matters may be disposed of unfavorably to the Company, based on currently available information, including legal defenses

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available to the Company, and given the aforementioned reserves and related insurance coverage, the Company does not believe that the outcome of these legal and environmental matters will have a material effect on its financial position, liquidity, or results of operations.

***Captive Insurance Arrangement***

During a two year period commencing in 1993, the Company entered into a rent-a-captive arrangement for workers compensation insurance coverage whereby the Company funded premiums in an account maintained by an offshore entity related to a sponsor insurance carrier based in the United States. Due to significant liquidity concerns, the sponsor insurance company entered into voluntary rehabilitation during 2002. Based on this event, the Company wrote off the balance of the excess collateral arising from this arrangement. In September 2009, the Company received a refund of \$0.8 million representing excess collateral relating to this arrangement and recorded this refund in Other income in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2009. There is one remaining open claim for this period which is above the Company's deductible and significantly below policy limits. Accordingly, the Company does not believe that it has any material obligations under this arrangement and does not expect to receive additional material reimbursements.

***Guarantees***

Throughout its history, the Company has entered into indemnifications in the ordinary course of business with customers, suppliers, service providers, business partners and, in certain instances, when it sold businesses. Additionally, the Company has indemnified its directors and officers who are, or were, serving at the request of the Company in such capacities. Although the specific terms or number of such arrangements is not precisely known due to the extensive history of past operations, costs incurred to settle claims related to these indemnifications have not been material to the Company's financial statements. Further, the Company has no reason to believe that future costs to settle claims related to its former operations will have material impact on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**Note 12. Defined Benefit Plans**

***General***

The Company has a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan (the Pension Plan) covering certain current and former U.S. employees. During 2006, the Pension Plan was frozen which caused all existing participants to become fully vested in their benefits.

Additionally, the Company has an unfunded supplemental pension plan (the Supplemental Plan) which provides supplemental retirement payments to certain former senior executives of the Company. The amounts of such payments equal the difference between the amounts received under the Pension Plan and the amounts that would otherwise be received if Pension Plan payments were not reduced as the result of the limitations upon compensation and benefits imposed by Federal law. Effective December 1994, the Supplemental Plan was frozen.

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	<b>December 31, 2009</b>	<b>December 31, 2008</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
<b>Change in Benefit Obligation</b>		
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 17,034	\$ 18,170
Interest cost	1,101	1,091
Actuarial loss (gain)	1,835	(588)
Benefits paid	(1,466)	(1,639)
Benefit obligation at end of year	18,504	17,034
<b>Change in Plan Assets</b>		
Plan assets at fair value at beginning of year	14,026	20,239
Actual return on plan assets	2,217	(4,678)
Company contributions	104	104
Benefits paid	(1,466)	(1,639)
Plan assets at fair value at end of year	14,881	14,026
<b>Funded Status of Plans</b>	<b>\$ (3,623)</b>	<b>\$ (3,008)</b>
<b>Amounts Recognized in the Consolidated Balance Sheets Consist of:</b>		
Accrued and other current liabilities	\$ (104)	\$ (104)
Pension liabilities	(3,519)	(2,904)
Net amount recognized	\$ (3,623)	\$ (3,008)
Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss consisted of:		
Net actuarial loss	\$ (17,650)	\$ (17,945)
Net amount recognized	(17,650)	(17,945)
Cumulative deferred tax effects	6,738	6,738
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ (10,912)	\$ (11,207)

***Components of net periodic benefit cost***

**Years Ended December 31,**  
**2009      2008      2007**

**(In thousands)**

Service cost	\$	\$	\$
Interest cost	1,101	1,091	1,065
Expected return on plan assets	(968)	(1,517)	(1,539)
Amortization of actuarial loss	881	548	575
Net periodic pension cost	\$ 1,014	\$ 122	\$ 101

The Company expects to recognize approximately \$0.9 million in pension expense during 2010. This amount is comprised of approximately \$0.9 million of net actuarial losses, which will be amortized out of accumulated other comprehensive loss and included as a component of net periodic benefit cost, approximately \$1.0 million of interest costs, offset by approximately \$1.0 million of expected return on plan assets.

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The components of Actuarial adjustments to pension plans, net of tax effects included in Comprehensive Income (Loss) reported in the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity and Comprehensive Income (Loss) are as follows:

	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Net actuarial (loss) gain arising during the year	\$ (586)	\$ (5,607)	\$ 212
Amortization of unrecognized net actuarial loss to net periodic benefit cost	881	548	575
Deferred tax benefit (provision)		1,786	(304)
Actuarial adjustments to pension plans, net of tax effects	\$ 295	\$ (3,273)	\$ 483

*Pension Plan Information*

The accumulated benefit obligation for the Pension Plan was \$17.7 million and \$16.3 million at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The fair value of the Pension Plan assets was \$14.9 million and \$14.0 million at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Assumptions used to determine benefit obligations</b>			
Discount rate	5.66%	6.75%	6.25%
<b>Assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost</b>			
Discount rate	6.75%	6.25%	5.75%
Expected long-term return on plan assets	7.25%	7.75%	7.75%

The Company is responsible for establishing objectives and policies for the investment of Pension Plan assets with assistance from the Pension Plan's investment consultant. As the obligations are relatively long-term in nature, the investment strategy has been to maximize long-term capital appreciation. The Pension Plan has historically invested within and among equity and fixed income asset classes in a manner that sought to achieve the highest rate of return consistent with a moderate amount of volatility. At the same time, the Pension Plan maintained a sufficient amount invested in highly liquid investments to meet immediate and projected cash flow needs. To achieve these objectives, the Company developed guidelines for the composition of investments to be held by the Pension Plan. Due to varying rates of return among asset classes, the actual asset mix may vary somewhat from these guidelines but are generally rebalanced as soon as practical.

*Pension Plan Assets.* Asset allocations and target asset allocations by asset category are as follows:



Asset Category	Years Ended December 31,		Plan Investment Allocation Guidelines		
	2009	2008	Min	Target	Max
Domestic equity securities	53%	42%	28%	45%	75%
International equity securities	11%	9%	0%	10%	15%
Fixed income	36%	49%	10%	40%	60%
Other	0%	0%	0%	5%	15%

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, no plan assets were invested in the Company's common stock.

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For 2009, the Company assumed a long-term asset rate of return of 7.25%. In developing this rate of return assumption, the Company evaluated historical returns and asset class return expectations based on the Pension Plan's current asset allocation. Despite the Company's belief that this assumption is reasonable, future actual results may differ from this estimate.

Fair value measurements for the Pension Plan's assets at December 31, 2009 are summarized below:

Asset Category	Total	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2009		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs(1) (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Domestic equity securities	\$ 7,878	\$	\$ 7,878	\$
International equity securities	1,601		1,601	
Fixed income	5,402		5,402	
Total	\$ 14,881	\$	\$ 14,881	\$

(1) All Pension Plan investments are invested in and among equity and fixed income asset classes through collective trusts. As each collective trust's valuation is based on inputs that are observable or derived principally from observable inputs, all amounts are categorized under Level 2.

*Contributions.* The Company plans to make no contributions to its Pension Plan in 2010. However, based on the currently enacted minimum pension plan funding requirements, the Company expects to make contributions during 2011.

*Estimated Future Benefit Payments.* The following benefit payments are expected to be paid:

	Pension Benefits (In thousands)
2010	\$ 1,395

2011	1,367
2012	1,372
2013	1,378
2014	1,393
Years 2015-2019	6,869

***Supplemental Plan Information***

The accumulated benefit obligation for the Supplemental Plan was \$0.8 million and \$0.7 million at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Assumptions used to determine benefit obligations</b>			
Discount rate	5.66%	6.75%	6.25%
<b>Assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost</b>			
Discount rate	6.75%	6.25%	5.75%

*Supplemental Plan Assets.* The Supplemental Plan is unfunded and has no assets.

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*Contributions.* The Company plans to make no contributions to its Supplemental Plan in 2010 as the Supplemental Plan is an unfunded plan. Estimated future benefit payments will be made by the Company in accordance with the schedule below.

*Estimated Future Benefit Payments.* The following benefit payments are expected to be paid:

	<b>Pension Benefits (In thousands)</b>
2010	\$ 104
2011	98
2012	93
2013	88
2014	83
Years 2015-2019	329

**Note 13. Defined Contribution Plan**

The Company has a 401(k) Plan (the 401(k) Plan ) in which eligible participants may defer a fixed amount or a percentage of their eligible compensation, subject to limitations. The Company makes a discretionary matching contribution of up to 4% of eligible compensation. The Company recognized expenses for contributions to the 401(k) Plan of approximately \$28,000, \$25,000 and \$24,000 in 2009, 2008 and 2007 respectively.

**Note 14. Stock-Based Compensation**

The Consolidated Statements of Operations for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 included \$2,000, \$0 and \$17,000, respectively, of share-based compensation costs, included in General and administrative. The total income tax benefit recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations for share-based compensation arrangements was \$1,000, \$0 and \$1,000 for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

On December 5, 1996, the Company's stockholders approved a long-term incentive plan (the 1996 Plan ). The 1996 Plan provides for the granting of restricted stock, stock appreciation rights, stock options and other types of awards to key employees of the Company. Under the 1996 Plan, options may be granted at prices equivalent to the market value of the common stock on the date of grant. Options become exercisable in one or more installments on such dates as the Company may determine. Unexercised options will expire on varying dates up to a maximum of ten years from the date of grant. All options granted vest ratably over three years beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant. The 1996 Plan, as amended, provides for the issuance of options to purchase up to 8,000,000 shares of common stock. At December 31, 2009, stock options covering a total of 1,645,152 shares had been exercised and a total of 5,862,808 shares of common stock are available for future stock options or other awards under the Plan. As of December 31, 2009, there were options for the purchase of up to 492,040 shares of common stock outstanding under the 1996 Plan. No restricted stock, stock appreciation rights or other types of awards have been granted under the 1996 Plan.

In May 2002, the Company's stockholders approved specific stock option grants of 8,000 options to each of the six non-employee directors of the Company. These grants had been approved by the board of directors and awarded by the Company in March 2002, subject to stockholder approval. These grants are non-qualified options with a ten year life and became exercisable in cumulative one-third installments vesting annually beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant. As of December 31, 2009, there were options for the purchase of up to 32,000 shares outstanding under these grants.

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The fair value of each stock option granted has been determined using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. In 2009, stock options were granted with a grant date fair value of \$2.63 with the following assumptions used in the determination of fair value of each stock option granted using the Black-Scholes option pricing model: expected option term of 6 years, volatility of 32.6%, risk-free interest rate of 3.1% and no assumed dividend yield. No stock options were granted in 2008 or 2007.

A summary of the Company's stock option activity as of December 31, 2009, and changes during the year then ended, is presented below:

	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (In thousands)
Outstanding at January 1, 2009	427,040	\$ 5.12		
Granted	125,000	\$ 7.01		
Exercised	(16,000)	\$ 3.33		
Forfeited or expired	(12,000)	\$ 10.94		
Outstanding at December 31, 2009	524,040	\$ 5.49	4.6 years	\$ 805
Exercisable at December 31, 2009	399,040	\$ 5.01	2.9 years	\$ 804
Vested or expected to vest at December 31, 2009	524,040	\$ 5.49	4.6 years	\$ 805

The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$61,000, \$0 and \$0.8 million, respectively. In connection with these exercises, the Company remitted \$0, \$0 and \$0.2 million for the payment of withholding taxes during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The stock options exercised during 2009 and 2007 were net exercises, pursuant to which the optionee received shares of common stock equal to the intrinsic value of the options (fair market value of common stock on date of exercise less exercise price) reduced by any applicable withholding taxes. The Company issued approximately 8,000, 0 and 92,000 shares of common stock during 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, related to these exercises.

As of December 31, 2009, there was approximately \$0.3 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested share-based compensation arrangements. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 3.0 years.

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The following table presents certain unaudited consolidated operating results for each of the Company's preceding eight quarters. The Company believes that the following information includes all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, except as disclosed in Notes 2 and 3 to the table) necessary for a fair presentation in accordance with GAAP. The operating results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of results for any other period. The following unaudited quarterly results reflect restated amounts from the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the period ended September 30, 2009 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 22, 2009.

	<b>Quarter Ended</b>			
	<b>March 31,</b>	<b>June 30,</b>	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>December 31,</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009(2)</b>	<b>2009(3)</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</b>			
Revenues	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross profit				
Operating loss	(1,200)	(1,173)	(1,401)	(2,516)
Net loss attributable to Harbinger Group Inc.	(727)	(462)	(8,498)	(3,657)
Net loss per common share – basic and diluted(1)	(0.04)	(0.02)	(0.44)	(0.19)

	<b>Quarter Ended</b>			
	<b>March 31,</b>	<b>June 30,</b>	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>December 31,</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</b>			
Revenues	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross profit				
Operating loss	(865)	(688)	(856)	(828)
Net income (loss) attributable to Harbinger Group Inc.	320	312	(188)	(456)
Net income (loss) per common share – basic and diluted(1)	0.02	0.02	(0.01)	(0.02)

- (1) Net income (loss) per common share has been computed independently for each quarter based upon the weighted average shares outstanding for that quarter. Therefore, the sum of the quarterly amounts may not equal the reported annual amounts.
- (2) During the third quarter of 2009 as a result of the 2009 Change of Control, the Company wrote off approximately \$8.2 million of net operating loss carryforward tax benefits and alternative minimum tax credits in accordance with sections 382 and 383 of the IRC. Approximately \$7.9 million of this write off impacted the income tax

provision as \$0.3 million of the \$8.2 million had not been recognized for financial statement purposes as they related to benefits associated with stock option exercises that had not reduced current taxes payable. See Note 10.

- (3) Due to tax law changes enacted during the fourth quarter of 2009, the Company was able to re-establish approximately \$0.5 million of AMT credits previously written off during the third quarter of 2009. However during the fourth quarter of 2009, the Company increased its valuation allowance on all deferred tax assets other than refundable AMT credits by approximately \$2.8 million. See Note 10.



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**HARBINGER GROUP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**Note 16. Subsequent Events**

***Insurance Settlement***

During January 2010, the Company entered into a settlement agreement under a solvent scheme of arrangement with an insurer in the London market. Under the terms of the agreement, the Company agreed to accept approximately \$0.2 million in exchange for the termination of insurance coverage on certain non-operating subsidiaries. A solvent scheme is the mechanism by which solvent entities, including insurance companies, are able to shed liabilities and terminate their insurance and reinsurance obligations with judicial sanction. Such arrangements are authorized by Section 425 of the U.K. Companies Act of 1985. The Company received the settlement during the first quarter of 2010 which will be reflected in Other income in the Consolidated Statement of Operations for that quarter.

***Management and Advisory Services Agreement***

During February 2010, the Company entered into a management agreement with Harbinger Capital Partners LLC ( HCP ), an affiliate of the Company's Principal Stockholders, whereby HCP may, among other items, provide advisory and consulting services to the Company. The Company has agreed to reimburse HCP for its out-of-pocket expenses and the cost of certain services performed by legal and accounting personnel of HCP under the agreement.

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors and Stockholders  
Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position of Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 (Successor Company), and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity (deficit) and comprehensive income (loss), and cash flows for the year ended September 30, 2010, the period August 31, 2009 to September 30, 2009 (Successor Company), the period October 1, 2008 to August 30, 2009 and the year ended September 30, 2008 (Predecessor Company). In connection with our audits of the consolidated financial statements, we have also audited the financial statement schedule II. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries as of September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 (Successor Company), and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year ended September 30, 2010, the period August 31, 2009 to September 30, 2009 (Successor Company), the period October 1, 2008 to August 30, 2009 and the year ended September 30, 2008 (Predecessor Company) in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2010, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated December 14, 2010 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Predecessor Company filed a petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code on February 3, 2009. The Company's plan of reorganization became effective and the Company emerged from bankruptcy protection on August 28, 2009. In connection with their emergence from bankruptcy, the Successor Company Spectrum Brands, Inc. adopted fresh-start reporting in conformity with ASC Topic 852, *Reorganizations* formerly America Institute of Certified Public Accountants Statement of Position 90-7, *Financial Reporting by Entities in Reorganization under the Bankruptcy Code*, effective as of August 30, 2009. Accordingly, the Successor Company's consolidated financial statements prior to August 30, 2009 are not comparable to its consolidated financial statements for periods on after August 30, 2009.

As discussed in Note 10 to the consolidated financial statements, effective September 30, 2009, the Successor Company adopted the measurement date provision of ASC 715, *Compensation-Retirement Benefits* formerly FAS 158, *Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and other Postretirement Plans*.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Atlanta, Georgia  
December 14, 2010

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors and Stockholders

Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc.:

We have audited Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2010, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2010, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have also audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position of Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries as of September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 (Successor Company), and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity (deficit) and comprehensive income (loss), and cash flows for the year ended September 30, 2010, the period August 31, 2009 to September 30, 2009 (Successor Company), the period October 1, 2008 to August 30, 2009 and the year ended September 30, 2008 (Predecessor Company), along with the financial statement schedule II, and our report dated December 14, 2010 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

The Company acquired Russell Hobbs, Inc. and its subsidiaries (Russell Hobbs) on June 16, 2010. Management excluded Russell Hobbs from its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting and the associated total assets of \$863,282,000 and total net sales of \$237,576,000 included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company as of and for the year ended September 30, 2010. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting of the Company as of September 30, 2010 also excluded Russell Hobbs.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Atlanta, Georgia  
December 14, 2010

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**Table of Contents****SPECTRUM BRANDS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Statements of Financial Position****September 30, 2010 and 2009**

	<b>Successor Company</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 170,614	\$ 97,800
Receivables:		
Trade accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$4,351 and \$1,011, respectively	365,002	274,483
Other	41,445	24,968
Inventories	530,342	341,505
Deferred income taxes	35,735	28,137
Assets held for sale	12,452	11,870
Prepaid expenses and other	44,122	39,973
Total current assets	1,199,712	818,736
Property, plant and equipment, net	201,164	212,361
Deferred charges and other	46,352	34,934
Goodwill	600,055	483,348
Intangible assets, net	1,769,360	1,461,945
Debt issuance costs	56,961	9,422
Total assets	\$ 3,873,604	\$ 3,020,746
 <b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 20,710	\$ 53,578
Accounts payable	332,231	186,235
Accrued liabilities:		
Wages and benefits	93,971	88,443
Income taxes payable	37,118	21,950
Restructuring and related charges	23,793	26,203
Accrued interest	31,652	8,678
Other	123,297	109,981
Total current liabilities	662,772	495,068
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	1,723,057	1,529,957
Employee benefit obligations, net of current portion	92,725	55,855
Deferred income taxes	277,843	227,498
Other	70,828	51,489

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Total liabilities	2,827,225	2,359,867
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$.01 par value, authorized 200,000 shares; issued 51,020 shares; outstanding 51,020 shares at September 30, 2010	514	
Common stock, \$.01 par value, authorized 150,000 shares; issued 30,000 shares; outstanding 30,000 shares at September 30, 2009		300
Additional paid-in capital	1,316,461	724,796
Accumulated deficit	(260,892)	(70,785)
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(7,497)	6,568
	1,048,586	660,879
Less treasury stock, at cost, 81 and 0 shares, respectively	(2,207)	
Total shareholders' equity	1,046,379	660,879
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 3,873,604	\$ 3,020,746

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**Table of Contents****SPECTRUM BRANDS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Statements of Operations**

	<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>	
	<b>Period from</b>		<b>Period from</b>	
	<b>August 31,</b>		<b>October 1,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>		<b>2008</b>	
	<b>Year Ended</b>	<b>through</b>	<b>through</b>	<b>Year Ended</b>
	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>August 30,</b>	<b>September 30,</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</b>			
Net sales	\$ 2,567,011	\$ 219,888	\$ 2,010,648	\$ 2,426,571
Cost of goods sold	1,638,451	155,310	1,245,640	1,489,971
Restructuring and related charges	7,150	178	13,189	16,499
Gross profit	921,410	64,400	751,819	920,101
Operating expenses:				
Selling	466,813	39,136	363,106	506,365
General and administrative	199,386	20,578	145,235	188,934
Research and development	31,013	3,027	21,391	25,315
Acquisition and integration related charges	38,452			
Restructuring and related charges	16,968	1,551	30,891	22,838
Goodwill and intangibles impairment			34,391	861,234
	752,632	64,292	595,014	1,604,686
Operating income (loss)	168,778	108	156,805	(684,585)
Interest expense	277,015	16,962	172,940	229,013
Other expense (income), net	12,300	(816)	3,320	1,220
Loss from continuing operations before reorganization items and income taxes	(120,537)	(16,038)	(19,455)	(914,818)
Reorganization items expense (income), net	3,646	3,962	(1,142,809)	
(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes	(124,183)	(20,000)	1,123,354	(914,818)
Income tax expense (benefit)	63,189	51,193	22,611	(9,460)
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(187,372)	(71,193)	1,100,743	(905,358)
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of tax	(2,735)	408	(86,802)	(26,187)
Net (loss) income	\$ (190,107)	\$ (70,785)	\$ 1,013,941	\$ (931,545)
Basic net (loss) income per common share:				
(Loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (5.20)	\$ (2.37)	\$ 21.45	\$ (17.78)



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(Loss) income from discontinued operations	(0.08)	0.01	(1.69)	(0.51)
Net (loss) income	\$ (5.28)	\$ (2.36)	\$ 19.76	\$ (18.29)
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	36,000	30,000	51,306	50,921
Diluted net (loss) income per common share:				
(Loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (5.20)	\$ (2.37)	\$ 21.45	\$ (17.78)
(Loss) income from discontinued operations	(0.08)	0.01	(1.69)	(0.51)
Net (loss) income	\$ (5.28)	\$ (2.36)	\$ 19.76	\$ (18.29)
Weighted average shares of common stock and equivalents outstanding	36,000	30,000	51,306	50,921

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**Table of Contents****SPECTRUM BRANDS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Statements of Shareholders Equity (Deficit) and Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit (In thousands)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax	Treasury Stock	Total Shareholders Equity (Deficit)
	Shares	Amount					
Balances at September 30, 2007, Predecessor Company	52,765	\$ 690	\$ 669,274	\$ (763,370)	\$ 65,664	\$ (76,086)	\$ (103,828)
Net loss				(931,545)			(931,545)
Adjustment of additional minimum pension liability					2,459		2,459
Valuation allowance adjustment					(4,060)		(4,060)
Translation adjustment					5,236		5,236
Other unrealized gains and losses					146		146
Comprehensive loss							(927,764)
Issuance of restricted stock	408	4	(4)				
Forfeiture of restricted stock	(268)	(2)	2				
Treasury shares surrendered	(130)					(744)	(744)
Amortization of unearned compensation			5,098				5,098
Balances at September 30, 2008, Predecessor Company	52,775	\$ 692	\$ 674,370	\$ (1,694,915)	\$ 69,445	\$ (76,830)	\$ (1,027,238)
Net income				1,013,941			1,013,941
Adjustment of additional minimum pension liability					(1,160)		(1,160)
Valuation allowance adjustment					5,104		5,104
Translation adjustment					(2,650)		(2,650)
Other unrealized gains and losses					9,817		9,817
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Comprehensive income									1,025,052
Issuance of restricted stock	230	(1)	1						
Forfeiture of restricted stock	(82)								
Treasury shares surrendered	(185)						(61)		(61)
Amortization of unearned compensation			2,636						2,636
Cancellation of Predecessor Company common stock	(52,738)	(691)	(677,007)				76,891		(600,807)
Elimination of Predecessor Company accumulated deficit and accumulated other comprehensive income					680,974	(80,556)			600,418
Issuance of new common stock in connection with emergence from Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code	30,000	300	724,796						725,096
Balances at August 30, 2009, Successor Company	30,000	\$ 300	\$ 724,796	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	725,096
Balances at August 30, 2009, Successor Company	30,000	\$ 300	\$ 724,796	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	725,096
Net loss					(70,785)				(70,785)
Adjustment of additional minimum pension liability						576			576
Valuation allowance adjustment						(755)			(755)
Translation adjustment						5,896			5,896
Other unrealized gains and losses						851			851
Comprehensive loss									(64,217)

**Table of Contents****SPECTRUM BRANDS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Statements of Shareholders Equity (Deficit) and Comprehensive Income (Loss) (Continued)**

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit (In thousands)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax	Treasury Stock	Total Shareholders Equity (Deficit)
	Shares	Amount					
Balances at September 30, 2009, Successor Company	30,000	\$ 300	\$ 724,796	\$ (70,785)	\$ 6,568	\$	\$ 660,879
Net loss				(190,107)			(190,107)
Adjustment of additional minimum pension liability					(17,773)		(17,773)
Valuation allowance adjustment					(2,398)		(2,398)
Translation adjustment					12,596		12,596
Other unrealized gains and losses					(6,490)		(6,490)
Comprehensive income							(204,172)
Issuance of common stock	20,433	205	574,998				575,203
Issuance of restricted stock	939	9	(9)				
Unvested restricted stock units, not issued or outstanding	(271)						
Treasury shares surrendered	(81)					(2,207)	(2,207)
Amortization of unearned compensation			16,676				16,676
Balances at September 30, 2010, Successor Company	51,020	\$ 514	\$ 1,316,461	\$ (260,892)	\$ (7,497)	\$ (2,207)	\$ 1,046,379

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



**Table of Contents****SPECTRUM BRANDS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

	Successor Company Year Ended September 30,  2010	Period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009	Predecessor Company Period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009	Year Ended September 30,  2008
(In thousands)				
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>				
Net (loss) income	\$ (190,107)	\$ (70,785)	\$ 1,013,941	\$ (931,545)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(2,735)	408	(86,802)	(26,187)
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(187,372)	(71,193)	1,100,743	(905,358)
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>				
Depreciation	54,822	5,158	36,745	52,236
Amortization of intangibles	45,920	3,513	19,099	27,687
Amortization of debt issuance costs	9,030	314	13,338	8,387
Amortization of unearned restricted stock compensation	16,676		2,636	5,098
Impairment of goodwill and intangibles			34,391	861,234
Non-cash goodwill adjustment due to release of valuation allowance		47,443		
Fresh-start reporting adjustments			(1,087,566)	
Gain on cancelation of debt			(146,555)	
Administrative related reorganization items	3,646	3,962	91,312	
Payments for administrative related reorganization items	(47,173)			
Deferred income taxes	51,731	3,498	22,046	(37,237)
Non-cash increase to cost of goods sold due to inventory valuations	34,865			
Non-cash interest expense on 12% Notes	24,555			
Write off of unamortized discount on retired debt	59,162			
Write off of debt issuance costs	6,551		2,358	
Non-cash restructuring and related charges	16,359	1,299	28,368	29,726
Non-cash debt accretion	18,302	2,861		
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities:</b>				
Accounts receivable	12,702	5,699	68,203	8,655
Inventories	(66,127)	48,995	9,004	12,086
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,025	1,256	5,131	13,738
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	86,497	22,438	(80,463)	(62,165)

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Other assets and liabilities	(73,612)	(6,565)	(88,996)	(18,990)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities of continuing operations	68,559	68,678	29,794	(4,903)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities of discontinued operations	(11,221)	6,273	(28,187)	(5,259)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>	57,338	74,951	1,607	(10,162)

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	<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>	
	<b>Year Ended</b>	<b>Period from</b>	<b>Period from</b>	<b>Year Ended</b>
	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>August 31, 2009</b>	<b>October 1,</b>	<b>September 30,</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>through</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2008</b>
		<b>September 30,</b>	<b>through</b>	
		<b>2009</b>	<b>August 30,</b>	
			<b>2009</b>	
		<b>(In thousands)</b>		
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>				
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(40,316)	(2,718)	(8,066)	(18,928)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	388	71	379	285
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(2,577)		(8,460)	
Net cash used by investing activities of continuing operations	(42,505)	(2,647)	(16,147)	(18,643)
Net cash (used) provided by investing activities of discontinued operations			(855)	12,376
<b>Net cash used by investing activities</b>	<b>(42,505)</b>	<b>(2,647)</b>	<b>(17,002)</b>	<b>(6,267)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>				
Proceeds from new Senior Credit Facilities, excluding new ABL Revolving Credit Facility, net of discount	1,474,755			
Payment of extinguished senior credit facilities, excluding old ABL revolving credit facility	(1,278,760)			
Reduction of other debt	(8,456)	(4,603)	(120,583)	(425,073)
Proceeds from other debt financing	13,688			477,759
Debt issuance costs, net of refund	(55,024)	(287)	(17,199)	(152)
Extinguished ABL Revolving Credit Facility	(33,225)	(31,775)	65,000	
(Payments of) proceeds on supplemental loan	(45,000)		45,000	
Treasury stock purchases	(2,207)		(61)	(744)
<b>Net cash (used) provided by financing activities</b>	<b>65,771</b>	<b>(36,665)</b>	<b>(27,843)</b>	<b>51,790</b>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents due to Venezuela hyperinflation	(8,048)			
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	258	1,002	(376)	(441)
	72,814	36,641	(43,614)	34,920



Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents					
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	97,800	61,159	104,773	69,853	
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 170,614</b>	<b>\$ 97,800</b>	<b>\$ 61,159</b>	<b>\$ 104,773</b>	
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>					
Cash paid for interest	\$ 136,429	\$ 5,828	\$ 158,380	\$ 227,290	
Cash paid for income taxes, net	36,951	1,336	18,768	16,999	

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**SPECTRUM BRANDS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(In thousands, except per share amounts)**

**(1) Description of Business**

Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ( *SB Holdings* or the *Company* ), is a global branded consumer products company and was created in connection with the combination of Spectrum Brands, Inc. ( *Spectrum Brands* ), a global branded consumer products company, and Russell Hobbs, Inc. ( *Russell Hobbs* ), a global branded small appliance company, to form a new combined company (the *Merger* ). The Merger was consummated on June 16, 2010. As a result of the Merger, both Spectrum Brands and Russell Hobbs are wholly-owned subsidiaries of SB Holdings and Russell Hobbs is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Spectrum Brands. SB Holdings trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol *SPB*.

In connection with the Merger, Spectrum Brands refinanced its existing senior debt and a portion of Russell Hobbs existing senior debt through a combination of a new \$750,000 United States ( *U.S.* ) Dollar Term Loan due June 16, 2016, new \$750,000 9.5% Senior Secured Notes maturing June 15, 2018 and a new \$300,000 ABL revolving facility due June 16, 2014. (See also Note 7, Debt, for a more complete discussion of the Company's outstanding debt.)

On February 3, 2009, Spectrum Brands, at the time a Wisconsin corporation, and each of its wholly owned U.S. subsidiaries (collectively, the *Debtors* ) filed voluntary petitions under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (the *Bankruptcy Code* ), in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas (the *Bankruptcy Court* ). On August 28, 2009 (the *Effective Date* ), the Debtors emerged from Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. As of the Effective Date and pursuant to the Debtors' confirmed plan of reorganization, Spectrum Brands converted from a Wisconsin corporation to a Delaware corporation.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, the term *Company* is used to refer to both Spectrum Brands and its subsidiaries prior to the Merger and SB Holdings and its subsidiaries subsequent to the Merger. The term *Predecessor Company* refers only to the Company prior to the Effective Date and the term *Successor Company* refers to the Company subsequent to the Effective Date. The Company's fiscal year ends September 30. References herein to Fiscal 2010, Fiscal 2009 and Fiscal 2008 refer to the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Prior to and including August 30, 2009, all operations of the business resulted from the operations of the Predecessor Company. In accordance with ASC Topic 852: *Reorganizations*, ( *ASC 852* ) the Company determined that all conditions required for the adoption of fresh-start reporting were met upon emergence from Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on the Effective Date. However in light of the proximity of that date to the Company's August accounting period close, which was August 30, 2009, the Company elected to adopt a convenience date of August 30, 2009, (the *Fresh-Start Adoption Date* ) for recording fresh-start reporting. The Company analyzed the transactions that occurred during the two-day period from August 29, 2009, the day after the Effective Date, and August 30, 2009, the Fresh-Start Adoption Date, and concluded that such transactions represented less than one-percent of the total net sales during Fiscal 2009. As a result, the Company determined that August 30, 2009 would be an appropriate Fresh-Start Adoption Date to coincide with the Company's normal financial period close for the month of August 2009. As a result, the fair value of the Predecessor Company's assets and liabilities became the new basis for the Successor Company's Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as of the Fresh-Start Adoption Date, and all operations beginning August 31, 2009 are related to the Successor Company. Financial information of the Company's financial statements prepared for the Predecessor Company will not be comparable to financial information for the Successor Company. The Company is a global branded consumer products company with positions in seven major product categories: consumer batteries; small appliances; pet supplies; electric shaving and grooming; electric

personal care; portable lighting; and home and garden control.

