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

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**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

**For the quarterly period ended July 31, 2008**

**OR**

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

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commission File Number 001-09097**

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**REX STORES CORPORATION**

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

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

**31-1095548**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification Number)**

**2875 Needmore Road, Dayton, Ohio**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**45414**  
**(Zip Code)**

**(937) 276-3931**  
**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes (X) No ( )

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

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Large accelerated filer ( )

Accelerated filer (X)

Non-accelerated filer ( ) (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company ( )

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

At the close of business on September 8, 2008 the registrant had 10,087,216 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, outstanding.

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements****REX STORES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES  
Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets  
Unaudited**

|   | July 31,<br>2008 | January 31,<br>2008 | July 31,<br>2007 |
|---|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|   | (In Thousands)   |                     |                  |
| <b>Assets</b>   |                  |                     |                  |
| <b>Current assets:</b>  |                  |                     |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                       | \$ 79,608        | \$ 127,716          | \$ 90,293        |
| Restricted cash   | 2,774            | -                   | -                |
| Accounts receivable, net  | 3,509            | 1,877               | 3,128            |
| Synthetic fuel receivable                                       | -                | 573                 | 3,851            |
| Inventory, net  | 59,457           | 49,933              | 84,256           |
| Prepaid expenses and other                                      | 2,432            | 2,492               | 2,932            |
| Deferred taxes  | 10,312           | 10,599              | 6,562            |
| Total current assets  | 158,092          | 193,190             | 191,022          |
| Property and equipment, net                                     | 202,193          | 136,505             | 78,575           |
| Assets held for sale, net                                       | 92               | -                   | 1,064            |
| Other assets  | 13,578           | 14,803              | 23,595           |
| Goodwill  | 1,322            | 1,322               | 1,322            |
| Deferred taxes  | 21,929           | 21,929              | 23,533           |
| Equity method investments                                       | 40,505           | 38,748              | 28,212           |
| Investments in debt instruments                                 | -                | -                   | 32,675           |
| Restricted investments  | 2,496            | 2,481               | 2,443            |
| Total assets  | \$ 440,207       | \$ 408,978          | \$ 382,441       |
| <b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>                     |                  |                     |                  |
| <b>Current liabilities:</b>                                     |                  |                     |                  |
| Current portion of long-term debt and capital lease obligations | \$ 6,609         | \$ 4,101            | \$ 2,183         |
| Accounts payable, trade   | 49,688           | 27,253              | 42,923           |
| Deferred income   | 13,144           | 14,448              | 15,085           |
| Deferred gain on sale and leaseback                             | 1,389            | 1,436               | 2,068            |
| Other current liabilities                                       | 7,140            | 13,617              | 9,381            |
| Total current liabilities                                       | 77,970           | 60,855              | 71,640           |
| <b>Long-term liabilities:</b>                                   |                  |                     |                  |
| Long-term debt and capital lease obligations                    | 62,127           | 35,224              | 19,122           |
| Deferred income   | 15,173           | 17,172              | 17,653           |
| Deferred gain on sale and leaseback                             | 3,746            | 4,493               | 6,163            |
| Derivative financial instruments                                | 839              | 2,601               | -                |
| Other   | 1,152            | 4,313               | 940              |
| Total long-term liabilities                                     | 83,037           | 63,803              | 43,878           |
| Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries                  | 27,539           | 27,729              | 11,764           |
| <b>Shareholders' equity:</b>                                    |                  |                     |                  |
| Common stock  | 299              | 298                 | 298              |
| Paid-in capital   | 142,584          | 141,357             | 143,214          |
| Retained earnings   | 288,361          | 285,629             | 265,106          |
| Treasury stock  | (179,583)        | (170,693)           | (163,176)        |

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|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax | -          | -          | 9,717      |
| Total shareholders' equity                         | 251,661    | 256,591    | 255,159    |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity         | \$ 440,207 | \$ 408,978 | \$ 382,441 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements.

**REX STORES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Condensed Statements Of Income**  
**Unaudited**

|  | Three Months<br>Ended<br>July 31,        |           | Six Months<br>Ended<br>July 31, |           |
|--|--|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------|
|  | 2008                                     | 2007      | 2008                            | 2007      |
|  | (In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts) |           |                                 |           |
| Net sales and revenue  | \$ 67,370                                | \$ 47,915 | \$ 114,198                      | \$ 96,481 |
| Cost of sales (excluding retail segment depreciation)  | 54,078                                   | 32,694    | 87,531                          | 65,861    |
| Gross profit   | 13,292                                   | 15,221    | 26,667                          | 30,619    |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses   | (13,192)                                 | (14,690)  | (27,524)                        | (29,251)  |
| Interest income  | 519                                      | 1,976     | 1,373                           | 3,261     |
| Interest expense   | (897)                                    | (34)      | (1,018)                         | (101)     |
| Loss on early termination of debt  | -  | -         | -                               | (60)      |
| Gains on sale of real estate, net  | -  | 72        | -                               | 61        |
| Equity in income of unconsolidated ethanol affiliates  | 874                                      | 412       | 1,922                           | 1,521     |
| Income from synthetic fuel investments   | -  | 3,406     | 670                             | 10,131    |
| Unrealized and realized gains on derivative financial instruments, net   | 960                                      | -         | 1,428                           | -         |
| Income from continuing operations before provision for income taxes, minority interest and discontinued operations | 1,556                                    | 6,363     | 3,518                           | 15,641    |
| Provision for income taxes   | 468                                      | 2,563     | 994                             | 6,161     |
| Minority interest  | (36)                                     | 54        | 187                             | (41)      |
| Income from continuing operations  | 1,052                                    | 3,854     | 2,711                           | 9,431     |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax  | (41)                                     | (587)     | (173)                           | (1,511)   |
| Gain on disposal of discontinued operations, net of tax  | 195                                      | 2,543     | 194                             | 5,421     |
| Net income   | \$ 1,206                                 | \$ 5,810  | \$ 2,732                        | \$ 13,341 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding □ basic  | 10,510                                   | 10,625    | 10,618                          | 10,541    |
| Basic income per share from continuing operations  | \$ 0.10                                  | \$ 0.36   | \$ 0.26                         | \$ 0.90   |
| Basic loss per share from discontinued operations  | -  | (0.05)    | (0.02)                          | (0.14)    |
| Basic income per share on disposal of discontinued operations  | 0.01                                     | 0.24      | 0.02                            | 0.51      |
| Basic net income per share   | \$ 0.11                                  | \$ 0.55   | \$ 0.26                         | \$ 1.27   |
| Weighted average shares outstanding □ diluted  | 11,146                                   | 11,989    | 11,396                          | 11,911    |
| Diluted income per share from continuing operations  | \$ 0.09                                  | \$ 0.32   | \$ 0.24                         | \$ 0.75   |
| Diluted loss per share from discontinued operations  | -  | (0.05)    | (0.02)                          | (0.14)    |
| Diluted income per share on disposal of discontinued operations  | 0.02                                     | 0.21      | 0.02                            | 0.41      |
| Diluted net income per share   | \$ 0.11                                  | \$ 0.48   | \$ 0.24                         | \$ 1.11   |

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**REX STORES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Condensed Statements Of Shareholders' Equity**  
**Unaudited**

|  | Common Shares  |        | Treasury |              | Paid-in<br>Capital | Retained<br>Earnings | Total<br>Shareholders'<br>Equity |
|--|----------------|--------|----------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
|  | Shares         | Amount | Shares   | Amount       |                    |                      |                                  |
|  | (In Thousands) |        |          |              |                    |                      |                                  |
| Balance at January 31, 2008                        | 29,813         | \$ 298 | 19,094   | \$ (170,693) | \$ 141,357         | \$ 285,629           | \$ 256,591                       |
| Net income   |                |        |          |              |                    | 2,732                | 2,732                            |
| Treasury stock acquired                            |                |        | 706      | (9,052)      |                    |                      | (9,052)                          |
| Stock based compensation                           |                |        |          |              | 686                |                      | 686                              |
| Stock options exercised<br>and related tax effects | 40             | 1      | (18)     | 162          | 541                | -                    | 704                              |
| Balance at July 31, 2008                           | 29,853         | \$ 299 | 19,782   | \$ (179,583) | \$ 142,584         | \$ 288,361           | \$ 251,661                       |

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**REX STORES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Condensed Statements Of Shareholders' Equity**  
**Unaudited**

|   | Common Shares<br>Issued |        | Treasury |              | Paid-in<br>Capital | Retained<br>Earnings | Accumulated<br>Comprehensive<br>Income | Total<br>Shareholders'<br>Equity |
|---|-------------------------|--------|----------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|
|   | Shares                  | Amount | Shares   | Amount       |                    |                      |  |                                  |
| Balance at<br>January 31, 2007                        | 29,513                  | \$ 295 | 19,089   | \$ (161,092) | \$ 139,337         | \$ 252,249           | \$ -                                   | \$ 230,789                       |
| Net income  |                         |        |          |              |                    | 13,344               |  | 13,344                           |
| Cumulative effect<br>of adopting FIN 48               |                         |        |          |              |                    | (287)                |  | (287)                            |
| Treasury stock<br>acquired                            |                         |        | 195      | (3,780)      |                    |                      |  | (3,780)                          |
| Stock based<br>compensation                           |                         |        |          |              | 717                |                      |  | 717                              |
| Stock options<br>exercised and<br>related tax effects | 238                     | 3      | (198)    | 1,696        | 3,160              |                      |  | 4,859                            |
| Minority interest<br>distribution                     |                         |        |          |              |                    | (200)                |  | (200)                            |
| Unrealized holding<br>gains, net of tax               | -                       | -      | -        | -            | -                  | -                    | 9,717                                  | 9,717                            |
| Balance at July 31, 2007                              | 29,751                  | \$ 298 | 19,086   | \$ (163,176) | \$ 143,214         | \$ 265,106           | \$ 9,717                               | \$ 255,159                       |

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**REX STORES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Condensed Statements Of Cash Flows**  
**Unaudited**

|   | Six Months Ended<br>July 31, |           |
|---|------------------------------|-----------|
|   | 2008                         | 2007      |
|   | (In Thousands)               |           |
| Cash flows from operating activities:   |                              |           |
| Net income  | \$ 2,732                     | \$ 13,344 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities: |                              |           |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 2,075                        | 1,501     |
| Income from equity method investments   | (1,922)                      | (1,522)   |
| Income from synthetic fuel investments  | (670)                        | (10,139)  |
| Gain on disposal of real estate and property and equipment                    | (228)                        | (8,992)   |
| Dividends received from equity method investees                               | 400                          | 525       |
| Deferred income   | (4,097)                      | (2,772)   |
| Unrealized gains on derivative financial instruments                          | (1,334)                      | -         |
| Other   | 537                          | (27)      |
| Deferred income tax   | 287                          | (616)     |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:  |                              |           |
| Accounts receivable   | (1,632)                      | (1,153)   |
| Inventory   | (9,524)                      | (14,178)  |
| Prepaid expenses and other  | 432                          | (17)      |
| Other long term assets  | 1,225                        | (9,609)   |
| Accounts payable, trade   | 18,016                       | 16,318    |
| Other liabilities   | (9,972)                      | (476)     |
| Net cash used in operating activities   | (3,675)                      | (17,813)  |
| Cash flows from investing activities:   |                              |           |
| Capital expenditures  | (61,681)                     | (15,203)  |
| Proceeds from sale of synthetic fuel investments                              | 1,243                        | 15,126    |
| Purchase of note receivable   | -                            | (3,000)   |
| Proceeds from sale of real estate and property and equipment                  | 1,107                        | 79,723    |
| Restricted cash   | (2,774)                      | -         |
| Restricted investments  | (15)                         | (37)      |
| Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities                           | (62,120)                     | 76,609    |
| Cash flows from financing activities:   |                              |           |
| Payments of long-term debt and capital lease obligations                      | (2,233)                      | (17,593)  |
| Proceeds from long-term debt  | 28,722                       | 4,984     |
| Stock options exercised   | 332                          | 4,859     |
| Treasury stock acquired   | (9,052)                      | (3,780)   |
| Realized losses on derivative financial instruments                           | (94)                         | -         |
| Excess tax benefits from stock option exercises                               | 12                           | 19        |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities                           | 17,687                       | (11,511)  |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents                          | (48,108)                     | 47,285    |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period                                | 127,716                      | 43,008    |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period                                      | \$ 79,608                    | \$ 90,293 |
| Non cash investing activities □   |                              |           |
| Accrued capital expenditures  | \$ 4,419                     | \$ 3,351  |
| Assets acquired by capital leases   | \$ 2,922                     | \$ -      |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements.