The Company manages its business in four reportable segments: (i) Global Batteries & Personal Care, which consists of the Company's worldwide battery, shaving and grooming, personal care and portable lighting

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business ( Global Batteries & Personal Care ); (ii) Global Pet Supplies, which consists of the Company's worldwide pet supplies business ( Global Pet Supplies ); (iii) Home and Garden Business, which consists of the Company's lawn and garden and insect control businesses (the Home and Garden Business ); and (iv) Small Appliances, which resulted from the acquisition of Russell Hobbs and consists of small electrical appliances primarily in the kitchen and home product categories ( Small Appliances ).

The Company's operations include the worldwide manufacturing and marketing of alkaline, zinc carbon and hearing aid batteries, as well as aquariums and aquatic health supplies and the designing and marketing of rechargeable batteries, battery-powered lighting products, electric shavers and accessories, grooming products and hair care appliances. The Company's operations also include the manufacturing and marketing of specialty pet supplies. The Company also manufactures and markets herbicides, insecticides and repellents in North America. With the addition of Russell Hobbs the Company designs, markets and distributes a broad range of branded small appliances and personal care products. The Company's operations utilize manufacturing and product development facilities located in the U.S., Europe, Asia and Latin America.

The Company sells its products in approximately 120 countries through a variety of trade channels, including retailers, wholesalers and distributors, hearing aid professionals, industrial distributors and original equipment manufacturers and enjoys name recognition in its markets under the Rayovac, VARTA and Remington brands, each of which has been in existence for more than 80 years, and under the Tetra, 8in1, Spectracide, Cutter, Black & Decker, George Foreman, Russell Hobbs, Farberware and various other brands.

**(2) Voluntary Reorganization Under Chapter 11**

On February 3, 2009, the Predecessor Company announced that it had reached agreements with certain noteholders, representing, in the aggregate, approximately 70% of the face value of the Company's then outstanding senior subordinated notes, to pursue a refinancing that, if implemented as proposed, would significantly reduce the Predecessor Company's outstanding debt. On the same day, the Debtors filed voluntary petitions under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, in the Bankruptcy Court (the Bankruptcy Filing ) and filed with the Bankruptcy Court a proposed plan of reorganization (the Proposed Plan ) that detailed the Debtors' proposed terms for the refinancing. The Chapter 11 cases were jointly administered by the Bankruptcy Court as Case No. 09-50455 (the Bankruptcy Cases ).

The Bankruptcy Court entered a written order (the Confirmation Order ) on July 15, 2009 confirming the Proposed Plan (as so confirmed, the Plan ).

***Plan Effective Date***

On the Effective Date the Plan became effective, and the Debtors emerged from Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to and by operation of the Plan, on the Effective Date, all of Predecessor Company's existing equity securities, including the existing common stock and stock options, were extinguished and deemed cancelled. Spectrum Brands filed a certificate of incorporation authorizing new shares of common stock. Pursuant to and in accordance with the Plan, on the Effective Date, Successor Company issued a total of 27,030 shares of common stock and \$218,076 of 12% Senior Subordinated Toggle Notes due 2019 (the 12% Notes ) to holders of allowed claims with respect to Predecessor Company's 8 1/2 % Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013 (the 8 1/2 Notes ), 7 3/8 % Senior Subordinated Notes due 2015 (the 7 3/8 Notes ) and Variable Rate Toggle Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013 (the

Variable Rate Notes ) (collectively, the Senior Subordinated Notes ). (See also Note 7, Debt, for a more complete discussion of the 12% Notes.) Also on the Effective Date, Successor Company issued a total of 2,970 shares of common stock to supplemental and sub-supplemental debtor-in-possession facility participants in respect of the equity fee earned under the Debtors' debtor-in-possession credit facility.

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***Accounting for Reorganization***

Subsequent to the date of the Bankruptcy Filing (the Petition Date), the Company's financial statements are prepared in accordance with ASC 852. ASC 852 does not change the application of U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements. However, ASC 852 does require that financial statements, for periods including and subsequent to the filing of a Chapter 11 petition, distinguish transactions and events that are directly associated with the reorganization from the ongoing operations of the business. In accordance with ASC 852 the Company has done the following:

On the four column consolidated statement of financial position as of August 30, 2009, which is included in this Note 2, Voluntary Reorganization Under Chapter 11, separated liabilities that are subject to compromise from liabilities that are not subject to compromise;

On the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations, distinguished transactions and events that are directly associated with the reorganization from the ongoing operations of the business;

On the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, separately disclosed Reorganization items expense (income), net, consisting of the following: (i) Fresh-start reporting adjustments; (ii) Gain on cancelation of debt; and (iii) Administrative related reorganization items; and

Ceased accruing interest on the Predecessor Company's then outstanding senior subordinated notes.

***Liabilities Subject to Compromise***

Liabilities subject to compromise refer to known liabilities incurred prior to the Bankruptcy Filing by those entities that filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. These liabilities are considered by the Bankruptcy Court to be pre-petition claims. However, liabilities subject to compromise exclude pre-petition claims for which the Company has received the Bankruptcy Court's approval to pay, such as claims related to active employees and retirees and claims related to certain critical service vendors. Liabilities subject to compromise are subject to future adjustments that may result from negotiations, actions by the Bankruptcy Court and developments with respect to disputed claims or matters arising out of the proof of claims process whereby a creditor may prove that the amount of a claim differs from the amount that the Company has recorded.

Since the Petition Date, and in accordance with ASC 852, the Company ceased accruing interest on its senior subordinated notes, as such debt and interest would be an allowed claim by the Bankruptcy Court. The Predecessor Company's contractual interest on the Senior Subordinated Notes in excess of reported interest was approximately \$55,654 for the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009.

Liabilities subject to compromise as of August 30, 2009 for the Predecessor Company were as follows:

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2009**

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Senior Subordinated Notes	\$ 1,049,885
Accrued interest on Senior Subordinated Notes	40,497
Other accrued liabilities	15,580(A)
Predecessor Company Balance	\$ 1,105,962
Effects of Plan	(1,105,962)
Successor Company Balance	\$

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- (A) As discussed below in the four column consolidated statement of financial position as of August 30, 2009 Effects of Plan Adjustments, note (f), the \$15,580 relates to rejected lease obligations that are to be paid by the Successor Company in subsequent periods.

**Reorganization Items**

In accordance with ASC 852, reorganization items are presented separately in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and represent expenses, income, gains and losses that the Company has identified as directly relating to the Bankruptcy Cases. Reorganization items expense (income), net during Fiscal 2010 and during the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009 and the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 are summarized as follows:

	<b>Year Ended September 30, 2010</b>	<b>Successor Company Period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Predecessor Company Period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009</b>
Legal and professional fees	\$ 3,536	\$ 3,962	\$ 74,624
Deferred financing costs			10,668
Provision for rejected leases	110		6,020
Administrative related reorganization items	\$ 3,646	\$ 3,962	\$ 91,312
Gain on cancellation of debt			(146,555)
Fresh-start reporting adjustments			(1,087,566)
Reorganization items expense (income), net	\$ 3,646	\$ 3,962	\$ (1,142,809)

**Fresh-Start Reporting**

The Company, in accordance with ASC 852, adopted fresh-start reporting as of the close of business on August 30, 2009 since the reorganization value of the assets of the Predecessor Company immediately before the date of confirmation of the Plan was less than the total of all post-petition liabilities and allowed claims, and the holders of the Predecessor Company's voting shares immediately before confirmation of the Plan received less than 50 percent of the voting shares of the emerging entity. The four-column consolidated statement of financial position as of August 30, 2009, included herein, applies effects of the Plan and fresh-start reporting to the carrying values and classifications of assets or liabilities that were necessary.



The Company analyzed the transactions that occurred during the two-day period from August 29, 2009, the day after the Effective Date, and August 30, 2009, the fresh-start reporting date, and concluded that such transactions were not material individually or in the aggregate as such transactions represented less than one-percent of the total net sales for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009. As a result, the Company determined that August 30, 2009, would be an appropriate fresh-start reporting date to coincide with the Company's normal financial period close for the month of August 2009. Upon adoption of fresh-start reporting, the recorded amounts of assets and liabilities were adjusted to reflect their estimated fair values. Accordingly, the reported historical financial statements of the Predecessor Company prior to the adoption of fresh-start reporting for periods ended on or prior to August 30, 2009 are not comparable to those of the Successor Company.

The four-column consolidated statement of financial position as of August 30, 2009 reflects the implementation of the Plan as if the Plan had been effective on August 30, 2009. Reorganization adjustments

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have been recorded within the consolidated statement of financial position as of August 30, 2009 to reflect effects of the Plan, including the discharge of Liabilities subject to compromise and the adoption of fresh-start reporting in accordance with ASC 852. The Bankruptcy Court confirmed the Plan based upon a reorganization value of the Company between \$2,200,000 and \$2,400,000, which was estimated using various valuation methods including: (i) publicly traded company analysis, (ii) discounted cash flow analysis; and (iii) a review and analysis of several recent transactions of companies in similar industries to the Company. These three valuation methods were equally weighted in determining the final range of reorganization value as confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court. Based upon the factors used in determining the range of reorganization value, the Company concluded that \$2,275,000 should be used for fresh-start reporting purposes as it most closely approximated fair value.

The basis of the discounted cash flow analysis used in developing the reorganization value was based on Company prepared projections which included a variety of estimates and assumptions. While the Company considers such estimates and assumptions reasonable, they are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties, many of which are beyond the Company's control and, therefore, may not be realized. Changes in these estimates and assumptions may have had a significant effect on the determination of the Company's reorganization value. The assumptions used in the calculations for the discounted cash flow analysis included projected revenue, costs, and cash flows, for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 and represented the Company's best estimates at the time the analysis was prepared. The Company's estimates implicit in the cash flow analysis included net sales growth of approximately 1.5% for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 and 4.0% per year for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 2011, 2012 and 2013. In addition, selling, general and administrative expenses, excluding depreciation and amortization, were projected to grow at rates relative to net sales, however, certain expense categories for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 were reduced for the projected impact of various cost reduction initiatives implemented by the Company during Fiscal 2009 which included lower trade spending, salary freezes, reduced marketing expenses, furloughs, suspension of the Company's match to its 401(k) and reductions in salaries of certain members of management. The analysis also included anticipated levels of reinvestment in the Company's operations through capital expenditures of approximately \$25,000 per year. The Company did not include in its estimates the potential effects of litigation, either on the Company or the industry. The foregoing estimates and assumptions are inherently subject to uncertainties and contingencies beyond the control of the Company. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the estimates, assumptions, and values reflected in the valuations will be realized, and actual results could vary materially.

The publicly traded company analysis identified a group of comparable companies giving consideration to lines of business, business risk, scale and capitalization and leverage. This analysis involved the selection of the appropriate earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ( EBITDA ) market multiples by segment deemed to be the most relevant when analyzing the peer group. A range of valuation multiples was then identified and applied to the Company's Fiscal 2009 and Fiscal 2010 projections by segment to determine an estimate of reorganization values. The market multiple ranges used by segment were as follows: (i) Global Batteries and Personal Care used a range of 7.0x-8.0x for Fiscal 2009 and 6.5x-7.5x for Fiscal 2010; (ii) Global Pet Supplies used a range of 7.5x-8.5x for Fiscal 2009 and 7.0x-8.0x for Fiscal 2010; and (iii) the Home and Garden Business used a range of 9.0x-10.0x for Fiscal 2009 and 8.0x-9.0x for Fiscal 2010. These multiples were based on estimated EBITDA adjusted for certain non-recurring initiatives, as mentioned above.

The recent transactions of companies in similar industries analysis identified transactions of similar companies giving consideration to lines of business, business risk, scale and capitalization and leverage. The analysis considered the

business, financial and market environment for which the transactions took place, circumstances surrounding the transaction including the financial position of the buyers and the perceived synergies and benefits that the buyers could obtain from the transaction. This analysis involved the

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determination of historical acquisition EBITDA multiples by examining public merger and acquisition transactions. A range of valuation multiples was then identified and applied to historical EBITDA by segment to determine an estimate of reorganization values. The multiple ranges used by segment were as follows: (i) Global Batteries and Personal Care used a range of 6.5x-7.5x; (ii) Global Pet Supplies used a range of 9.5x-10.5x; and (iii) the Home and Garden Business used a range of 8.0x-9.0x. These multiples were based on Fiscal 2009 estimated EBITDA adjusted for certain non-recurring initiatives, as mentioned above.

Fresh-start adjustments reflect the allocation of fair value to the Successor Company's long-lived assets and the present value of liabilities to be paid as calculated by the Company.

In applying fresh-start reporting, the Company followed these principles:

The reorganization value of the entity was allocated to the entity's assets in conformity with the procedures specified by SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations* (SFAS 141). The reorganization value exceeded the sum of the amounts assigned to assets and liabilities. This excess was recorded as Successor Company goodwill as of August 30, 2009.

Each liability existing as of the fresh-start reporting date, other than deferred taxes, has been stated at the present value of the amounts to be paid, determined at appropriate risk adjusted interest rates.

Deferred taxes were reported in conformity with applicable income tax accounting standards, principally ASC Topic 740: *Income Taxes*, formerly SFAS No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes* (ASC 740). Deferred tax assets and liabilities have been recognized for differences between the assigned values and the tax basis of the recognized assets and liabilities.

Adjustment of all of the property, plant and equipment assets to fair value and eliminating all of the accumulated depreciation.

Adjustment of the Company's pension plans projected benefit obligation by recognition of all previously unamortized actuarial gains and losses.

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The following four-column consolidated statement of financial position table identifies the adjustments recorded to the Predecessor Company's August 30, 2009 consolidated statement of financial position as a result of implementing the Plan and applying fresh-start reporting:

	<b>Predecessor Company August 30, 2009</b>	<b>Effects of Plan</b>	<b>Fresh-Start Valuation</b>	<b>Successor Company August 30, 2009</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 86,710	\$ (25,551)(a)	\$	\$ 61,159
Receivables:				
Trade accounts receivable	270,657			270,657
Other	34,594			34,594
Inventories	341,738		48,762(m)	390,500
Deferred income taxes	12,644	1,707(h)	9,330(n)	23,681
Assets held for sale	10,813		1,978(m)	12,791
Prepaid expenses and other	40,448		(116)(m)	40,332
Total current assets	797,604	(23,844)	59,954	833,714
Property, plant and equipment, net	178,786		34,699(m)	213,485
Deferred charges and other	42,068		(6,046)(m)	36,022
Goodwill	238,905		289,155(o)	528,060
Intangible assets, net	677,050		782,450(o)	1,459,500
Debt issuance costs	18,457	8,949(b)	(17,957)(p)	9,449
Total assets	\$ 1,952,870	\$ (14,895)	\$ 1,142,255	\$ 3,080,230
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>				
Current liabilities:				
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 93,313	\$ (3,445)(c)	\$ (4,329)(m)	\$ 85,539
Accounts payable	159,370	(204)(d)		159,166
Accrued liabilities:				
Wages and benefits	80,247			80,247
Income taxes payable	20,059			20,059
Restructuring and related charges	26,100			26,100
Accrued interest	59,724	(59,581)(e)		143
Other	118,949	9,133(f)	(3,503)(m)	124,579

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Total current liabilities	557,762	(54,097)	(7,832)	495,833
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	1,329,047	271,806(g)	(75,329)(m)	1,525,524
Employee benefit obligations, net of current portion	41,385		18,712(m)	60,097
Deferred income taxes	106,853	1,707(h)	114,211(n)	222,771
Other	45,982		4,927(m)	50,909
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,081,029</b>	<b>219,416</b>	<b>54,689</b>	<b>2,355,134</b>
Liabilities subject to compromise	1,105,962	(1,105,962)(i)		
Commitments and contingencies				
Shareholders' (deficit) equity:				
Common stock-Old (Predecessor Company)	691	(691)(j)		
Common stock-New (Successor Company)		300(j)		300
Additional paid-in capital	677,007	47,789(j)		724,796
Accumulated (deficit) equity	(1,915,484)	747,362(k)	1,168,122(q)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	80,556		(80,556)(q)	
	(1,157,230)	794,760	1,087,566	725,096
Less treasury stock	(76,891)	76,891(l)		
<b>Total shareholders' (deficit) equity</b>	<b>(1,234,121)</b>	<b>871,651</b>	<b>1,087,566</b>	<b>725,096</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' (deficit) equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,952,870</b>	<b>\$ (14,895)</b>	<b>\$ 1,142,255</b>	<b>\$ 3,080,230</b>

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(a) The Plan's impact resulted in a net decrease of \$25,551 on cash and cash equivalents. The significant sources and uses of cash were as follows:

*Sources:*

Amounts borrowed under the exit facility	\$ 65,000
Amounts borrowed under new supplemental loan agreement	45,000
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$ 110,000</b>

*Uses:*

Repayment of un-reimbursed letters of credit	\$ 20,005
Repayment of supplemental loans	45,000
Repayment of certain amounts under the term loan agreement, current portion	3,440
Repayment of certain amounts under the term loan agreement, net of current portion	3,440
Payment of pre-petition foreign exchange contracts recorded in accounts payable	204
Payment of lender cure payments, terminated derivative contracts and other	48,066
Payment of debt issuance costs on exit facility	8,949
Payment of other accrued liabilities	6,447
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>\$ 135,551</b>
<b>Net Cash Uses</b>	<b>\$ (25,551)</b>

(b) The Company incurred \$8,949 of debt issuance costs under the exit facility. These debt issuance costs are classified as long-term assets and are amortized over the life of the exit facility.

(c) The adjustment to current maturities of long-term debt reflects the \$20,005 payment of the Predecessor Company's un-reimbursed letters of credit, the \$45,000 repayment of the Predecessor Company's supplemental loan, and the \$3,440 payment of certain amounts under the term loan agreement. The adjustment to current maturities of long-term debt also reflects the \$65,000 funding from the exit facility. The adjustment to the current maturities of long-term debt are:

Repayment of unreimbursed letters of credit	\$ 20,005
Repayment of supplemental loan	45,000
Repayment of certain amounts under the term loan agreement, current portion	3,440
Amounts borrowed under the exit facility	(65,000)
	<b>\$ 3,445</b>

(d) Reflects payment of \$204 related to pre-petition foreign exchange derivative contracts.

(e) Total adjustment of \$59,581 reflects term lender cure payments of \$33,995, terminated interest rate swap derivative contract payments of \$12,068 and other accrued interest of \$2,003. Additionally, this adjustment includes \$11,515 of accrued default interest as provided in the August 2009 amendment of the Senior Term Credit Facility, which was assumed by the Successor Company and included in the principal balance of the loans at emergence (See Note 7, Debt, for additional information).

(f) Reflects the payment of professional fees related to the reorganization in the amount of \$6,447 offset by the reclassification of \$15,580 related to rejected lease obligations previously recorded as liabilities subject to compromise (see note(i)). These rejected lease obligations were paid by the Successor Company in



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subsequent periods. As of September 30, 2009, the Company's rejected lease obligation was reduced to \$6,181.

(g) The adjustment to long-term debt represents the issuance of the 12% Notes at a fair value of \$218,731 (face value of \$218,076) used, in part, to extinguish the Senior Subordinated Notes of the debtors that were recorded in liabilities subject to compromise (see note (i)), the issuance of the new supplemental loan in the amount of \$45,000, offset by the payment of the non-current portion of the term loan in the amount of \$3,440 (see note (a)). The excess of fair value over face value of the 12% Notes is recorded in long-term debt and will be accreted as a reduction to interest expense over the life of the note.

Issuance of the 12% Notes (fair value)	\$ 218,731
Amounts borrowed under the new supplemental loan agreement	45,000
Accrued default interest	11,515
Repayment of certain amounts under the term loan agreement, net of current portion	(3,440)
	\$ 271,806

(h) Gain on the cancellation of debt from the extinguishment of the senior subordinated notes as well as the modification of the senior term credit facility, for tax purposes, resulted in a \$124,054 reduction in the U.S. net deferred tax asset, exclusive of indefinite-lived intangibles. Due to the Company's full valuation allowance position as of August 30, 2009 on the U.S. net deferred tax asset, exclusive of indefinite-lived intangibles, the tax effect of these items is offset by a corresponding adjustment to the valuation allowance of \$124,054. Due to changes in the relative current versus non-current deferred tax asset balances and the corresponding allocation of the domestic valuation allowance, a net \$1,707 deferred tax balance reclassification occurred between current and non-current as a result of the effects of the Plan.

(i) The adjustment to liabilities subject to compromise relates to the extinguishment of the Senior Subordinated Notes balance of \$1,049,885 and the accrued interest of \$40,497 associated with the Senior Subordinated Notes. Additionally, rejected lease obligations of \$15,580 were reclassified to other current liabilities (see note (f)).

(j) Pursuant to the Plan, the debtor's common stock was canceled and new common stock of the reorganized debtors was issued. The adjustments eliminated Predecessor Company's common stock and additional paid-in capital of \$691 and \$677,007, respectively, and recorded Successor Company's common stock and additional paid-in capital of \$300 and \$724,796, respectively, which represents the fair value of the newly issued common stock. The fair value of the newly issued common stock was not separately valued. A fair value of \$725,096 was determined by subtracting the fair value of net debt (total debt less cash and cash equivalents), or \$1,549,904 from the enterprise value of \$2,275,000. The Company issued 30,000 shares at emergence, consisting of 27,030 shares to holders of the Senior Subordinated Notes allowed note holder claims and 2,970 shares in accordance with the terms of the Debtors debtor-in-possession credit facility.

(k) As a result of the Plan, the adjustment to accumulated (deficit) equity recorded the elimination of the Predecessor Company's common stock, additional paid in capital and treasury stock in the amount of \$600,807 and recorded the pre-tax gain on the cancellation of debt in the amount of \$146,555. The elimination of the Predecessor Company's

common stock, additional paid in capital and treasury stock was calculated as follows:

Elimination of Predecessor Company's common stock (see note(j))	\$ 691
Elimination of Predecessor Company's additional paid in capital (see note(j))	677,007
Elimination of Predecessor Company's treasury stock (see note(l))	(76,891)
Elimination of Predecessor Company's common stock	\$ 600,807

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The pre-tax gain on the cancellation of debt was calculated as follows:

Extinguishment of Predecessor Company senior subordinated notes	\$ 1,049,885
Extinguishment of Predecessor Company accrued interest on senior subordinated notes	40,497
Issuance of Successor Company 12% Notes (fair value)	(218,731)
Issuance of Successor Company common stock	(725,096)
Pre-tax gain on the cancellation of debt	\$ 146,555

(l) Pursuant to the Plan, the adjustment eliminates treasury stock of \$76,891 of the Predecessor Company.

*Fresh-Start Valuation Adjustments*

(m) Reflects the adjustment of assets and liabilities to estimated fair value, or other measurement specified by SFAS 141, in conjunction with the adoption of fresh-start reporting. Significant adjustments are summarized as followed:

*Inventories* An adjustment of \$48,762 was recorded to adjust inventory to fair value. Raw materials were valued at current replacement cost, work-in-process was valued at estimated selling prices of finished goods less the sum of costs to complete, cost of disposal and a reasonable profit allowance for completing and selling effort based on profit for similar finished goods. Finished goods were valued at estimated selling prices less the sum of costs of disposal and a reasonable profit allowance for the selling effort.

*Property, plant and equipment, net* An adjustment of \$34,699 was recorded to adjust the net book value of property, plant and equipment to fair value giving consideration to their highest and best use. Key assumptions used in the valuation of the Company's property, plant and equipment were based on a combination of the cost or market approach, depending on whether market data was available.

*Current maturities of long-term debt and Long-term debt, net of current maturities* An adjustment of \$79,658 (\$4,329 to Current maturities of long-term debt and \$75,329 to Long-term debt, net of current maturities) was recorded to adjust the book value of debt to fair value. This adjustment included a decrease of \$84,001 which was based on quoted market prices of certain debt instruments as of the Effective Date, offset by an increase of \$4,343 related to debt instruments not traded which was calculated giving consideration to the terms of the underlying agreements, using a risk adjusted interest rate of 12%.

*Employee benefit obligations, net of current portion* An adjustment of \$18,712 was recorded to measure the employee benefit obligations as of the Effective Date. This adjustment primarily reflects the difference between the expected return on plan assets as compared to the fair value of the plan assets as of the Effective Date and the change in the duration weighted discount rate associated with the payment of the benefit obligations from the prior measurement date and the Effective Date. The weighted average discount rate change from 6.75% at September 30, 2008 to 5.75% at August 30, 2009.

(n) Reflects the tax effects of the fresh-start adjustments at statutory tax rates applicable to such adjustments, net of adjustments to the valuation allowance.

(o) Adjustment eliminated the balance of goodwill and other unamortized intangible assets of the Predecessor Company and records Successor Company intangible assets, including reorganization value in excess of amounts allocated to identified tangible and intangible assets, also referred to as Successor Company goodwill. (See Note 6, Goodwill and Intangible Assets, for additional information regarding the Company s

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goodwill and other intangible assets). The Successor Company's August 30, 2009 statement of financial position reflects the allocation of the business enterprise value to assets and liabilities immediately following emergence as follows:

Business enterprise value	\$ 2,275,000
Add: Fair value of non-interest bearing liabilities (non-debt liabilities)	744,071
Less: Fair value of tangible assets, excluding cash	(1,031,511)
Less: Fair value of identified intangible assets	(1,459,500)
Reorganization value of assets in excess of amounts allocated to identified tangible and intangible assets (Successor Company goodwill)	\$ 528,060

The following represent the methodologies and significant assumptions used in determining the fair value of intangible assets, other than goodwill.

Certain indefinite-lived intangible assets which include trade names, trademarks and technology, were valued using a relief from royalty methodology. Customer relationships were valued using a multi-period excess earnings method. Certain intangible assets are subject to sensitive business factors of which only a portion are within control of the Company's management. A summary of the key inputs used in the valuation of these assets are as follows:

The Company valued customer relationships using the income approach, specifically the multi-period excess earnings method. In determining the fair value of the customer relationship, the multi-period excess earnings approach values the intangible asset at the present value of the incremental after-tax cash flows attributable only to the customer relationship after deducting contributory asset charges. The incremental after-tax cash flows attributable to the subject intangible asset are then discounted to their present value. Only expected sales from current customers were used which included an expected growth rate of 3%. The Company assumed a customer retention rate of 95% which was supported by historical retention rates. Income taxes were estimated at a rate of 35% and amounts were discounted using rates between 12%-14%. The customer relationships were valued at \$708,000 under this approach.

The Company valued trade names and trademarks using the income approach, specifically the relief from royalty method. Under this method, the asset values were determined by estimating the hypothetical royalties that would have to be paid if the trade name was not owned. Royalty rates were selected based on consideration of several factors, including consumer product industry practices, the existence of licensing agreements (licensing in and licensing out), and importance of the trademark and trade name and profit levels, among other considerations. Royalty rates used in the determination of the fair values of trade names and trademarks ranged from 1% to 5% of expected net sales related to the respective trade names and trademarks. The Company anticipates using the majority of the trade names and trademarks for an indefinite period. In estimating the fair value of the trademarks and trade names, net sales were estimated to grow at a rate of (7)%-10% annually with a terminal year growth rate of 2%-6%. Income taxes were estimated at a rate of 35% and amounts were discounted using rates between 12%-14%. Trade name and trademarks were valued at \$688,000 under this approach.

The Company valued technology using the income approach, specifically the relief from royalty method. Under this method, the asset value was determined by estimating the hypothetical royalties that would have to be paid if the technology was not owned. Royalty rates were selected based on consideration of several factors including industry practices, the existence of licensing agreements (licensing in and licensing out), and importance of the technology and profit levels, among other considerations. Royalty rates used in the determination of the fair values of technologies ranged from

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7%-8% of expected net sales related to the respective technology. The Company anticipates using these technologies through the legal life of the underlying patent and therefore the expected life of these technologies was equal to the remaining legal life of the underlying patents ranging from 8 to 17 years. In estimating the fair value of the technologies, net sales were estimated to grow at a rate of 0%-14% annually. Income taxes were estimated at 35% and amounts were discounted using rates between 12%-13%. The technology assets were valued at \$63,500 under this approach.

(p) The fresh-start adjustment of \$17,957 eliminates the debt issuance costs related to assumed debt, that is, the (senior secured term credit facility).

(q) The Predecessor Company's accumulated deficit and accumulated other comprehensive income is eliminated in conjunction with the adoption of fresh-start reporting. The Predecessor Company recognized a gain of \$1,087,566 related to the fresh-start reporting adjustments as follows:

	<b>Gain on Fresh-Start Reporting Adjustments</b>
Establishment of Successor Company's goodwill	\$ 528,060
Elimination of Predecessor Company's goodwill	(238,905)
Establishment of Successor Company's other intangible assets	1,459,500
Elimination of Predecessor Company's other intangible assets	(677,050)
Debt fair value adjustments	79,658
Elimination of debt issuance costs	(17,957)
Property, plant and equipment fair value adjustment	34,699
Deferred tax adjustment	(104,881)
Inventory fair value adjustment	48,762
Employee benefit obligations fair value adjustment	(18,712)
Other fair value adjustments	(5,608)
	<b>\$ 1,087,566</b>

**(3) Significant Accounting Policies and Practices*****(a) Principles of Consolidation and Fiscal Year End***

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries and are prepared in accordance with GAAP. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated. The Company's fiscal year ends September 30. References herein to Fiscal 2010, 2009 and 2008 refer to the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

***(b) Revenue Recognition***

The Company recognizes revenue from product sales generally upon delivery to the customer or the shipping point in situations where the customer picks up the product or where delivery terms so stipulate. This represents the point at which title and all risks and rewards of ownership of the product are passed, provided that: there are no uncertainties regarding customer acceptance; there is persuasive evidence that an arrangement exists; the price to the buyer is fixed or determinable; and collectibility is deemed reasonably assured. The Company is not obligated to allow for, and the Company's general policy is not to accept, product returns associated with battery sales. The Company does accept returns in specific instances related to its shaving, grooming, personal care, home and garden, small appliances and pet products. The provision for customer

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returns is based on historical sales and returns and other relevant information. The Company estimates and accrues the cost of returns, which are treated as a reduction of Net sales.

The Company enters into various promotional arrangements, primarily with retail customers, including arrangements entitling such retailers to cash rebates from the Company based on the level of their purchases, which require the Company to estimate and accrue the estimated costs of the promotional programs. These costs are treated as a reduction of Net sales.

The Company also enters into promotional arrangements that target the ultimate consumer. Such arrangements are treated as either a reduction of Net sales or an increase of Cost of goods sold, based on the type of promotional program. The income statement presentation of the Company's promotional arrangements complies with ASC Topic 605: *Revenue Recognition*. For all types of promotional arrangements and programs, the Company monitors its commitments and uses various measures, including past experience, to determine amounts to be recorded for the estimate of the earned, but unpaid, promotional costs. The terms of the Company's customer-related promotional arrangements and programs are tailored to each customer and are documented through written contracts, correspondence or other communications with the individual customers.

The Company also enters into various arrangements, primarily with retail customers, which require the Company to make upfront cash, or slotting payments, to secure the right to distribute through such customers. The Company capitalizes slotting payments; provided the payments are supported by a time or volume based arrangement with the retailer, and amortizes the associated payment over the appropriate time or volume based term of the arrangement. The amortization of slotting payments is treated as a reduction in Net sales and a corresponding asset is reported in Deferred charges and other in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

***(c) Use of Estimates***

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

***(d) Cash Equivalents***

For purposes of the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

***(e) Concentrations of Credit Risk, Major Customers and Employees***

Trade receivables subject the Company to credit risk. Trade accounts receivable are carried at net realizable value. The Company extends credit to its customers based upon an evaluation of the customer's financial condition and credit history, but generally does not require collateral. The Company monitors its customers' credit and financial condition based on changing economic conditions and will make adjustments to credit policies as required. Provision for losses on uncollectible trade receivables are determined principally on the basis of past collection experience applied to ongoing evaluations of the Company's receivables and evaluations of the risks of nonpayment for a given customer.

The Company has a broad range of customers including many large retail outlet chains, one of which accounts for a significant percentage of its sales volume. This major customer represented approximately 22% and 23% of the Successor Company's Net sales during Fiscal 2010 and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009, respectively, and approximately 23% and 20% of Net sales during the

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Predecessor Company's period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively. This major customer also represented approximately 15% and 14% of the Successor Company's Trade account receivables, net as of September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, respectively.

Approximately 44% and 48% of the Successor Company's Net sales during Fiscal 2010 and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009, respectively, occurred outside of the United States and approximately 42% and 48% of the Predecessor Company's Net sales during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively, occurred outside of the United States. These sales and related receivables are subject to varying degrees of credit, currency, and political and economic risk. The Company monitors these risks and makes appropriate provisions for collectibility based on an assessment of the risks present.

***(f) Displays and Fixtures***

Temporary displays are generally disposable cardboard displays shipped to customers to facilitate display of the Company's products. Temporary displays are generally disposed of after a single use by the customer.

Permanent fixtures are permanent in nature, generally made from wire or other permanent racking, which are shipped to customers for display of the Company's products. These permanent fixtures are restocked with the Company's product multiple times over the fixture's useful life.

The costs of both temporary and permanent displays are capitalized as a prepaid asset and are included in Prepaid expenses and other in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Financial Position. The costs of temporary displays are expensed in the period in which they are shipped to customers and the costs of permanent fixtures are amortized over an estimated useful life of one to two years once they are shipped to customers and are reflected in Deferred charges and other in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

***(g) Inventories***

The Company's inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market. Cost of inventories is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

***(h) Property, Plant and Equipment***

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost or at fair value if acquired in a purchase business combination. Depreciation on plant and equipment is calculated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciable lives by major classification are as follows:

Building and improvements	20-40 years
Machinery, equipment and other	2-15 years

Plant and equipment held under capital leases are amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term or estimated useful life of the asset.

The Company reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. The Company evaluates recoverability of assets to be held and used by comparing the carrying amount of an asset to future net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.

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Intangible assets are recorded at cost or at fair value if acquired in a purchase business combination. In connection with fresh-start reporting, Intangible Assets were recorded at their estimated fair value on August 30, 2009. Customer lists, proprietary technology and certain trade name intangibles are amortized, using the straight-line method, over their estimated useful lives of approximately 4 to 20 years. Excess of cost over fair value of net assets acquired (goodwill) and indefinite-lived intangible assets (certain trade name intangibles) are not amortized. Goodwill is tested for impairment at least annually, at the reporting unit level with such groupings being consistent with the Company's reportable segments. If impairment is indicated, a write-down to fair value (normally measured by discounting estimated future cash flows) is recorded. Indefinite-lived trade name intangibles are tested for impairment at least annually by comparing the fair value, determined using a relief from royalty methodology, with the carrying value. Any excess of carrying value over fair value is recognized as an impairment loss in income from operations. ASC Topic 350: *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other*, (ASC 350) requires that goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets be tested for impairment annually, or more often if an event or circumstance indicates that an impairment loss may have been incurred. During Fiscal 2010, the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, the Company's goodwill and trade name intangibles were tested for impairment as of the Company's August financial period end, the annual testing date for the Company, as well as certain interim periods where an event or circumstance occurred that indicated an impairment loss may have been incurred.

**Intangibles with Indefinite Lives**

In accordance with ASC 350, the Company conducts impairment testing on the Company's goodwill. To determine fair value during Fiscal 2010, the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008 the Company used the discounted estimated future cash flows methodology, third party valuations and negotiated sales prices. Assumptions critical to the Company's fair value estimates under the discounted estimated future cash flows methodology are: (i) the present value factors used in determining the fair value of the reporting units and trade names; (ii) projected average revenue growth rates used in the reporting unit; and (iii) projected long-term growth rates used in the derivation of terminal year values. These and other assumptions are impacted by economic conditions and expectations of management and will change in the future based on period specific facts and circumstances. The Company also tested fair value for reasonableness by comparison to the total market capitalization of the Company, which includes both its equity and debt securities. In addition, in accordance with ASC 350, as part of the Company's annual impairment testing, the Company tested its indefinite-lived trade name intangible assets for impairment by comparing the carrying amount of such trade names to their respective fair values. Fair value was determined using a relief from royalty methodology. Assumptions critical to the Company's fair value estimates under the relief from royalty methodology were: (i) royalty rates; and (ii) projected average revenue growth rates.

In connection with the Company's annual goodwill impairment testing performed during Fiscal 2010 the first step of such testing indicated that the fair value of the Company's reporting segments were in excess of their carrying amounts and, accordingly, no further testing of goodwill was required.

In connection with the Predecessor Company's annual goodwill impairment testing performed during Fiscal 2009, which was completed on the Predecessor Company before applying fresh-start reporting, the first step of such testing indicated that the fair value of the Predecessor Company's reporting segments were in excess of their carrying amounts and, accordingly, no further testing of goodwill was required.

In connection with its annual goodwill impairment testing in Fiscal 2008 the Predecessor Company first compared the fair value of its reporting units with their carrying amounts, including goodwill. This first step indicated that the fair value of the Predecessor Company's Global Pet Supplies and Home and Garden Business was less than the Predecessor Company's carrying amount of those reporting units and, accordingly,

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further testing of goodwill was required to determine the impairment charge required by ASC 350. Accordingly, the Predecessor Company then compared the carrying amount of the Global Pet Supplies and the Home and Garden Business goodwill to the respective implied fair value of their goodwill. The carrying amounts of the Global Pet Supplies and the Home and Garden Business goodwill exceeded their implied fair values and, therefore, during Fiscal 2008 the Predecessor Company recorded a non-cash pretax impairment charge equal to the excess of the carrying amount of the respective reporting unit's goodwill over the implied fair value of such goodwill of which \$270,811 related to Global Pet Supplies and \$49,801 related to the Home and Garden Business.

Furthermore, during Fiscal 2010 the Company, in connection with its annual impairment testing, concluded that the fair value of its intangible assets exceeded its carrying value. During the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, in connection with its annual impairment testing, the Company concluded that the fair values of certain trade name intangible assets were less than the carrying amounts of those assets. As a result, during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008 the Company recorded non-cash pretax impairment charges of approximately \$34,391 and \$224,100, respectively, equal to the excess of the carrying amounts of the intangible assets over the fair value of such assets.

In accordance with ASC 360, *Property, Plant and Equipment* (ASC 360) and ASC 350, in addition to its annual impairment testing the Company conducts goodwill and trade name intangible asset impairment testing if an event or circumstance (triggering event) occurs that indicates an impairment loss may have been incurred. The Company's management uses its judgment in assessing whether assets may have become impaired between annual impairment tests. Indicators such as unexpected adverse business conditions, economic factors, unanticipated technological change or competitive activities, loss of key personnel, and acts by governments and courts may signal that an asset has become impaired. Several triggering events occurred during Fiscal 2008 which required the Company to test its indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment between annual impairment test dates. On May 20, 2008, the Predecessor Company entered into a definitive agreement for the sale of Global Pet Supplies, which was subsequently terminated. The Company's intent to dispose of Global Pet Supplies constituted a triggering event for impairment testing. The Company estimated the fair value of Global Pet Supplies, and the resultant estimated impairment charge of goodwill, based on the negotiated sales price of Global Pet Supplies, which management deemed the best indication of fair value at that time. Accordingly, the Company recorded a non-cash pretax charge of \$154,916 to reduce the carrying value of goodwill related to Global Pet Supplies to reflect the estimated fair value of the business during the third quarter of Fiscal 2008. Goodwill and trade name intangible assets of the Home and Garden Business were tested during the third quarter of Fiscal 2008, as a result of lower forecasted profits from this business. This decrease in profitability was primarily due to significant cost increases in certain raw materials used in the production of many of the lawn fertilizer and growing media products manufactured by the Company at that time as well as more conservative growth rates to reflect the current and expected future economic conditions for this business. The Company first compared the fair value of this reporting unit with its carrying amounts, including goodwill. This first step indicated that the fair value of the Home and Garden Business was less than the Company's carrying amount of this reporting unit and, accordingly, further testing of goodwill was required to determine the impairment charge. Accordingly, the Company then compared the carrying amount of the Home and Garden Business goodwill against the implied fair value of such goodwill. The carrying amount of the Home and Garden Business goodwill exceeded its implied fair value and, therefore, during Fiscal 2008 the Company recorded a non-cash pretax impairment charge equal to the excess of the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill over the implied fair value of such goodwill of approximately \$110,213. In addition, during the third quarter of Fiscal 2008, the Company concluded that the implied fair values of certain trade name intangible assets related to the Home and Garden Business were less than the

carrying amounts of those assets and, accordingly, during Fiscal 2008 recorded a non-cash pretax

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impairment charge of \$22,000. Goodwill and trade name intangibles of the Home and Garden Business were tested during the first quarter of Fiscal 2008 in conjunction with the Company's reclassification of that business from an asset held for sale to an asset held and used. The Company first compared the fair value of this reporting unit with its carrying amounts, including goodwill. This first step indicated that the fair value of the Home and Garden Business was in excess of its carrying amounts and, accordingly, no further testing of goodwill was required. In addition, during the first quarter of Fiscal 2008, the Company concluded that the implied fair values of certain trade name intangible assets related to the Home and Garden Business were less than the carrying amounts of those assets and, accordingly, during Fiscal 2008 recorded a non-cash pretax impairment charge of \$12,400.

The above impairments of goodwill and trade name intangible assets was primarily attributed to lower current and forecasted profits, reflecting more conservative growth rates versus those assumed by the Company at the time of acquisition, as well as due to a sustained decline in the total market capitalization of the Company.

During the third quarter of Fiscal 2008, the Company developed and initiated a plan to phase down, and ultimately curtail, manufacturing operations at its Ningbo, China battery manufacturing facility. The Company completed the shutdown of Ningbo during the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2008. In connection with the Company's strategy to exit operations in Ningbo, China, the Predecessor Company recorded a non-cash pretax charge of \$16,193 to reduce the carrying value of goodwill related to the Ningbo, China battery manufacturing facility.

The recognition of the \$34,391 and \$861,234 non-cash impairment of goodwill and trade name intangible assets during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively, has been recorded as a separate component of Operating expenses and has had a material negative effect on the Predecessor Company's financial condition and results of operations during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008. These impairments will not result in future cash expenditures.

**Intangibles with Definite or Estimable Useful Lives**

The triggering events discussed above under ASC 350 also indicated a triggering event in accordance with ASC 360. Management conducted an analysis in accordance with ASC 360 of intangibles with definite or estimable useful lives in conjunction with the ASC 350 testing of intangibles with indefinite lives.

The Company assesses the recoverability of intangible assets with definite or estimable useful lives in accordance with ASC 360 by determining whether the carrying value can be recovered through projected undiscounted future cash flows. If projected undiscounted future cash flows indicate that the unamortized carrying value of intangible assets with finite useful lives will not be recovered, an adjustment would be made to reduce the carrying value to an amount equal to projected future cash flows discounted at the Company's incremental borrowing rate. The cash flow projections used are based on trends of historical performance and management's estimate of future performance, giving consideration to existing and anticipated competitive and economic conditions.

Impairment reviews are conducted at the judgment of management when it believes that a change in circumstances in the business or external factors warrants a review. Circumstances such as the discontinuation of a product or product line, a sudden or consistent decline in the sales forecast for a product, changes in technology or in the way an asset is being used, a history of operating or cash flow losses, or an adverse change in legal factors or in the business climate, among others, may trigger an impairment review. The Company's initial impairment review to determine if an

impairment test is required is based on an undiscounted cash flow analysis for asset groups at the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows exist. The analysis requires management judgment with respect to changes in technology, the continued success of product lines and future volume, revenue and expense growth rates, and discount rates.

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In accordance with ASC 360, long-lived assets to be disposed of are recorded at the lower of their carrying value or fair value less costs to sell. During Fiscal 2008, the Predecessor Company recorded a non-cash pretax charge of \$5,700 in discontinued operations to reduce the carrying value of intangible assets related to the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business in order to reflect the estimated fair value of this business. (See also Note 9, Discontinued Operations, for additional information regarding this impairment charge).

***(j) Debt Issuance Costs***

Debt issuance costs are capitalized and amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method over the lives of the related debt agreements.

***(k) Accounts Payable***

Included in accounts payable are bank overdrafts, net of deposits on hand, on disbursement accounts that are replenished when checks are presented for payment.

***(l) Income Taxes***

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

***(m) Foreign Currency Translation***

Assets and liabilities of the Company's foreign subsidiaries are translated at the rate of exchange existing at year-end, with revenues, expenses, and cash flows translated at the average of the monthly exchange rates. Adjustments resulting from translation of the financial statements are recorded as a component of Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (AOCI). Also included in AOCI are the effects of exchange rate changes on intercompany balances of a long-term nature.

As of September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, foreign currency translation adjustment balances of \$18,492 and \$5,896, respectively, were reflected in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Financial Position in AOCI.

Successor Company exchange losses (gains) on foreign currency transactions aggregating \$13,336 and \$(726) for Fiscal 2010 and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009, respectively, are included in Other expense (income), net, in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations. Predecessor Company exchange losses (gains) on foreign currency transactions aggregating \$4,440 and \$3,466 for the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively, are included in Other expense (income), net, in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations.

***(n) Shipping and Handling Costs***

The Successor Company incurred shipping and handling costs of \$161,148 and \$12,866 during Fiscal 2010 and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009, respectively. The Predecessor Company incurred shipping and handling costs of \$135,511 and \$183,676 during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively. Shipping and handling costs, which are included

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in Selling expenses in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations, include costs incurred with third-party carriers to transport products to customers and salaries and overhead costs related to activities to prepare the Company's products for shipment at the Company's distribution facilities.

**(o) Advertising Costs**

The Successor Company incurred advertising costs of \$37,520 and \$3,166 during Fiscal 2010 and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009, respectively. The Predecessor Company incurred expenses for advertising of \$25,813 and \$46,417 during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively. Such advertising costs are included in Selling expenses in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations.

**(p) Research and Development Costs**

Research and development costs are charged to expense in the period they are incurred.

**(q) Net (Loss) Income Per Common Share**

Basic net (loss) income per common share is computed by dividing net (loss) income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Basic net (loss) income per common share does not consider common stock equivalents. Diluted net (loss) income per common share reflects the dilution that would occur if employee stock options and restricted stock awards were exercised or converted into common shares or resulted in the issuance of common shares that then shared in the net (loss) income of the entity. The computation of diluted net (loss) income per common share uses the if converted and treasury stock methods to reflect dilution. The difference between the basic and diluted number of shares is due to the effects of restricted stock and assumed conversion of employee stock options awards.

As discussed in Note 2, Voluntary Reorganization under Chapter 11, the Predecessor Company common stock was cancelled as a result of the Company's emergence from Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on the Effective Date. The Successor Company common stock began trading on September 2, 2009. As such, the earnings per share information for the Predecessor Company is not meaningful to shareholders of the Successor Company's common shares, or to potential investors in such common shares.

Net (loss) income per common share is calculated based upon the following shares:

	<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>	
	<b>September 30, 2010</b>	<b>September 30, 2009</b>	<b>August 30, 2009</b>	<b>September 30, 2008</b>
Basic	36,000	30,000	51,306	50,921
Effect of restricted stock and assumed conversion of stock options				

Diluted	36,000	30,000	51,306	50,921
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The Successor Company for Fiscal 2010 and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009, and the Predecessor Company for the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008 has not assumed the exercise of common stock equivalents as the impact would be antidilutive.

On June 16, 2010, the Company issued 20,433 shares of its common stock in conjunction with the Merger. Additionally, all shares of its wholly owned subsidiary Spectrum Brands, were converted to shares of SB Holdings on June 16, 2010. (See also, Note 15, Acquisition, for a more complete discussion of the Merger.)

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Derivative financial instruments are used by the Company principally in the management of its interest rate, foreign currency and raw material price exposures. The Company does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. When hedge accounting is elected at inception, the Company formally designates the financial instrument as a hedge of a specific underlying exposure if such criteria are met, and documents both the risk management objectives and strategies for undertaking the hedge. The Company formally assesses, both at the inception and at least quarterly thereafter, whether the financial instruments that are used in hedging transactions are effective at offsetting changes in the forecasted cash flows of the related underlying exposure. Because of the high degree of effectiveness between the hedging instrument and the underlying exposure being hedged, fluctuations in the value of the derivative instruments are generally offset by changes in the forecasted cash flows of the underlying exposures being hedged. Any ineffective portion of a financial instrument's change in fair value is immediately recognized in earnings. For derivatives that are not designated as cash flow hedges, or do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment, the change in the fair value is also immediately recognized in earnings.

Effective December 29, 2008, the Company adopted ASC Topic 815: *Derivatives and Hedging*, (ASC 815). ASC 815 amends the disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities. Under the revised guidance entities are required to provide enhanced disclosures for derivative and hedging activities.

The fair value of outstanding derivative contracts recorded as assets in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Financial Position were as follows:

<b>Asset Derivatives</b>		<b>September 30, 2010</b>	<b>September 30, 2009</b>
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815:			
Commodity contracts	Receivables    Other	\$     2,371	\$     2,861
Commodity contracts			
	Deferred charges and other	1,543	554
Foreign exchange contracts	Receivables    Other	20	295
Foreign exchange contracts	Deferred charges and other	55	
Total asset derivatives designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815		\$     3,989	\$     3,710
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815:			
Foreign exchange contracts	Receivables    Other		75
Total asset derivatives		\$     3,989	\$     3,785





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The fair value of outstanding derivative contracts recorded as liabilities in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Financial Position were as follows:

<b>Liability Derivatives</b>		<b>September 30, 2010</b>	<b>September 30, 2009</b>
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815:			
Interest rate contracts	Accounts payable	\$ 3,734	
Interest rate contracts	Accrued interest	861	
Interest rate contracts	Other long term liabilities	2,032	
Foreign exchange contracts	Accounts payable	6,544	1,036
Foreign exchange contracts	Other long term liabilities	1,057	
Total liability derivatives designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815		\$ 14,228	\$ 1,036
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815:			
Foreign exchange contracts	Accounts payable	9,698	131
Foreign exchange contracts	Other long term liabilities	20,887	
Total liability derivatives		\$ 44,813	\$ 1,167

**Cash Flow Hedges**

For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges, the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative is reported as a component of AOCI and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings. Gains and losses on the derivative representing either hedge ineffectiveness or hedge components excluded from the assessment of effectiveness are recognized in current earnings.

The following table summarizes the impact of derivative instruments on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations for Fiscal 2010 (Successor Company):

<b>Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in</b>	<b>Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in</b>
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	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in AOCI on Derivatives (Effective Portion)	Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income (Effective Portion)	Amount of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income (Effective Portion)	Income on Derivative (Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)	Income on Derivative (Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)
Commodity contracts	\$ 3,646	Cost of goods sold	\$ 719	Cost of goods sold	\$ (
Interest rate contracts	(13,059)	Interest expense	(4,439)	Interest expense	(6,11
Foreign exchange contracts	(752)	Net Sales	(812)	Net sales	
Foreign exchange contracts	(4,560)	Cost of goods sold	2,481	Cost of goods sold	
	\$ (14,725)		\$ (2,051)		\$ (6,11

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(A) Includes \$(4,305) reclassified from AOCI associated with the refinancing of the senior credit facility. (See also Note 7, Debt, for a more complete discussion of the Company's refinancing of its senior credit facility.)

The following table summarizes the impact of derivative instruments on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations for the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009 (Successor Company):

	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in AOCI on	Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from	Amount of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into	Portion and Amount Excluded from	Portion and Amount Excluded from
	Derivatives (Effective Portion)	AOCI into Income (Effective Portion)	Income (Effective Portion)	Effectiveness Testing)	Effectiveness Testing)
<b>Derivatives in ASC 815 Cash Flow Hedging Relationships</b>					
Commodity contracts	\$ 530	Cost of goods sold	\$	Cost of goods sold	\$
Foreign exchange contracts	(127)	Net Sales		Net sales	
Foreign exchange contracts	(418)	Cost of goods sold		Cost of goods sold	
Total	\$ (15)		\$		\$

The following table summarizes the impact of derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations for the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 (Predecessor Company):

	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in AOCI on	Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from	Amount of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income (Effective Portion)	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative (Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)	
<b>in ASC 815 Cash Flow Hedging Relationships</b>					
contracts	\$ (4,512)	Cost of goods sold	\$ (11,288)	Cost of goods sold	\$
contracts	(8,130)	Interest expense	(2,096)	Interest expense	
change contracts	1,357	Net Sales	544	Net sales	
change contracts	9,251	Cost of goods sold	9,719	Cost of goods sold	
contracts	(1,313)	Discontinued operations	(2,116)	Discontinued operations	
	\$ (3,347)		\$ (5,237)		\$

(A) Included in this amount is \$(6,191), reflected in the Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments Under ASC 815 table below, as a result of the de-designation of a cash flow hedge as described below.

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The following table summarizes the impact of derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations for Fiscal 2008 (Predecessor Company):

	<b>Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in AOCI on Derivatives (Effective Portion)</b>	<b>Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income (Effective Portion)</b>	<b>Amount of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income (Effective Portion)</b>	<b>Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative (Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)</b>
Commodity contracts	\$ (15,949)	Cost of goods sold	\$ (10,521)	Cost of goods sold
Interest rate contracts	(5,304)	Interest expense	772	Interest expense
Foreign exchange contracts	752	Net Sales	(1,729)	Net sales
Foreign exchange contracts	2,627	Cost of goods sold	(9,293)	Cost of goods sold
Commodity contracts	4,669	Discontinued operations	8,925	Discontinued operations
	<b>\$ (13,205)</b>		<b>\$ (11,846)</b>	

***Derivative Contracts***

For derivative instruments that are used to economically hedge the fair value of the Company's third party and intercompany payments and interest rate payments, the gain (loss) is recognized in earnings in the period of change associated with the derivative contract.

During Fiscal 2010 the Successor Company recognized the following respective gains (losses) on derivative contracts:

	<b>Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives</b>	<b>Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives</b>
Commodity contracts	\$ 153	Cost of goods sold
Foreign exchange contracts	(42,039)	Other (income) expense, net
Total	\$ (41,886)	

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During the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009 (Successor Company) and the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 (Predecessor Company), the Company recognized the following respective gains (losses) on derivative contracts:

	<b>Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives</b>		<b>Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives</b>
	<b>Successor Company Period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Predecessor Company Period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009</b>	
<b>Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments Under ASC 815</b>			
Interest rate contracts(A)	\$	\$ (6,191)	Interest expense
Foreign exchange contracts	(1,469)	3,075	Other (income) expense, net
Total	\$ (1,469)	\$ (3,116)	

(A) Amount represents portion of certain future payments related to interest rate contracts that were de-designated as cash flow hedges during the pendency of the Bankruptcy Cases.

During Fiscal 2008 the Predecessor Company recognized the following respective gains (losses) on derivative contracts:

	<b>Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives</b>	<b>Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives</b>
Foreign exchange contracts	(9,361)	Other (income) expense, net
Total	\$ (9,361)	

***Credit Risk***

The Company is exposed to the default risk of the counterparties with which the Company transacts. The Company monitors counterparty credit risk on an individual basis by periodically assessing each such counterparty's credit rating exposure. The maximum loss due to credit risk equals the fair value of the gross asset derivatives which are primarily concentrated with a foreign financial institution counterparty. The Company considers these exposures when measuring its credit reserve on its derivative assets, which was \$75 and \$32, respectively, at September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009. Additionally, the Company does not require collateral or other security to support financial instruments subject to credit risk.

The Company's standard contracts do not contain credit risk related contingencies whereby the Company would be required to post additional cash collateral as a result of a credit event. However, as a result of the Company's current credit profile, the Company is typically required to post collateral in the normal course of business to offset its liability positions. At September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, the Company had posted cash collateral of \$2,363 and \$1,943, respectively, related to such liability positions. In addition, at September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, the Successor Company had posted standby letters of credit of \$4,000 and \$0, respectively, related to such liability positions. The cash collateral is included in Receivables - Other within the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.



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The Company uses interest rate swaps to manage its interest rate risk. The swaps are designated as cash flow hedges with the changes in fair value recorded in AOCI and as a derivative hedge asset or liability, as applicable. The swaps settle periodically in arrears with the related amounts for the current settlement period payable to, or receivable from, the counter-parties included in accrued liabilities or receivables, respectively, and recognized in earnings as an adjustment to interest expense from the underlying debt to which the swap is designated. At September 30, 2010, the Company had a portfolio of U.S. dollar-denominated interest rate swaps outstanding which effectively fixes the interest on floating rate debt, exclusive of lender spreads as follows: 2.25% for a notional principal amount of \$300,000 through December 2011 and 2.29% for a notional principal amount of \$300,000 through January 2012 (the U.S. dollar swaps ). During Fiscal 2010, in connection with the refinancing of its senior credit facilities, the Company terminated a portfolio of Euro-denominated interest rate swaps at a cash loss of \$3,499 which was recognized as an adjustment to interest expense. The derivative net (loss) on the U.S. dollar swaps contracts recorded in AOCI by the Company at September 30, 2010 was \$(2,675), net of tax benefit of \$1,640.

The derivative net gain (loss) on these contracts recorded in AOCI by the Company at September 30, 2009 was \$0. The derivative net (loss) on these contracts recorded in AOCI by the Predecessor Company at September 30, 2008 was \$(3,604), net of tax benefit of \$2,209. At September 30, 2010, the portion of derivative net (losses) estimated to be reclassified from AOCI into earnings by the Successor Company over the next 12 months is \$(1,416), net of tax.

In connection with the Company's merger with Russell Hobbs and the refinancing of the Company's existing senior credit facilities associated with the closing of the Merger, the Company assessed the prospective effectiveness of its interest rate cash flow hedges during fiscal 2010. As a result, during fiscal 2010, the Company ceased hedge accounting and recorded a loss of (\$1,451) as an adjustment to interest expense for the change in fair value of its U.S. dollar swaps from the date of de-designation until the U.S. dollar swaps were re-designated. The Company also evaluated whether the amounts recorded in AOCI associated with the forecasted U.S. dollar swap transactions were probable of not occurring and determined that occurrence of the transactions was still reasonably possible. Upon the refinancing of the existing senior credit facility associated with the closing of the Merger, the Company re-designated the U.S. dollar swaps as cash flow hedges of certain scheduled interest rate payments on the new \$750,000 U.S. Dollar Term Loan expiring June 16, 2016. At September 30, 2010, the Company believes that all forecasted interest rate swap transactions designated as cash flow hedges are probable of occurring.

The Company's interest rate swap derivative financial instruments at September 30, 2010, September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2008 are summarized as follows:

		<b>2010</b>		<b>2009</b>		<b>2008</b>
	<b>Notional Amount</b>	<b>Remaining Term</b>		<b>Notional Amount</b>	<b>Notional Amount</b>	<b>Remaining Term</b>
Interest rate swaps-fixed	\$ 300,000	1.28 years	\$	\$ 267,029		0.07 years
Interest rate swaps-fixed	\$ 300,000	1.36 years	\$	\$ 170,000		0.11 years

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Interest rate swaps-fixed	\$	\$	\$ 225,000	1.52 years
Interest rate swaps-fixed	\$	\$	\$ 80,000	1.62 years

The Company periodically enters into forward foreign exchange contracts to hedge the risk from forecasted foreign denominated third party and intercompany sales or payments. These obligations generally require the Company to exchange foreign currencies for U.S. Dollars, Euros, Pounds Sterling, Australian Dollars, Brazilian Reals, Canadian Dollars or Japanese Yen. These foreign exchange contracts are cash flow

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hedges of fluctuating foreign exchange related to sales or product or raw material purchases. Until the sale or purchase is recognized, the fair value of the related hedge is recorded in AOCI and as a derivative hedge asset or liability, as applicable. At the time the sale or purchase is recognized, the fair value of the related hedge is reclassified as an adjustment to Net sales or purchase price variance in Cost of goods sold.

At September 30, 2010 the Successor Company had a series of foreign exchange derivative contracts outstanding through June 2012 with a contract value of \$299,993. At September 30, 2009 the Successor Company had a series of foreign exchange derivative contracts outstanding through September 2010 with a contract value of \$92,963. At September 30, 2008 the Predecessor Company had a series of such derivative contracts outstanding through September 2010 with a contract value of \$144,776. The derivative net (loss) on these contracts recorded in AOCI by the Successor Company at September 30, 2010 was \$(5,322), net of tax benefit of \$2,204. The derivative net (loss) on these contracts recorded in AOCI by the Successor Company at September 30, 2009 was \$(378), net of tax benefit of \$167. The derivative net gain on these contracts recorded in AOCI by the Predecessor Company at September 30, 2008 was \$3,591, net of tax expense of \$1,482. At September 30, 2010, the portion of derivative net (losses) estimated to be reclassified from AOCI into earnings by the Company over the next 12 months is \$(4,596), net of tax.

The Company is exposed to risk from fluctuating prices for raw materials, specifically zinc used in its manufacturing processes. The Company hedges a portion of the risk associated with these materials through the use of commodity swaps. The hedge contracts are designated as cash flow hedges with the fair value changes recorded in AOCI and as a hedge asset or liability, as applicable. The unrecognized changes in fair value of the hedge contracts are reclassified from AOCI into earnings when the hedged purchase of raw materials also affects earnings. The swaps effectively fix the floating price on a specified quantity of raw materials through a specified date. At September 30, 2010 the Successor Company had a series of such swap contracts outstanding through September 2012 for 15 tons with a contract value of \$28,897. At September 30, 2009 the Successor Company had a series of such swap contracts outstanding through September 2011 for 8 tons with a contract value of \$11,830. At September 30, 2008, the Predecessor Company had a series of such swap contracts outstanding through September 2010 for 13 tons with a contract value of \$31,030. The derivative net gain on these contracts recorded in AOCI by the Successor Company at September 30, 2010 was \$2,256, net of tax expense of \$1,201. The derivative net gain on these contracts recorded in AOCI by the Successor Company at September 30, 2009 was \$347, net of tax expense of \$183. The derivative net (loss) on these contracts recorded in AOCI by the Successor Company at September 30, 2008 was \$(5,396), net of tax benefit of \$2,911. At September 30, 2010, the portion of derivative net gains estimated to be reclassified from AOCI into earnings by the Company over the next 12 months is \$1,251, net of tax.

The Company was also exposed to fluctuating prices of raw materials, specifically urea and di-ammonium phosphates ( DAP ), used in its manufacturing processes in the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business. During the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 (Predecessor Company) \$(2,116) of pretax derivative gains (losses) were recorded as an adjustment to Loss from Discontinued operations, net of tax, for swap or option contracts settled at maturity. During Fiscal 2008, \$8,925 of pretax derivative gains were recorded as an adjustment to Loss from discontinued operations, by the Predecessor Company for swap or option contracts settled at maturity. The hedges are generally highly effective; however, during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, \$(12,803) and \$(177), respectively, of pretax derivative gains (losses), were recorded as an adjustment to Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax, by the Predecessor Company. The amount recorded during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009, was due to the shutdown of the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business and a determination that the forecasted transactions were probable

of not occurring. The Successor Company had no such swap contracts outstanding as of September 30, 2009 and no related gain (loss) recorded in AOCI.

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The Company periodically enters into forward and swap foreign exchange contracts to economically hedge the risk from third party and intercompany payments resulting from existing obligations. These obligations generally require the Company to exchange foreign currencies for U.S. Dollars, Euros or Australian Dollars. These foreign exchange contracts are economic hedges of a related liability or asset recorded in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Financial Position. The gain or loss on the derivative hedge contracts is recorded in earnings as an offset to the change in value of the related liability or asset at each period end. At September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 the Company had \$333,562 and \$37,478, respectively, of such foreign exchange derivative notional value contracts outstanding.

During the Predecessor Company's eleven month period ended August 30, 2009, as a result of the Bankruptcy Cases, the Company determined that previously designated cash flow hedge relationships associated with interest rate swaps became ineffective as of the Company's Petition Date. Further, the Company's senior secured term credit agreement was amended in connection with the implementation of the Plan, and accordingly the underlying transactions did not occur as originally forecasted. As a result, the Predecessor Company reclassified approximately \$(6,191), pretax, of (losses) from AOCI as an adjustment to Interest expense during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009. As a result, the portion of derivative net losses to be reclassified from AOCI into earnings over the next 12 months was \$0. The Predecessor Company's related derivative contracts were terminated during the pendency of the Bankruptcy Cases and settled at a loss on the Effective Date.