**REX STORES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**July 31, 2008**

**Note 1. Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements**

The consolidated condensed financial statements included in this report have been prepared by the Company, without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and include, in the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary to state fairly the information set forth therein. Any such adjustments were of a normal recurring nature. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although the Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. Financial information as of January 31, 2008 included in these financial statements has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2008 (fiscal year 2007). It is suggested that these unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2008. The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the year.

**Basis of Consolidation** — The consolidated condensed financial statements in this report include the operating results and financial position of REX Stores Corporation and its wholly and majority owned subsidiaries and all variable interest entities where the Company has been determined to be the primary beneficiary. During the second quarter of fiscal year 2007, the Company acquired additional membership units giving it a majority ownership interest in Levelland Hockley County Ethanol, LLC (Levelland Hockley). Levelland Hockley qualifies as a Variable Interest Entity (VIE), but not a Special Purpose Entity under FASB Interpretation No. 46R (FIN 46R), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities. The Company is the primary beneficiary of Levelland Hockley, and in accordance with FIN 46R, the Company consolidated Levelland Hockley effective with the third quarter of fiscal year 2006. The Company includes the results of operations of Levelland Hockley in its Consolidated Condensed Statement of Income on a delayed basis of one month. Levelland Hockley commenced operations during the first quarter of fiscal year 2008 and, therefore, is no longer a development stage enterprise.

During the third quarter of fiscal year 2007, the Company acquired a majority ownership interest in One Earth Energy, LLC (One Earth). The Company includes the results of operations of One Earth in its Consolidated Condensed Statement of Income on a delayed basis of one month.

**Note 2. Accounting Policies**

The interim consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in the Company's 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K. While management believes that the

procedures followed in the preparation of interim financial information are reasonable, the accuracy of some estimated amounts is dependent upon facts that will exist or calculations that will be accomplished at fiscal year end. Examples of such estimates include management bonuses, inventory reserves, the fair value of derivative financial instruments, reserves for litigation and the provision for income taxes. Any adjustments pursuant to such estimates during the quarter were of a normal recurring nature. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### **Revenue Recognition**

The Company recognizes sales of retail products upon receipt by the customer. The Company will honor returns from retail customers within seven days from the date of sale. The Company establishes liabilities for estimated returns at the point of sale. Such liabilities are immaterial for all periods presented. The Company sells retail product service contracts covering periods beyond the normal manufacturers' warranty periods, usually with terms of coverage (including manufacturers' warranty periods) of between 12 to 60 months. Contract revenues and sales commissions are deferred and amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the contracts after the expiration of applicable manufacturers' warranty periods. Amortization of deferred contract revenues is included in net sales and revenue while amortization of deferred sales commissions is included in selling, general and administrative expenses. The Company retains the obligation to perform warranty service and such costs are charged to operations as incurred.

The Company recognizes sales from the production of ethanol and distillers grains when title transfers to customers, generally upon shipment from our plant. Shipping and handling charges to ethanol customers are included in net sales and revenue.

The Company recognizes income from synthetic fuel partnership sales as production is completed and collectibility of receipts is reasonably assured. The Company is paid for actual tax credits earned as the synthetic fuel is produced with the exception of production at the Pine Mountain (Gillette) facility. The Company estimates the impact of oil prices and the likelihood of any phase out of Section 29/45K credits and the resulting reduction of synthetic fuel income quarterly. See Note 10 for a further discussion of synthetic fuel partnership sales.

### **Cost of Sales**

Retail cost of sales includes the cost of merchandise (net of vendor allowances), markdowns and inventory shrink, receiving, warehousing and freight charges to deliver merchandise to retail stores, service repair bills as well as cash discounts and rebates. The Company classifies purchasing costs as selling, general and administrative expenses. As a result of this classification, the Company's retail gross margins may not be comparable to those of other retailers that include costs related to their distribution network in selling, general and administrative expense.

Ethanol cost of sales includes depreciation, costs of raw materials, inbound freight charges, purchasing and receiving costs, inspection costs, shipping costs, other distribution expenses, warehousing costs, plant management, certain compensation costs, and general facility overhead charges.

### **Vendor Allowances and Advertising Costs**

Vendors often fund, up front, certain advertising costs and exposure to general changes in pricing to customers due to technological change. Allowances are deferred as received from vendors and recognized into income as an offset to the cost of merchandise sold when the related product is sold or expense incurred. Advertising costs are expensed as incurred.

### **Selling, General and Administrative Expenses**

The Company includes stores expenses from its retail segment (such as payroll and occupancy costs), as well as advertising, purchasing, depreciation, insurance and overhead costs in selling, general and administrative expenses.

The Company includes non-production related costs from its alternative energy segment such as utilities, property taxes and certain payroll in selling, general and administrative expenses.

### **Interest Cost**

Interest expense of \$1,018,000 for the six months ended July 31, 2008 is net of approximately \$503,000 of interest capitalized. Interest expense of \$108,000 for the six months ended July 31, 2007 is net of approximately \$911,000 of interest capitalized. Cash paid for interest for the six months ended July 31, 2008 and 2007 was approximately \$829,000 and \$1,228,000, respectively.

### **Financial Instruments**

Forward grain purchase and ethanol and distiller grain sale contracts are accounted for under the "normal purchases and normal sales" scope exemption of SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" (SFAS 133) because these arrangements are for purchases of grain that will be delivered in quantities expected to be used by the Company and sales of ethanol and distiller grain quantities expected to be produced by the Company over a reasonable period of time in the normal course of business. The Company uses derivative financial instruments to manage its balance of fixed and variable rate debt. The Company does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. Interest rate swap agreements involve the exchange of fixed and variable rate interest payments and do not represent an actual exchange of the notional amounts between the parties. The swap agreements were not designated for hedge accounting pursuant to SFAS 133. The interest rate swaps are recorded at their fair values and the changes in fair values are recorded as gain or loss on derivative financial instruments in the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income.

### **Income Taxes**

The Company applies an effective tax rate to interim periods that is consistent with the Company's estimated annual tax rate. The Company provides for deferred tax liabilities and assets for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. The Company provides for a valuation allowance if, based on the weight of

available evidence, it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The Company paid income taxes of approximately \$0.7 million and \$7.1 million for the six months ended July 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. See Note 13 for a discussion of the adoption of FIN 48.

### Restricted Cash

Cash of \$2.8 million has been deposited into an escrow account for payment of retainage and other related liabilities associated with the construction of the Levelland Hockley ethanol plant. The Company expects to pay these amounts from the escrow account within the next twelve months.

### Inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis. Retail segment inventory includes certain costs associated with purchasing, warehousing and transporting merchandise. Reserves are established for estimated technological obsolescence. The market value of inventory is often dependent upon changes in technology resulting in significant changes in customer demand. Alternative energy segment inventory includes direct production costs and certain overhead costs such as depreciation, property taxes and utilities related to producing ethanol and related by products. The components of inventory at July 31, 2008, January 31, 2008 and July 31, 2007 are as follows (amounts in thousands):

|                                       | July 31,<br>2008 | January<br>31,<br>2008 | July 31,<br>2007 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Retail merchandise, net               | \$ 55,393        | \$ 49,933              | \$ 84,256        |
| Ethanol and other finished goods, net | 2,253            | -                      | -                |
| Work in process, net                  | 865              | -                      | -                |
| Grain and other raw materials         | 946              | -                      | -                |
| Total                                 | \$ 59,457        | \$ 49,933              | \$ 84,256        |

### Investments

The Company periodically evaluates its investments for impairment due to declines in market value considered to be other than temporary. Such impairment evaluations include, in addition to persistent declining market prices, general economic and company-specific evaluations. If the Company determines that a decline in market value is other than temporary, then a charge to earnings is recorded in investment and other income (expense), net in the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income for all or a portion of the unrealized loss, and a new cost basis in the investment is established.

### Recently Issued Accounting Standards

During the six months ended July 31, 2008, the Company did not change any of its existing accounting policies with the exception of adopting SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS 157) and SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial

Liabilities □ Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 (□SFAS 159□) on February 1, 2008.

SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This statement does not require any new fair value measurements; rather, it applies to other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. The provisions of this statement are to be applied prospectively as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which this statement initially applies, with any transition adjustment recognized as a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings. The Company elected to defer application of SFAS 157 for non-recurring fair value measurements of non financial assets and liabilities, consistent with FSP FAS 157-2.

SFAS 159 permits all entities to choose to measure eligible items at fair value at specified election dates. A business entity shall report unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. There was no impact on the Company's financial statement as a result of adopting SFAS 159 because the Company did not elect to apply the fair value option to eligible financial assets or financial liabilities at that time.

Effective February 1, 2008, the Company determined the fair market values of its financial instruments based on the fair value hierarchy established in SFAS 157 which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values which are provided below. The Company carries cash equivalents and derivative assets and liabilities at fair value.

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 1 assets and liabilities include debt and equity securities and derivative contracts that are traded in an active exchange market, as well as certain U.S. Treasury securities that are highly liquid and are actively traded in over-the-counter markets.

Level 2 □ Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities. Level 2 assets and liabilities include derivative contracts whose value is determined using a pricing model with inputs that are observable in the market or can be derived principally or corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 □ Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. Level 3 assets and liabilities include financial instruments whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methods, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation. Unobservable inputs shall be developed based on the best information available, which may include the Company's own data.

The fair values of derivative assets and liabilities traded in the over-the-counter market are determined using quantitative models that require the use of multiple market inputs including interest rates, prices and indices to generate pricing and volatility factors, which are used to value the position. The predominance of market inputs are actively quoted and can be validated through external sources, including brokers, market transactions and third-party pricing services. Estimation risk is greater for derivative asset and liability positions that are either option-based or have longer maturity dates where observable market inputs are less readily available or are unobservable, in which case interest rate, price or index scenarios are extrapolated in order to determine the fair value. The fair values of derivative assets and liabilities include adjustments for market liquidity, counterparty credit quality, the Company's own credit standing and other specific factors, where appropriate. To ensure the prudent application of estimates and management judgment in determining the fair value of derivative assets and liabilities, various processes and controls have been adopted, which include: model validation that requires a review and approval for pricing, financial statement fair value determination and risk quantification; periodic review and substantiation of profit and loss reporting for all derivative instruments. For more information on the fair value of the Company's financial instruments see Note 5.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (Revised), "Business Combinations" (SFAS 141 (R)), replacing SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations" (SFAS 141), and SFAS No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements - an Amendment of ARB No. 51" (SFAS 160). SFAS 141(R) retains the fundamental requirements of SFAS 141, broadens its scope by applying the acquisition method to all transactions and other events in which one entity obtains control over one or more other businesses, and requires, among other things, that assets acquired and liabilities assumed be measured at fair value as of the acquisition date, that liabilities related to contingent consideration be recognized at the acquisition date and remeasured at fair value in each subsequent reporting period, that acquisition-related costs be expensed as incurred, and that income be recognized if the fair value of the net assets acquired exceeds the fair value of the consideration transferred. SFAS 160 establishes accounting and reporting standards for noncontrolling interests (i.e., minority interests) in a subsidiary, including changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary and requires, among other things, that noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries be classified as a separate component of equity. Except for the presentation and disclosure requirements of SFAS 160, which are to be applied retrospectively for all periods presented, SFAS 141 (R) and SFAS 160 are to be applied prospectively in financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company has not determined the effect, if any, the adoption of this statement will have on its financial condition or results of operations.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities - An Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 (SFAS 161). SFAS 161 requires enhanced qualitative disclosures about objectives and strategies for using derivatives, quantitative disclosures about fair value amounts of gains and losses on derivative instruments, and disclosures about credit-risk-related contingent features in derivative agreements. SFAS 161 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company has not determined the effect, if any, the adoption of this statement will have on its financial condition or results of operations.



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In June 2008, the FASB Issued EITF No. 08-3, "Accounting by Lessees for Nonrefundable Maintenance Deposits." EITF 08-3 requires that nonrefundable maintenance deposits paid by a lessee under an arrangement accounted for as a lease be accounted for as a deposit asset until the underlying maintenance is performed. When the underlying maintenance is performed, the deposit may be expensed or capitalized in accordance with the lessee's maintenance accounting policy. Upon adoption entities must recognize the effect of the change as a change in accounting principle. EITF 08-3 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company does not expect the adoption of EITF 08-3 to have a material impact on its financial condition or results of operations.

**Note 3. Comprehensive Income**

Comprehensive income includes net income and unrecognized gains on securities classified as available for sale (net of the related tax effects), and are reported separately in shareholders' equity. The components of comprehensive income are as follows (amounts in thousands):

|   | Three Months Ended |               | Six Months Ended |               |
|---|--------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
|   | July 31,<br>2008   | July 31, 2007 | July 31,<br>2008 | July 31, 2007 |
| Net income  | \$ 1,206           | \$ 5,810      | \$ 2,732         | \$ 13,344     |
| Unrealized holding gains on available for sale securities (net of \$5,956 of tax) | -                  | 9,717         | -                | 9,717         |
| Total comprehensive income  | \$ 1,206           | \$ 15,527     | \$ 2,732         | \$ 23,061     |

**Note 4. Sale and Leaseback Transaction and Other Leases**

On April 30, 2007, the Company completed a transaction for the sale of 86 of its current and former retail store locations to KLAC REX, LLC ("Klac"), formerly referred to as Coventry Real Estate Investments, LLC ("Coventry") for \$74.5 million in cash, before selling expenses. The Company also entered into leases to leaseback 40 of the properties from Klac for initial lease terms expiring January 31, 2010, with renewal options for up to 15 additional years. Either the Company or Klac may terminate a lease after the initial six months of the initial lease term on 28 of the leases, 14 of which were terminated in fiscal year 2007 and one of which was terminated in fiscal year 2008. The Company also entered into license agreements with Klac for 15 of the properties that allowed the Company to occupy the properties for up to 90 days rent free. Upon the expiration of the license period, the Company vacated the properties.

This transaction resulted in a gain (realized and deferred) of \$14.8 million. Of this gain, \$0.4 million and \$4.0 million was recognized in the second quarter of fiscal years 2008 and 2007, respectively. During the first six months of fiscal years 2008 and 2007, the Company recognized \$0.7 million and \$7.1 million, respectively of the gain. The Company had a deferred gain of \$4.7 million and \$7.7 million at July 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, based upon the present value of the remaining minimum lease payments. The deferred gain will be amortized as a reduction to lease expense over the lease periods or recognized as gain on disposal at the end of the lease period. The leases have been accounted for as operating leases. The following table summarizes the pre-tax gains

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and losses recognized during the second quarter and first six months of fiscal years 2008 and 2007 (amounts in thousands):

| Classification of Gain  | Three Months Ended |               | Six Months Ended |               |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
|                         | July 31,<br>2008   | July 31, 2007 | July 31,<br>2008 | July 31, 2007 |
| Continuing Operations   | \$ 335             | \$ 475        | \$ 659           | \$ 1,154      |
| Discontinued Operations | 74                 | 3,527         | 86               | 5,974         |
| Total Pre-Tax Gain      | \$ 409             | \$ 4,002      | \$ 745           | \$ 7,128      |

The following table summarizes the components of the sale and leaseback transaction at July 31, 2008 (dollar amounts in thousands):

| Property Category   | Number of<br>Properties | Deferred<br>Gain | Recognized<br>Gain |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Vacated   | 61                      | \$ -             | \$ 7,680           |
| Leased until January 31, 2010                             | 12                      | 3,548            | 470                |
| Leased until January 31, 2010<br>(6 month kickout clause) | 13                      | 1,133            | 1,974              |
| Total   | 86                      | \$ 4,681         | \$ 10,124          |

Future amortization of the deferred gain is as follows (amounts in thousands):

| Years Ended<br>January 31, | Amortization |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Remainder of 2009          | \$ 647       |
| 2010                       | 1,294        |
| 2011                       | 539          |
| 2012                       | 539          |
| 2013                       | 539          |
| Thereafter                 | 1,123        |
| Total                      | \$ 4,681     |

On July 28, 2006, the Company completed a transaction for the sale and leaseback of one store under an initial three-year lease term. A pre-tax gain, classified as continuing operations, of approximately \$1.7 million (net of expenses) resulted from this sale. The Company has also deferred approximately \$0.5 million of the gain at July 31, 2008, based upon the present value of the minimum lease payments and will amortize this deferred gain as a reduction to lease expense over the lease term. The lease has been accounted for as an operating lease.

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In addition to the leaseback transactions described above, the Company is committed under operating leases for certain retail store locations. The lease agreements are for varying terms through fiscal year 2011 and contain renewal options for additional periods. Real estate taxes, insurance and maintenance costs are generally paid by the Company. Contingent rentals based on sales volume are not significant. Certain leases contain scheduled rent increases and rent expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the leases.

The following table is a summary of future rental activity under operating leases (amounts in thousands):

| Years Ended      | Minimum   | Gain         | Sublease |           |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| January 31       | Rentals   | Amortization | Income   | Total     |
| Remainder of     |           |              |          |           |
| January 31, 2009 | \$ 3,061  | \$ (697)     | \$ (106) | \$ 2,258  |
| 2010(a)          | 4,518     | (1,395)      | (134)    | 2,989     |
| 2011(a)          | 2,700     | (640)        | (70)     | 1,990     |
| 2012(a)          | 2,267     | (640)        | (5)      | 1,622     |
| 2013(a)          | 2,061     | (640)        | -        | 1,421     |
| Thereafter (a)   | 3,858     | (1,123)      | -        | 2,735     |
| Total            | \$ 18,465 | \$ (5,135)   | \$ (315) | \$ 13,015 |

- (a) Amounts include minimum rentals related to lease renewal options assumed to be exercised in the amounts of \$2,061,000 for the fiscal years ended January 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013 and \$3,858,000 for the thereafter category.

**Note 5. Fair Value**

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted SFAS 157, which provides a framework for measuring fair value under GAAP. SFAS 157 defines fair value as 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 on the measurement date. SFAS 157 also eliminated the deferral of gains and losses at inception of certain derivative contracts whose fair value was not evidenced by market observable data. SFAS 157 requires that the impact of this change in accounting for derivative contracts be recorded as an adjustment to beginning retained earnings in the period of adoption. There was no impact on the beginning balance of retained earnings as a result of adopting SFAS 157 because the Company held no financial instruments in which a gain or loss at inception was deferred. For additional information on how the Company measures fair value, see Note 2. Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value at July 31, 2008 on a recurring basis are summarized below (amounts in thousands):

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|                        | Level 1   | Level 2  | Level 3 | Fair Value |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|------------|
| Cash Equivalents       | \$ 70,334 | \$ -     | \$ -    | \$ 70,334  |
| Restricted Investments | 1,563     | \$ -     | \$ -    | 1,563      |
| Total Assets           | \$ 71,897 | \$ -     | \$ -    | \$ 71,897  |
| Derivative Liabilities | \$ -      | \$ 1,074 | \$ -    | \$ 1,074   |
| Total Liabilities      | \$ -      | \$ 1,074 | \$ -    | \$ 1,074   |

**Note 6. Business Combinations**

On October 30 2007, the Company acquired 74% of the outstanding membership units of One Earth Energy, LLC ("One Earth"). The results of One Earth's operations have been included in the consolidated financial statements subsequent to the acquisition date and are included in the Company's alternative energy segment. The aggregate purchase price was \$50.8 million, all of which was cash. The following table summarizes the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition (amounts in thousands):

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Cash                          | \$ 59,313 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 9,899     |
| Prepaid expenses              | 307       |
| Prepaid loan fees             | 1,012     |
| Total assets acquired         | 70,531    |
| Current liabilities           | (1,922)   |
| Long term debt                | (1,010)   |
| Minority interest             | (16,832)  |
| Net purchase price            | \$ 50,767 |

Prepaid loan fees have an estimated useful life of 6 years. One Earth is a development stage entity that has commenced construction of an ethanol production facility in Gibson City, Illinois, which will have a design capacity of 100 million gallons of ethanol annually.