*(s) Fair Value of Financial Instruments*

ASC Topic 820: *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, (ASC 820), establishes a new framework for measuring fair value and expands related disclosures. Broadly, the ASC 820 framework requires fair value to be determined based on the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. ASC 820 establishes market or observable inputs as the preferred source of values, followed by assumptions based on hypothetical transactions in the absence of market inputs. The Company utilizes valuation techniques that attempt to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The determination of the fair values considers various factors, including closing exchange or over-the-counter market pricing quotations, time value and credit quality factors underlying options and contracts. The fair value of certain derivative financial instruments is estimated using pricing models based on contracts with similar terms and risks. Modeling techniques assume market correlation and volatility, such as using prices of one delivery point to calculate the price of the contract's different delivery point. The nominal value of interest rate transactions is discounted using applicable forward interest rate curves. In addition, by applying a credit reserve which is calculated based on credit default swaps or published default probabilities for the actual and potential asset value, the fair value of the Company's derivative financial instruments assets reflects the risk that the counterparties to these contracts may default on the obligations. Likewise, by assessing the requirements of a reserve for non-performance which is calculated based on the probability of default by the Company, the Company adjusts its derivative contract liabilities to reflect the price at which a potential market participant would be willing to assume the Company's liabilities. The Company has not changed its valuation techniques in measuring the fair value of any financial assets and liabilities during the year.

The valuation techniques required by ASC 820 are based upon observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect

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market assumptions made by the Company. These two types of inputs create the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.

Level 2 Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable.

Level 3 Significant inputs to the valuation model are unobservable.

The Company maintains policies and procedures to value instruments using the best and most relevant data available. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls must be determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the asset or liability. In addition, the Company has risk management teams that review valuation, including independent price validation for certain instruments. Further, in other instances, the Company retains independent pricing vendors to assist in valuing certain instruments.

The Company's derivatives are valued on a recurring basis using internal models, which are based on market observable inputs including interest rate curves and both forward and spot prices for currencies and commodities.

The Company's net derivative portfolio as of September 30, 2010, contains Level 2 instruments and represents commodity, interest rate and foreign exchange contracts.

	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Assets:				
Commodity contracts	\$	\$ 3,914	\$	\$ 3,914
Total Assets	\$	\$ 3,914	\$	\$ 3,914
Liabilities:				
Interest rate contracts	\$	\$ (6,627)	\$	\$ (6,627)
Foreign exchange contracts, net		(38,111)	\$	(38,111)
Total Liabilities	\$	\$ (44,738)	\$	\$ (44,738)

The Company's net derivative portfolio as of September 30, 2009, contains Level 2 instruments and represents commodity and foreign exchange contracts.

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	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Assets:</b>				
Commodity contracts	\$	\$ 3,415	\$	\$ 3,415
Total Assets	\$	\$ 3,415	\$	\$ 3,415
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Foreign exchange contracts, net	\$	\$ (797)	\$	\$ (797)
Total Liabilities	\$	\$ (797)	\$	\$ (797)

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The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts and notes receivable, accounts payable and short-term debt approximate fair value. The fair values of long-term debt and derivative financial instruments are generally based on quoted or observed market prices.

Goodwill, intangible assets and other long-lived assets are also tested annually or if a triggering event occurs that indicates an impairment loss may have been incurred using fair value measurements with unobservable inputs (Level 3). The Company did not record any impairment charges related to goodwill, intangible assets or other long-lived assets during Fiscal 2010. (See also Note 3(i), Significant Accounting Policies – Intangible Assets, for further details on impairment testing.)

The carrying amounts and fair values of the Company's financial instruments are summarized as follows ((liability)/asset):

	September 30, 2010		September 30, 2009	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Total debt	\$ (1,743,767)	\$ (1,868,754)	\$ (1,583,535)	\$ (1,592,987)
Interest rate swap agreements	(6,627)	(6,627)		
Commodity swap and option agreements	3,914	3,914	3,415	3,415
Foreign exchange forward agreements	(38,111)	(38,111)	(797)	(797)

**(t) Environmental Expenditures**

Environmental expenditures that relate to current ongoing operations or to conditions caused by past operations are expensed or capitalized as appropriate. The Company determines its liability on a site-by-site basis and records a liability at the time when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and such liability can be reasonably estimated. The estimated liability is not reduced for possible recoveries from insurance carriers. Estimated environmental remediation expenditures are included in the determination of the net realizable value recorded for assets held for sale.

**(u) Reclassifications**

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on previously reported results of operations or accumulated deficit.

**(v) Comprehensive Income**

Comprehensive income includes foreign currency translation of assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries, effects of exchange rate changes on intercompany balances of a long-term nature and transactions designated as a hedge of net foreign investments, derivative financial instruments designated as cash flow hedges and additional minimum pension liabilities associated with the Company's pension. Except for the currency translation impact of the Company's

intercompany debt of a long-term nature, the Company does not provide income taxes on currency translation adjustments, as earnings from international subsidiaries are considered to be permanently reinvested.

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Amounts recorded in AOCI on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity (Deficit) and Comprehensive Income (Loss) for Fiscal 2010, Fiscal 2009 and Fiscal 2008 are net of the following tax (benefit) expense amounts:

	<b>Pension Adjustment</b>	<b>Cash Flow Hedges</b>	<b>Translation Adjustment</b>	<b>Total</b>
2010 (Successor Company)	\$ (6,141)	\$ (2,659)	\$ (1,566)	\$ (10,366)
2009 (Successor Company)	\$ 247	\$ 16	\$ 319	\$ 582
2009 (Predecessor Company)	\$ (497)	\$ 5,286	\$ (40)	\$ 4,749
2008 (Predecessor Company)	\$ (1,139)	\$ (4,765)	\$ (318)	\$ (6,222)

**(w) Stock Compensation**

In 1996, the Predecessor Company's board of directors (the Predecessor Board) approved the Rayovac Corporation 1996 Stock Option Plan (the 1996 Plan). Under the 1996 Plan, stock options to acquire up to 2,318 shares of common stock, in the aggregate, could be granted to select employees and non-employee directors of the Predecessor Company under either or both a time-vesting or a performance-vesting formula at an exercise price equal to the market price of the common stock on the date of grant. The 1996 Plan expired on September 12, 2006.

In 1997, the Predecessor Board adopted the 1997 Rayovac Incentive Plan (the 1997 Plan). Under the 1997 Plan, the Predecessor Company could grant to employees and non-employee directors stock options, stock appreciation rights (SARs), restricted stock, and other stock-based awards, as well as cash-based annual and long-term incentive awards. Accelerated vesting will occur in the event of a change in control, as defined in the 1997 Plan. Up to 5,000 shares of common stock could have been issued under the 1997 Plan. The 1997 Plan expired in August 31, 2007.

In 2004, the Predecessor Board adopted the 2004 Rayovac Incentive Plan (the 2004 Plan). The 2004 Plan supplements the 1997 Plan. Under the 2004 Plan, the Predecessor Company could grant to employees and non-employee directors stock options, SARs, restricted stock, and other stock-based awards, as well as cash-based annual and long-term incentive awards. Accelerated vesting would occur in the event of a change in control, as defined in the 2004 Plan. Up to 3,500 shares of common stock, net of forfeitures and cancellations, could have been issued under the 2004 Plan. The 2004 Plan would have expired on July 31, 2014.

On the Effective Date all of the existing common stock of the Predecessor Company was extinguished and deemed cancelled. The Successor Company had no stock options, SARs, restricted stock or other stock-based awards outstanding as of September 30, 2009.

In September 2009, the Successor Company's board of directors (the Board) adopted the 2009 Spectrum Brands Inc. Incentive Plan (the 2009 Plan). In conjunction with the Merger the 2009 Plan was assumed by SB Holdings. As of September 30, 2010, up to 3,333 shares of common stock, net of forfeitures and cancellations, could have been issued under the 2009 Plan. After October 21, 2010, no further awards may be made under the 2009 Plan, provided that a majority of the holders of the common stock of the Company eligible to vote thereon approve the Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. 2011 Omnibus Equity Award Plan (the 2011 Plan) prior to October 21, 2011.

In conjunction with the Merger, the Company adopted the Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. 2007 Omnibus Equity Award Plan (formerly known as the Russell Hobbs Inc. 2007 Omnibus Equity Award Plan, as amended on June 24, 2008) (the 2007 RH Plan ). As of September 30, 2010, up to 600 shares of common stock, net of forfeitures and cancellations, could have been issued under the RH Plan. After October 21, 2010, no further awards may be made under the 2007 RH Plan, provided that a majority of the holders of the common stock of the Company eligible to vote thereon approve the 2011 Plan prior to October 21, 2011.

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On October 21, 2010, the Company's Board of Directors adopted the 2011 Plan, subject to shareholder approval prior to October 21, 2011 and the Company intends to submit the 2011 Plan for shareholder approval in connection with its next Annual Meeting. Upon such shareholder approval, no further awards will be granted under the 2009 Plan and the 2007 RH Plan. 4,626 shares of common stock of the Company, net of cancellations, may be issued under the 2011 Plan. While the Company has begun granting awards under the 2011 Plan, the 2011 Plan (and awards granted thereunder) are subject to the approval by a majority of the holders of the common stock of the Company eligible to vote thereon prior to October 21, 2011.

Under ASC Topic 718: Compensation-Stock Compensation, (ASC 718), the Company is required to recognize expense related to the fair value of its employee stock awards.

Total stock compensation expense associated with restricted stock awards recognized by the Successor Company during Fiscal 2010 was \$16,676 or \$10,839, net of taxes. The amounts before tax are included in General and administrative expenses and Restructuring and related charges in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations, of which \$2,141 or \$1,392 net of taxes, was included in Restructuring and related charges primarily related to the accelerated vesting of certain awards related to terminated employees. The Successor Company recorded no stock compensation expense during the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009.

Total stock compensation expense associated with both stock options and restricted stock awards recognized by the Predecessor Company during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008 was \$2,636 and \$5,098 or \$1,642 and \$3,141, net of taxes, respectively. The amounts before tax are included in General and administrative expenses and Restructuring and related charges in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations, of which \$0 and \$433 or \$0 and \$267, net of taxes, was included in Restructuring and related charges during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively, primarily related to the accelerated vesting of certain awards related to terminated employees.

The Successor Company granted approximately 939 shares of restricted stock during Fiscal 2010. Of these grants, 271 restricted stock units were granted in conjunction with the Merger and are time-based and vest over a one year period. The remaining 668 shares are restricted stock grants that are time based and vest as follows: (i) 18 shares vest over a one year period; (ii) 611 shares vest over a two year period; and (iii) 39 shares vest over a three year period. The total market value of the restricted shares on the date of the grant was approximately \$23,299.

The Predecessor Company granted approximately 229 shares of restricted stock during Fiscal 2009. Of these grants, 42 were time-based and would vest on a pro rata basis over a three year period and 187 shares were purely performance-based and would vest only upon achievement of certain performance goals. All vesting dates were subject to the recipient's continued employment with the Company, except as otherwise permitted by the Predecessor Board or if the employee was terminated without cause. The total market value of the restricted shares on the date of grant was approximately \$150. Upon the Effective Date, by operation of the Plan, the restricted stock granted by the Predecessor Company was extinguished and deemed cancelled.

The Predecessor Company granted approximately 408 shares of restricted stock during Fiscal 2008. Of these grants, 158 shares were time-based and would vest on a pro rata basis over a three year period and 250 were purely performance-based and would vest only upon achievement of certain performance goals. All vesting dates were subject to the recipient's continued employment with the Company, except as otherwise permitted by the Predecessor

Board or if the employee was terminated without cause. The total market value of the restricted shares on the date of grant was approximately \$2,165. Upon the Effective Date, by operation of the Plan, the restricted stock granted by the Predecessor Company was extinguished and deemed cancelled.

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The fair value of restricted stock is determined based on the market price of the Company's shares on the grant date. A summary of the status of the Successor Company's non-vested restricted stock as of September 30, 2010 is as follows:

<b>Restricted Stock</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Restricted stock at September 30, 2009		\$	\$
Granted	939	24.82	23,299
Vested	(244)	23.59	(5,763)
Restricted stock at September 30, 2010	695	\$ 25.23	\$ 17,536

***(x) Restructuring and Related Charges***

Restructuring charges are recognized and measured according to the provisions of ASC Topic 420: *Exit or Disposal Cost Obligations*, ( ASC 420 ). Under ASC 420, restructuring charges include, but are not limited to, termination and related costs consisting primarily of one-time termination benefits such as severance costs and retention bonuses, and contract termination costs consisting primarily of lease termination costs. Related charges, as defined by the Company, include, but are not limited to, other costs directly associated with exit and integration activities, including impairment of property and other assets, departmental costs of full-time incremental integration employees, and any other items related to the exit or integration activities. Costs for such activities are estimated by management after evaluating detailed analyses of the cost to be incurred. The Company presents restructuring and related charges on a combined basis. (See also Note 14, Restructuring and Related Charges, for a more complete discussion of restructuring initiatives and related costs).

***(y) Acquisition and Integration Related Charges***

Acquisition and integration related charges reflected in Operating expenses include, but are not limited to transaction costs such as banking, legal and accounting professional fees directly related to the acquisition, termination and related costs for transitional and certain other employees, integration related professional fees and other post business combination related expenses associated with the Merger of Russell Hobbs.

The following table summarizes acquisition and integration related charges incurred by the Company during Fiscal 2010:

	<b>2010</b>
Legal and professional fees	\$ 24,962
Employee termination charges	9,713

Integration costs	3,777
Total Acquisition and integration related charges	\$ 38,452

*(z) Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncements*

*Business Combinations*

In December 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the FASB ) issued new accounting guidance on business combinations and noncontrolling interests in consolidated financial statements. The objective is to improve the relevance, representational faithfulness and comparability of the information that a

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reporting entity provides in its financial reports about a business combination and its effects. The guidance applies to all transactions or other events in which an entity (the acquirer) obtains control of one or more businesses (the acquiree), including those sometimes referred to as true mergers or mergers of equals and combinations achieved without the transfer of consideration. The guidance, among other things, requires companies to provide disclosures relating to the gross amount of goodwill and accumulated goodwill impairment losses. In April 2009, the FASB issued additional guidance which addresses application issues arising from contingencies in a business combination. The Company adopted the new guidance beginning October 1, 2009. The Company merged with Russell Hobbs during Fiscal 2010. (See Note 15, Acquisition, for information relating to the Merger with Russell Hobbs.)

**Employers Disclosures about Postretirement Benefit Plan Assets**

In December 2008, the FASB issued new accounting guidance on employers' disclosures about assets of a defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan. It requires employers to disclose information about fair value measurements of plan assets. The objectives of the disclosures are to provide an understanding of: (a) how investment allocation decisions are made, including the factors that are pertinent to an understanding of investment policies and strategies; (b) the major categories of plan assets; (c) the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of plan assets; (d) the effect of fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs on changes in plan assets for the period; and (e) significant concentrations of risk within plan assets. The Company adopted this new guidance at September 30, 2010, the fair value measurement date of its defined benefit pension and retiree medical plans. (See Note 10, Employee Benefit Plans, for the applicable disclosures.)

**Revenue Recognition Multiple-Element Arrangements**

In October 2009, the FASB issued new accounting guidance addressing the accounting for multiple-deliverable arrangements to enable entities to account for products or services (deliverables) separately rather than as a combined unit. The provisions establish the accounting and reporting guidance for arrangements under which the entity will perform multiple revenue-generating activities. Specifically, this guidance addresses how to separate deliverables and how to measure and allocate arrangement consideration to one or more units of accounting. The provisions are effective for the Company's financial statements for the fiscal year that began October 1, 2010. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact that the guidance may have on its financial statements and related disclosures.

***aa) Subsequent Events***

ASC 855, Subsequent Events, (ASC 855). ASC 855 establishes general standards of accounting and disclosures of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. The adoption of ASC 855 requires the Company to evaluate all subsequent events that occur after the balance sheet date through the date and time the Company's financial statements are issued. The Company has evaluated subsequent events through December 14, 2010, which is the date these financial statements were issued.

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Inventories consist of the following:

	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Raw materials	\$ 62,857	\$ 64,314
Work-in-process	28,239	27,364
Finished goods	439,246	249,827
	\$ 530,342	\$ 341,505

**(5) Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment consist of the following:

	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Land, buildings and improvements	\$ 79,935	\$ 75,997
Machinery, equipment and other	157,172	135,639
Construction in progress	24,037	6,231
	261,144	217,867
Less accumulated depreciation	59,980	5,506
	\$ 201,164	\$ 212,361

**(6) Goodwill and Intangible Assets**

Intangible assets consist of the following:

	<b>Global Batteries &amp; Personal Care</b>	<b>Home and Garden Business</b>	<b>Global Pet Supplies</b>	<b>Small Appliances</b>	<b>Total</b>
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**Goodwill:**

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Balance at September 30, 2008 (Predecessor Company)	\$	117,649	\$		\$	117,819	\$		\$	235,468
Additions		2,762								2,762
Effect of translation		369				306				675
Balance at August 30, 2009 (Predecessor Company)	\$	120,780	\$		\$	118,125	\$		\$	238,905
Fresh-start adjustments		60,029		187,887		41,239				289,155
Balance at August 30, 2009 (Successor Company)	\$	180,809	\$	187,887	\$	159,364	\$		\$	528,060
Adjustments for release of valuation allowance		(30,363)		(17,080)						(47,443)
Effect of translation		1,847				884				2,731
Balance at September 30, 2009 (Successor Company)	\$	152,293	\$	170,807	\$	160,248	\$		\$	483,348
Additions due to Russell Hobbs Merger								120,079		120,079
Effect of translation		(2,715)				(2,892)		2,235		(3,372)
Balance at September 30, 2010 (Successor Company)	\$	149,578	\$	170,807	\$	157,356	\$	122,314	\$	600,055

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	<b>Global Batteries &amp; Personal Care</b>	<b>Home and Garden Business</b>	<b>Global Pet Supplies</b>	<b>Small Appliances</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Intangible Assets:</b>					
<b>Trade names Not Subject to Amortization</b>					
Balance at September 30, 2008 (Predecessor Company)	\$ 286,260	\$ 57,000	\$ 218,345	\$	\$ 561,605
Reclassification(A)		(12,000)			(12,000)
Impairment charge	(15,391)	(500)	(18,500)		(34,391)
Effect of translation	(240)		(214)		(454)
Balance at August 30, 2009 (Predecessor Company)	\$ 270,629	\$ 44,500	\$ 199,631	\$	\$ 514,760
Fresh-start adjustments	130,371	31,500	10,869		172,740
Balance at August 30, 2009 (Successor Company)	\$ 401,000	\$ 76,000	\$ 210,500	\$	\$ 687,500
Effect of translation	983		1,753		2,736
Balance at September 30, 2009 (Successor Company)	\$ 401,983	\$ 76,000	\$ 212,253	\$	\$ 690,236
Additions due to Russell Hobbs Merger				170,930	170,930
Effect of translation	(3,878)		(6,920)	7,110	(3,688)
Balance at September 30, 2010 (Successor Company)	\$ 398,105	\$ 76,000	\$ 205,333	\$ 178,040	\$ 857,478
<b>Intangible Assets Subject to Amortization</b>					
Balance at September 30, 2008, net (Predecessor Company)	\$ 11,829	\$ 58,357	\$ 111,018	\$	\$ 181,204
Additions(A)	500	12,000	32		12,532
Disposals(B)		(11,595)			(11,595)
Amortization during period	(975)	(6,297)	(11,827)		(19,099)
Effect of translation	(129)		(623)		(752)
Balance at August 30, 2009, net (Predecessor Company)	\$ 11,225	\$ 52,465	\$ 98,600	\$	\$ 162,290
Fresh-start adjustments	342,775	120,535	146,400		609,710

Balance at August 30, 2009, net (Successor Company)	\$	354,000	\$	173,000	\$	245,000	\$	772,000
Amortization during period		(1,528)		(729)		(1,256)		(3,513)
Effect of translation		1,961				1,261		3,222
Balance at September 30, 2009, net (Successor Company)	\$	354,433	\$	172,271	\$	245,005	\$	771,709
Additions due to Russell Hobbs Merger						192,397		192,397
Amortization during period		(17,755)		(8,750)		(14,861)		(45,920)
Effect of translation		(3,562)				(3,876)		(6,304)
Balance at September 30, 2010, net (Successor Company)	\$	333,116	\$	163,521	\$	226,268	\$	188,977
							\$	911,882
Total Intangible Assets, net at September 30, 2010 (Successor Company)	\$	731,221	\$	239,521	\$	431,601	\$	367,017
							\$	1,769,360

- (A) During the first quarter of Fiscal 2009, the Company reclassified \$12,000 of trade names intangible assets not subject to amortization related to the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business to intangible assets subject to amortization as such trade names had been assigned a useful life through the term of the shutdown period. The Company completed the shutdown of the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business during the second quarter of Fiscal 2009. (See Note 9, Discontinued Operations, for further details on the shutdown of the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business).

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(B) During the second quarter of Fiscal 2009, the Company reclassified the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business to discontinued operations as the Company completed the shutdown of the business during that period. The Company disposed of all intangible assets related to the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business. (See Note 9, Discontinued Operations, for further details on the shutdown of the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business).

Intangible assets subject to amortization include proprietary technology, customer relationships and certain trade names. The carrying value of technology assets was \$60,792, net of accumulated amortization of \$6,305 at September 30, 2010 and \$62,985, net of accumulated amortization of \$515 at September 30, 2009. The Company trade names subject to amortization relate to the valuation under fresh-start reporting and the Merger with Russell Hobbs. The carrying value of these trade names was \$145,939, net of accumulated amortization of \$3,750 at September 30, 2010 and \$490, net of accumulated amortization of \$10 at September 30, 2009. Remaining intangible assets subject to amortization include customer relationship intangibles. The carrying value of customer relationships was \$705,151, net of accumulated amortization of \$35,865 at September 30, 2010 and \$708,234, net of accumulated amortization of \$2,988 at September 30, 2009. The useful life of the Company's intangible assets subject to amortization are 8 years for technology assets related to the Global Pet Supplies segment, 9 to 11 years for technology assets related to the Small Appliances segment, 17 years for technology assets associated with the Global Batteries & Personal Care segment, 20 years for customer relationships of Global Batteries & Personal Care, Home and Garden and Global Pet Supplies, 15 years for Small Appliances customer relationships, 12 years for a trade name within the Small Appliances segment and 4 years for a trade name within the Home and Garden segment.

ASC 350 requires companies to test goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment annually, or more often if an event or circumstance indicates that an impairment loss may have been incurred. During Fiscal 2010, the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008 the Company conducted impairment testing of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets. As a result of this testing the Company recorded non-cash pretax impairment charges of approximately \$34,391 and \$861,234 in the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively. The \$34,391 recorded during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 related to impaired trade name intangible assets. Of the Fiscal 2008 impairment, approximately \$601,934 of the charge related to impaired goodwill and \$259,300 related to impaired trade name intangible assets. (See also Note 3(i), Significant Accounting Policies - Intangible Assets, for further details on the impairment charges).

The Company has designated the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business and the Canadian division of the Home and Garden Business as discontinued operations. In accordance with ASC 360, long-lived assets to be disposed are recorded at the lower of their carrying value or fair value less costs to sell. During Fiscal 2008, the Company recorded a non-cash pretax charge of \$5,700 in discontinued operations to reduce the carrying value of intangible assets related to the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business in order to reflect the estimated fair value of this business. (See also Note 9, Discontinued Operations, for additional information relating to this impairment charge).

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The amortization expense related to intangibles subject to amortization for the Successor Company for Fiscal 2010 and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009, and the Predecessor Company for the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008 is as follows:

	Successor Company		Predecessor Company	
	2010	Period from August 31, 2009 Through September 30, 2009	Period from October 1, 2008 Through August 30, 2009	2008(A)
Proprietary technology amortization	\$ 6,305	\$ 515	\$ 3,448	\$ 3,934
Customer list amortization	35,865	2,988	14,920	23,327
Trade names amortization	3,750	10	731	426
	\$ 45,920	\$ 3,513	\$ 19,099	\$ 27,687

(A) Fiscal 2008 includes amortization expense related to the year ended September 30, 2007 ( Fiscal 2007 ), as a result of the reclassification of the Home and Garden Business as a continuing operation during Fiscal 2008. (See also Note 11, Segment Results, for further details on amortization expense related to the Home and Garden Business).

The Company estimates annual amortization expense for the next five fiscal years will approximate \$55,630 per year.

**(7) Debt**

Debt consists of the following:

	September 30, 2010		September 30, 2009	
	Amount	Rate	Amount	Rate
Term Loan, U.S. Dollar, expiring June 16, 2016	\$ 750,000	8.1%	\$	
9.5% Senior Secured Notes, due June 15, 2018	750,000	9.5%		
Term Loan B, U.S. Dollar			973,125	8.1%
Term Loan, Euro			371,874	8.6%
12% Notes, due August 28, 2019	245,031	12.0%	218,076	12.0%
ABL Revolving Credit Facility, expiring June 16, 2014		4.1%		
Old ABL revolving credit facility			33,225	6.6%
Supplemental Loan			45,000	17.7%

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Other notes and obligations	13,605	10.8%	5,919	6.2%
Capitalized lease obligations	11,755	5.2%	12,924	4.9%
	1,770,391		1,660,143	
Original issuance discounts on debt	(26,624)			
Fair value adjustment as a result of fresh-start reporting valuation			(76,608)	
Less current maturities	20,710		53,578	
Long-term debt	\$ 1,723,057		\$ 1,529,957	

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The Successor Company's aggregate scheduled maturities of debt as of September 30, 2010 are as follows:

2011	\$ 20,710
2012	35,254
2013	39,902
2014	39,907
2015	39,970
Thereafter	1,594,648
	<b>\$ 1,770,391</b>

The Company's aggregate capitalized lease obligations included in the amounts above are payable in installments of \$990 in 2011, \$745 in 2012, \$725 in 2013, \$740 in 2014, \$803 in 2015 and \$7,752 thereafter.

In connection with the combination of Spectrum Brands and Russell Hobbs, Spectrum Brands (i) entered into a new senior secured term loan pursuant to a new senior credit agreement (the Senior Credit Agreement) consisting of a \$750,000 U.S. Dollar Term Loan due June 16, 2016 (the Term Loan), (ii) issued \$750,000 in aggregate principal amount of 9.5% Senior Secured Notes maturing June 15, 2018 (the 9.5% Notes) and (iii) entered into a \$300,000 U.S. Dollar asset based revolving loan facility due June 16, 2014 (the ABL Revolving Credit Facility) and together with the Senior Credit Agreement, the Senior Credit Facilities and the Senior Credit Facilities together with the 9.5% Notes, the Senior Secured Facilities). The proceeds from the Senior Secured Facilities were used to repay Spectrum Brands' then-existing senior term credit facility (the Prior Term Facility) and Spectrum Brands' then-existing asset based revolving loan facility, to pay fees and expenses in connection with the refinancing and for general corporate purposes.

The 9.5% Notes and 12% Notes were issued by Spectrum Brands. SB/RH Holdings, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SB Holdings, and the wholly owned domestic subsidiaries of Spectrum Brands are the guarantors under the 9.5% Notes. The wholly owned domestic subsidiaries of Spectrum Brands are the guarantors under the 12% Notes. SB Holdings is not an issuer or guarantor of the 9.5% Notes or the 12% Notes. SB Holdings is also not a borrower or guarantor under the Company's Term Loan or the ABL Revolving Credit Facility. Spectrum Brands is the borrower under the Term Loan and its wholly owned domestic subsidiaries along with SB/RH Holdings, LLC are the guarantors under that facility. Spectrum Brands and its wholly owned domestic subsidiaries are the borrowers under the ABL Revolving Credit Facility and SB/RH Holdings, LLC is a guarantor of that facility.

**Senior Term Credit Facility**

The Term Loan has a maturity date of June 16, 2016. Subject to certain mandatory prepayment events, the Term Loan is subject to repayment according to a scheduled amortization, with the final payment of all amounts outstanding, plus accrued and unpaid interest, due at maturity. Among other things, the Term Loan provides for a minimum Eurodollar interest rate floor of 1.5% and interest spreads over market rates of 6.5%.

The Senior Credit Agreement contains financial covenants with respect to debt, including, but not limited to, a maximum leverage ratio and a minimum interest coverage ratio, which covenants, pursuant to their terms, become more restrictive over time. In addition, the Senior Credit Agreement contains customary restrictive covenants, including, but not limited to, restrictions on the Company's ability to incur additional indebtedness, create liens, make investments or specified payments, give guarantees, pay dividends, make capital expenditures and merge or acquire or sell assets. Pursuant to a guarantee and collateral agreement, the Company and its domestic subsidiaries have guaranteed their respective obligations under the Senior Credit Agreement and related loan documents and have pledged substantially all of their respective assets to secure such obligations.

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The Senior Credit Agreement also provides for customary events of default, including payment defaults and cross-defaults on other material indebtedness.

The Term Loan was issued at a 2.00% discount and was recorded net of the \$15,000 amount incurred. The discount will be amortized as an adjustment to the carrying value of principal with a corresponding charge to interest expense over the remaining life of the Senior Credit Agreement. During Fiscal 2010, the Company recorded \$25,968 of fees in connection with the Senior Credit Agreement. The fees are classified as Debt issuance costs within the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as of September 30, 2010 and will be amortized as an adjustment to interest expense over the remaining life of the Senior Credit Agreement.

At September 30, 2010, the aggregate amount outstanding under the Term Loan totaled \$750,000.

At September 30, 2009, the aggregate amount outstanding under the Prior Term Facility totaled a U.S. Dollar equivalent of \$1,391,459, consisting of principal amounts of \$973,125 under the U.S. Dollar Term B Loan, 254,970 under the Euro Facility (USD \$371,874 at September 30, 2009) as well as letters of credit outstanding under the L/C Facility totaling \$46,460.

***9.5% Notes***

At September 30, 2010, the Company had outstanding principal of \$750,000 under the 9.5% Notes maturing June 15, 2018.

The Company may redeem all or a part of the 9.5% Notes, upon not less than 30 or more than 60 days notice at specified redemption prices. Further, the indenture governing the 9.5% Notes (the 2018 Indenture ) requires the Company to make an offer, in cash, to repurchase all or a portion of the applicable outstanding notes for a specified redemption price, including a redemption premium, upon the occurrence of a change of control of the Company, as defined in such indenture.

The 2018 Indenture contains customary covenants that limit, among other things, the incurrence of additional indebtedness, payment of dividends on or redemption or repurchase of equity interests, the making of certain investments, expansion into unrelated businesses, creation of liens on assets, merger or consolidation with another company, transfer or sale of all or substantially all assets, and transactions with affiliates.

In addition, the 2018 Indenture provides for customary events of default, including failure to make required payments, failure to comply with certain agreements or covenants, failure to make payments on or acceleration of certain other indebtedness, and certain events of bankruptcy and insolvency. Events of default under the 2018 Indenture arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency will automatically cause the acceleration of the amounts due under the 9.5% Notes. If any other event of default under the 2018 Indenture occurs and is continuing, the trustee for the 2018 Indenture or the registered holders of at least 25% in the then aggregate outstanding principal amount of the 9.5% Notes may declare the acceleration of the amounts due under those notes.

The 9.5% Notes were issued at a 1.37% discount and were recorded net of the \$10,245 amount incurred. The discount will be amortized as an adjustment to the carrying value of principal with a corresponding charge to interest expense over the remaining life of the 9.5% Notes. During Fiscal 2010, the Company recorded \$20,823 of fees in connection

with the issuance of the 9.5% Notes. The fees are classified as Debt issuance costs within the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as of September 30, 2010 and will be amortized as an adjustment to interest expense over the remaining life of the 9.5% Notes.

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*12% Notes*

On August 28, 2009, in connection with emergence from the voluntary reorganization under Chapter 11 and pursuant to the Plan, the Company issued \$218,076 in aggregate principal amount of 12% Notes maturing August 28, 2019. Semiannually, at its option, the Company may elect to pay interest on the 12% Notes in cash or as payment in kind, or PIK. PIK interest would be added to principal upon the relevant semi-annual interest payment date. Under the Prior Term Facility, the Company agreed to make interest payments on the 12% Notes through PIK for the first three semi-annual interest payment periods. As a result of the refinancing of the Prior Term Facility the Company is no longer required to make interest payments as payment in kind after the semi-annual interest payment date of August 28, 2010. Effective with the payment date of August 28, 2010 the Company gave notice to the trustee that the interest payment due February 28, 2011 would be made in cash. During Fiscal 2010, the Company reclassified \$26,955 of accrued interest from Other long term liabilities to principal in connection with the PIK provision of the 12% Notes.