The unaudited financial information in the table below summarizes the combined results of operations of the Company and One Earth, on a pro forma basis, as though the companies had been combined as of the beginning of the period presented. The pro forma financial information is presented for informational purposes only and is not indicative of the results of operations that would have been achieved if the acquisitions had taken place at the beginning of the period presented. The pro forma financial information for the period presented includes adjustments to interest income and expense and related income tax effects (in thousands, except per share data):

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|                              | Three<br>Months<br>Ended<br>July 31,<br>2007 | Six<br>Months<br>Ended<br>July 31,<br>2007 |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| Net sales and revenue        | \$ 47,915                                    | \$ 96,485                                  |
| Net income                   | \$ 5,742                                     | \$ 13,222                                  |
| Basic net income per share   | \$ 0.54                                      | \$ 1.25                                    |
| Diluted net income per share | \$ 0.48                                      | \$ 1.11                                    |

**Note 7. Other Assets**

The components of other assets at July 31, 2008, January 31, 2008 and July 31, 2007 are as follows (amounts in thousands):

|                           | July 31,<br>2008 | January 31,<br>2008 | July 31,<br>2007 |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Prepaid loan fees         | \$ 5,033         | \$ 5,187            | \$ 4,166         |
| Prepaid commissions       | 8,345            | 9,208               | 9,557            |
| Advance equity investment | -                | -                   | 10,000           |
| Equipment deposit         | -                | 293                 | -                |
| Other                     | 200              | 115                 | 121              |
| Total                     | 13,578           | 14,803              | 23,844           |
| Less current portion      | -                | -                   | 249              |
| Long term                 | \$ 13,578        | \$ 14,803           | \$ 23,595        |

Prepaid loan fees represent amounts paid to obtain mortgage debt, borrowings under the Company's line of credit and ethanol construction loans. Such amounts are amortized as interest expense.

Prepaid commissions represent sales commissions paid in connection with extended warranties sold by the Company's retail sale staff. Such amounts are capitalized and amortized ratably over the life of the extended warranty plan sold.

Advance equity investment at July 31, 2007, represents a payment made to Big River Resources, LLC ("Big River") in July 2007 and was effective August 1, 2007; this increased the Company's ownership percentage in Big River from 6.9% to 9.8%.

**Note 8. Long Term Debt and Interest Rate Swaps**

During the first six months of fiscal year 2008, Levelland Hockley borrowed \$19.8 million under its construction loan agreement to fund construction of its ethanol plant. During the second quarter of fiscal year 2008, pursuant to the terms of the construction loan agreement, Levelland Hockley converted the construction loan into a permanent term loan. Beginning with the first monthly payment, due June 30, 2008, payments will be due in 59 equal monthly payments of

principal plus accrued interest with the principal portion calculated based on a 120 month amortization schedule. One final installment will be required on the maturity date (June 30, 2013) for the remaining unpaid principal balance with accrued interest. The term loan bears interest at a floating rate of 400 basis points above LIBOR, adjusted monthly through the maturity date.

During the first six months of fiscal year 2008, One Earth borrowed \$8.9 million under its construction loan agreement to fund construction of its ethanol plant.

Levelland Hockley entered into a forward interest rate swap in the notional amount of \$43.7 million during fiscal year 2007. The swap effectively fixed the variable interest rate, for the first two years, of the term loan subsequent to the plant completion date at 7.89%. The swap settlements commence as of May 31, 2008 and terminate on May 31, 2010. At July 31, 2008, the Company has recorded a liability of \$431,000 related to the fair value of the swap. The change in fair value was recorded in the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income.

One Earth entered into a forward interest rate swap in the notional amount of \$50.0 million during fiscal year 2007. The swap effectively fixed a portion of the variable interest rate of the term loan subsequent to the plant completion date at 7.9%. The swap settlements commence as of July 31, 2009 and terminate on July 8, 2014. At July 31, 2008, the Company has recorded a liability of \$643,000 related to the fair value of the swap. The change in fair value was recorded in the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income.

#### **Note 9. Stock Option Plans**

The Company has stock-based compensation plans under which stock options have been granted to directors, officers and key employees at the market price on the date of the grant.

No options have been granted since fiscal year 2004. The fair values of options granted were estimated as of the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions used for grants in the fiscal year ended January 31, 2005: risk-free interest rate of 4.7%, expected volatility of 65.4% and a weighted average stock option life of nine years for all grants.

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the six months ended July 31, 2008 and 2007 was approximately \$0.7 million and \$4.4 million, respectively, resulting in tax deductions of approximately \$0.3 million and \$1.7 million, respectively. The following table summarizes options exercised and canceled or expired during the six months ended July 31, 2008:

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|                                 | Shares    | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price | Weighted Average<br>Remaining<br>Contractual Term | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic Value<br>(in thousands) |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--|---|--|
| Outstanding at January 31, 2008 | 3,016,422 | \$ 9.16                                  |   |  |
| Exercised                       | (58,620)  | \$ 5.64                                  |   |  |
| Forfeited                       | (1,200)   | \$ 12.64                                 |   |  |
| Outstanding at July 31, 2008    | 2,956,602 | \$ 9.23                                  | 3.0   | \$ 9,796                                       |
| Exercisable at July 31, 2008    | 2,854,434 | \$ 9.10                                  | 2.9   | \$ 9,795                                       |

At July 31, 2008, there was approximately \$0.7 million (pre-tax) of unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock options, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 0.7 years.

**Note 10. Income Per Share from Continuing Operations**

The following table reconciles the computation of basic and diluted net income per share from continuing operations for each period presented (in thousands, except per share amounts):

|   | Three Months Ended<br>July 31, 2008 |        |              | Six Months Ended<br>July 31, 2008 |        |              |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------------|
|   | Income                              | Shares | Per<br>Share | Income                            | Shares | Per<br>Share |
| Basic income per share from continuing operations   | \$ 1,052                            | 10,510 | \$ 0.10      | \$ 2,711                          | 10,618 | \$ 0.26      |
| Effect of stock options                             |                                     | 636    |              |                                   | 778    |              |
| Diluted income per share from continuing operations | \$ 1,052                            | 11,146 | \$ 0.09      | \$ 2,711                          | 11,396 | \$ 0.24      |

|   | Three Months Ended<br>July 31, 2007 |        |              | Six Months Ended<br>July 31, 2007 |        |              |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------------|
|   | Income                              | Shares | Per<br>Share | Income                            | Shares | Per<br>Share |
| Basic income per share from continuing operations   | \$ 3,854                            | 10,625 | \$ 0.36      | \$ 9,433                          | 10,548 | \$ 0.90      |
| Effect of stock options                             |                                     | 1,364  |              |                                   | 1,363  |              |
| Diluted income per share from continuing operations | \$ 3,854                            | 11,989 | \$ 0.32      | \$ 9,433                          | 11,911 | \$ 0.79      |

For the three months ended July 31, 2008 and 2007, a total of 286,936 shares and 117,719 shares, respectively, and for the six months ended July 31, 2008 and 2007, a total of 66,836 shares and 217,319 shares, respectively, subject to outstanding options were not included in the common equivalent shares outstanding calculation as the effect from these shares is antidilutive.

**Note 11. Synthetic Fuel**

Income from continuing operations for the first six months of fiscal year 2008 includes approximately \$0.7 million of pre-tax investment income from the sales of the Company's entire partnership interests in Colona SynFuel Limited Partnership, L.L.L.P., (Colona) and Somerset Synfuel, L.P. (Somerset). This income represents the estimated final settlements for calendar year 2007 production as all synthetic fuel production ceased during fiscal year 2007. As the Section 29/45K program expired December 31, 2007, the Company does not expect significant additional income from these sales. During the second quarter and first six months of fiscal year 2007, the Company recorded approximately \$3.4 million and \$10.1 million, respectively, of pre-tax investment income from these sales.

The Company also sold its membership interest in the limited liability company that owned a synthetic fuel facility in Gillette, Wyoming. The plant was subsequently sold and during the third quarter of fiscal year 2006, the Company modified its agreement with the owners and operators of the synthetic fuel facility. Based on the terms of the modified agreement, the Company currently is not able to determine the likelihood and timing of collecting payments related to production occurring after September 30, 2006. Thus, the Company cannot currently determine the timing of income recognition, if any, related to production occurring subsequent to September 30, 2006. The Company did not recognize any income from this sale during the first six months of fiscal years 2008 or 2007.

Below is a table summarizing the income from the sales, net of certain expenses, of the Company's interests in synthetic fuel entities (in thousands):

|                               | Three Months Ended |          | Six Months Ended |           |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|
|                               | July 31,           |          | July 31,         |           |
|                               | 2008               | 2007     | 2008             | 2007      |
| February 1, 1999 Colona sale  | \$ -               | \$ 949   | \$ 186           | \$ 2,894  |
| July 31, 2000 Colona sale     | -                  | 757      | 149              | 2,309     |
| May 31, 2001 Colona sale      | -                  | 673      | 132              | 2,052     |
| October 1, 2005 Somerset sale | -                  | 1,027    | 203              | 2,884     |
|                               | \$ -               | \$ 3,406 | \$ 670           | \$ 10,139 |



**Note 12. Investments**

The following tables summarize investments at July 31, 2008, January 31, 2008 and July 31, 2007 (amounts in thousands):

## Debt Securities July 31, 2008

| Investment                  | Coupon Rate | Maturity | Classification   | Fair Market Value | Carrying Amount |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| United States Treasury Bill | 1.83%       | 9/4/2008 | Held to Maturity | \$ 1,563          | \$ 1,563        |
| Total Debt Securities       |             |          |                  | \$ 1,563          | \$ 1,563        |

## Debt Securities January 31, 2008

| Investment                  | Coupon Rate | Maturity  | Classification   | Fair Market Value | Carrying Amount |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| United States Treasury Bill | 2.82%       | 2/28/2008 | Held to Maturity | \$ 1,548          | \$ 1,548        |
| Total Debt Securities       |             |           |                  | \$ 1,548          | \$ 1,548        |

## Debt Securities July 31, 2007

| Investment                                 | Coupon Rate | Maturity  | Classification     | Fair Market Value | Carrying Amount |
|--|-------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Federal National Mortgage Association Note | 5.17%       | 8/15/2007 | Held to Maturity   | \$ 1,511          | \$ 1,511        |
| Millennium Ethanol, LLC Convertible Note   | 15.60%      | 4/1/2015  | Available for Sale | 29,675            | 29,675          |
| One Earth Energy, LLC Promissory Note      | 9.00%       | 12/1/2007 | Held to Maturity   | 3,000             | 3,000           |
| Total Debt Securities                      |             |           |                    | \$ 34,186         | \$ 34,186       |

There were no unrealized holding gains or losses in fiscal year 2008 compared to an unrealized holding gain of \$15.7 million at July 31, 2007.

The Company has approximately \$933,000 at July 31, 2008, January 31, 2008 and July 31,

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2007 on deposit with the Florida Department of Financial Services to secure its obligation to fulfill future obligations related to extended warranty contracts sold in the state of Florida. The deposits earned 4.0%, 6.3% and 4.3% at July 31, 2008, January 31, 2008 and July 31, 2007, respectively.

The following table summarizes equity method investments at July 31, 2008, January 31, 2008 and July 31, 2007 (amounts in thousands):

Equity Method Investments July 31, 2008

| Entity                          | Ownership Percentage | Carrying Amount | Initial Investment |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Big River Resources, LLC        | 10%                  | \$ 23,759       | \$ 20,000          |
| Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC    | 23%                  | 16,746          | 16,000             |
| Total Equity Method Investments |                      | \$ 40,505       | \$ 36,000          |

Equity Method Investments January 31, 2008

| Entity                          | Ownership Percentage | Carrying Amount | Initial Investment |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Big River Resources, LLC        | 10%                  | \$ 22,353       | \$ 20,000          |
| Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC    | 23%                  | 16,395          | 16,000             |
| Total Equity Method Investments |                      | \$ 38,748       | \$ 36,000          |

Equity Method Investments July 31, 2007

| Entity                          | Ownership Percentage | Carrying Amount | Initial Investment |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Big River Resources, LLC        | 7%                   | \$ 11,352       | \$ 10,000          |
| Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC    | 23%                  | 16,860          | 16,000             |
| Total Equity Method Investments |                      | \$ 28,212       | \$ 26,000          |

During the second quarter of fiscal years 2008 and 2007, the Company recorded income of \$799,000 and \$309,000, respectively as its share of earnings from Big River. During the first six months of fiscal years 2008 and 2007, the Company recorded income of \$1,806,000 and \$1,379,000 respectively as its share of earnings from Big River.

The Company has capitalized interest included in equity method investments of \$1,408,000 and \$716,000 at July 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively as Patriot is constructing its ethanol plant. During the second quarter of fiscal years 2008 and 2007, the Company recorded income of \$75,000 and \$103,000, respectively as its share of earnings from Patriot. During the first six months of fiscal years 2008 and 2007, the Company recorded income of \$116,000 and \$143,000 respectively as its share of earnings from Patriot. Undistributed earnings of equity method investees totaled approximately \$4.0 million and \$1.5 million at July 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

**Note 13. Income Taxes**

The effective tax rate on consolidated pre-tax income from continuing operations was 28.3% for the six months ended July 31, 2008, 36.9% for the year ended January 31, 2008 and 39.4% for the six months ended July 31, 2007. An adjustment for recognizing the benefit of certain statutes of limitations expiring relating to uncertain tax positions of (6.9)% is reflected in the effective rate for the six months ended July 31, 2008. In addition, a benefit of (8.4)% was recognized for a federal tax credit which is earned by Levelland Hockley as a small ethanol producer. The provision for state taxes is approximately 5% and 3% for the six months ended July 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The provision for state taxes was approximately 2% for the year ended January 31, 2008. The effective tax rate was increased for the first six months of fiscal year 2008 by approximately 1.8% from the loss of pass-through entities (Levelland Hockley and One Earth) that is allocated to non-controlling interests.

The Company files a U.S. federal income tax return and income tax returns in various states. In general, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state or local income tax examinations by tax authorities for years ended January 31, 2004 and prior.

The Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48 on February 1, 2007. As a result of the adoption of FIN 48, the Company recorded a \$287,000 decrease to retained earnings. As of July 31, 2008, total unrecognized tax benefits were \$1,019,000 and accrued penalties and interest were \$133,000. If the company were to prevail on all unrecognized tax benefits recorded, approximately \$265,000 of the reserve would benefit the effective tax rate. In addition, the impact of penalties and interest would also benefit the effective tax rate. Interest and penalties associated with unrecognized tax benefits are recorded within income tax expense.

On a quarterly and annual basis, the Company accrues for the effects of open uncertain tax positions and the related potential penalties and interest. The Company recognized a benefit of approximately \$266,000 during the first six months of fiscal year 2008, related to statutes of limitations expiring in certain states.

It is reasonably possible that the amount of the unrecognized tax benefit with respect to certain unrecognized tax positions will increase or decrease during the next 12 months; however, the Company does not expect the change to have a significant effect on results of operations or financial position. A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits,

including interest and penalties, is as follows (amounts in thousands):

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Unrecognized tax benefits, February 1, 2008    | \$ 1,394 |
| Changes for tax positions for prior years, net | (242)    |
| Changes for current year tax positions         | -        |
| Unrecognized tax benefits, July 31, 2008       | \$ 1,152 |

#### **Note 14. Discontinued Operations and Assets Held for Sale**

During the first six months of fiscal year 2008, the Company closed five stores in which the Company vacated the market or will not have a further continuing involvement with the related property. These stores, and certain other stores closed in previous periods were classified as discontinued operations for all periods presented. Vacant land adjacent to a closed store is classified as held for sale. The net assets of the land at July 31, 2008 were approximately \$0.1 million. The Company expects to sell the land within the next 12 months through normal real estate channels.

Below is a table reflecting certain items of the income statement that were reclassified as discontinued operations for the period indicated:

|                            | Three Months Ended |           | Six Months Ended |           |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
|                            | July 31,           |           | July 31,         |           |
|                            | 2008               | 2007      | 2008             | 2007      |
|                            | (In Thousands)     |           |                  |           |
| Net sales and revenue      | \$ 255             | \$ 13,185 | \$ 1,115         | \$ 34,338 |
| Cost of sales              | 230                | 10,542    | 1,021            | 27,060    |
| Loss before income taxes   | (64)               | (916)     | (279)            | (2,390)   |
| Benefit for income taxes   | 23                 | 329       | 106              | 880       |
| Gain on disposal           | 305                | 3,965     | 305              | 8,449     |
| Provision for income taxes | (110)              | (1,422)   | (111)            | (3,028)   |
| Net income (loss)          | \$ 154             | \$ 1,956  | \$ 21            | \$ 3,911  |

#### **Note 15. Commitments and Contingencies**

In June 2006, Levelland Hockley entered into an agreement with a designer/builder for the construction of Levelland's ethanol plant. The designer/builder is responsible for all engineering, labor, materials and equipment to design, construct, startup and achieve guaranteed performance criteria of the plant. The contract price is approximately \$58.5 million, subject to adjustments as provided by the general conditions of the agreement, of which approximately \$56.4 million has been spent through July 31, 2008. The Company expects to pay the remaining amount due from a restricted cash account held in escrow. At March 31, 2008, the ethanol plant was in production as construction was substantially completed, however, there are ongoing disputes with Layne Christensen Company (Layne) concerning the performance of certain water treatment equipment.

On May 2, 2008, Layne filed a lawsuit against Levelland Hockley County Ethanol, LLC (Levelland Hockley) in the United States District Court of Kansas at Kansas City, KS. On May 19, 2008, Layne amended its original complaint.

Levelland Hockley entered into a lease agreement with Layne for certain water treatment equipment for its ethanol plant. Layne is suing Levelland Hockley for interest on late lease payments, repossession of the water treatment facility that is the subject of the lease and that all lease payments due under the lease should be accelerated and be immediately due and payable. The Company believes that it has meritorious defenses to the claims and intends to vigorously defend against them.

In July 2002, Levelland Hockley entered into an agreement with RIO Technical Services, Inc. (["RIO"]) regarding the planning, financing, design, construction, and operation of Levelland's ethanol plant. RIO is a related party, as certain officers of RIO own equity interests in Levelland Hockley. The Company estimates that fees for these services will be approximately \$3.0 million, of which approximately \$2.3 million has been spent through July 31, 2008. The Company expects to pay the remaining amount due from a restricted cash account held in escrow. In addition, Levelland Hockley paid RIO approximately \$3.6 million as compensation for RIO's evaluation and assistance for Levelland Hockley to obtain financing. These costs are recorded as either prepaid loan fees or equity issuance costs.

Levelland Hockley has forward purchase contracts for approximately 2,161,000 bushels of sorghum, the principal raw material for its ethanol plant. Levelland Hockley expects to take delivery of the sorghum through December 2008. The unrealized gain of such contracts was approximately \$2.7 million at June 30, 2008.

Levelland Hockley has sales commitments for approximately 5,000 gallons of ethanol and approximately 40,700 tons of distiller grains. Levelland Hockley expects to deliver the ethanol and distiller grains through September 2008. The unrealized loss of such contracts was approximately \$0.9 million at June 30, 2008.

In May 2007, One Earth entered into an agreement with a designer/builder for the construction of One Earth's ethanol plant. The designer/builder is responsible for all engineering, labor, materials and equipment to design, construct, startup and achieve guaranteed performance criteria of the plant. The contract price is approximately \$120.2 million, subject to adjustments as provided by the general conditions of the agreement, of which approximately \$69.2 million has been spent through July 31, 2008. One Earth has also entered into other construction and facility related contracts. Some of these contracts have been completed and all required funds have been expended as of July 31, 2008. The total of other incomplete construction and facility related contracts is approximately \$11.7 million, of which approximately \$6.4 million has been spent through July 31, 2008.

#### **Note 16. Segment Reporting**

The Company has two reportable segments, consumer electronics and appliance retailing (["retail"]) and alternative energy. The Company evaluates the performance of each reportable segment based on segment profit. Segment profit excludes income taxes, indirect interest expense, discontinued operations, indirect interest income and certain other items that are included in net income determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Segment profit includes realized and unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments.

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The following tables summarize segment business activities in the periods presented (amounts in thousands):

|   | Three Months Ended July 31, |             | Six Months Ended July 31, |           |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------|
|   | 2008                        | 2007        | 2008                      | 2007      |
| <b>Net sales and revenue:</b>   |                             |             |                           |           |
| Retail  | \$ 42,513                   | \$ 47,915   | \$ 88,174                 | \$ 96,485 |
| Alternative energy  | 24,857                      | -           | 26,024                    | -         |
| Total net sales and revenues  | \$ 67,370                   | \$ 47,915   | \$ 114,198                | \$ 96,485 |
| <b>Segment gross profit:</b>  |                             |             |                           |           |
| Retail  | \$ 12,658                   | \$ 15,221   | \$ 25,977                 | \$ 30,618 |
| Alternative energy  | 634                         | -           | 690                       | -         |
| Total gross profit  | \$ 13,292                   | \$ 15,221   | \$ 26,667                 | \$ 30,618 |
| <b>Segment profit:</b>  |                             |             |                           |           |
| Retail segment profit   | \$ 774                      | \$ 1,897    | \$ 1,635                  | \$ 3,711  |
| Alternative energy segment profit   | 983                         | 746         | 1,406                     | 2,152     |
| Corporate expense   | (579)                       | (865)       | (1,112)                   | (1,476)   |
| Interest expense  | (100)                       | (34)        | (221)                     | (723)     |
| Interest income   | 478                         | 1,213       | 1,140                     | 1,839     |
| Income from synthetic fuel investments                                      | -                           | 3,406       | 670                       | 10,139    |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interest | \$ 1,556                    | \$ 6,363    | \$ 3,518                  | \$ 15,642 |
|   | July 31,                    | January 31, | July 31,                  |           |
|   | 2008                        | 2008        | 2007                      |           |
| <b>Assets:</b>  |                             |             |                           |           |
| Retail  | \$ 114,238                  | \$ 120,711  | \$ 156,634                |           |
| Alternative energy  | 217,994                     | 167,070     | 104,613                   |           |
| Corporate   | 107,975                     | 121,197     | 121,194                   |           |
| Total assets  | \$ 440,207                  | \$ 408,978  | \$ 382,441                |           |
| <b>Long- term debt and capital lease obligations:</b>                       |                             |             |                           |           |
| Retail  | \$ -                        | \$ -        | \$ -                      |           |
| Alternative energy  | 49,877                      | 22,072      | -                         |           |
| Corporate   | 12,250                      | 13,152      | 19,122                    |           |
| Total long-term debt and capital lease obligations                          | \$ 62,127                   | \$ 35,224   | \$ 19,122                 |           |