The Company may redeem all or a part of the 12% Notes, upon not less than 30 or more than 60 days notice, beginning August 28, 2012 at specified redemption prices. Further, the indenture governing the 12% Notes require the Company to make an offer, in cash, to repurchase all or a portion of the applicable outstanding notes for a specified redemption price, including a redemption premium, upon the occurrence of a change of control of the Company, as defined in such indenture.

At September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, the Company had outstanding principal of \$245,031 and \$218,076, respectively, under the 12% Notes.

The indenture governing the 12% Notes (the 2019 Indenture), contains customary covenants that limit, among other things, the incurrence of additional indebtedness, payment of dividends on or redemption or repurchase of equity interests, the making of certain investments, expansion into unrelated businesses, creation of liens on assets, merger or consolidation with another company, transfer or sale of all or substantially all assets, and transactions with affiliates.

In addition, the 2019 Indenture provides for customary events of default, including failure to make required payments, failure to comply with certain agreements or covenants, failure to make payments on or acceleration of certain other indebtedness, and certain events of bankruptcy and insolvency. Events of default under the indenture arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency will automatically cause the acceleration of the amounts due under the 12% Notes. If any other event of default under the 2019 Indenture occurs and is continuing, the trustee for the indenture or the registered holders of at least 25% in the then aggregate outstanding principal amount of the 12% Notes may declare the acceleration of the amounts due under those notes.

The Company is subject to certain limitations as a result of the Company's Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio under the 2019 Indenture being below 2:1. Until the test is satisfied, Spectrum Brands and certain of its subsidiaries are limited in their ability to make significant acquisitions or incur significant additional senior credit facility debt beyond the Senior Credit Facilities. The Company does not expect its inability to satisfy the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test to impair its ability to provide adequate liquidity to meet the short-term and long-term liquidity requirements of its existing businesses, although no assurance can be given in this regard.

In connection with the Merger, the Company obtained the consent of the note holders to certain amendments to the 2019 Indenture (the Supplemental Indenture ). The Supplemental Indenture became effective upon the closing of the Merger. Among other things, the Supplemental Indenture amended the definition of change in control to exclude the Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd. ( Harbinger Master Fund ) and Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. ( Harbinger Special Fund ) and, together with Harbinger Master Fund, the HCP Funds ) and Global Opportunities Breakaway Ltd. (together

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with the HCP Funds, the Harbinger Parties ) and increased the Company's ability to incur indebtedness up to \$1,850,000.

During Fiscal 2010 the Company recorded \$2,966 of fees in connection with the consent. The fees are classified as Debt issuance costs within the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as of September 30, 2010 and will be amortized as an adjustment to interest expense over the remaining life of the 12% Notes effective with the closing of the Merger.

***ABL Revolving Credit Facility***

The ABL Revolving Credit Facility is governed by a credit agreement (the ABL Credit Agreement ) with Bank of America as administrative agent (the Agent ). The ABL Revolving Credit Facility consists of revolving loans (the Revolving Loans ), with a portion available for letters of credit and a portion available as swing line loans, in each case subject to the terms and limits described therein.

The Revolving Loans may be drawn, repaid and reborrowed without premium or penalty. The proceeds of borrowings under the ABL Revolving Credit Facility are to be used for costs, expenses and fees in connection with the ABL Revolving Credit Facility, for working capital requirements of the Company and its subsidiaries , restructuring costs, and other general corporate purposes.

The ABL Revolving Credit Facility carries an interest rate, at the Company's option, which is subject to change based on availability under the facility, of either: (a) the base rate plus currently 2.75% per annum or (b) the reserve-adjusted LIBOR rate (the Eurodollar Rate ) plus currently 3.75% per annum. No amortization will be required with respect to the ABL Revolving Credit Facility. The ABL Revolving Credit Facility will mature on June 16, 2014. Pursuant to the credit and security agreement, the obligations under the ABL credit agreement are secured by certain current assets of the guarantors, including, but not limited to, deposit accounts, trade receivables and inventory.

The ABL Credit Agreement contains various representations and warranties and covenants, including, without limitation, enhanced collateral reporting, and a maximum fixed charge coverage ratio. The ABL Credit Agreement also provides for customary events of default, including payment defaults and cross-defaults on other material indebtedness.

During Fiscal 2010 the Company recorded \$9,839 of fees in connection with the ABL Revolving Credit Facility. The fees are classified as Debt issuance costs within the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as of September 30, 2010 and will be amortized as an adjustment to interest expense over the remaining life of the ABL Revolving Credit Facility.

As a result of borrowings and payments under the ABL Revolving Credit Facility at September 30, 2010, the Company had aggregate borrowing availability of approximately \$225,255, net of lender reserves of \$28,972.

At September 30, 2010, the Company had outstanding letters of credit of \$36,969 under the ABL Revolving Credit Facility.

At September 30, 2009, the Company had an aggregate amount outstanding under its then-existing asset based revolving loan facility of \$84,225 which included a supplemental loan of \$45,000 and \$6,000 in outstanding letters of credit.

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Income tax (benefit) expense was calculated based upon the following components of (loss) income from continuing operations before income tax:

	<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Pretax (loss) income:				
United States	\$ (230,262)	\$ (28,043)	\$ 936,379	\$ (654,003)
Outside the United States	106,079	8,043	186,975	(260,815)
Total pretax (loss) income	\$ (124,183)	\$ (20,000)	\$ 1,123,354	\$ (914,818)

The components of income tax expense (benefit) are as follows:

	<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Current:				
Foreign	44,481	\$ 3,111	\$ 24,159	\$ 20,964
State	2,907	282	(364)	2,089
Total current	47,388	3,393	23,795	23,053
Deferred:				
Federal	22,119	49,790	(1,599)	27,109
Foreign	(6,514)	(1,266)	1,581	(63,064)
State	196	(724)	(1,166)	3,442
Total deferred	15,801	47,800	(1,184)	(32,513)

Income tax (benefit) expense	\$ 63,189	\$ 51,193	\$ 22,611	\$ (9,460)
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The following reconciles the Federal statutory income tax rate with the Company's effective tax rate:

	<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Statutory federal income tax rate	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
Permanent items	(2.1)	5.9	1.0	(0.7)
Foreign statutory rate vs. U.S. statutory rate	8.1	3.6	(0.8)	(1.8)
State income taxes, net of federal benefit	4.0	3.9	(0.6)	1.4
Net nondeductible (deductible) interest expense				0.2
ASC 350 Impairment				(11.2)
Fresh-start reporting valuation adjustment(A)			(33.9)	
Gain on settlement of liabilities subject to compromise			4.5	
Professional fees incurred in connection with Bankruptcy Filing			1.4	
Residual tax on foreign earnings	(7.5)	(284.7)		(0.5)
Valuation allowance(B)	(73.3)	(7.4)	(4.6)	(23.5)
Reorganization items	(6.1)			
Unrecognized tax benefits	(2.6)	(9.3)		(0.1)
Inflationary adjustments	(2.7)	(1.1)		
Deferred tax correction of immaterial prior period error	(4.8)			
Other	1.1	(1.9)		2.2
	(50.9)%	(256.0)%	2.0%	1.0%

(A) Includes the adjustment to the valuation allowance resulting from fresh-start reporting.

(B) Includes the adjustment to the valuation allowance resulting from the Plan.

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The tax effects of temporary differences, which give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities, are as follows:

	<b>Successor Company</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Current deferred tax assets:		
Employee benefits	\$ 21,770	\$ 20,908
Restructuring	6,486	11,396
Inventories and receivables	13,484	9,657
Marketing and promotional accruals	5,783	5,458
Other	22,712	13,107
Valuation allowance	(28,668)	(16,413)
Total current deferred tax assets	41,567	44,113
Current deferred tax liabilities:		
Inventory	(1,947)	(11,560)
Other	(3,885)	(4,416)
Total current deferred tax liabilities	(5,832)	(15,976)
Net current deferred tax assets	\$ 35,735	\$ 28,137
Noncurrent deferred tax assets:		
Employee benefits	\$ 17,599	\$ 3,564
Restructuring and purchase accounting	20,541	26,921
Marketing and promotional accruals	1,311	845
Net operating loss and credit carry forwards	513,779	291,642
Prepaid royalty	9,708	14,360
Property, plant and equipment	3,207	2,798
Unrealized losses	4,202	
Other	14,335	17,585
Valuation allowance	(302,268)	(116,275)
Total noncurrent deferred tax assets	282,414	241,440
Noncurrent deferred tax liabilities:		
Property, plant, and equipment	(13,862)	(19,552)
Unrealized gains		(15,275)
Intangibles	(544,478)	(430,815)
Other	(1,917)	(3,296)

Total noncurrent deferred tax liabilities	(560,257)	(468,938)
Net noncurrent deferred tax liabilities	\$ (277,843)	\$ (227,498)
Net current and noncurrent deferred tax liabilities	\$ (242,108)	\$ (199,361)

During Fiscal 2010, the Company recorded residual U.S. and foreign taxes on approximately \$26,600 of distributions of foreign earnings resulting in an increase in tax expense of approximately \$9,312. The distributions were primarily non-cash deemed distributions under U.S. tax law. During the period from

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August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009, the Successor Company recorded residual U.S. and foreign taxes on approximately \$165,937 of actual and deemed distributions of foreign earnings resulting in an increase in tax expense of approximately \$58,295. The Company made these distributions, which were primarily non-cash, to reduce the U.S. tax loss for Fiscal 2009 as a result of Section 382 considerations. Remaining undistributed earnings of the Company's foreign operations amounting to approximately \$302,447 and \$156,270 at September 30, 2010 and September 2009, respectively, are intended to remain permanently invested. Accordingly, no residual income taxes have been provided on those earnings at September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009. If at some future date, these earnings cease to be permanently invested the Company may be subject to U.S. income taxes and foreign withholding and other taxes on such amounts. If such earnings were not considered permanently reinvested, a deferred tax liability of approximately \$109,189 would be required.

The Company, as of September 30, 2010, has U.S. federal and state net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$1,087,489 and \$936,208, respectively. These net operating loss carryforwards expire through years ending in 2031. The Company has foreign loss carryforwards of approximately \$195,456 which will expire beginning in 2011. Certain of the foreign net operating losses have indefinite carryforward periods. The Company is subject to an annual limitation on the use of its net operating losses that arose prior to its emergence from bankruptcy. The Company has had multiple changes of ownership, as defined under IRC Section 382, that subject the Company's U.S. federal and state net operating losses and other tax attributes to certain limitations. The annual limitation is based on a number of factors including the value of the Company's stock (as defined for tax purposes) on the date of the ownership change, its net unrealized built in gain position on that date, the occurrence of realized built in gains in years subsequent to the ownership change, and the effects of subsequent ownership changes (as defined for tax purposes) if any. Based on these factors, the Company projects that \$296,160 of the total U.S. federal and \$462,837 of the state net operating loss carryforwards will expire unused. In addition, separate return year limitations apply to limit the Company's utilization of the acquired Russell Hobbs U.S. federal and state net operating losses to future income of the Russell Hobbs subgroup. The Company also projects that \$37,542 of the total foreign loss carryforwards will expire unused. The Company has provided a full valuation allowance against these deferred tax assets.

The Predecessor Company recognized income tax expense of approximately \$124,054 related to the gain on the settlement of liabilities subject to compromise and the modification of the senior secured credit facility in the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009. The Company, has, in accordance with the IRC Section 108 reduced its net operating loss carryforwards for cancellation of debt income that arose from its emergence from Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, under IRC Section 382(1)(6).

A valuation allowance is recorded when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of the deferred tax assets depends on the ability of the Company to generate sufficient taxable income of the appropriate character in the future and in the appropriate taxing jurisdictions. As of September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, the Company's valuation allowance, established for the tax benefit that may not be realized, totaled approximately \$330,936 and \$132,688, respectively. As of September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, approximately \$299,524 and \$108,493, respectively related to U.S. net deferred tax assets, and approximately \$31,412 and \$24,195, respectively, related to foreign net deferred tax assets. The increase in the allowance during Fiscal 2010 totaled approximately \$198,248, of which approximately \$191,031 related to an increase in the valuation allowance against U.S. net deferred tax assets, and approximately \$7,217 related to a decrease in the valuation allowance against foreign net deferred tax assets. In connection with the Merger, the Company established additional valuation allowance of approximately \$103,790 related to acquired net deferred tax

assets as part of purchase accounting. This amount is included in the \$198,248 above.

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The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits on the Successor Company's Consolidated Statements of Financial Position at September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 are \$12,808 and \$7,765, respectively, that if recognized will affect the effective tax rate. The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense. The Successor Company as of September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2010 had approximately \$3,021 and \$5,860, respectively, of accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The impact related to interest and penalties on the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 (Predecessor Company) and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009 (Successor Company) was not material. The impact related to interest and penalties on the Consolidated Statement of Operations for Fiscal 2010 was a net increase to income tax expense of \$1,527. In connection with the Merger, the Company recorded additional unrecognized tax benefits of approximately \$3,299 as part of purchase accounting.

As of September 30, 2010, certain of the Company's Canadian, German, and Hong Kong legal entities are undergoing tax audits. The Company cannot predict the ultimate outcome of the examinations; however, it is reasonably possible that during the next 12 months some portion of previously unrecognized tax benefits could be recognized.

The following table summarizes the changes to the amount of unrecognized tax benefits of the Predecessor Company for the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and the Successor Company for the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2010:

Unrecognized tax benefits at September 30, 2008 (Predecessor Company)	\$ 6,755
Gross increase tax positions in prior period	26
Gross decrease tax positions in prior period	(11)
Gross increase tax positions in current period	1,673
Lapse of statutes of limitations	(807)
Unrecognized tax benefits at August 30, 2009 (Predecessor Company)	\$ 7,636
Gross decrease tax positions in prior period	(15)
Gross increase tax positions in current period	174
Lapse of statutes of limitations	(30)
Unrecognized tax benefits at September 30, 2009 (Successor Company)	\$ 7,765
Russell Hobbs acquired unrecognized tax benefits	3,251
Gross decrease tax positions in prior period	(904)
Gross increase tax positions in current period	3,390
Lapse of statutes of limitations	(694)
Unrecognized tax benefits at September 30, 2010 (Successor Company)	\$ 12,808

The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state, local and foreign jurisdictions and is subject to ongoing examination by the various taxing authorities. The Company's major taxing jurisdictions are the U.S., United Kingdom, and Germany. In the U.S., federal tax filings for years prior to and including the Company's fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 are closed. However, the federal net operating loss carryforwards from the



Company's fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and prior are subject to Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ) examination until the year that such net operating loss carryforwards are utilized and those years are closed for audit. The Company's fiscal years ended September 30, 2007, 2008 and 2009 remain open to examination by the IRS. Filings in various U.S. state and local jurisdictions are also subject to audit and to date no significant audit matters have arisen.

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In the U.S., federal tax filings for years prior to and including Russell Hobbs year ended June 30, 2008 are closed. However, the federal net operating loss carryforward for Russell Hobbs fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 is subject to examination by the IRS until the year that such net operating losses are utilized and those years are closed for audit.

ASC 350 requires companies to test goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment annually, or more often if an event or circumstance indicates that an impairment loss may have been incurred. During the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, the Predecessor Company, as a result of its testing, recorded non-cash pre tax impairment charges of \$34,391 and \$861,234, respectively. The tax impact, prior to consideration of the current year valuation allowance, of the impairment charges was a deferred tax benefit of \$12,965 and \$142,877 during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively, as a result of a significant portion of the impaired assets not being deductible for tax purposes in 2008.

During Fiscal 2010 we recorded the correction of an immaterial prior period error in our consolidated financial statements related to deferred taxes in certain foreign jurisdictions. We believe the correction of this error to be both quantitatively and qualitatively immaterial to our annual results for fiscal 2010 or to any of our previously issued financial statements. The impact of the correction was an increase to income tax expense and a decrease to deferred tax assets of approximately \$5,900.

**(9) Discontinued Operations**

On November 1, 2007, the Predecessor Company sold the Canadian division of the Home and Garden Business, which operated under the name Nu-Gro, to a new company formed by RoyCap Merchant Banking Group and Clarke Inc. Cash proceeds received at closing, net of selling expenses, totaled \$14,931 and were used to reduce outstanding debt. These proceeds are included in net cash provided by investing activities of discontinued operations in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. On February 5, 2008, the Predecessor Company finalized the contractual working capital adjustment in connection with this sale which increased proceeds received by the Predecessor Company by \$500. As a result of the finalization of the contractual working capital adjustments the Predecessor Company recorded a loss on disposal of \$1,087, net of tax benefit.

On November 11, 2008, the Predecessor Board approved the shutdown of the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business, which included the manufacturing and marketing of fertilizers, enriched soils, mulch and grass seed. The decision to shutdown the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business was made only after the Predecessor Company was unable to successfully sell this business, in whole or in part. The shutdown of the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business was completed during the second quarter of Fiscal 2009.

The presentation herein of the results of continuing operations has been changed to exclude the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business for all periods presented. The following amounts have been segregated from continuing operations and are reflected as discontinued operations for Fiscal 2010, the

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period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009, the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively:

	<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>	
	<b>Period From</b>		<b>Period from</b>	
	<b>August 31,</b>		<b>October 1,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>		<b>2008</b>	
	<b>through</b>		<b>through</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>August 30,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>		<b>2009</b>	
	<b>2010</b>			<b>2008</b>
Net sales	\$	\$	\$ 31,306	\$ 261,439
Income (loss) from discontinued operations before income taxes	\$ (2,512)	\$ 408	\$ (91,293)	\$ (27,124)
Provision for income tax expense (benefit)	223		(4,491)	(2,182)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ (2,735)	\$ 408	\$ (86,802)	\$ (24,942)

The presentation herein of the results of continuing operations has been changed to exclude the Canadian division of the Home and Garden Business for all periods presented. The following amounts have been segregated from continuing operations and are reflected as discontinued operations for Fiscal 2008:

	<b>Predecessor Company 2008</b>
Net sales	\$ 4,732
Loss from discontinued operations before income taxes	\$ (1,896)
Provision for income tax benefit	(651)
Loss from discontinued operations (including loss on disposal of \$1,087 in 2008), net of tax	\$ (1,245)

In accordance with ASC 360, long-lived assets to be disposed of by sale are recorded at the lower of their carrying value or fair value less costs to sell. During Fiscal 2008 the Predecessor Company recorded a non-cash pretax charge of \$5,700 in discontinued operations to reduce the carrying value of intangible assets related to the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business in order to reflect such intangible assets at their estimated fair value.

**(10) Employee Benefit Plans**

***Pension Benefits***

The Company has various defined benefit pension plans covering some of its employees in the United States and certain employees in other countries, primarily the United Kingdom and Germany. Plans generally provide benefits of stated amounts for each year of service. The Company funds its U.S. pension plans in accordance with the requirements of the defined benefit pension plans and, where applicable, in amounts sufficient to satisfy the minimum funding requirements of applicable laws. Additionally, in compliance with the Company's funding policy, annual contributions to non-U.S. defined benefit plans are equal to the actuarial recommendations or statutory requirements in the respective countries.

The Company also sponsors or participates in a number of other non-U.S. pension arrangements, including various retirement and termination benefit plans, some of which are covered by local law or coordinated with government-sponsored plans, which are not significant in the aggregate and therefore are not included in the information presented below. The Company also has various nonqualified deferred

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compensation agreements with certain of its employees. Under certain of these agreements, the Company has agreed to pay certain amounts annually for the first 15 years subsequent to retirement or to a designated beneficiary upon death. It is management's intent that life insurance contracts owned by the Company will fund these agreements. Under the remaining agreements, the Company has agreed to pay such deferred amounts in up to 15 annual installments beginning on a date specified by the employee, subsequent to retirement or disability, or to a designated beneficiary upon death.

***Other Benefits***

Under the Rayovac postretirement plan the Company provides certain health care and life insurance benefits to eligible retired employees. Participants earn retiree health care benefits after reaching age 45 over the next 10 succeeding years of service and remain eligible until reaching age 65. The plan is contributory; retiree contributions have been established as a flat dollar amount with contribution rates expected to increase at the active medical trend rate. The plan is unfunded. The Company is amortizing the transition obligation over a 20-year period.

Under the Tetra U.S. postretirement plan the Company provides postretirement medical benefits to full-time employees who meet minimum age and service requirements. The plan is contributory with retiree contributions adjusted annually and contains other cost-sharing features such as deductibles, coinsurance and copayments.

The recognition and disclosure provisions of ASC Topic 715: *Compensation-Retirement Benefits*, ( ASC 715 ) requires recognition of the overfunded or underfunded status of defined benefit pension and postretirement plans as an asset or liability in the statement of financial position, and to recognize changes in that funded status in AOCI in the year in which the adoption occurs. The measurement date provisions of ASC 715, became effective during Fiscal 2009 and the Company now measures all of its defined benefit pension and postretirement plan assets and obligations as of September 30, which is the Company's fiscal year end.

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The following tables provide additional information on the Company's pension and other postretirement benefit plans:

	<b>Pension and Deferred Compensation Benefits</b>		<b>Other Benefits</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Change in benefit obligation</b>				
Benefit obligation, beginning of year	\$ 132,752	\$ 112,444	\$ 476	\$ 402
Obligations assumed from Merger with Russell Hobbs	54,468			
Service cost	2,479	2,279	9	6
Interest cost	8,239	7,130	26	26
Actuarial (gain) loss	25,140	17,457	25	51
Participant contributions	495	334		
Benefits paid	(6,526)	(6,353)	(9)	(9)
Foreign currency exchange rate changes	(2,070)	(539)		
Benefit obligation, end of year	\$ 214,977	\$ 132,752	\$ 527	\$ 476
<b>Change in plan assets</b>				
Fair value of plan assets, beginning of year	\$ 78,345	\$ 70,412	\$	\$
Assets acquired from Merger with Russell Hobbs	38,458			
Actual return on plan assets	7,613	1,564		
Employer contributions	6,234	9,749	9	9
Employee contributions	2,127	3,626		
Benefits paid	(6,526)	(6,353)	(9)	(9)
Plan expenses paid	(237)	(222)		
Foreign currency exchange rate changes	(448)	(431)		
Fair value of plan assets, end of year	\$ 125,566	\$ 78,345	\$	\$
<b>Accrued Benefit Cost</b>	<b>\$ (89,411)</b>	<b>\$ (54,407)</b>	<b>\$ (527)</b>	<b>\$ (476)</b>
<b>Weighted-average assumptions:</b>				
Discount rate	4.2%-13.6%	5.0%-11.8%	5.0%	5.5%
Expected return on plan assets	4.5%-8.8%	4.5%-8.0%	N/A	N/A
Rate of compensation increase	0%-5.5%	0%-4.6%	N/A	N/A

The net underfunded status as of September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 of \$89,411 and \$54,407, respectively, is recognized in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Financial Position within Employee benefit obligations, net of current portion. Included in the Successor Company's AOCI as of September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009 are unrecognized net (losses) gains of \$(17,197), net of tax benefit (expense) of \$5,894 and

\$576 net of tax benefit (expense) of \$(247), respectively, which have not yet been recognized as components of net periodic pension cost. The net loss in AOCI expected to be recognized during Fiscal 2011 is \$(388).

At September 30, 2010, the Company's total pension and deferred compensation benefit obligation of \$214,977 consisted of \$62,126 associated with U.S. plans and \$152,851 associated with international plans.

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The fair value of the Company's assets of \$125,566 consisted of \$44,284 associated with U.S. plans and \$81,282 associated with international plans. The weighted average discount rate used for the Company's domestic plans was approximately 5% and approximately 4.8% for its international plans. The weighted average expected return on plan assets used for the Company's domestic plans was approximately 7.5% and approximately 3.3% for its international plans.

At September 30, 2009, the Company's total pension and deferred compensation benefit obligation of \$132,752 consisted of \$44,842 associated with U.S. plans and \$87,910 associated with international plans. The fair value of the Company's assets of \$78,345 consisted of \$33,191 associated with U.S. plans and \$45,154 associated with international plans. The weighted average discount rate used for the Company's domestic and international plans was approximately 5.5%. The weighted average expected return on plan assets used for the Company's domestic plans was approximately 8.0% and approximately 5.4% for its international plans.

	<b>Pension and Deferred Compensation Benefits</b>				<b>Other Benefits</b>			
	<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>		<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>	
	<b>Period</b>	<b>Period</b>			<b>Period</b>	<b>Period</b>		
	<b>from</b>	<b>from</b>			<b>from</b>	<b>from</b>		
	<b>August 31,</b>	<b>October 1,</b>			<b>August 31,</b>	<b>October 1,</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>			<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>		
	<b>through</b>	<b>through</b>			<b>through</b>	<b>through</b>		
	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>August 30,</b>			<b>September 30,</b>	<b>August 30,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Components of net periodic benefit cost</b>								
Service cost	\$ 2,479	\$ 211	\$ 2,068	\$ 2,616	\$ 9	\$ 1	\$ 8	\$ 13
Interest cost	8,239	612	6,517	6,475	26	2	24	27
Expected return on assets	(5,774)	(417)	(4,253)	(4,589)				
Amortization of prior service cost	535		202	371				
Amortization of transition obligation	207							
Curtailement loss			300	11				
Recognized net actuarial loss (gain)	613		37	136	(58)	(5)	(53)	(61)
Net periodic cost (benefit)	\$ 6,299	\$ 406	\$ 4,871	\$ 5,020	\$ (23)	\$ (2)	\$ (21)	\$ (21)

The discount rate is used to calculate the projected benefit obligation. The discount rate used is based on the rate of return on government bonds as well as current market conditions of the respective countries where such plans are



established.

Below is a summary allocation of all pension plan assets along with expected long-term rates of return by asset category as of the measurement date.

Asset Category	Weighted Average Allocation		
	Target 2010	Actual 2010	2009
Equity Securities	0-60%	43%	46%
Fixed Income Securities	0-40%	22%	16%
Other	0-100%	35%	38%
Total	100%	100%	100%

The weighted average expected long-term rate of return on total assets is 6.5%.

The Company has established formal investment policies for the assets associated with these plans. Policy objectives include maximizing long-term return at acceptable risk levels, diversifying among asset classes, if appropriate, and among investment managers, as well as establishing relevant risk parameters within each asset

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class. Specific asset class targets are based on the results of periodic asset liability studies. The investment policies permit variances from the targets within certain parameters. The weighted average expected long-term rate of return is based on a Fiscal 2010 review of such rates. The plan assets currently do not include holdings of SB Holdings common stock.

The Company's Fixed Income Securities portfolio is invested primarily in commingled funds and managed for overall return expectations rather than matching duration against plan liabilities; therefore, debt maturities are not significant to the plan performance.

The Company's Other portfolio consists of all pension assets, primarily insurance contracts, in the United Kingdom, Germany and the Netherlands.

The Company's expected future pension benefit payments for Fiscal 2011 through its fiscal year 2020 are as follows:

2011	\$ 6,979
2012	7,384
2013	7,716
2014	8,009
2015	8,366
2016 to 2020	50,826

The following table sets forth the fair value of the Company's pension plan assets as of September 30, 2010 segregated by level within the fair value hierarchy (See Note 3(s), Significant Accounting Policies - Fair Value of Financial Instruments, for discussion of the fair value hierarchy and fair value principles):

	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>U.S. Defined Benefit Plan Assets:</b>				
Common collective trust - equity	\$	\$ 28,168	\$	\$ 28,168
Common collective trust - fixed income		16,116		16,116
<b>Total U.S. Defined Benefit Plan Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 44,284</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 44,284</b>
<b>International Defined Benefit Plan Assets:</b>				
Common collective trust - equity	\$	\$ 28,090	\$	\$ 28,090
Common collective trust - fixed income		9,325		9,325
Insurance contracts - general fund		40,347		40,347
Other		3,120		3,120
<b>Total International Defined Benefit Plan Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 81,282</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 81,282</b>

The Company sponsors a defined contribution pension plan for its domestic salaried employees, which allows participants to make contributions by salary reduction pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Prior to April 1, 2009 the Company contributed annually from 3% to 6% of participants' compensation based on age or service, and had the ability to make additional discretionary contributions. The Company suspended all contributions to its U.S. subsidiaries defined contribution pension plans effective April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Effective January 1, 2010 the Company reinstated its annual contribution as described above. The Company also sponsors defined contribution pension plans for employees of certain foreign subsidiaries. Successor Company contributions charged to operations, including discretionary amounts, for Fiscal 2010 and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009 were \$3,464 and \$44, respectively. Predecessor Company contributions charged to operations, including discretionary amounts,

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for the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008 were \$2,623 and \$5,083, respectively.

**(11) Segment Information**

The Company manages its business in four vertically integrated, product-focused reporting segments; (i) Global Batteries & Personal Care; (ii) Global Pet Supplies; (iii) the Home and Garden Business; and (iv) Small Appliances.

On June 16, 2010, the Company completed the Merger with Russell Hobbs. The results of Russell Hobbs operations since June 16, 2010 are included in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations. The financial results are reported as a separate business segment, Small Appliances.

Global strategic initiatives and financial objectives for each reportable segment are determined at the corporate level. Each reportable segment is responsible for implementing defined strategic initiatives and achieving certain financial objectives and has a general manager responsible for the sales and marketing initiatives and financial results for product lines within that segment.

Net sales and Cost of goods sold to other business segments have been eliminated. The gross contribution of intersegment sales is included in the segment selling the product to the external customer. Segment net sales are based upon the segment from which the product is shipped.

The operating segment profits do not include restructuring and related charges, acquisition and integration related charges, interest expense, interest income, impairment charges and income tax expense. Corporate expenses include primarily general and administrative expenses associated with corporate overhead and global long-term incentive compensation plans. All depreciation and amortization included in income from operations is related to operating segments or corporate expense. Costs are identified to operating segments or corporate expense according to the function of each cost center.

All capital expenditures are related to operating segments. Variable allocations of assets are not made for segment reporting.

Segment information for the Successor Company for Fiscal 2010 and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009 and the Predecessor Company for the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008 is as follows:

***Net sales to external customers***

	<b>Successor Company</b>	<b>Predecessor Company</b>	
	<b>Period from</b>	<b>Period from</b>	
	<b>August 31,</b>	<b>October 1,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	
	<b>through</b>	<b>through</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>August 30,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>2010</b>			

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Global Batteries & Personal Care	\$ 1,427,870	\$ 146,139	\$ 1,188,902	\$ 1,493,736
Global Pet Supplies	560,501	56,270	517,601	598,618
Home and Garden Business	341,064	17,479	304,145	334,217
Small Appliances	237,576			
Total segments	\$ 2,567,011	\$ 219,888	\$ 2,010,648	\$ 2,426,571

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	<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Global Batteries & Personal Care	\$ 51,374	\$ 4,728	\$ 21,933	\$ 32,535
Global Pet Supplies	28,303	2,580	19,832	22,891
Home and Garden Business(A)	14,418	1,320	11,073	21,636
Small Appliances	6,418			
Total segments	100,513	8,628	52,838	77,062
Corporate	16,905	43	5,642	7,959
Total Depreciation and amortization	\$ 117,418	\$ 8,671	\$ 58,480	\$ 85,021

(A) Fiscal 2008 includes depreciation and amortization expense of \$10,821 related to Fiscal 2007 as a result of the reclassification of the Home and Garden Business as a continuing operation during Fiscal 2008.

*Segment profit*

	<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Global Batteries & Personal Care	\$ 152,757	\$ 5,675	\$ 159,400	\$ 162,889
Global Pet Supplies	55,646	3,178	61,455	68,885
Home and Garden Business(A)	50,881	(4,573)	46,458	29,458
Small Appliances	13,081			
Total segments	272,365	4,280	267,313	261,232
Corporate expenses	41,017	2,442	32,037	45,246

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Acquisition and integration related charges	38,452				
Restructuring and related charges	24,118	1,729	44,080	39,337	
Goodwill and intangibles impairment			34,391	861,234	
Interest expense	277,015	16,962	172,940	229,013	
Other (income) expense, net	12,300	(815)	3,320	1,220	
Loss from continuing operations before reorganization items income taxes	\$ (120,537)	\$ (16,038)	\$ (19,455)	\$ (914,818)	

(A) Fiscal 2008 includes depreciation and amortization expense of \$10,821 related to Fiscal 2007 as a result of the reclassification of the Home and Garden Business from a discontinued operation to a continuing operation during Fiscal 2008.