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|  | Three Months Ended July 31, |             | Six Months Ended July 31, |             |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|
|  | 2008                        | 2007        | 2008                      | 2007        |
| <b>Sales of products retail segment:</b>             |                             |             |                           |             |
| Televisions  | 46%                         | 46%         | 50%                       | 49%         |
| Appliances   | 37%                         | 36%         | 33%                       | 32%         |
| Audio  | 6%                          | 6%          | 5%                        | 6%          |
| Video  | 2%                          | 3%          | 2%                        | 3%          |
| Other  | 2%                          | 2%          | 3%                        | 3%          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>93%</b>                  | <b>93%</b>  | <b>93%</b>                | <b>93%</b>  |
| <b>Sales of services retail segment:</b>             |                             |             |                           |             |
| Extended service contracts                           | 7%                          | 7%          | 7%                        | 7%          |
| <b>Total retail segment sales</b>                    | <b>100%</b>                 | <b>100%</b> | <b>100%</b>               | <b>100%</b> |
| <b>Sales of products alternative energy segment:</b> |                             |             |                           |             |
| Ethanol and related by products                      | 100%                        | -           | 100%                      | -           |

Certain corporate costs and expenses, including information technology, employee benefits and other shared services are allocated to the business segments. The allocations are generally amounts agreed upon by management, which may differ from amounts that would be incurred if such services were purchased separately by the business segment. Corporate assets are primarily cash and equivalents, synthetic fuel accounts receivable and deferred income tax benefits.

Cash, except for cash held by Levelland Hockley and One Earth, is considered to be fungible and available for both corporate and segment use dependent on liquidity requirements. Cash of approximately \$6.0 million held by Levelland Hockley will be used to fund remaining construction costs and provide working capital.

**Note 17. Subsequent Events**

Subsequent to June 30, 2008, the end of the second quarter for Levelland Hockley, ethanol prices declined significantly. At June 30, 2008, the fair market value of ethanol per gallon was approximately \$2.89. At July 31, 2008, the fair market value of ethanol per gallon was approximately \$2.33. At June 30, 2008, the fair market value of corn and sorghum per bushel was approximately \$6.50. At July 31, 2008, the fair market value of corn and sorghum per bushel was approximately \$7.60.

On August 4, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors increased the authorized number of shares that can be repurchased by 500,000 shares.

On September 5, 2008 the Company sold vacant land adjacent to its Cheyenne, Wyoming warehouse for approximately \$848,000. The carrying value of this land is approximately \$140,000.

In September 2008, Hurricane Gustav caused damage to a minimum of two of the Company's stores. The Company is evaluating the related damage to other stores in the area. The Company does not believe that the impact of business interruption or required repairs to damaged stores will have a material impact on future results of operations. However, until the Company is able to complete a thorough evaluation of storm damage to all of its stores, it cannot estimate the impact of the storm damage on its financial statements.

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

We are a specialty retailer in the consumer electronics/appliance industry. As of July 31, 2008, we operated 110 stores in 33 states, predominantly in small to medium-sized markets under the trade name "REX". We recently initiated a strategic alternative review process for our retail segment. We expect to consider and evaluate a broad range of alternatives during this process.

In fiscal year 2006, we entered the alternative energy industry by investing in several entities organized to construct and, subsequently operate, ethanol producing plants. As we continue to seek to diversify sources of revenue and earnings, we have current investments in four entities as of July 31, 2008, utilizing both debt and equity investments.

Since fiscal year 1998, we invested in three entities which owned facilities producing synthetic fuel. These entities earned federal income tax credits under Section 29/45K of the Internal Revenue Code based on the tonnage and content of solid synthetic fuel produced and sold to unrelated parties. We have sold our entire ownership interest in these entities in prior years, and as a result, receive payments in connection with production of synthetic fuel. These entities are no longer eligible to receive Section 25/45K income tax credits subsequent to December 31, 2007 and the facilities have permanently ceased operations.

**Fiscal Year**

All references in this report to a particular fiscal year are to REX's fiscal year ended January 31. For example, "fiscal year 2008" means the period February 1, 2008 to January 31, 2009.



**Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the relative percentages that certain income and expense items bear to net sales and revenue:

|  | Three Months      |        | Six Months        |        |
|--|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
|  | Ended<br>July 31, |        | Ended<br>July 31, |        |
|  | 2008              | 2007   | 2008              | 2007   |
| Net sales and revenue  | 100.0%            | 100.0% | 100.0%            | 100.0% |
| Cost of sales  | 80.3              | 68.2   | 76.6              | 68.3   |
| Gross profit   | 19.7              | 31.8   | 23.4              | 31.7   |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses   | (19.6)            | (30.7) | (24.1)            | (30.3) |
| Interest income  | 0.8               | 4.1    | 1.2               | 3.4    |
| Interest expense   | (1.3)             | (0.1)  | (0.9)             | (0.1)  |
| Loss on early termination of debt  | -                 | -      | -                 | (0.6)  |
| Gains on sale of real estate   | -                 | 0.2    | -                 | 0.1    |
| Equity in income of unconsolidated ethanol affiliates  | 1.3               | 0.9    | 1.7               | 1.5    |
| Income from synthetic fuel investments   | -                 | 7.1    | 0.6               | 10.5   |
| Unrealized and realized gains on derivative financial instruments, net   | 1.4               | -      | 1.2               | -      |
| Income from continuing operations before provision for income taxes, minority interest and discontinued operations | 2.3               | 13.3   | 3.1               | 16.2   |
| Provision for income taxes   | 0.7               | 5.3    | 0.9               | 6.4    |
| Minority interest  | -                 | -      | 0.2               | -      |
| Income from continuing operations  | 1.6               | 8.0    | 2.4               | 9.8    |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax  | (0.1)             | (1.2)  | (0.2)             | (1.6)  |
| Gain on disposal of discontinued operations, net of tax  | 0.3               | 5.3    | 0.2               | 5.6    |
| Net income   | 1.8%              | 12.1%  | 2.4%              | 13.8%  |

**Business Segment Results**

As discussed in Note 16, our chief operating decision maker (as defined by SFAS No. 131, [Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information]) evaluates the operating performance of our business segments using a measure we call segment profit. Segment profit includes realized and unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments. Segment profit excludes income taxes, indirect interest expense, discontinued operations, indirect interest income and certain other items that are included in net income determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Management believes these are useful financial measures; however, they should not be construed as being more important than other comparable GAAP measures.

Items excluded from segment profit generally result from decisions made by corporate executives. Financing, divestiture and tax structure decisions are generally made by corporate

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executives. Excluding these items from our business segment performance measure enables us to evaluate business segment operating performance based upon current economic conditions.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, sales and profits by segment (amounts in thousands):

|   | Three Months Ended July 31, |           | Six Months Ended July 31, |           |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
|   | 2008                        | 2007      | 2008                      | 2007      |
| <b>Net sales and revenue:</b>   |                             |           |                           |           |
| Retail  | \$ 42,513                   | \$ 47,915 | \$ 88,174                 | \$ 96,485 |
| Alternative energy  | 24,857                      | -         | 26,024                    | -         |
| Total net sales and revenues  | \$ 67,370                   | \$ 47,915 | \$ 114,198                | \$ 96,485 |
| <b>Segment gross profit:</b>  |                             |           |                           |           |
| Retail  | \$ 12,658                   | \$ 15,221 | \$ 25,977                 | \$ 30,618 |
| Alternative energy  | 634                         | -         | 690                       | -         |
| Total gross profit  | \$ 13,292                   | \$ 15,221 | \$ 26,667                 | \$ 30,618 |
| <b>Segment profit:</b>  |                             |           |                           |           |
| Retail segment profit   | \$ 774                      | \$ 1,897  | \$ 1,635                  | \$ 3,711  |
| Alternative energy segment profit   | 983                         | 746       | 1,406                     | 2,152     |
| Corporate expense   | (579)                       | (865)     | (1,112)                   | (1,476)   |
| Interest expense  | (100)                       | (34)      | (221)                     | (723)     |
| Interest income   | 478                         | 1,213     | 1,140                     | 1,839     |
| Income from synthetic fuel investments                                      | -                           | 3,406     | 670                       | 10,139    |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interest | \$ 1,556                    | \$ 6,363  | \$ 3,518                  | \$ 15,642 |

**Retail**

The retail segment includes all of our store and distribution center operations, our real estate sales and leasing activities and certain administrative expenses. It excludes results from discontinued operations.

The net sales and revenue from our retail segment are discussed in the Comparison of Three Months and Six Months Ended July 31, 2008 and 2007 discussion below.

Retail segment profit decreased \$1.1 million (59.2%) to \$0.8 million in the second quarter of fiscal year 2008 from \$1.9 million in the second quarter of fiscal year 2007. The decrease in segment profit was primarily related to lower gross profit of approximately \$2.6 million, generally reflecting lower sales and lower gross margin percentages. Gross profit percentages were 29.8% and 31.8% for the quarters ended July 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. This unfavorable result was partially offset by lower payroll expenses of approximately \$1.0 million and lower advertising expenses of approximately \$0.4 million.

The decline in sales led to lower sales commissions paid during the second quarter of fiscal year 2008. Advertising expenses were lower in the second quarter as a result of our continuing emphasis to decrease spending in response to the lower sales.

Retail segment profit decreased \$2.1 million (55.9%) to \$1.6 million in the first six months of fiscal year 2008 from \$3.7 million in the first six months of fiscal year 2007. The decrease in segment profit was primarily related to lower gross profit of approximately \$4.7 million, generally reflecting lower sales and lower gross margin percentages. Gross profit percentages were 29.5% and 31.7% for the six months ended July 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. This unfavorable result was partially offset by lower occupancy related expenses of approximately \$0.5 million, payroll expenses of approximately \$1.5 million and lower advertising expenses of approximately \$0.4 million. Lower store counts during fiscal year 2008, primarily from the sale and leaseback transaction with Klac and other store closings, were the primary reasons for the decline in occupancy related expenses. The restructuring of our retail operations completed in fiscal year 2007 and lower sales commissions caused payroll expenses to decline during fiscal year 2008. Advertising expenses were lower as a result of our continuing emphasis to decrease spending in response to the lower sales.

### **Alternative Energy**

The alternative energy segment includes the consolidated financial statements of Levelland Hockley and One Earth, our other investments in ethanol facilities, the income related to those investments and certain administrative expenses.

Levelland Hockley commenced production operations late in the first quarter of fiscal year 2008, resulting in net sales and revenue in the second quarter of fiscal year 2008 increasing to approximately \$24.9 million. Gross profit from these sales was approximately \$0.6 million during the second quarter of fiscal year 2008. Gross profit was negatively affected by high grain prices. In addition, the spread between ethanol and grain prices was lower than expected.

Net sales and revenue for the first six months of fiscal year 2008 were approximately \$26.0 million. Gross profit from these sales was approximately \$0.7 million. Gross profit was negatively affected by high grain prices. In addition, the spread between ethanol and grain prices was lower than expected. Levelland Hockley is currently attempting to develop improved grain purchasing opportunities during the third quarter of fiscal year 2008.

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The following table summarizes sales from Levelland Hockley by product group (amounts in thousands):

|                        | Three Months Ended |      | Six Months Ended |      |
|------------------------|--------------------|------|------------------|------|
|                        | July 31,           |      | July 31,         |      |
|                        | 2008               | 2007 | 2008             | 2007 |
| Ethanol                | \$ 20,713          | \$ - | \$ 21,590        | \$ - |
| Dried distiller grains | 2,592              | -    | 2,703            | -    |
| Wet distiller grains   | 1,520              | -    | 1,699            | -    |
| Other                  | 32                 | -    | 32               | -    |
| Total                  | \$ 24,857          | \$ - | \$ 26,024        | \$ - |

The following table summarizes operating data from Levelland Hockley:

|   | Three Months Ended |      | Six Months Ended |      |
|---|--------------------|------|------------------|------|
|   | July 31,           |      | July 31,         |      |
|   | 2008               | 2007 | 2008             | 2007 |
| Average selling price per gallon of ethanol             | \$ 2.32            | \$ - | \$ 2.31          | \$ - |
| Average selling price per ton of dried distiller grains | \$ 182             | \$ - | \$ 182           | \$ - |
| Average selling price per ton of wet distiller grains   | \$ 48              | \$ - | \$ 48            | \$ - |
| Average cost per bushel of grain                        | \$ 5.78            | \$ - | \$ 5.78          | \$ - |
| Average cost of natural gas (per mmbtu)                 | \$ 10.52           | \$ - | \$ 10.36         | \$ - |

Segment profit increased \$0.2 million (32%) in the second quarter of fiscal year 2008 from \$0.7 million in the second quarter of fiscal year 2007. The increase in segment profit was primarily related to unrealized and realized gains on derivative financial instruments of \$1.0 million and an increase in income from equity method investments of \$0.5 million. These positive results were generally offset by an increase in interest expense of \$0.8 million, as Levelland Hockley ceased capitalizing interest on its construction loan upon the commencement of operations in fiscal year 2008, and a decrease in interest income of \$0.7 million. The decline in interest income results from our disposition in the third quarter of fiscal year 2007 of our convertible note receivable in Millennium Ethanol, LLC.

Segment profit decreased \$0.8 million (34.7%) to \$1.4 million in the first six months of fiscal year 2008 from \$2.2 million in the first six months of fiscal year 2007. The decrease in segment profit was primarily related to an increase in interest expense of \$0.8 million, as Levelland Hockley ceased capitalizing interest on its construction loan upon the commencement of operations in fiscal year 2008, and a decrease in interest income of \$0.7 million. The decline in interest income results from our disposition in the third quarter of fiscal year 2007 of our convertible note receivable in Millennium Ethanol, LLC. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$1.4 million. The increase results from \$1.2 million in increased expenses at Levelland Hockley and \$0.2 million in increased expenses at

One Earth. Levelland Hockley commenced production operations late in the first quarter fiscal year 2008 and was a development stage enterprise in the first six months of fiscal year 2007. We purchased One Earth, a development stage enterprise, during the third quarter of fiscal year 2007; thus, there were no expenses attributable to One Earth in the first six months of fiscal year 2007 included in segment profit. Unrealized and realized gains on derivative financial instruments were \$1.4 million during the first six months of fiscal year 2008.

### **Corporate and Other**

Corporate and other includes certain administrative expenses of the corporate headquarters, interest expense and interest income not directly allocated to the retail or alternative energy segments and income from synthetic fuel investments.

We did not recognize income from synthetic fuel investments in the second quarter of fiscal year 2008 compared to \$3.4 million in the second quarter of fiscal year 2007. The decline in current year income results from all synthetic fuel production ceasing during fiscal year 2007. As the Section 29/45K program expired December 31, 2007, we do not expect significant additional income from these sales. We sold our entire membership interest in an entity that operated a synthetic fuel facility in Gillette, Wyoming. During the third quarter of fiscal year 2006, we modified our agreement with the owners and operators of the synthetic fuel facility in Gillette, Wyoming. Based on the terms of the modified agreement, we are not currently able to determine the likelihood and timing of collecting payments related to production occurring after September 30, 2006. Thus, we cannot currently determine the timing of income recognition, if any, related to production occurring subsequent to September 30, 2006. We did not recognize any income from this sale during the second quarter of fiscal years 2008 or 2007.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$0.6 million in the second quarter of fiscal year 2008, compared to \$0.9 million in the second quarter of fiscal year 2007. The decrease in expenses was primarily related to lower executive incentive compensation expense associated with the decline in synthetic fuel income in the second quarter of fiscal year 2008.

Interest income was \$0.5 million in the second quarter of fiscal year 2008 compared to \$1.2 million in the second quarter of fiscal year 2007. The decline generally results from lower levels of excess cash in the current year compared to the prior year.

Income from synthetic fuel investments declined to \$0.7 million in the first six months of fiscal year 2008 from \$10.1 million in the first six months of fiscal year 2007. Current year income represents the estimated final settlements as all synthetic fuel production ceased during fiscal year 2007. As the Section 29/45K program expired December 31, 2007, we do not expect significant additional income from these sales.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$1.1 million in the first six months of fiscal year 2008, compared to \$1.5 million in the first six months of fiscal year 2007. The decrease in expenses was primarily related to lower executive incentive compensation expense associated with the decline in synthetic fuel income in the first six months of fiscal year 2008.

Interest income was \$1.1 million in the first six months of fiscal year 2008 compared to \$1.8 million in the first six months of fiscal year 2007. The decline generally results from lower levels of excess cash in the current year compared to the prior year.

Interest expense was \$0.2 million in the first six months of fiscal year 2008 compared to \$0.7 million in the first six months of fiscal year 2007. The decline generally results from charges incurred with the early termination of debt in fiscal year 2007.

### **Comparison of Three Months and Six Months Ended July 31, 2008 and 2007**

Net sales and revenue in the quarter ended July 31, 2008 were \$67.4 million compared to \$47.9 million in the prior year's second quarter, representing an increase of \$19.5 million or 40.7%. Net sales and revenue do not include sales from stores classified as discontinued operations.

The increase was primarily caused by \$24.9 million of sales from our alternative energy segment as Levelland Hockley commenced operations late in the first quarter of fiscal year 2008. This positive trend was partially offset by a decrease in closed stores that are classified as continuing operations. Sales from these stores declined by \$2.8 million in the second quarter of fiscal year 2008 compared to fiscal year 2007. In addition, we experienced a decrease in comparable store sales of 3.9% for the second quarter of fiscal year 2008. We consider a store to be comparable after it has been open six full fiscal quarters. Comparable store sales do not include sales of extended service contracts.

The appliance category negatively impacted comparable store sales by 0.5%. The appliance category performance was primarily due to lower sales of air conditioners. The audio category negatively impacted comparable store sales by 0.6%. The video category negatively impacted comparable store sales by 0.8%. Both the audio and video categories have been impacted by lower price points of their respective products, as these products are continuing to become more of a commodity item with very high levels of competition. The television category negatively impacted comparable store sales by 2.0%. Declines in projection and analog television sets outpaced the gains we made in plasma and LCD television sets.

Net sales and revenue for the first six months of fiscal year 2008 were \$114.2 million compared to \$96.5 million for the first six months of fiscal year 2007. This represents an increase of \$17.7 million or 18.3%. This increase was primarily caused by \$26.0 million of sales from our alternative energy segment as Levelland Hockley commenced operations late in the first quarter of fiscal year 2008. This positive trend was partially offset by a decrease in closed stores that are classified as continuing operations. Sales from these stores declined by \$5.5 million in the first six months of fiscal year 2008 compared to fiscal year 2007. In addition, we experienced a decrease in comparable store sales of 2.1% for the first six months of fiscal year 2008. We consider a store to be comparable after it has been open six full fiscal quarters. Comparable store sales do not include sales of extended service contracts.

The appliance product category negatively impacted comparable store sales for the first six months of fiscal 2008 by 0.4%. The appliance category performance was primarily due to lower sales of air conditioners. The audio and video categories negatively impacted comparable store sales for

the first six months of fiscal year 2008 by 0.9% and 0.8%, respectively. The audio and video categories results reflect a continuing trend of lower price points of the respective products, as these products are becoming more of a commodity item with very high levels of competition. The television category performance was consistent with the prior year.

As of July 31, 2008, we operated 110 stores compared to 142 stores one year earlier. We did not open any stores and closed five stores during the first six months of fiscal year 2008. We did not open any stores and closed 51 stores during the first six months of fiscal year 2007.

At July 31, 2008, we had lease agreements, as landlord/sub landlord, for all or parts of 12 properties. We own nine of these properties and are the tenant/sub landlord for three of the properties. In two of the owned locations, we operate a store and lease a portion of the property to another party. We do not operate a store in seven of the owned properties. We have four owned properties that are vacant at July 31, 2008. We are marketing these vacant properties to lease or sell.

Gross profit in the second quarter of fiscal year 2008 was \$13.3 million (19.7% of net sales and revenue) compared to \$15.2 million (31.8% of net sales and revenue) recorded in the second quarter of fiscal year 2007. This represents a decrease of \$1.9 million or 12.5%. Gross profit for the quarter ended July 31, 2008, from our retail segment was 29.8% of retail segment sales compared to 31.8% for the quarter ended July 31, 2007. Gross profit for the quarter ended July 31, 2008, from our alternative energy segment was 2.6% of alternative energy segment sales. Gross profit for the first six months of fiscal year 2008 was \$26.7 million (23.4% of net sales and revenue) compared to \$30.6 million (31.7% of net sales and revenue) for the first six months of fiscal year 2007. Gross profit for the six months ended July 31, 2008, from our retail segment was 29.5% of retail segment sales compared to 31.7% for the six months ended July 31, 2007. Gross profit for the six months ended July 31, 2008, from our alternative energy segment was 2.7% of alternative energy segment sales. Gross profit from our alternative energy segment has been lower than expected as a result of the spread between ethanol and grain prices. Gross profit margin for the second quarter and first half of fiscal year 2008 was negatively impacted by approximately \$0.8 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, as a result of having 11 net fewer stores compared to the prior year. Extended service contracts contributed gross profit of \$2.5 million in the second quarter of fiscal year 2008 compared to \$2.8 million in the second quarter of fiscal year 2007. Extended service contracts contributed gross profit of \$5.1 million in the first six months of fiscal year 2008 compared to \$5.7 million in the first six months of fiscal year 2007. Our direct warranty repair costs were approximately 23% and 16% of extended service contract revenue in the first six months of fiscal years 2008 and 2007, respectively. Warranty repair costs increased during fiscal year 2008, as fiscal year 2007 results include reductions to warranty reserves which fiscal year 2008 results do not include and lower levels of vendor support during the current fiscal year.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the second quarter of fiscal year 2008 were \$13.2 million (19.6% of net sales and revenue), a decrease of \$1.5 million or 10.2% from \$14.7 million (30.7% of net sales and revenue) for the second quarter of fiscal year 2007. Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$27.5 million (24.1% of net sales and revenue) for the first six months of fiscal year 2008 representing a decrease of \$1.8 million or 5.9% from \$29.3 million (30.3% of net sales and revenue) for the first six months of fiscal year 2007. The decrease in expenses was primarily a result of lower retail payroll expenses of \$1.6 million, reflecting the restructuring of our

retail operations completed in fiscal year 2007 and lower sales commissions associated with the sales decline. In addition, we had lower professional fees of \$0.7 million primarily related to fees incurred in connection with the sale leaseback transaction we completed during the first quarter of fiscal year 2007 and lower advertising expenses of \$0.4 million, reflecting our continued emphasis on cost reduction. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in selling, general and administrative expenses from Levelland Hockley of \$0.3 million as Levelland Hockley began operations during the first quarter of fiscal year 2008. Rent expense was \$0.4 million higher during the first six months of fiscal year 2008, reflecting a full six months of rent from the sale leaseback transaction we completed in fiscal year 2007.