The Global Batteries & Personal Care segment does business in Venezuela through a Venezuelan subsidiary. At January 4, 2010, the beginning of the Company's second quarter of Fiscal 2010, the Company

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determined that Venezuela meets the definition of a highly inflationary economy under GAAP. As a result, beginning January 4, 2010, the U.S. dollar is the functional currency for the Company's Venezuelan subsidiary. Accordingly, going forward, currency remeasurement adjustments for this subsidiary's financial statements and other transactional foreign exchange gains and losses are reflected in earnings. Through January 3, 2010, prior to being designated as highly inflationary, translation adjustments related to the Venezuelan subsidiary were reflected in Shareholders' equity as a component of AOCI.

In addition, on January 8, 2010, the Venezuelan government announced its intention to devalue its currency, the Bolivar fuerte, relative to the U.S. dollar. The official exchange rate for imported goods classified as essential, such as food and medicine, changed from 2.15 to 2.6 to the U.S. dollar, while payments for other non-essential goods moved to an exchange rate of 4.3 to the U.S. dollar. Some of the Company's imported products fall into the essential classification and qualify for the 2.6 rate; however, the Company's overall results in Venezuela were reflected at the 4.3 rate expected to be applicable to dividend repatriations beginning in the second quarter of Fiscal 2010. As a result, the Company remeasured the local statement of financial position of its Venezuela entity during the second quarter of Fiscal 2010 to reflect the impact of the devaluation. Based on actual exchange activity, the Company determined on September 30, 2010 that the most likely method of exchanging its Bolivar fuertes for U.S. dollars will be to formally apply with the Venezuelan government to exchange through commercial banks at the SITME rate specified by the Central Bank of Venezuela. The SITME rate as of September 30, 2010 was quoted at 5.3 Bolivar fuerte per U.S. dollar. Therefore, the Company changed the rate used to remeasure Bolivar fuerte denominated transactions as of September 30, 2010 from the official non-essentials exchange rate to the 5.3 SITME rate in accordance with ASC 830,

Foreign Currency Matters as it is the expected rate that exchanges of Bolivar fuerte to U.S. dollars will be settled. There is also an ongoing immaterial impact related to measuring the Company's Venezuelan statement of operations at the new exchange rate of 5.3 to the U.S. dollar.

The designation of the Company's Venezuela entity as a highly inflationary economy and the devaluation of the Bolivar fuerte resulted in a \$1,486 reduction to the Company's operating income during Fiscal 2010. The Company also reported a foreign exchange loss in Other expense (income), net, of \$10,102 during Fiscal 2010.

***Segment total assets***

	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Global Batteries & Personal Care	\$ 1,629,250	\$ 1,608,269
Global Pet Supplies	826,382	866,901
Home and Garden Business	493,511	504,448
Small Appliances	863,282	
Total segments	3,812,425	2,979,618
Corporate	61,179	41,128
Total assets at year end	\$ 3,873,604	\$ 3,020,746





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	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Global Batteries & Personal Care	\$ 1,042,670	\$ 1,052,907
Global Pet Supplies	641,934	679,009
Home and Garden Business	421,891	432,200
Small Appliances	511,282	
Total segments	2,617,777	2,164,116
Corporate	56,115	37,894
Long-lived assets at year end	\$ 2,673,892	\$ 2,202,010

*Capital expenditures*

	<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>	
	<b>Period from</b>		<b>Period from</b>	
	<b>August 31,</b>		<b>October 1,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>		<b>2008</b>	
	<b>through</b>		<b>through</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>August 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Global Batteries & Personal Care	\$ 25,015	\$ 2,311	\$ 6,642	\$ 8,198
Global Pet Supplies	7,920	288	1,260	8,231
Home and Garden Business	3,890	119	164	2,102
Russell Hobbs	3,481			
Total segments	40,306	2,718	8,066	\$ 18,531
Corporate	10			397
Total Capital expenditures	\$ 40,316	\$ 2,718	\$ 8,066	\$ 18,928

*Geographic Disclosures Net sales to external customers*

	<b>Successor Company</b>	<b>Predecessor Company</b>
	<b>Period from</b>	<b>Period from</b>

	<b>2010</b>	<b>August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009</b>	<b>October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
United States	\$ 1,444,779	\$ 113,407	\$ 1,166,920	\$ 1,272,100
Outside the United States	1,122,232	106,481	843,728	1,154,471
Total net sales to external customers	\$ 2,567,011	\$ 219,888	\$ 2,010,648	\$ 2,426,571

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	<b>Successor Company September 30, 2010</b>	<b>Predecessor Company 2009</b>
United States	\$ 1,884,995	\$ 1,410,459
Outside the United States	788,897	791,551
Long-lived assets at year end	\$ 2,673,892	\$ 2,202,010

**(12) Commitments and Contingencies**

The Company has provided for the estimated costs associated with environmental remediation activities at some of its current and former manufacturing sites. The Company believes that any additional liability in excess of the amounts provided of approximately \$9,648, which may result from resolution of these matters, will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, results of operations or cash flows of the Company.

In December 2009, San Francisco Technology, Inc. filed an action in the Federal District Court for the Northern District of California against the Company, as well as a number of unaffiliated defendants, claiming that each of the defendants had falsely marked patents on certain of its products in violation of Article 35, Section 292 of the U.S. Code and seeking to have civil fines imposed on each of the defendants for such claimed violations. The Company is reviewing the claims but is unable to estimate any possible losses at this time.

In May 2010, Herengrucht Group, LLC ( Herengrucht ) filed an action in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California against the Company claiming that the Company had falsely marked patents on certain of its products in violation of Article 35, Section 292 of the U.S. Code and seeking to have civil fines imposed on each of the defendants for such claimed violations. Herengrucht dismissed its claims without prejudice in September 2010.

Applica Consumer Products, Inc., a subsidiary of the Company is a defendant in NACCO Industries, Inc. et al. v. Applica Incorporated et al., Case No. C.A. 2541-VCL, which was filed in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware in November 2006. The original complaint in this action alleged a claim for, among other things, breach of contract against Applica and a number of tort claims against certain entities affiliated with the Harbinger Master Fund and Harbinger Special Fund and, together with Harbinger Master Fund, the HCP Funds. The claims against Applica related to the alleged breach of the merger agreement between Applica and NACCO Industries, Inc. ( NACCO ) and one of its affiliates, which agreement was terminated following Applica's receipt of a superior merger offer from the HCP Funds. On October 22, 2007, the plaintiffs filed an amended complaint asserting claims against Applica for, among other things, breach of contract and breach of the implied covenant of good faith relating to the termination of the NACCO merger agreement and asserting various tort claims against Applica and the HCP Funds. The original complaint was filed in conjunction with a motion preliminarily to enjoin the HCP Funds' acquisition of Applica. On December 1, 2006, plaintiffs withdrew their motion for a preliminary injunction. In light of the consummation of

Applica's merger with affiliates of the HCP Funds in January 2007 (Applica is currently a subsidiary of Russell Hobbs), the Company believes that any claim for specific performance is moot. Applica filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint in December 2007. Rather than respond to the motion to dismiss the amended complaint, NACCO filed a motion for leave to file a second amended complaint, which was granted in May 2008. Applica moved to dismiss the second amended complaint, which motion was granted in part and denied in part in December 2009.

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The trial is currently scheduled for February 2011. The Company may be unable to resolve the disputes successfully or without incurring significant costs and expenses. As a result, Russell Hobbs and Harbinger Master Fund have entered into an indemnification agreement, dated as of February 9, 2010, by which Harbinger Master Fund has agreed, effective upon the consummation of the Merger, to indemnify Russell Hobbs, its subsidiaries and any entity that owns all of the outstanding voting stock of Russell Hobbs against any out-of-pocket losses, costs, expenses, judgments, penalties, fines and other damages in excess of \$3,000 incurred with respect to this litigation and any future litigation or legal action against the indemnified parties arising out of or relating to the matters which form the basis of this litigation. The Company is reviewing the claims but is unable to estimate any possible losses at this time.

Applica is a defendant in three asbestos lawsuits in which the plaintiffs have alleged injury as the result of exposure to asbestos in hair dryers distributed by that subsidiary over 20 years ago. Although Applica never manufactured such products, asbestos was used in certain hair dryers distributed by it prior to 1979. The Company believes that these actions are without merit, but may be unable to resolve the disputes successfully without incurring significant expenses which we are unable to estimate at this time. At this time, the Company does not believe it has coverage under its insurance policies for the asbestos lawsuits.

The Company is a defendant in various other matters of litigation generally arising out of the ordinary course of business.

The Company does not believe that any other matters or proceedings presently pending will have a material adverse effect on its results of operations, financial condition, liquidity or cash flows.

The Company's minimum rent payments under operating leases are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Future minimum rental commitments under non-cancelable operating leases, principally pertaining to land, buildings and equipment, are as follows:

2011	\$ 34,665
2012	32,824
2013	27,042
2014	19,489
2015	15,396
Thereafter	48,553
Total minimum lease payments	\$ 177,969

All of the leases expire between Fiscal 2011 through January 2030. Successor Company's total rent expense was \$30,218 and \$2,351 during Fiscal 2010 and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009, respectively. Predecessor Company's total rent expense was \$22,132 and \$37,068 for the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively.

**(13) Related Party Transactions**

***Merger Agreement and Exchange Agreement***

On June 16, 2010 (the Closing Date ), SB Holdings completed a business combination transaction pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Mergers ), dated as of February 9, 2010, as amended on March 1, 2010, March 26, 2010 and April 30, 2010, by and among SB Holdings, Russell Hobbs, Spectrum Brands, Battery Merger Corp., and Grill Merger Corp. (the Merger Agreement ). As a result of the Mergers, each of Spectrum Brands and Russell Hobbs became a wholly-owned subsidiary of SB Holdings. At the effective time of the Mergers, (i) the outstanding shares of Spectrum Brands common stock were canceled and converted into the right to receive shares of SB Holdings common stock, and (ii) the outstanding shares of

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Russell Hobbs common stock and preferred stock were canceled and converted into the right to receive shares of SB Holdings common stock.

Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, on February 9, 2010, Spectrum Brands entered into support agreements with Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd. ( Harbinger Master Fund ), Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. and Global Opportunities Breakaway Ltd. (collectively, the Harbinger Parties ) and Avenue International Master, L.P. and certain of its affiliates (the Avenue Parties ), in which the Harbinger Parties and the Avenue Parties agreed to vote their shares of Spectrum Brands common stock acquired before the date of the Merger Agreement in favor of the Mergers and against any alternative proposal that would impede the Mergers.

Immediately following the consummation of the Mergers, the Harbinger Parties owned approximately 64% of the outstanding SB Holdings common stock and the stockholders of Spectrum Brands (other than the Harbinger Parties) owned approximately 36% of the outstanding SB Holdings common stock. Harbinger Group, Inc. ( HRG ) and the Harbinger Parties are parties to a Contribution and Exchange Agreement (the Exchange Agreement ), pursuant to the terms of which the Harbinger Parties will contribute 27,757 shares of SB Holdings common stock to HRG and received in exchange for such shares an aggregate of 119,910 shares of HRG common stock (the Share Exchange ). Immediately following the consummation of the Share Exchange, (i) HRG will own 27,757 shares of SB Holdings common stock and the Harbinger Parties will own 6,500 shares of SB Holdings common stock, approximately 54.4% and 12.7% of the outstanding shares of SB Holdings common stock, respectively, and (ii) the Harbinger Parties will own 129,860 shares of HRG common stock, or approximately 93.3% of the outstanding HRG common stock.

In connection with the Mergers, the Harbinger Parties and SB Holdings entered into a stockholder agreement, dated February 9, 2010 (the Stockholder Agreement ), which provides for certain protective provisions in favor of minority stockholders and provides certain rights and imposes certain obligations on the Harbinger Parties, including:

for so long as the Harbinger Parties own 40% or more of the outstanding voting securities of SB Holdings, the Harbinger Parties and HRG will vote their shares of SB Holdings common stock to effect the structure of the SB Holdings board of directors as described in the Stockholder Agreement;

the Harbinger Parties will not effect any transfer of equity securities of SB Holdings to any person that would result in such person and its affiliates owning 40% or more of the outstanding voting securities of SB Holdings, unless specified conditions are met; and

the Harbinger Parties will be granted certain access and informational rights with respect to SB Holdings and its subsidiaries.

On September 10, 2010, the Harbinger Parties and HRG entered into a joinder to the Stockholder Agreement, pursuant to which, effective upon the consummation of the Share Exchange, HRG will become a party to the Stockholder Agreement, subject to all of the covenants, terms and conditions of the Stockholder Agreement to the same extent as the Harbinger Parties were bound thereunder prior to giving effect to the Share Exchange.

Certain provisions of the Stockholder Agreement terminate on the date on which the Harbinger Parties or HRG no longer constitutes a Significant Stockholder (as defined in the Stockholder Agreement). The Stockholder Agreement terminates when any person (including the Harbinger Parties or HRG) acquires 90% or more of the outstanding voting



securities of SB Holdings.

Also in connection with the Mergers, the Harbinger Parties, the Avenue Parties and SB Holdings entered into a registration rights agreement, dated as of February 9, 2010 (the SB Holdings Registration Rights Agreement ), pursuant to which the Harbinger Parties and the Avenue Parties have, among other things and

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subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, certain demand and so-called piggy back registration rights with respect to their shares of SB Holdings common stock. On September 10, 2010, the Harbinger Parties and HRG entered into a joinder to the SB Holdings Registration Rights Agreement, pursuant to which, effective upon the consummation of the Share Exchange, HRG will become a party to the SB Holdings Registration Rights Agreement, entitled to the rights and subject to the obligations of a holder thereunder.

***Other Agreements***

On August 28, 2009, in connection with Spectrum Brands emergence from Chapter 11 reorganization proceedings, Spectrum Brands entered into a registration rights agreement with the Harbinger Parties, the Avenue Parties and D.E. Shaw Laminar Portfolios, L.L.C. ( D.E. Shaw ), pursuant to which the Harbinger Parties, the Avenue Parties and D.E. Shaw have, among other things and subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, certain demand and so-called piggy back registration rights with respect to their Spectrum Brands 12% Senior Subordinated Toggle Notes due 2019.

In connection with the Mergers, Russell Hobbs and Harbinger Master Fund entered into an indemnification agreement, dated as of February 9, 2010 (the Indemnification Agreement ), by which Harbinger Master Fund agreed, among other things and subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, to guarantee the obligations of Russell Hobbs to pay (i) a reverse termination fee to Spectrum Brands under the merger agreement and (ii) monetary damages awarded to Spectrum Brands in connection with any willful and material breach by Russell Hobbs of the Merger Agreement. The maximum amount payable by Harbinger Master Fund under the Indemnification Agreement was \$50,000 less any amounts paid by Russell Hobbs or the Harbinger Parties, or any of their respective affiliates as damages under any documents related to the Mergers. No such amounts became due under the Indemnification Agreement. Harbinger Master Fund also agreed to indemnify Russell Hobbs, SB Holdings and their subsidiaries for out-of-pocket costs and expenses above \$3,000 in the aggregate that become payable after the consummation of the Mergers and that relate to the litigation arising out of Russell Hobbs business combination transaction with Applicia Incorporated.

**(14) Restructuring and Related Charges**

The Company reports restructuring and related charges associated with manufacturing and related initiatives in Cost of goods sold. Restructuring and related charges reflected in Cost of goods sold include, but are not limited to, termination and related costs associated with manufacturing employees, asset impairments relating to manufacturing initiatives, and other costs directly related to the restructuring or integration initiatives implemented.

The Company reports restructuring and related charges relating to administrative functions in Operating expenses, such as initiatives impacting sales, marketing, distribution, or other non-manufacturing related functions. Restructuring and related charges reflected in Operating expenses include, but are not limited to, termination and related costs, any asset impairments relating to the functional areas described above, and other costs directly related to the initiatives implemented as well as consultation, legal and accounting fees related to the evaluation of the Predecessor Company s capital structure incurred prior to the Bankruptcy Filing.

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	<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>	
	<b>Period from</b>		<b>Period from</b>	
	<b>August 31,</b>		<b>October 1,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>		<b>2008</b>	
	<b>through</b>		<b>through</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>August 30,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>		<b>2009</b>	
	<b>2010</b>			<b>2008</b>
Cost of goods sold:				
Global Batteries & Personal Care	\$ 3,275	\$ 173	\$ 11,857	\$ 16,159
Global Pet Supplies	3,837	5	1,332	340
Home and Garden Business	38			
Total restructuring and related charges in cost of goods sold	7,150	178	13,189	16,499
Operating expense:				
Global Batteries & Personal Care	251	370	8,393	12,012
Global Pet Supplies	2,917	35	4,411	2,702
Home and Garden Business	8,419	993	5,323	3,770
Corporate	5,381	153	12,764	4,354
Total restructuring and related charges in operating expense	16,968	1,551	30,891	22,838
Total restructuring and related charges	\$ 24,118	\$ 1,729	\$ 44,080	\$ 39,337

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The following table summarizes restructuring and related charges incurred by type of charge:

	<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>	
	<b>Period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009</b>		<b>Period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009</b>	
	<b>2010</b>			<b>2008</b>
Costs included in cost of goods sold:				
United & Tetra integration:				
Termination benefits	\$	\$	\$ 6	\$ 30
Other associated costs				299
European initiatives:				
Termination benefits				(830)
Other associated costs		7	11	88
Latin America initiatives:				
Termination benefits			207	
Other associated costs				253
Global Realignment initiatives:				
Termination benefits	187		333	106
Other associated costs	(102)		869	154
Ningbo Exit Plan:				
Termination benefits	14		857	1,230
Other associated costs	2,148	165	8,461	15,169
Global Cost Reduction initiatives:				
Termination benefits	2,630		200	
Other associated costs	2,273	6	2,245	
Total included in cost of goods sold	7,150	178	13,189	16,499
Costs included in operating expenses:				
Breitenbach, France facility closure:				
Other associated costs			(7)	
United & Tetra integration:				
Termination benefits			2,297	1,954
Other associated costs		(132)	427	883
European initiatives:				
Termination benefits	(92)			
Other associated costs				35
Latin America initiatives:				
Termination benefits				64
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Global Realignment:				
Termination benefits	5,361	94	6,994	12,338
Other associated costs	(1,841)	45	3,440	7,564
Ningbo Exit Plan:				
Termination benefits				
Other associated costs			1,334	
Global Cost Reduction initiatives:				
Termination benefits	4,268	866	5,690	
Other associated costs	9,272	678	10,716	
Total included in operating expenses	16,968	1,551	30,891	22,838
Total restructuring and related charges	\$ 24,118	\$ 1,729	\$ 44,080	\$ 39,337

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The Company implemented a series of initiatives within the Global Batteries & Personal Care segment, the Global Pet Supplies segment and the Home and Garden segment to reduce operating costs as well as evaluate the Company's opportunities to improve its capital structure (the Global Cost Reduction Initiatives). These initiatives include headcount reductions within each of the Company's segments and the exit of certain facilities in the U.S. related to the Global Pet Supplies segment. These initiatives also included consultation, legal and accounting fees related to the evaluation of the Predecessor Company's capital structure. The Successor Company recorded \$18,443 and \$1,550 of pretax restructuring and related charges during Fiscal 2010 and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009, respectively. The Predecessor Company recorded \$18,850 of pretax restructuring and related charges during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 related to the Global Cost Reduction Initiatives. Costs associated with these initiatives since inception, which are expected to be incurred through March 31, 2014, are projected at approximately \$65,500.

**Global Cost Reduction Initiatives Summary**

The following table summarizes the remaining accrual balance associated with the Global Cost Reduction Initiatives and activity that occurred during Fiscal 2010:

	<b>Termination Benefits</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Total</b>
Accrual balance at September 30, 2009	\$ 4,180	\$ 84	\$ 4,264
Provisions	5,101	5,107	10,208
Cash expenditures	(3,712)	(1,493)	(5,205)
Non-cash items	878	307	1,185
Accrual balance at September 30, 2010	\$ 6,447	\$ 4,005	\$ 10,452
Expensed as incurred(A)	\$ 1,796	\$ 6,439	\$ 8,235

(A) Consists of amounts not impacting the accrual for restructuring and related charges.

The following table summarizes the expenses incurred by the Successor Company during Fiscal 2010, the cumulative amount incurred from inception of the initiative through September 30, 2010 and the total future expected costs to be incurred associated with the Global Cost Reduction Initiatives by operating segment:

<b>Global Batteries and</b>	<b>Global Pet Supplies</b>	<b>Home and Garden</b>	<b>Corporate</b>	<b>Total</b>
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Restructuring and related charges during Fiscal 2010	\$ 2,437	\$ 6,754	\$ 9,252	\$	\$ 18,443
Restructuring and related charges since initiative inception	\$ 7,039	\$ 10,210	\$ 14,004	\$ 7,591	\$ 38,844
Total future estimated restructuring and related charges expected to be incurred	\$	\$ 20,300	\$ 6,500	\$	\$ 26,800

***2008 Restructuring Initiatives***

The Company implemented an initiative within the Global Batteries & Personal Care segment in China to reduce operating costs and rationalize the Company's manufacturing structure. These initiatives, which are complete, include the plan to exit the Company's Ningbo battery manufacturing facility in China (the Ningbo

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Exit Plan ). The Successor Company recorded \$2,162 and \$165 of pretax restructuring and related charges during Fiscal 2010 and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009, respectively. The Predecessor Company recorded \$10,652 and \$16,399 of pretax restructuring and related charges during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively, in connection with the Ningbo Exit Plan. The Company has recorded pretax restructuring and related charges of \$29,378 since the inception of the Ningbo Exit Plan.

The following table summarizes the remaining accrual balance associated with the Ningbo Exit Plan and activity that occurred during Fiscal 2010:

**Ningbo Exit Plan Summary**

	<b>Other Costs</b>
Accrual balance at September 30, 2009	\$ 308
Provisions	461
Cash expenditures	(278)
Accrual balance at September 30, 2010	\$ 491
Expensed as incurred(A)	\$ 1,701

(A) Consists of amounts not impacting the accrual for restructuring and related charges.

***2007 Restructuring Initiatives***

The Company has implemented a series of initiatives within the Global Batteries & Personal Care segment in Latin America to reduce operating costs (the Latin American Initiatives ). These initiatives, which are substantially complete, include the reduction of certain manufacturing operations in Brazil and the restructuring of management, sales, marketing and support functions. The Successor Company recorded no pretax restructuring and related charges during Fiscal 2010 and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009 related to the Latin American Initiatives. The Predecessor Company recorded \$207 and \$317 of pretax restructuring and related charges during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively, in connection with the Latin American Initiatives. The Company has recorded pretax restructuring and related charges of \$11,447 since the inception of the Latin American Initiatives.

The following table summarizes the accrual balance associated with the Latin American Initiatives and activity that occurred during Fiscal 2010:

**Latin American Initiatives Summary**

	<b>Termination</b>	<b>Other</b>
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	<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Total</b>
Accrual balance at September 30, 2009	\$ (282)	\$ 613	\$ 331
Non-cash items	282	(613)	(331)
Accrual balance at September 30, 2010	\$	\$	\$

In Fiscal 2007, the Company began managing its business in three vertically integrated, product-focused reporting segments; Global Batteries & Personal Care, Global Pet Supplies and the Home and Garden Business.

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As part of this realignment, the Company's Global Operations organization, previously included in corporate expense, consisting of research and development, manufacturing management, global purchasing, quality operations and inbound supply chain, is now included in each of the operating segments. In connection with these changes the Company undertook a number of cost reduction initiatives, primarily headcount reductions, at the corporate and operating segment levels (the Global Realignment Initiatives). The Successor Company recorded \$3,605 and \$138 of restructuring and related charges during Fiscal 2010 and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009, respectively. The Predecessor Company recorded \$11,635 and \$20,161 of pretax restructuring and related charges during the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively, related to the Global Realignment Initiatives. Costs associated with these initiatives since inception, which are expected to be incurred through June 30, 2011, relate primarily to severance and are projected at approximately \$89,000, the majority of which are cash costs.

The following table summarizes the remaining accrual balance associated with the Global Realignment Initiatives and activity that have occurred during Fiscal 2010:

**Global Realignment Initiatives Summary**

	<b>Termination Benefits</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Total</b>
Accrual balance at September 30, 2009	\$ 14,581	\$ 3,678	\$ 18,259
Provisions	1,720	(1,109)	611
Cash expenditures	(7,657)	(319)	(7,976)
Non-cash items	77	31	108
Accrual balance at September 30, 2010	\$ 8,721	\$ 2,281	\$ 11,002
Expensed as incurred(A)	\$ 3,828	\$ (834)	\$ 2,994

(A) Consists of amounts not impacting the accrual for restructuring and related charges.

The following table summarizes the expenses incurred by the Successor Company during Fiscal 2010, the cumulative amount incurred from inception of the initiative through September 30, 2010 and the total future expected costs to be incurred associated with the Global Realignment Initiatives by operating segment:

	<b>Global Batteries and Personal Care</b>	<b>Home and Garden</b>	<b>Corporate</b>	<b>Total</b>
Restructuring and related charges during Fiscal 2010	\$ (981)	\$ (796)	\$ 5,382	\$ 3,605

Restructuring and related charges since initiative inception	\$ 46,669	\$ 6,762	\$ 35,156	\$ 88,587
Total future restructuring and related charges expected	\$	\$	\$ 350	\$ 350

### ***2006 Restructuring Initiatives***

The Company implemented a series of initiatives within the Global Batteries & Personal Care segment in Europe to reduce operating costs and rationalize the Company's manufacturing structure (the European Initiatives). These initiatives, which are substantially complete, include the relocation of certain operations at the Ellwangen, Germany packaging center to the Dischingen, Germany battery plant, transferring private label battery production at the Company's Dischingen, Germany battery plant to the Company's manufacturing facility in China and restructuring its sales, marketing and support functions. The Company recorded \$(92) and \$7 of pretax restructuring and related charges during Fiscal 2010 and the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009, respectively. The Predecessor Company recorded \$11 and \$(707) during the

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period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and Fiscal 2008, respectively, related to the European Initiatives. The Company has recorded pretax restructuring and related charges of \$26,965 since the inception of the European Initiatives.

The following table summarizes the remaining accrual balance associated with the 2006 initiatives and activity that have occurred during Fiscal 2010:

**European Initiatives Summary**

	<b>Termination Benefits</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Total</b>
Accrual balance at September 30, 2009	\$ 2,623	\$ 319	\$ 2,942
Provisions	(92)		(92)
Cash expenditures	(528)	(251)	(779)
Non-cash items	(202)	(21)	(223)
Accrual balance at September 30, 2010	\$ 1,801	\$ 47	\$ 1,848

**(15) Acquisition**

On June 16, 2010, the Company merged with Russell Hobbs. Headquartered in Miramar, Florida, Russell Hobbs is a designer, marketer and distributor of a broad range of branded small household appliances. Russell Hobbs markets and distributes small kitchen and home appliances, pet and pest products and personal care products. Russell Hobbs has a broad portfolio of recognized brand names, including Black & Decker, George Foreman, Russell Hobbs, Toastmaster, LitterMaid, Farberware, Breadman and Juiceman. Russell Hobbs customers include mass merchandisers, specialty retailers and appliance distributors primarily in North America, South America, Europe and Australia.

The results of Russell Hobbs operations since June 16, 2010 are included in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations. The financial results of Russell Hobbs are reported as a separate business segment, Small Appliances. Russell Hobbs contributed \$237,576 in Net sales, and recorded Operating loss of \$320 for the period from June 16, 2010 through the period ended September 30, 2010, which includes \$13,400 of Acquisition and integration related charges.

In accordance with ASC Topic 805, *Business Combinations* (ASC 805), the Company accounted for the Merger by applying the acquisition method of accounting. The acquisition method of accounting requires that the consideration transferred in a business combination be measured at fair value as of the closing date of the acquisition. After consummation of the Merger, the stockholders of Spectrum Brands, inclusive of Harbinger, own approximately 60% of SB Holdings and the stockholders of Russell Hobbs own approximately 40% of SB Holdings. Inasmuch as Russell Hobbs is a private company and its common stock was not publicly traded, the closing market price of the Spectrum Brands common stock at June 15, 2010 was used to calculate the purchase price. The total purchase price of Russell Hobbs was approximately \$597,579 determined as follows:

Spectrum Brands closing price per share on June 15, 2010	\$ 28.15
Purchase price Russell Hobbs allocation 20,704 shares(1)(2)	\$ 575,203
Cash payment to pay off Russell Hobbs North American credit facility	22,376
Total purchase price of Russell Hobbs	\$ 597,579

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- (1) Number of shares calculated based upon conversion formula, as defined in the Merger Agreement, using balances as of June 16, 2010.
- (2) The fair value of 271 shares of unvested restricted stock units as they relate to post combination services will be recorded as operating expense over the remaining service period and were assumed to have no fair value for the purchase price.

***Preliminary Purchase Price Allocation***

The total purchase price for Russell Hobbs was allocated to the preliminary net tangible and intangible assets based upon their preliminary fair values at June 16, 2010 as set forth below. The excess of the purchase price over the preliminary net tangible assets and intangible assets was recorded as goodwill. The preliminary allocation of the purchase price was based upon a valuation for which the estimates and assumptions are subject to change within the measurement period (up to one year from the acquisition date). The primary areas of the preliminary purchase price allocation that are not yet finalized relate to the certain legal matters, amounts for income taxes including deferred tax accounts, amounts for uncertain tax positions, and net operating loss carryforwards inclusive of associated limitations, and the final allocation of goodwill. The Company expects to continue to obtain information to assist it in determining the fair values of the net assets acquired at the acquisition date during the measurement period. The preliminary purchase price allocation for Russell Hobbs is as follows:

Current assets	\$ 307,809
Property, plant and equipment	15,150
Intangible assets	363,327
Goodwill(A)	120,079
Other assets	15,752
Total assets acquired	\$ 822,117
Current liabilities	142,046
Total debt	18,970
Long-term liabilities	63,522
Total liabilities assumed	\$ 224,538
Net assets acquired	\$ 597,579

(A) Consists of \$25,426 of tax deductible Goodwill.

***Preliminary Pre-Acquisition Contingencies Assumed***

The Company has evaluated and continues to evaluate pre-acquisition contingencies relating to Russell Hobbs that existed as of the acquisition date. Based on the evaluation to date, the Company has preliminarily determined that certain pre-acquisition contingencies are probable in nature and estimable as of the acquisition date. Accordingly, the Company has preliminarily recorded its best estimates for these contingencies as part of the preliminary purchase price allocation for Russell Hobbs. The Company continues to gather information relating to all pre-acquisition contingencies that it has assumed from Russell Hobbs. Any changes to the pre-acquisition contingency amounts recorded during the measurement period will be included in the purchase price allocation. Subsequent to the end of the measurement period any adjustments to pre-acquisition contingency amounts will be reflected in the Company's results of operations.

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Certain estimated values are not yet finalized and are subject to change, which could be significant. The Company will finalize the amounts recognized as it obtains the information necessary to complete its analysis during the measurement period. The following items are provisional and subject to change:

amounts for legal contingencies, pending the finalization of the Company's examination and evaluation of the portfolio of filed cases;

amounts for income taxes including deferred tax accounts, amounts for uncertain tax positions, and net operating loss carryforwards inclusive of associated limitations; and

the final allocation of Goodwill.

ASC 805 requires, among other things, that most assets acquired and liabilities assumed be recognized at their fair values as of the acquisition date. Accordingly, the Company performed a preliminary valuation of the assets and liabilities of Russell Hobbs at June 16, 2010. Significant adjustments as a result of that preliminary valuation are summarized as followed:

*Inventories* An adjustment of \$1,721 was recorded to adjust inventory to fair value. Finished goods were valued at estimated selling prices less the sum of costs of disposal and a reasonable profit allowance for the selling effort.

*Deferred tax liabilities, net* An adjustment of \$43,086 was recorded to adjust deferred taxes for the preliminary fair value allocations.

*Property, plant and equipment, net* An adjustment of \$(455) was recorded to adjust the net book value of property, plant and equipment to fair value giving consideration to their highest and best use. Key assumptions used in the valuation of the Company's property, plant and equipment were based on the cost approach.

Certain indefinite-lived intangible assets were valued using a relief from royalty methodology. Customer relationships and certain definite-lived intangible assets were valued using a multi-period excess earnings method. Certain intangible assets are subject to sensitive business factors of which only a portion are within control of the Company's management. The total fair value of indefinite and definite lived intangibles was \$363,327 as of June 16, 2010. A summary of the significant key inputs were as follows:

The Company valued customer relationships using the income approach, specifically the multi-period excess earnings method. In determining the fair value of the customer relationship, the multi-period excess earnings approach values the intangible asset at the present value of the incremental after-tax cash flows attributable only to the customer relationship after deducting contributory asset charges. The incremental after-tax cash flows attributable to the subject intangible asset are then discounted to their present value. Only expected sales from current customers were used which included an expected growth rate of 3%. The Company assumed a customer retention rate of approximately 93% which was supported by historical retention rates. Income taxes were estimated at 36% and amounts were discounted using a rate of 15.5%. The customer relationships were valued at \$38,000 under this approach.



The Company valued trade names and trademarks using the income approach, specifically the relief from royalty method. Under this method, the asset value was determined by estimating the hypothetical royalties that would have to be paid if the trade name was not owned. Royalty rates were selected based on consideration of several factors, including prior transactions of Russell Hobbs related trademarks and trade names, other similar trademark licensing and transaction agreements and the relative profitability and perceived contribution of the trademarks and trade names. Royalty rates used in the determination of the fair values of trade names and trademarks ranged from 2.0% to 5.5% of expected net sales related to the respective trade names and trademarks. The Company

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anticipates using the majority of the trade names and trademarks for an indefinite period as demonstrated by the sustained use of each subjected trademark. In estimating the fair value of the trademarks and trade names, Net sales for significant trade names and trademarks were estimated to grow at a rate of 1%-14% annually with a terminal year growth rate of 3%. Income taxes were estimated at a range of 30%-38% and amounts were discounted using rates between 15.5%-16.5%. Trade name and trademarks were valued at \$170,930 under this approach.

The Company valued a trade name license agreement using the income approach, specifically the multi-period excess earnings method. In determining the fair value of the trade name license agreement, the multi-period excess earnings approach values the intangible asset at the present value of the incremental after-tax cash flows attributable only to the trade name license agreement after deducting contributory asset charges. The incremental after-tax cash flows attributable to the subject intangible asset are then discounted to their present value. In estimating the fair value of the trade name license agreement net sales were estimated to grow at a rate of (3)%-1% annually. The Company assumed a twelve year useful life of the trade name license agreement. Income taxes were estimated at 37% and amounts were discounted using a rate of 15.5%. The trade name license agreement was valued at \$149,200 under this approach.

The Company valued technology using the income approach, specifically the relief from royalty method. Under this method, the asset value was determined by estimating the hypothetical royalties that would have to be paid if the technology was not owned. Royalty rates were selected based on consideration of several factors including prior transactions of Russell Hobbs related licensing agreements and the importance of the technology and profit levels, among other considerations. Royalty rates used in the determination of the fair values of technologies were 2% of expected net sales related to the respective technology. The Company anticipates using these technologies through the legal life of the underlying patent and therefore the expected life of these technologies was equal to the remaining legal life of the underlying patents ranging from 9 to 11 years. In estimating the fair value of the technologies, net sales were estimated to grow at a rate of 3%-12% annually. Income taxes were estimated at 37% and amounts were discounted using the rate of 15.5%. The technology assets were valued at \$4,100 under this approach.

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The following reflects the Company's pro forma results had the results of Russell Hobbs been included for all periods beginning after September 30, 2007.

	<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Net sales:</b>				
Reported Net sales	\$ 2,567,011	\$ 219,888	\$ 2,010,648	\$ 2,426,571
Russell Hobbs adjustment	543,952	64,641	711,046	909,426
Pro forma Net sales	\$ 3,110,963	\$ 284,529	\$ 2,721,694	\$ 3,335,997
<b>(Loss) income from continuing operations:</b>				
Reported (Loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (187,372)	\$ (71,193)	\$ 1,100,743	\$ (905,358)
Russell Hobbs adjustment	(5,504)	(2,284)	(25,121)	(43,480)
Pro forma Loss from continuing operations	\$ (192,876)	\$ (73,477)	\$ 1,075,622	\$ (948,838)
<b>Basic and Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations(A):</b>				
Reported Basic and Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations	\$ (5.20)	\$ (2.37)	\$ 21.45	\$ (17.78)
Russell Hobbs adjustment	(0.16)	(0.08)	(0.49)	(0.85)
Pro forma basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations	\$ (5.36)	\$ (2.45)	\$ 20.96	\$ (18.63)

(A) The Company has not assumed the exercise of common stock equivalents as the impact would be antidilutive.

**(16) Quarterly Results (unaudited)**

		<b>Successor Company</b>			
		<b>Quarter Ended</b>			
	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>July 4,</b>	<b>April 4,</b>	<b>January 3,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2010</b>	
Net sales	\$ 788,999	\$ 653,486	\$ 532,586	\$ 591,940	
Gross profit	274,499	252,869	209,580	184,462	
Net loss	(24,317)	(86,507)	(19,034)	(60,249)	
Basic net loss per common share	\$ (0.48)	\$ (2.53)	\$ (0.63)	\$ (2.01)	
Diluted net loss per common share	\$ (0.48)	\$ (2.53)	\$ (0.63)	\$ (2.01)	

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	<b>Successor Company</b>		<b>Predecessor Company</b>		
	<b>Period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Period from June 29, 2009 through August 30, 2009</b>	<b>June 28, 2009</b>	<b>Quarter Ended March 29, 2009</b>	<b>December 28, 2008</b>
Net sales	\$ 219,888	\$ 369,522	\$ 589,361	\$ 503,262	\$ 548,503
Gross profit	64,400	146,817	230,297	184,834	189,871
Net (loss) income	(70,785)	1,223,568	(36,521)	(60,449)	(112,657)
Basic net (loss) income per common share	\$ (2.36)	\$ 23.85	\$ (0.71)	\$ (1.18)	\$ (2.19)
Diluted net (loss) income per common share	\$ (2.36)	\$ 23.85	\$ (0.71)	\$ (1.18)	\$ (2.19)

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**For the year ended September 30, 2010, the period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009,  
the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009 and the year ended September 30, 2008**

<b>Column A</b>	<b>Column B</b>	<b>Column C</b>	<b>Column D</b>		<b>Column E</b>
<b>Descriptions</b>	<b>Balance at Beginning of Period</b>	<b>Additions Charged to Costs and Expenses</b>	<b>Deductions</b>	<b>Other Adjustments(A)</b>	<b>Balance at End of Period</b>
			<b>(In thousands)</b>		
September 30, 2010 (Successor Company):					
Accounts receivable allowances	\$ 1,011	\$ 3,340	\$	\$	\$ 4,351
September 30, 2009 (Successor Company):					
Accounts receivable allowances	\$	\$ 1,011	\$	\$	\$ 1,011
August 30, 2009 (Predecessor Company):					
Accounts receivable allowances	\$ 18,102	\$ 1,763	\$ 3,848	\$ 16,017	\$
September 30, 2008 (Predecessor Company):					
Accounts receivable allowances	\$ 17,196	\$ 1,368	\$ 462	\$	\$ 18,102

(A) The Other Adjustment in the period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009, represents the elimination of Accounts receivable allowances through fresh-start reporting as a result of the Company's emergence from Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

See accompanying Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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**Annex A**

**RISK FACTORS OF SPECTRUM BRANDS HOLDINGS, INC.**

*Unless otherwise indicated in this Annex A or the context requires otherwise, in this Annex A, the Company, SB Holdings, we, our or us are used to refer to Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. and, where applicable, its consolidated subsidiaries. Harbinger Parties refers, collectively, to Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd., Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. and Global Opportunities Breakaway Ltd. Russell Hobbs refers to Russell Hobbs, Inc. and, where applicable, its consolidated subsidiaries. Merger means the business combination of Spectrum Brands (as defined below) and Russell Hobbs consummated on June 16, 2010 creating SB Holdings.*

*Spectrum Brands refers to Spectrum Brands, Inc. and, where applicable, its consolidated subsidiaries.*

*The term 9.5% Notes refers to Spectrum Brands \$750 million 9.5% Senior Secured Notes due June 15, 2018. The term 12% Notes refers to Spectrum Brands 12% Senior Subordinated Toggle Notes due 2019. The term ABL Revolving Credit Facility refers to Spectrum Brands \$300 million ABL revolving facility due June 16, 2014. The term Term Loan refers to Spectrum Brands \$750 million Term Loan due June 16, 2016. The term Senior Credit Facilities refers, collectively, to the ABL Revolving Credit Facility and the Term Loan. The term Senior Secured Facilities refers, collectively, to the Senior Credit Facilities and the 9.5% Notes.*

*Any of the following factors could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.*

**Risks Related to the Merger**

***Significant costs have been incurred in connection with the consummation of the Merger and are expected to be incurred in connection with the integration of Spectrum Brands and Russell Hobbs into a combined company, including legal, accounting, financial advisory and other costs.***

We expect to incur one-time costs of approximately \$23 million in connection with integrating the operations, products and personnel of Spectrum Brands and Russell Hobbs into a combined company, in addition to costs related directly to completing the Merger described below. These costs may include costs for:

employee redeployment, relocation or severance;

integration of information systems;

combination of research and development teams and processes; and

reorganization or closures of facilities.

In addition, we expect to incur a number of non-recurring costs associated with combining our operations with those of Russell Hobbs, which cannot be estimated accurately at this time. We incurred approximately \$85 million of transaction fees and other costs related to the Merger. Additional unanticipated costs may yet be incurred as we integrate our business with that of Russell Hobbs. Although we expect that the elimination of duplicative costs, as well as the realization of other efficiencies related to the integration of our operations with those of Russell Hobbs, may offset incremental transaction and transaction-related costs over time, this net benefit may not be achieved in the near term, or at all. There can be no assurance that we will be successful in our integration efforts. In addition, while

we expect to benefit from leveraging distribution channels and brand names across both companies, we cannot assure you that we will achieve such benefits.

***We may not realize the anticipated benefits of the Merger.***

The Merger involved the integration of two companies that previously operated independently. The integration of our operations with those of Russell Hobbs is expected to result in financial and operational benefits, including increased revenues and cost savings. There can be no assurance, however, regarding when or the extent to which we will be able to realize these increased revenues, cost savings or other benefits.

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Integration may also be difficult, unpredictable, and subject to delay because of possible company culture conflicts and different opinions on technical decisions and product roadmaps. We must integrate or, in some cases, replace, numerous systems, including those involving management information, purchasing, accounting and finance, sales, billing, employee benefits, payroll and regulatory compliance, many of which are dissimilar. In some instances, we and Russell Hobbs have served the same customers, and some customers may decide that it is desirable to have additional or different suppliers. Difficulties associated with integration could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and operating results.

***Integrating our business with that of Russell Hobbs may divert our management's attention away from operations.***

Successful integration of our and Russell Hobbs' operations, products and personnel may place a significant burden on our management and other internal resources. The diversion of management's attention, and any difficulties encountered in the transition and integration process, could harm our business, financial conditions and operating results.

## **Risks Related To Our Emergence From Bankruptcy**

***Because our consolidated financial statements are required to reflect fresh-start reporting adjustments to be made upon emergence from bankruptcy, financial information in our financial statements prepared after August 30, 2009 will not be comparable to our financial information from prior periods.***

All conditions required for the adoption of fresh-start reporting were met upon emergence from Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") on August 28, 2009 (the "Effective Date"). However, in light of the proximity of that date to our accounting period close immediately following the Effective Date, which was August 30, 2009, we elected to adopt a convenience date of August 30, 2009 for recording fresh-start reporting. We adopted fresh-start reporting in accordance with the Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 852: *Reorganizations*, ("ASC 852") pursuant to which our reorganization value, which is intended to reflect the fair value of the entity before considering liabilities and approximate the amount a willing buyer would pay for the assets of the entity immediately after the reorganization, was allocated to the fair value of assets in conformity with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, *Business Combinations*, using the purchase method of accounting for business combinations. We stated liabilities, other than deferred taxes, at a present value of amounts expected to be paid. The amount remaining after allocation of the reorganization value to the fair value of identified tangible and intangible assets was reflected as goodwill, which is subject to periodic evaluation for impairment. In addition, under fresh-start reporting the accumulated deficit was eliminated. Thus, our future statements of financial position and results of operations are not be comparable in many respects to statements of financial position and consolidated statements of operations data for periods prior to the adoption of fresh-start reporting. The lack of comparable historical information may discourage investors from purchasing our securities. Additionally, the financial information included in this prospectus may not be indicative of future financial information.

## **Risks Related To Our Business**

***We are a parent company and our primary source of cash is and will be distributions from our subsidiaries.***

We are a parent company with limited business operations of our own. Our main asset is the capital stock of our subsidiaries. We conduct most of our business operations through our direct and indirect subsidiaries. Accordingly, our primary sources of cash are dividends and distributions with respect to our ownership interests in our subsidiaries that are derived from their earnings and cash flow. Our subsidiaries might not generate sufficient earnings and cash flow to pay dividends or distributions in the future. Our subsidiaries' payments to us will be contingent upon their earnings and upon other business considerations. In addition, our senior credit facilities, the indentures governing our

notes and other agreements limit or prohibit certain payments of dividends or other distributions to us. We expect that future credit facilities will contain similar restrictions.

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***Our substantial indebtedness may limit our financial and operating flexibility, and we may incur additional debt, which could increase the risks associated with our substantial indebtedness.***

We have, and we expect to continue to have, a significant amount of indebtedness. As of September 30, 2010, we had total indebtedness under our Senior Secured Facilities, the 12% Notes and other debt of approximately \$1.8 billion. Our substantial indebtedness has had, and could continue to have, material adverse consequences for our business, and may:

require us to dedicate a large portion of our cash flow to pay principal and interest on our indebtedness, which will reduce the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, research and development expenditures and other business activities;

increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

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

restrict our ability to make strategic acquisitions, dispositions or exploiting business opportunities;

place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt; and

limit our ability to borrow additional funds (even when necessary to maintain adequate liquidity) or dispose of assets.

Under the Senior Secured Facilities and the indenture governing the 12% Notes (the 2019 Indenture ), we may incur additional indebtedness. If new debt is added to our existing debt levels, the related risks that we now face would increase.

Furthermore, a substantial portion of our debt bears interest at variable rates. If market interest rates increase, the interest rate on our variable rate debt will increase and will create higher debt service requirements, which would adversely affect our cash flow and could adversely impact our results of operations. While we may enter into agreements limiting our exposure to higher debt service requirements, any such agreements may not offer complete protection from this risk.

***Restrictive covenants in the Senior Secured Facilities and the 2019 Indenture may restrict our ability to pursue our business strategies.***

The Senior Secured Facilities and the 2019 Indenture each restrict, among other things, asset dispositions, mergers and acquisitions, dividends, stock repurchases and redemptions, other restricted payments, indebtedness and preferred stock, loans and investments, liens and affiliate transactions. The Senior Secured Facilities and the 2019 Indenture also contain customary events of default. These covenants, among other things, limit our ability to fund future working capital and capital expenditures, engage in future acquisitions or development activities, or otherwise realize the value of our assets and opportunities fully because of the need to dedicate a portion of cash flow from operations to payments on debt. In addition, the Senior Secured Facilities contain financial covenants relating to maximum leverage and minimum interest coverage. Such covenants could limit the flexibility of our restricted entities in planning for, or reacting to, changes in the industries in which they operate. Our ability to comply with these covenants is subject to certain events outside of our control. If we are unable to comply with these covenants, the lenders under our Senior Secured Facilities or 12% Notes could terminate their commitments and the lenders under our Senior Secured Facilities or 12% Notes could accelerate repayment of our outstanding borrowings, and, in either

case, we may be unable to obtain adequate refinancing outstanding borrowings on favorable terms. If we are unable to repay outstanding borrowings when due, the lenders under the Senior Secured Facilities or 12% Notes will also have the right to proceed against the collateral granted to them to secure the indebtedness owed to them. If our obligations under the Senior Secured Facilities and the 12% Notes are accelerated, we cannot assure you that our assets would be sufficient to repay in full such indebtedness.

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***The sale or other disposition by Harbinger Group, Inc. ( HRG ), the holder of a majority of the outstanding shares of SB Holdings common stock, to non-affiliates of a sufficient amount of the common stock of SB Holdings would constitute a change of control under the agreements governing Spectrum Brands debt.***

HRG owns a majority of the outstanding shares of the common stock of SB Holdings. Any sale or other disposition by HRG to non-affiliates of a sufficient amount of the common stock of SB Holdings could constitute a change of control under the agreements governing Spectrum Brands debt, including any foreclosure on or sale of SB Holdings common stock pledged as collateral by HRG pursuant to the indenture governing HRG's \$350 million 10.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2015. Under the Term Loan and the ABL Revolving Credit Facility, a change of control is an event of default and, if a change of control were to occur, Spectrum Brands would be required to get an amendment to these agreements to avoid a default. If Spectrum Brands was unable to get such an amendment, the lenders could accelerate the maturity of each of the Spectrum Brands Term Loan and the ABL Revolving Credit Facility. In addition, under the indentures governing the 9.5% Notes and the 12% Notes, upon a change of control of SB Holdings, Spectrum Brands is required to offer to repurchase such notes from the holders at a price equal to 101% of principal amount of the notes plus accrued interest or obtain a waiver of default from the holders of such notes. If Spectrum Brands was unable to make the change of control offer or obtain a waiver of default, it would be an event of default under the indentures that could allow holders of such notes to accelerate the maturity of the notes. See Risks Related to SB Holdings Common Stock *The Harbinger Parties and HRG will exercise significant influence over us and their interests in our business may be different from the interest of our stockholders.*

***We face risks related to the current economic environment.***

The current economic environment and related turmoil in the global financial system has had and may continue to have an impact on our business and financial condition. Global economic conditions have significantly impacted economic markets within certain sectors, with financial services and retail businesses being particularly impacted. Our ability to generate revenue depends significantly on discretionary consumer spending. It is difficult to predict new general economic conditions that could impact consumer and customer demand for our products or our ability to manage normal commercial relationships with our customers, suppliers and creditors. The recent continuation of a number of negative economic factors, including constraints on the supply of credit to households, uncertainty and weakness in the labor market and general consumer fears of a continuing economic downturn could have a negative impact on discretionary consumer spending. If the economy continues to deteriorate or fails to improve, our business could be negatively impacted, including as a result of reduced demand for our products or supplier or customer disruptions. Any weakness in discretionary consumer spending could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, our ability to access the capital markets may be restricted at a time when it could be necessary or beneficial to do so, which could have an impact on our flexibility to react to changing economic and business conditions.

In 2010, concern over sovereign debt in Greece, Ireland and certain other European Union countries caused significant fluctuations of the Euro relative to other currencies, such as the U.S. Dollar. Destabilization of the European economy could lead to a decrease in consumer confidence, which could cause reductions in discretionary spending and demand for our products. Furthermore, sovereign debt issues could also lead to further significant, and potentially longer-term, economic issues such as reduced economic growth and devaluation of the Euro against the U.S. Dollar, any of which could adversely affect our business, financial conditions and operating results.

***We may not be able to retain key personnel or recruit additional qualified personnel whether as a result of the Merger or otherwise, which could materially affect our business and require us to incur substantial additional costs to recruit replacement personnel.***

We are highly dependent on the continuing efforts of our senior management team and other key personnel. As a result of the Merger, our current and prospective employees could experience uncertainty about their future roles. This uncertainty may adversely affect our ability to attract and retain key management, sales, marketing and technical personnel. Any failure to attract and retain key personnel, whether as a result of

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the Merger or otherwise, could have a material adverse effect on our business. In addition, we currently do not maintain key person insurance covering any member of our management team.

***We participate in very competitive markets and we may not be able to compete successfully, causing us to lose market share and sales.***

The markets in which we participate are very competitive. In the consumer battery market, our primary competitors are *Duracell* (a brand of Procter & Gamble), *Energizer* and *Panasonic* (a brand of Matsushita). In the electric shaving and grooming and electric personal care product markets, our primary competitors are *Braun* (a brand of Procter & Gamble), *Norelco* (a brand of Philips), and *Vidal Sassoon* and *Revlon* (brands of Helen of Troy). In the pet supplies market, our primary competitors are Mars, Hartz and Central Garden & Pet. In the Home and Garden Business, our principal national competitors are Scotts, Central Garden & Pet and S.C. Johnson. Our principal national competitors within our Small Appliances segment include Jarden Corporation, DeLonghi America, Euro-Pro Operating LLC, Metro Thebe, Inc., d/b/a HWI Breville, NACCO Industries, Inc. (*Hamilton Beach*) and SEB S.A. In each of these markets, we also face competition from numerous other companies. In addition, in a number of our product lines, we compete with our retail customers, who use their own private label brands, and with distributors and foreign manufacturers of unbranded products. Significant new competitors or increased competition from existing competitors may adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of our operations.

We compete with our competitors for consumer acceptance and limited shelf space based upon brand name recognition, perceived product quality, price, performance, product features and enhancements, product packaging and design innovation, as well as creative marketing, promotion and distribution strategies, and new product introductions. Our ability to compete in these consumer product markets may be adversely affected by a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the following:

We compete against many well-established companies that may have substantially greater financial and other resources, including personnel and research and development, and greater overall market share than us.

In some key product lines, our competitors may have lower production costs and higher profit margins than us, which may enable them to compete more aggressively in offering retail discounts, rebates and other promotional incentives.

Product improvements or effective advertising campaigns by competitors may weaken consumer demand for our products.

Consumer purchasing behavior may shift to distribution channels where we do not have a strong presence.

Consumer preferences may change to lower margin products or products other than those we market.

We may not be successful in the introduction, marketing and manufacture of any new products or product innovations or be able to develop and introduce, in a timely manner, innovations to our existing products that satisfy customer needs or achieve market acceptance.

Some competitors may be willing to reduce prices and accept lower profit margins to compete with us. As a result of this competition, we could lose market share and sales, or be forced to reduce our prices to meet competition. If our product offerings are unable to compete successfully, our sales, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

***We may not be able to realize expected benefits and synergies from future acquisitions of businesses or product lines.***

We may acquire partial or full ownership in businesses or may acquire rights to market and distribute particular products or lines of products. The acquisition of a business or of the rights to market specific products or use specific product names may involve a financial commitment by us, either in the form of cash or equity consideration. In the case of a new license, such commitments are usually in the form of prepaid

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royalties and future minimum royalty payments. There is no guarantee that we will acquire businesses or product distribution rights that will contribute positively to our earnings. Anticipated synergies may not materialize, cost savings may be less than expected, sales of products may not meet expectations, and acquired businesses may carry unexpected liabilities.

***Sales of certain of our products are seasonal and may cause our operating results and working capital requirements to fluctuate.***

On a consolidated basis our financial results are approximately equally weighted between quarters, however, sales of certain product categories tend to be seasonal. Sales in the consumer battery, electric shaving and grooming and electric personal care product categories, particularly in North America, tend to be concentrated in the December holiday season (Spectrum's first fiscal quarter). Demand for pet supplies products remains fairly constant throughout the year. Demand for home and garden control products sold through the Home and Garden Business typically peaks during the first six months of the calendar year (Spectrum's second and third fiscal quarters). Small Appliances peaks from July through December primarily due to the increased demand by customers in the late summer for

back-to-school sales and in the fall for the holiday season. As a result of this seasonality, our inventory and working capital needs fluctuate significantly during the year. In addition, orders from retailers are often made late in the period preceding the applicable peak season, making forecasting of production schedules and inventory purchases difficult. If we are unable to accurately forecast and prepare for customer orders or our working capital needs, or there is a general downturn in business or economic conditions during these periods, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

***We are subject to significant international business risks that could hurt our business and cause our results of operations to fluctuate.***

Approximately 44% of our net sales for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010 were from customers outside of the U.S. Our pursuit of international growth opportunities may require significant investments for an extended period before returns on these investments, if any, are realized. Our international operations are subject to risks including, among others:

currency fluctuations, including, without limitation, fluctuations in the foreign exchange rate of the Euro;

changes in the economic conditions or consumer preferences or demand for our products in these markets;

the risk that because our brand names may not be locally recognized, we must spend significant amounts of time and money to build brand recognition without certainty that we will be successful;

labor unrest;

political and economic instability, as a result of terrorist attacks, natural disasters or otherwise;

lack of developed infrastructure;

longer payment cycles and greater difficulty in collecting accounts;

restrictions on transfers of funds;

import and export duties and quotas, as well as general transportation costs;

changes in domestic and international customs and tariffs;

changes in foreign labor laws and regulations affecting our ability to hire and retain employees;

inadequate protection of intellectual property in foreign countries;

unexpected changes in regulatory environments;

difficulty in complying with foreign law;

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difficulty in obtaining distribution and support; and

adverse tax consequences.

The foregoing factors may have a material adverse effect on our ability to increase or maintain our supply of products, financial condition or results of operations.

***Adverse weather conditions during our peak selling season for our home and garden control products could have a material adverse effect on our Home and Garden Business.***

Weather conditions in the U.S. have a significant impact on the timing and volume of sales of certain of our lawn and garden and household insecticide and repellent products. Periods of dry, hot weather can decrease insecticide sales, while periods of cold and wet weather can slow sales of herbicides.

***Our products utilize certain key raw materials; any increase in the price of, or change in supply and demand for, these raw materials could have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition and profits.***

The principal raw materials used to produce our products including zinc powder, electrolytic manganese dioxide powder, petroleum-based plastic materials, steel, aluminum, copper and corrugated materials (for packaging) are sourced either on a global or regional basis by us or our suppliers, and the prices of those raw materials are susceptible to price fluctuations due to supply and demand trends, energy costs, transportation costs, government regulations, duties and tariffs, changes in currency exchange rates, price controls, general economic conditions and other unforeseen circumstances. In particular, during 2007 and 2008, and to date in 2010, we experienced extraordinary price increases for raw materials, particularly as a result of strong demand from China. Although we may increase the prices of certain of our goods to our customers, we may not be able to pass all of these cost increases on to our customers. As a result, our margins may be adversely impacted by such cost increases. We cannot provide any assurance that our sources of supply will not be interrupted due to changes in worldwide supply of or demand for raw materials or other events that interrupt material flow, which may have an adverse effect on our profitability and results of operations.

We regularly engage in forward purchase and hedging derivative transactions in an attempt to effectively manage and stabilize some of the raw material costs we expect to incur over the next 12 to 24 months; however, our hedging positions may not be effective, or may not anticipate beneficial trends, in a particular raw material market or may, as a result of changes in our business, no longer be useful for us. In addition, for certain of the principal raw materials we use to produce our products, such as electrolytic manganese dioxide powder, there are no available effective hedging markets. If these efforts are not effective or expose us to above average costs for an extended period of time, and we are unable to pass our raw materials costs on to our customers, our future profitability may be materially and adversely affected. Furthermore, with respect to transportation costs, certain modes of delivery are subject to fuel surcharges which are determined based upon the current cost of diesel fuel in relation to pre-established agreed upon costs. We may be unable to pass these fuel surcharges on to our customers, which may have an adverse effect on our profitability and results of operations.

In addition, we have exclusivity arrangements and minimum purchase requirements with certain of our suppliers for the Home and Garden Business, which increase our dependence upon and exposure to those suppliers. Some of those agreements include caps on the price we pay for our supplies and in certain instances, these caps have allowed us to purchase materials at below market prices. When we attempt to renew those contracts, the other parties to the contracts may not be willing to include or may limit the effect of those caps and could even attempt to impose above market prices in an effort to make up for any below market prices paid by us prior to the renewal of the agreement.

Any failure to timely obtain suitable supplies at competitive prices could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

*We may not be able to fully utilize our U.S. net operating loss carryforwards.*

As of September 30, 2010, Spectrum Brands had U.S. federal and state net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$1,087 million and \$923 million, respectively. These net operating loss carryforwards expire

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through years ending in 2030. As of September 30, 2010, our management determined that it continues to be more likely than not that the net U.S. deferred tax asset, excluding certain indefinite lived intangibles, would not be realized in the future and as such recorded a full valuation allowance to offset the net U.S. deferred tax asset, including Spectrum Brands' net operating loss carryforwards. In addition, Spectrum Brands has had changes of ownership, as defined under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "IRC"), that continue to subject a significant amount of Spectrum Brands' U.S. net operating losses and other tax attributes to certain limitations. We estimate that approximately \$296 million of our federal and \$463 million of our state net operating losses will expire unused due to the limitation in Section 382 of the IRC.

As a consequence of the merger of Salton, Inc. and Applica Incorporated in December 2007, as well as earlier business combinations and issuances of common stock consummated by both companies, use of the tax benefits of Russell Hobbs' loss carryforwards is also subject to limitations imposed by Section 382 of the IRC. The determination of the limitations is complex and requires significant judgment and analysis of past transactions. Our analysis to determine what portion of Russell Hobbs' carryforwards are restricted or eliminated by that provision is ongoing and, pursuant to such analysis, we expect that a significant portion of these carryforwards will not be available to offset future taxable income, if any. In addition, use of Russell Hobbs' net operating loss and credit carryforwards is dependent upon both Russell Hobbs and us achieving profitable results in the future.

If we are unable to fully utilize our net operating losses, other than those restricted under Section 382 of the IRC, as discussed above, to offset taxable income generated in the future, our results of operations could be materially and negatively impacted.

***Consolidation of retailers and our dependence on a small number of key customers for a significant percentage of our sales may negatively affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.***

As a result of consolidation of retailers and consumer trends toward national mass merchandisers, a significant percentage of our sales are attributable to a very limited group of customers. Our largest customer accounted for approximately 22% of our consolidated net sales for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010. As these mass merchandisers and retailers grow larger and become more sophisticated, they may demand lower pricing, special packaging, or impose other requirements on product suppliers. These business demands may relate to inventory practices, logistics, or other aspects of the customer-supplier relationship. Because of the importance of these key customers, demands for price reductions or promotions, reductions in their purchases, changes in their financial condition or loss of their accounts could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Although we have long-established relationships with many of our customers, we do not have long-term agreements with them and purchases are generally made through the use of individual purchase orders. Any significant reduction in purchases, failure to obtain anticipated orders or delays or cancellations of orders by any of these major customers, or significant pressure to reduce prices from any of these major customers, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Additionally, a significant deterioration in the financial condition of the retail industry in general could have a material adverse effect on our sales and profitability.

In addition, as a result of the desire of retailers to more closely manage inventory levels, there is a growing trend among them to purchase products on a "just-in-time" basis. Due to a number of factors, including (i) manufacturing lead-times, (ii) seasonal purchasing patterns and (iii) the potential for material price increases, we may be required to shorten our lead-time for production and more closely anticipate our retailers' and customers' demands, which could in the future require us to carry additional inventories and increase our working capital and related financing requirements. This may increase the cost of warehousing inventory or result in excess inventory becoming difficult to manage, unusable or obsolete. In addition, if our retailers significantly change their inventory management strategies,

we may encounter difficulties in filling customer orders or in liquidating excess inventories, or may find that customers are cancelling orders or returning products, which may have a material adverse effect on our business.

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Furthermore, we primarily sell branded products and a move by one or more of our large customers to sell significant quantities of private label products, which we do not produce on their behalf and which directly compete with our products, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***As a result of our international operations, we face a number of risks related to exchange rates and foreign currencies.***

Our international sales and certain of our expenses are transacted in foreign currencies. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, approximately 44% of both our net sales and our operating expenses were denominated in foreign currencies. We expect that the amount of our revenues and expenses transacted in foreign currencies will increase as our Latin American, European and Asian operations grow and, as a result, our exposure to risks associated with foreign currencies could increase accordingly. Significant changes in the value of the U.S. dollar in relation to foreign currencies will affect our cost of goods sold and our operating margins and could result in exchange losses or otherwise have a material effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Changes in currency exchange rates may also affect our sales to, purchases from and loans to our subsidiaries as well as sales to, purchases from and bank lines of credit with our customers, suppliers and creditors that are denominated in foreign currencies.

We source many products from, and sell many products in, China and other Asian countries. To the extent the Chinese Renminbi ( RMB ) or other currencies appreciate with respect to the U.S. dollar, we may experience fluctuations in our results of operations. Since 2005, the RMB has no longer been pegged to the U.S. dollar at a constant exchange rate and instead fluctuates versus a basket of currencies. Although the People's Bank of China regularly intervenes in the foreign exchange market to prevent significant short-term fluctuations in the exchange rate, the RMB may appreciate or depreciate within a flexible peg range against the U.S. dollar in the medium to long term. Moreover, it is possible that in the future Chinese authorities may lift restrictions on fluctuations in the RMB exchange rate and lessen intervention in the foreign exchange market.

While we may enter into hedging transactions in the future, the availability and effectiveness of these transactions may be limited, and we may not be able to successfully hedge our exposure to currency fluctuations. Further, we may not be successful in implementing customer pricing or other actions in an effort to mitigate the impact of currency fluctuations and, thus, our results of operations may be adversely impacted.

***A deterioration in trade relations with China could lead to a substantial increase in tariffs imposed on goods of Chinese origin, which potentially could reduce demand for and sales of our products.***

We purchase a number of our products and supplies from suppliers located in China. China gained Permanent Normal Trade Relations ( PNTR ) with the U.S. when it acceded to the World Trade Organization ( WTO ), effective January 2002. The U.S. imposes the lowest applicable tariffs on exports from PNTR countries to the U.S. In order to maintain its WTO membership, China has agreed to several requirements, including the elimination of caps on foreign ownership of Chinese companies, lowering tariffs and publicizing its laws. China may not meet these requirements, it may not remain a member of the WTO, and its PNTR trading status may not be maintained. If China's WTO membership is withdrawn or if PNTR status for goods produced in China were removed, there could be a substantial increase in tariffs imposed on goods of Chinese origin entering the U.S. which could have a material negative adverse effect on our sales and gross margin.

***Our international operations may expose us to risks related to compliance with the laws and regulations of foreign countries.***

We are subject to three European Union ( EU ) Directives that may have a material impact on our business: Restriction of the Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Waste of Electrical and Electronic

Equipment and the Directive on Batteries and Accumulators and Waste Batteries, discussed below. Restriction of the Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment requires us to eliminate specified hazardous materials from products we sell in EU member states. Waste of

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Electrical and Electronic Equipment requires us to collect and treat, dispose of or recycle certain products we manufacture or import into the EU at our own expense. The EU Directive on Batteries and Accumulators and Waste Batteries bans heavy metals in batteries by establishing maximum quantities of heavy metals in batteries and mandates waste management of these batteries, including collection, recycling and disposal systems, with the costs imposed upon producers and importers such as us. Complying or failing to comply with the EU Directives may harm our business. For example:

Although contracts with our suppliers address related compliance issues, we may be unable to procure appropriate Restriction of the Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment compliant material in sufficient quantity and quality and/or be able to incorporate it into our product procurement processes without compromising quality and/or harming our cost structure.

We may face excess and obsolete inventory risk related to non-compliant inventory that we may continue to hold in fiscal 2010 for which there is reduced demand, and we may need to write down the carrying value of such inventories.

We may be unable to sell certain existing inventories of our batteries in Europe.

Many of the developing countries in which we operate do not have significant governmental regulation relating to environmental safety, occupational safety, employment practices or other business matters routinely regulated in the U.S. or may not rigorously enforce such regulation. As these countries and their economies develop, it is possible that new regulations or increased enforcement of existing regulations may increase the expense of doing business in these countries. In addition, social legislation in many countries in which we operate may result in significantly higher expenses associated with labor costs, terminating employees or distributors and closing manufacturing facilities. Increases in our costs as a result of increased regulation, legislation or enforcement could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

***We may not be able to adequately establish and protect our intellectual property rights, and the infringement or loss of our intellectual property rights could harm our business.***

To establish and protect our intellectual property rights, we rely upon a combination of national, foreign and multi-national patent, trademark and trade secret laws, together with licenses, confidentiality agreements and other contractual arrangements. The measures that we take to protect our intellectual property rights may prove inadequate to prevent third parties from infringing or misappropriating our intellectual property. We may need to resort to litigation to enforce or defend our intellectual property rights. If a competitor or collaborator files a patent application claiming technology also claimed by us, or a trademark application claiming a trademark, service mark or trade dress also used by us, in order to protect our rights, we may have to participate in expensive and time consuming opposition or interference proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or a similar foreign agency. Similarly, our intellectual property rights may be challenged by third parties or invalidated through administrative process or litigation. The costs associated with protecting intellectual property rights, including litigation costs, may be material. For example, our Small Appliances segment has spent several million dollars on protecting its patented automatic litter box business over the last few years. Furthermore, even if our intellectual property rights are not directly challenged, disputes among third parties could lead to the weakening or invalidation of our intellectual property rights, or our competitors may independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to our technology. Obtaining, protecting and defending intellectual property rights can be time consuming and expensive, and may require us to incur substantial costs, including the diversion of the time and resources of management and technical personnel.

Moreover, the laws of certain foreign countries in which we operate or may operate in the future do not protect, and the governments of certain foreign countries do not enforce, intellectual property rights to the same extent as do the laws and government of the U.S., which may negate our competitive or technological advantages in such markets. Also, some of the technology underlying our products is the subject of nonexclusive licenses from third parties. As a result, this technology could be made available to our

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competitors at any time. If we are unable to establish and then adequately protect our intellectual property rights, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

We license various trademarks, trade names and patents from third parties for certain of our products. These licenses generally place marketing obligations on us and require us to pay fees and royalties based on net sales or profits. Typically, these licenses may be terminated if we fail to satisfy certain minimum sales obligations or if we breach the terms of the license. The termination of these licensing arrangements could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In our Small Appliances segment, we license the use of the *Black & Decker* brand for marketing in certain small household appliances in North America, South America (excluding Brazil) and the Caribbean. Sales of *Black & Decker* branded products represented approximately 53% of the total consolidated revenue of our Small Appliances segment in both Fiscal 2010 and Fiscal 2009. In December 2007, The Black & Decker Corporation ( BDC ) extended the license agreement through December 2012, with an automatic extension through December 2014 if certain milestones are met regarding sales volume and product return. The failure to renew the license agreement with BDC or to enter into a new agreement on acceptable terms could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, liquidity and results of operations.

### ***Claims by third parties that we are infringing their intellectual property and other litigation could adversely affect our business.***

From time to time in the past we have been subject to claims that we are infringing the intellectual property of others. We currently are the subject of such claims and it is possible that third parties will assert infringement claims against us in the future. An adverse finding against us in these or similar trademark or other intellectual property litigations may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Any such claims, with or without merit, could be time consuming and expensive, and may require us to incur substantial costs, including the diversion of the resources of management and technical personnel, cause product delays or require us to enter into licensing or other agreements in order to secure continued access to necessary or desirable intellectual property. If we are deemed to be infringing a third party's intellectual property and are unable to continue using that intellectual property as we had been, our business and results of operations could be harmed if we are unable to successfully develop non-infringing alternative intellectual property on a timely basis or license non-infringing alternatives or substitutes, if any exist, on commercially reasonable terms. In addition, an unfavorable ruling in intellectual property litigation could subject us to significant liability, as well as require us to cease developing, manufacturing or selling the affected products or using the affected processes or trademarks. Any significant restriction on our proprietary or licensed intellectual property that impedes our ability to develop and commercialize our products could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### ***Our dependence on a few suppliers and one of our U.S. facilities for certain of our products makes us vulnerable to a disruption in the supply of our products.***

Although we have long-standing relationships with many of our suppliers, we generally do not have long-term contracts with them. An adverse change in any of the following could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations:

our ability to identify and develop relationships with qualified suppliers;

the terms and conditions upon which we purchase products from our suppliers, including applicable exchange rates, transport costs and other costs, our suppliers' willingness to extend credit to us to finance our inventory purchases and other factors beyond our control;

the financial condition of our suppliers;

political instability in the countries in which our suppliers are located;

our ability to import outsourced products;

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our suppliers noncompliance with applicable laws, trade restrictions and tariffs; or

our suppliers ability to manufacture and deliver outsourced products according to our standards of quality on a timely and efficient basis.

If our relationship with one of our key suppliers is adversely affected, we may not be able to quickly or effectively replace such supplier and may not be able to retrieve tooling, molds or other specialized production equipment or processes used by such supplier in the manufacture of our products.

In addition, we manufacture the majority of our foil cutting systems for our shaving product lines, using specially designed machines and proprietary cutting technology, at our Portage, Wisconsin facility. Damage to this facility, or prolonged interruption in the operations of this facility for repairs, as a result of labor difficulties or for other reasons, could have a material adverse effect on our ability to manufacture and sell our foil shaving products which could in turn harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***We face risks related to our sales of products obtained from third-party suppliers.***

We sell a significant number of products that are manufactured by third party suppliers over which we have no direct control. While we have implemented processes and procedures to try to ensure that the suppliers we use are complying with all applicable regulations, there can be no assurances that such suppliers in all instances will comply with such processes and procedures or otherwise with applicable regulations. Noncompliance could result in our marketing and distribution of contaminated, defective or dangerous products which could subject us to liabilities and could result in the imposition by governmental authorities of procedures or penalties that could restrict or eliminate our ability to purchase products from non-compliant suppliers. Any or all of these effects could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Class action and derivative action lawsuits and other investigations, regardless of their merits, could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.***

We and certain of our officers and directors have been named in the past, and may be named in the future, as defendants of class action and derivative action lawsuits. In the past, we have also received requests for information from government authorities. Regardless of their subject matter or merits, class action lawsuits and other government investigations may result in significant cost to us, which may not be covered by insurance, may divert the attention of management or may otherwise have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***We may be exposed to significant product liability claims which our insurance may not cover and which could harm our reputation.***

In the ordinary course of our business, we may be named as a defendant in lawsuits involving product liability claims. In any such proceeding, plaintiffs may seek to recover large and sometimes unspecified amounts of damages and the matters may remain unresolved for several years. Any such matters could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition if we are unable to successfully defend against or settle these matters or if our insurance coverage is insufficient to satisfy any judgments against us or settlements relating to these matters. Although we have product liability insurance coverage and an excess umbrella policy, our insurance policies may not provide coverage for certain, or any, claims against us or may not be sufficient to cover all possible liabilities. Additionally, we do not maintain product recall insurance. We may not be able to maintain such insurance on acceptable terms, if at all, in the future. Moreover, any adverse publicity arising from claims made against us, even if the claims were not successful, could adversely affect the reputation and sales of our products. In particular, product

recalls or product liability claims challenging the safety of our products may result in a decline in sales for a particular product. This could be true even if the claims themselves are ultimately settled for immaterial amounts. This type of adverse publicity could occur and product liability claims could be made in the future.

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***We may incur material capital and other costs due to environmental liabilities.***

We are subject to a broad range of federal, state, local, foreign and multi-national laws and regulations relating to the environment. These include laws and regulations that govern:

discharges to the air, water and land;

the handling and disposal of solid and hazardous substances and wastes; and

remediation of contamination associated with release of hazardous substances at our facilities and at off-site disposal locations.

Risk of environmental liability is inherent in our business. As a result, material environmental costs may arise in the future. In particular, we may incur capital and other costs to comply with increasingly stringent environmental laws and enforcement policies, such as the EU Directives: Restriction of the Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment and the Directive on Batteries and Accumulators and Waste Batteries, discussed above. Moreover, there are proposed international accords and treaties, as well as federal, state and local laws and regulations, that would attempt to control or limit the causes of climate change, including the effect of greenhouse gas emissions on the environment. In the event that the U.S. government or foreign governments enact new climate change laws or regulations or make changes to existing laws or regulations, compliance with applicable laws or regulations may result in increased manufacturing costs for our products, such as by requiring investment in new pollution control equipment or changing the ways in which certain of our products are made. We may incur some of these costs directly and others may be passed on to us from our third-party suppliers. Although we believe that we are substantially in compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations at our facilities, we may not always be in compliance with such laws and regulations or any new laws and regulations in the future, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

From time to time, we have been required to address the effect of historic activities on the environmental condition of our properties or former properties. We have not conducted invasive testing at all of our facilities to identify all potential environmental liability risks. Given the age of our facilities and the nature of our operations, material liabilities may arise in the future in connection with our current or former facilities. If previously unknown contamination of property underlying or in the vicinity of our manufacturing facilities is discovered, we could be required to incur material unforeseen expenses. If this occurs, it may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We are currently engaged in investigative or remedial projects at a few of our facilities and any liabilities arising from such investigative or remedial projects at such facilities may have a material effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We are also subject to proceedings related to our disposal of industrial and hazardous material at off-site disposal locations or similar disposals made by other parties for which we are responsible as a result of our relationship with such other parties. These proceedings are under the Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 ( CERCLA ) or similar state or foreign jurisdiction laws that hold persons who arranged for the disposal or treatment of such substances strictly liable for costs incurred in responding to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances from such sites, regardless of fault or the lawfulness of the original disposal. Liability under CERCLA is typically joint and several, meaning that a liable party may be responsible for all of the costs incurred in investigating and remediating contamination at a site. We occasionally are identified by federal or state governmental agencies as being a potentially responsible party for response actions contemplated at an off-site facility. At the existing sites where we have been notified of our status as a potentially responsible party, it is either premature to determine if our potential liability, if any, will be material or we do not believe that our liability, if any, will be material. We may be named as a potentially responsible party under CERCLA or similar state or foreign

jurisdiction laws in the future for other sites not currently known to us, and the costs and liabilities associated with these sites may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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***Compliance with various public health, consumer protection and other regulations applicable to our products and facilities could increase our cost of doing business and expose us to additional requirements with which we may be unable to comply.***

Certain of our products sold through, and facilities operated under, each of our business segments are regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the EPA), the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (the FDA) or other federal consumer protection and product safety agencies and are subject to the regulations such agencies enforce, as well as by similar state, foreign and multinational agencies and regulations. For example, in the U.S., all products containing pesticides must be registered with the EPA and, in many cases, similar state and foreign agencies before they can be manufactured or sold. Our inability to obtain, or the cancellation of, any registration could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. The severity of the effect would depend on which products were involved, whether another product could be substituted and whether our competitors were similarly affected. We attempt to anticipate regulatory developments and maintain registrations of, and access to, substitute chemicals and other ingredients, but we may not always be able to avoid or minimize these risks.

As a distributor of consumer products in the U.S., certain of our products are also subject to the Consumer Product Safety Act, which empowers the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (the Consumer Commission) to exclude from the market products that are found to be unsafe or hazardous. Under certain circumstances, the Consumer Commission could require us to repair, replace or refund the purchase price of one or more of our products, or we may voluntarily do so. For example, Russell Hobbs, in cooperation with the Consumer Commission, voluntarily recalled approximately 9,800 units of a thermal coffeemaker sold under the *Black & Decker* brand in August 2009 and approximately 584,000 coffeemakers in June 2009. Any additional repurchases or recalls of our products could be costly to us and could damage the reputation or the value of our brands. If we are required to remove, or we voluntarily remove our products from the market, our reputation or brands could be tarnished and we may have large quantities of finished products that could not be sold. Furthermore, failure to timely notify the Consumer Commission of a potential safety hazard can result in significant fines being assessed against us. Additionally, laws regulating certain consumer products exist in some states, as well as in other countries in which we sell our products, and more restrictive laws and regulations may be adopted in the future.

The Food Quality Protection Act ( FQPA ) established a standard for food-use pesticides, which is that a reasonable certainty of no harm will result from the cumulative effect of pesticide exposures. Under the FQPA, the EPA is evaluating the cumulative effects from dietary and non-dietary exposures to pesticides. The pesticides in certain of our products that are sold through the Home and Garden Business continue to be evaluated by the EPA as part of this program. It is possible that the EPA or a third party active ingredient registrant may decide that a pesticide we use in our products will be limited or made unavailable to us. We cannot predict the outcome or the severity of the effect of the EPA's continuing evaluations of active ingredients used in our products.

In addition, the use of certain pesticide and fertilizer products that are sold through our global pet supplies business and through the Home and Garden Business may, among other things, be regulated by various local, state, federal and foreign environmental and public health agencies. These regulations may require that only certified or professional users apply the product, that users post notices on properties where products have been or will be applied or that certain ingredients may not be used. Compliance with such public health regulations could increase our cost of doing business and expose us to additional requirements with which we may be unable to comply.

Any failure to comply with these laws or regulations, or the terms of applicable environmental permits, could result in us incurring substantial costs, including fines, penalties and other civil and criminal sanctions or the prohibition of sales of our pest control products. Environmental law requirements, and the enforcement thereof, change frequently, have tended to become more stringent over time and could require us to incur significant expenses.

Most federal, state and local authorities require certification by Underwriters Laboratory, Inc., an independent, not-for-profit corporation engaged in the testing of products for compliance with certain public

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safety standards, or other safety regulation certification prior to marketing electrical appliances. Foreign jurisdictions also have regulatory authorities overseeing the safety of consumer products. Our products may not meet the specifications required by these authorities. A determination that any of our products are not in compliance with these rules and regulations could result in the imposition of fines or an award of damages to private litigants.

***Public perceptions that some of the products we produce and market are not safe could adversely affect us.***

On occasion, customers and some current or former employees have alleged that some products failed to perform up to expectations or have caused damage or injury to individuals or property. Public perception that any of our products are not safe, whether justified or not, could impair our reputation, damage our brand names and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***If we are unable to negotiate satisfactory terms to continue existing or enter into additional collective bargaining agreements, we may experience an increased risk of labor disruptions and our results of operations and financial condition may suffer.***

Approximately 20% of our total labor force is employed under collective bargaining agreements. One of these agreements, which covers approximately 12% of the labor force under collective bargaining agreements, or approximately 2% of our total labor force, is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2011. While we currently expect to negotiate continuations to the terms of these agreements, there can be no assurances that we will be able to obtain terms that are satisfactory to us or otherwise to reach agreement at all with the applicable parties. In addition, in the course of our business, we may also become subject to additional collective bargaining agreements. These agreements may be on terms that are less favorable than those under our current collective bargaining agreements. Increased exposure to collective bargaining agreements, whether on terms more or less favorable than existing collective bargaining agreements, could adversely affect the operation of our business, including through increased labor expenses. While we intend to comply with all collective bargaining agreements to which we are subject, there can be no assurances that we will be able to do so and any noncompliance could subject us to disruptions in our operations and materially and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

***Significant changes in actual investment return on pension assets, discount rates and other factors could affect our results of operations, equity and pension contributions in future periods.***

Our results of operations may be positively or negatively affected by the amount of income or expense we record for our defined benefit pension plans. U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ) requires that we calculate income or expense for the plans using actuarial valuations. These valuations reflect assumptions about financial market and other economic conditions, which may change based on changes in key economic indicators. The most significant year-end assumptions we used to estimate pension income or expense are the discount rate and the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets. In addition, we are required to make an annual measurement of plan assets and liabilities, which may result in a significant change to equity. Although pension expense and pension funding contributions are not directly related, key economic factors that affect pension expense would also likely affect the amount of cash we would contribute to pension plans as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ( ERISA ).

***If our goodwill, indefinite-lived intangible assets or other long-term assets become impaired, we will be required to record additional impairment charges, which may be significant.***

A significant portion of our long-term assets consist of goodwill, other indefinite-lived intangible assets and finite-lived intangible assets recorded as a result of past acquisitions. We do not amortize goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets, but rather review them for impairment on a periodic basis or whenever events or

changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying value may not be recoverable. We consider whether circumstances or conditions exist which suggest that the carrying value of our goodwill and other long-lived assets might be impaired. If such circumstances or conditions exist, further steps are required in order to

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determine whether the carrying value of each of the individual assets exceeds its fair market value. If analysis indicates that an individual asset's carrying value does exceed its fair market value, the next step is to record a loss equal to the excess of the individual asset's carrying value over its fair value.

The steps required by GAAP entail significant amounts of judgment and subjectivity. Events and changes in circumstances that may indicate that there is impairment and which may indicate that interim impairment testing is necessary include, but are not limited to: strategic decisions to exit a business or dispose of an asset made in response to changes in economic; political and competitive conditions; the impact of the economic environment on the customer base and on broad market conditions that drive valuation considerations by market participants; our internal expectations with regard to future revenue growth and the assumptions we make when performing impairment reviews; a significant decrease in the market price of our assets; a significant adverse change in the extent or manner in which our assets are used; a significant adverse change in legal factors or the business climate that could affect our assets; an accumulation of costs significantly in excess of the amount originally expected for the acquisition of an asset; and significant changes in the cash flows associated with an asset. As a result of such circumstances, we may be required to record a significant charge to earnings in our financial statements during the period in which any impairment of our goodwill, indefinite-lived intangible assets or other long-term assets is determined. Any such impairment charges could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and operating results.

**Risks Related to SB Holdings Common Stock**

***The Harbinger Parties and HRG will exercise significant influence over us and their interests in our business may be different from the interests of our stockholders.***

As of the date hereof, HRG owns approximately 54.54% of our outstanding common stock and the remaining Harbinger Parties own approximately 12.77% of our outstanding common stock. The Harbinger Parties own approximately 93.3% of the outstanding common stock of HRG. The Harbinger Parties and HRG, both separately and in conjunction with the Harbinger Parties, will have the ability to influence the outcome of any corporate action by us, which requires stockholder approval, including, but not limited to, the election of directors, approval of merger transactions and the sale of all or substantially all of our assets. In addition, we are a party to a stockholder agreement with HRG and the Harbinger Parties.

This influence and actual control may have the effect of discouraging offers to acquire SB Holdings because any such consummation would likely require the consent of HRG and perhaps HRG and the Harbinger Parties. HRG and the Harbinger Parties may also delay or prevent a change in control of SB Holdings. See **Risks Related to our Business** The sale or other disposition by Harbinger Group, Inc. ( HRG ), the holder of a majority of the outstanding shares of SB Holdings common stock, to non-affiliates of a significant amount of the common stock of SB Holdings would constitute a change of control under the agreements governing Spectrum Brands' debt.

In addition, because HRG owns more than 50% of the voting power of SB Holdings, SB Holdings is considered a controlled company under the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) listing standards. As such, the NYSE corporate governance rules requiring that a majority of SB Holdings' board of directors and SB Holdings' entire compensation committee be independent do not apply. As a result, the ability of SB Holdings' independent directors to influence its business policies and affairs may be reduced.

If HRG and/or the Harbinger Parties sell substantial amounts of SB Holdings' common stock in the public market, or investors perceive that these sales could occur, the market price of SB Holdings' common stock could be adversely affected. SB Holdings has entered into a registration rights agreement (the **Registration Rights Agreement** ) with HRG, the Harbinger Parties and certain other stockholders. If requested properly under the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement, these stockholders have the right to require SB Holdings to register all or some of such shares for sale

under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in certain circumstances and also have the right to include those shares in a registration initiated by SB Holdings. If SB Holdings is required to include the shares of its common stock held by these stockholders pursuant to these registration rights in a registration initiated by SB Holdings, sales made by such stockholders may adversely affect the price of SB Holdings' common stock and SB Holdings' ability to raise needed capital. In

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addition, if these stockholders exercise their demand registration rights and cause a large number of shares to be registered and sold in the public market or demand that SB Holdings register their shares on a shelf registration statement, such sales or shelf registration may have an adverse effect on the market price of SB Holdings' common stock.

The interests of HRG and the Harbinger Parties, which have investments in other companies, may from time to time diverge from the interests of other SB Holdings stockholders and from each other, particularly with regard to new investment opportunities. Neither HRG nor the Harbinger Parties are restricted from investing in other businesses involving or related to the marketing or distribution of household products, pet and pest products and personal care products. Both HRG and the Harbinger Parties may also engage in other businesses that compete or may in the future compete with SB Holdings.

***Even though SB Holdings' common stock is currently traded on the NYSE, it has less liquidity than many other stocks quoted on a national securities exchange.***

The trading volume in SB Holdings' common stock on the NYSE has been relatively low when compared with larger companies listed on the NYSE or other stock exchanges. Because of this, it may be more difficult for stockholders to sell a substantial number of shares for the same price at which stockholders could sell a smaller number of shares. We cannot predict the effect, if any, that future sales of SB Holdings' common stock in the market, or the availability of shares of its common stock for sale in the market, will have on the market price of SB Holdings' common stock. We can give no assurance that sales of substantial amounts of SB Holdings' common stock in the market, or the potential for large amounts of sales in the market, would not cause the price of SB Holdings' common stock to decline or impair SB Holdings' future ability to raise capital through sales of its common stock. Furthermore, because of the limited market and generally low volume of trading in SB Holdings' common stock that could occur, the share price of its common stock could be more likely to be affected by broad market fluctuations, general market conditions, fluctuations in our operating results, changes in the market's perception of our business, and announcements made by SB Holdings, its competitors or parties with whom SB Holdings has business relationships. The lack of liquidity in SB Holdings' common stock may also make it difficult for us to issue additional securities for financing or other purposes, or to otherwise arrange for any financing we may need in the future. In addition, we may experience other adverse effects, including, without limitation, the loss of confidence in us by current and prospective suppliers, customers, employees and others with whom we have or may seek to initiate business relationships.

***The market price of SB Holdings' common stock is likely to be highly volatile and could fluctuate widely in price in response to various factors, many of which are beyond our control.***

Factors that may influence the price of the common stock include, without limitation, the following:

- loss of any of our key customers or suppliers;
- additions or departures of key personnel;
- sales of the common stock;
- our ability to execute our business plan;
- operating results that fall below expectations;
- additional issuances of the common stock;

low volume of sales due to concentrated ownership of the common stock;

intellectual property disputes;

industry developments;

economic and other external factors;

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period-to-period fluctuations in our financial results; and

market concerns with respect to the potential indirect impact of matters not directly involving SB Holdings but impacting HRG or the Harbinger Parties.

In addition, the securities markets have from time to time experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that are unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies. These market fluctuations may also materially and adversely affect the market price of the common stock. You should also be aware that price volatility might be worse if the trading volume of shares of the common stock is low.

***Additional issuances of SB Holdings common stock may result in dilution to its existing stockholders.***

As of September 30, 2010, we had two active equity incentive plans under which shares of the Company could be issued, the 2009 Spectrum Brands Inc. Incentive Plan (the 2009 Plan ) and the Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. 2007 Omnibus Equity Award Plan (the RH Plan ). On October 21, 2010, the our Board of Directors adopted the Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. 2011 Omnibus Equity Award Plan ( 2011 Plan ), subject to shareholder approval prior to October 21, 2011 and we intend to submit the 2011 Plan for shareholder approval in connection with our next Annual Meeting. Upon such shareholder approval, no further awards will be granted under the 2009 Plan and the 2007 RH Plan. 4,625,676 shares of our common stock of the Company, net of cancellations, may be issued under the 2011 Plan. While we have begun granting awards under the 2011 Plan, the 2011 Plan (and awards granted thereunder) are subject to the approval by a majority of the holders of our common stock eligible to vote thereon prior to October 21, 2011. As December 10, 2010, we have issued 667,933 restricted shares and 1,694,048 restricted stock units under the 2009 Plan, the RH Plan and the 2011 Plan and are authorized to issue up to a total of 3,202,590 shares of our common stock, or options or restricted stock units exercisable for shares of common stock.

In addition, our board of directors has the authority to issue additional shares of capital stock to provide additional financing or for other purposes in the future. The issuance of any such shares or exercise of any such options may result in a reduction of the book value or market price of the outstanding shares of common stock. If we do issue any such additional shares or any such options are exercised, such issuance or exercise also will cause a reduction in the proportionate ownership and voting power of all other stockholders. As a result of such dilution, the proportionate ownership interest and voting power of a holder of shares of common stock could be decreased. Further, any such issuance or exercise could result in a change of control. Under our certificate of incorporation, holders of 5% or more of the outstanding common stock or capital stock into which any shares of common stock may be converted have certain rights to purchase their pro rata share of certain future issuances of securities.

***Spectrum Brands has historically not paid dividends on its public common stock and we do not anticipate paying dividends on our public common stock in the foreseeable future, and, therefore, any return on investment may be limited to the value of the common stock.***

Spectrum Brands, prior to the Merger had not declared or paid dividends on its common stock since the stock commenced public trading in 1997, we have not declared or paid dividends on our common stock since the stock commenced public trading in 2010, and while we continue to evaluate the potential payment of dividends, we do not currently anticipate paying dividends in the foreseeable future. The payment of dividends on outstanding common stock will depend on earnings, financial condition and other business and economic factors affecting us at such time as our board of directors may consider relevant, including the ability to do so under our credit and other debt agreements. If we do not pay dividends, returns on an investment in our common stock will only occur if the stock price appreciates.



**Table of Contents****Annex B****SELECTED HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF  
SPECTRUM BRANDS HOLDINGS, INC.**

*Unless otherwise indicated in this Annex B or the context requires otherwise, in this Annex B, the Company, SB Holdings, we, our or us are used to refer to Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. and, where applicable, its consolidated subsidiaries subsequent to the Merger (as defined below) and Spectrum Brands (as defined below) and, where applicable, its consolidated subsidiaries prior to the Merger. Russell Hobbs refers to Russell Hobbs, Inc. and, where applicable, its consolidated subsidiaries. Merger means the business combination of Spectrum Brands and Russell Hobbs consummated on June 16, 2010 creating SB Holdings. Spectrum Brands refers to Spectrum Brands, Inc. and, where applicable, its consolidated subsidiaries.*

The following selected historical financial data is derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. Only our Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as of September 30, 2010 and 2009 and our Consolidated Statements of Operations, Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity (Deficit) and Comprehensive Income (Loss) and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended September 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 are included elsewhere in this prospectus. The information presented below as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010 also includes that of Russell Hobbs since the Merger on June 16, 2010.

On November 5, 2008, Spectrum Brands' board of directors committed to the shutdown of the growing products portion of our Home and Garden segment (the Home and Garden Business), which includes the manufacturing and marketing of fertilizers, enriched soils, mulch and grass seed, following an evaluation of the historical lack of profitability and the projected input costs and significant working capital demands for the growing product portion of the Home and Garden Business during Fiscal 2009. During the second quarter of Fiscal 2009, we completed the shutdown of the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business and, accordingly, began reporting the results of operations of the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business as discontinued operations. As of October 1, 2005, we began reporting the results of operations of Nu-Gro Pro and Tech as discontinued operations. We also began reporting the results of operations of the Canadian division of the Home and Garden Business as discontinued operations as of October 1, 2006, which business was sold on November 1, 2007. Therefore, the presentation of all historical continuing operations has been changed to exclude the growing products portion of the Home and Garden Business, the Nu-Gro Pro and Tech and the Canadian division of the Home and Garden Business but to include the remaining control products portion of the Home and Garden Business. The following selected financial data should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and the information contained in the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc., included as Annex C to this prospectus (the Spectrum MD&A).

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The financial information indicated may not be indicative of future performance. This financial information and other data should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto, and the Spectrum MD&A.

	Successor Company			Predecessor Company		
	2010(14)	Period from August 31, 2009 through September 30, 2009	Period from October 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009	2008	2007	2006
<b>Statement of Operations Data:</b>						
Net sales	\$ 2,567.0	\$ 219.9	\$ 2,010.6	\$ 2,426.6	\$ 2,332.7	\$ 2,228.5
Gross profit	921.4	64.4	751.8	920.1	876.7	871.2
Operating income (loss)(1)	168.7	0.1	156.8	(684.6)	(251.8)	(289.1)
(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes	(124.2)	(20.0)	1,123.4	(914.8)	(507.2)	(460.9)
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of tax(2)	(2.7)	0.4	(86.8)	(26.2)	(33.7)	(2.5)
Net (loss) income(3)(4)(5)(6)(7 )	(190.1)	(70.8)	1,013.9	(931.5)	(596.7)	(434.0)
Restructuring and related charges cost of goods sold(8)	\$ 7.1	\$ 0.2	\$ 13.2	\$ 16.5	\$ 31.3	\$ 21.1
Restructuring and related charges operating expenses(8)	17.0	1.6	30.9	22.8	66.7	33.6
Other expense (income), net(9)	12.3	(0.8)	3.3	1.2	(0.3)	(4.1)
Interest expense(13)	\$ 277.0	\$ 17.0	\$ 172.9	\$ 229.0	\$ 255.8	\$ 175.9
<b>Per Share Data:</b>						
Net (loss) income per common share:						
Basic	\$ (5.28)	\$ (2.36)	\$ 19.76	\$ (18.29)	\$ (11.72)	\$ (8.77)
Diluted	(5.28)	(2.36)	19.76	(18.29)	(11.72)	(8.77)
Average shares outstanding:						