Interest income was \$519,000 and \$1,976,000 for the second quarter of fiscal years 2008 and 2007 respectively. Lower levels of excess cash accounted for approximately \$848,000 of the decrease while our disposition in the third quarter of fiscal year 2007 of our convertible note receivable in Millennium Ethanol, LLC accounted for approximately \$585,000 of the decrease.

Interest income was \$1,373,000 and \$3,269,000 for the first six months of fiscal years 2008 and 2007 respectively. Our disposition in the third quarter of fiscal year 2007 of our convertible note receivable in Millennium Ethanol, LLC accounted for approximately \$1,149,000 of the decrease. Lower levels of excess cash accounted for approximately \$742,000 of the decrease.

Interest expense was \$897,000 for the second quarter of fiscal year 2008 compared to \$34,000 for the second quarter of fiscal year 2007. The quarterly increase results from ceasing of interest capitalization on the Levelland Hockley credit facility subsequent to the commencement of operations at that plant. Interest expense was \$1,018,000 for the first six months of fiscal year 2008 compared to \$108,000 for the first six months of fiscal year 2007. Interest expense for the first six months of fiscal year 2008 has increased, primarily from the ceasing of interest capitalization on the Levelland Hockley credit facility subsequent to the commencement of operations at that plant.

We paid off approximately \$15.6 million of debt in connection with the real estate sale and leaseback transaction with Klac. As a result, we incurred prepayment penalties and the write off of prepaid loan fees totaling approximately \$607,000 during the first six months of fiscal year 2007.

On April 30, 2007, we completed a transaction for the sale of 86 of our current and former store locations to Klac for \$74.5 million in cash, before selling expenses. We also entered into agreements to leaseback 40 of the properties from Klac for initial lease terms expiring January 31, 2010, with renewal options for up to 15 additional years. Either Klac or REX may terminate a lease after the initial six months of the initial lease term on 28 of the leases, 14 of which were terminated in fiscal year 2007 and one of which was terminated in fiscal year 2008. We also entered into license agreements with Klac for 15 of the properties that allowed us to occupy the properties for up to 90 days rent free. Upon the expiration of the license period, we vacated the 15 properties.

This transaction resulted in a gain (realized and deferred) of \$14.8 million. Of this gain, \$0.4 million and \$4.0 million was recognized in the second quarter of fiscal years 2008 and 2007, respectively. During the first six months of fiscal years 2008 and 2007, we recognized \$0.7 million and \$7.1 millions, respectively of the gain. We had a deferred gain of \$4.7 million and \$7.7 million at July 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, based upon the present value of the remaining minimum lease



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payments. The deferred gain will be amortized as a reduction to lease expense over the lease periods or recognized as gain on disposal at the end of the lease period. The leases have been accounted for as operating leases. The following table summarizes the pre-tax gains and losses recognized during the second quarter and first six months of fiscal years 2008 and 2007 (amounts in thousands):

| Classification of Gain    | Three Months Ended<br>July 31, |                 | Six Months Ended<br>July 31, |                 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
|                           | 2008                           | July 31, 2007   | 2008                         | July 31, 2007   |
| Continuing Operations     | \$ 335                         | \$ 475          | \$ 659                       | \$ 1,154        |
| Discontinued Operations   | 74                             | 3,527           | 86                           | 5,974           |
| <b>Total Pre-Tax Gain</b> | <b>\$ 409</b>                  | <b>\$ 4,002</b> | <b>\$ 745</b>                | <b>\$ 7,128</b> |

The following table summarizes the components of the sale and leaseback transaction (amounts in thousands):

| Property Category   | Number of<br>Properties | Deferred Gain   |             | Recognized Gain |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
|   |                         |                 |             |                 |
| Vacated   | 61                      | \$ -            | \$ -        | 7,680           |
| Leased until January 31, 2010                             | 12                      | 3,548           |             | 470             |
| Leased until January 31, 2010<br>(6 month kickout clause) | 13                      | 1,133           |             | 1,974           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>86</b>               | <b>\$ 4,681</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>10,124</b>   |

During the second quarter of fiscal years 2008 and 2007, we recognized income of approximately \$874,000 and \$412,000 from our equity investments in Big River Resources, LLC and Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC, respectively. During the first six months of fiscal years 2008 and 2007, we recognized income of approximately \$1,922,000 and \$1,522,000 from our equity investments in Big River Resources, LLC and Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC, respectively.

Income from continuing operations for the first six months of fiscal year 2008 includes approximately \$0.7 million of income from the sales of our entire partnership interests in Colona SynFuel Limited Partnership, L.L.L.P., (Colona) and Somerset Synfuel, L.P. (Somerset). This income represents the estimated final settlements related to Colona and Somerset as all synthetic fuel production ceased during fiscal year 2007. As the Section 29/45K program expired December 31, 2007, we do not expect additional income from these sales. During the second quarter and first six months of fiscal year 2007, we recorded approximately \$3.4 million and \$10.1 million, respectively of pre-tax investment income from these sales.

We also sold our membership interest in the limited liability company that owned a synthetic fuel facility in Gillette, Wyoming. The plant was subsequently sold and during the third quarter of fiscal year 2006, we modified our agreement with the owners and operators of the synthetic fuel facility. Based on the terms of the modified agreement, we currently are not able to determine the

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likelihood and timing of collecting payments related to production occurring after September 30, 2006. Thus, we cannot currently determine the timing of income recognition, if any, related to production occurring subsequent to September 30, 2006. We did not recognize any income from this sale during the first six months of fiscal years 2008 or 2007.

Below is a table summarizing the income recognized from the sales, net of certain expenses, of our interests in synthetic fuel entities.

|                               | Three Months Ended |          | Six Months Ended |           |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|
|                               | July 31,<br>2008   | 2007     | July 31,<br>2008 | 2007      |
| February 1, 1999 Colona sale  | \$ -               | \$ 949   | \$ 186           | \$ 2,894  |
| July 31, 2000 Colona sale     | -                  | 757      | 149              | 2,309     |
| May 31, 2001 Colona sale      | -                  | 673      | 132              | 2,052     |
| October 1, 2005 Somerset sale | -                  | 1,027    | 203              | 2,884     |
|                               | \$ -               | \$ 3,406 | \$ 670           | \$ 10,139 |

Our effective tax rate was 30.1% and 40.3% for the second quarter of fiscal years 2008 and 2007, respectively. Our effective tax rate was 28.3% and 39.4% for the first six months of fiscal years 2008 and 2007, respectively. The decrease is primarily a result of a reduction in the reserve for uncertain tax positions during fiscal year 2008, related to the expiration of the statute of limitations in certain states and the recognition of a federal tax credit that is earned by Levelland Hockley as a small ethanol producer. We expect our effective tax rate to be in a range between 28% and 35% for the remainder of fiscal year 2008.

Minority interest of (\$36,000) and \$54,000 for the quarters ended July 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively and \$187,000 and (\$41,000) for the six months ended July 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, represents the owners' (other than REX) share of the income or loss of Levelland Hockley County Ethanol, LLC and One Earth Energy, LLC.

During the quarter and six months ended July 31, 2008 we closed one and five stores, respectively, that were classified as discontinued operations. As a result of these closings and certain other store closings from prior periods, we had a loss from discontinued operations, net of tax benefit, of \$41,000 for the second quarter of fiscal year 2008 compared to \$587,000 for the second quarter of fiscal year 2007. We had a loss from discontinued operations, net of tax benefit, of \$173,000 for the first six months of fiscal year 2008 compared to \$1,510,000 for the first six months of fiscal year 2007.

One property classified as discontinued operations was sold during the second quarter of fiscal year 2008, resulting in a gain, net of tax expense of \$0.2 million for the quarter and six months ended July 31, 2008. Primarily as a result of the previously discussed sale and leaseback with Klac we had a gain from discontinued operations, net of tax expense, of approximately \$2.5 million for the second quarter of fiscal year 2007 and approximately \$5.4 million for the first six months of fiscal year 2007.

As a result of the foregoing, net income for the second quarter of fiscal year 2008 was \$1.2 million, a decrease of \$4.6 million from \$5.8 million for the second quarter of fiscal year 2007. Net income for the first six months of fiscal year 2008 was \$2.7 million, a decrease of \$10.6 million from \$13.3 million for the first six months of fiscal year 2007.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Net cash used in operating activities was approximately \$3.7 million for the first six months of fiscal year 2008, compared to \$17.8 million for the first six months of fiscal year 2007. For the first six months of fiscal year 2008, cash was provided by net income of \$2.7 million, adjusted for the impact of \$0.7 million for gains on our installment sales of the limited partnership interests, the gain on the disposal of real estate and property and equipment of \$0.2 million and non-cash items of \$4.5 million, which consisted of depreciation and amortization, income from equity method investments, deferred income, unrealized gains on derivative financial instruments, other items and the deferred income tax provision. In addition, accounts payable provided cash of \$18.0 million, primarily a result of changes in inventory levels and extended terms from certain vendors in our retail segment and Levelland Hockley commencing operations in the current fiscal year. The increase in inventory of \$9.5 million was primarily due to seasonal fluctuations in our retail segment and Levelland Hockley commencing operations in the current fiscal year. The primary use of cash was a decrease in other liabilities of \$10.0 million; primarily a result of payments related to synthetic fuel obligations, incentive compensation and other payroll and sales tax payments being made in the first quarter of fiscal year 2008.

For the first six months of fiscal year 2007, cash was provided by net income of \$13.3 million, adjusted for the impact of \$10.1 million for gains on our installment sales of the limited partnership interests, the gain on the disposal of real estate and property and equipment of \$9.0 million and non-cash items of \$3.4 million, which consisted of depreciation and amortization, income from equity method investments, deferred income and the deferred income tax provision. In addition, accounts payable provided cash of \$16.3 million, primarily a result of changes in inventory levels and extended terms from certain vendors. The primary use of cash was an increase in inventory of \$14.2 million primarily due to seasonal fluctuations. The inventory increase from January 31, 2007 primarily results from higher television and air conditioner levels. Accounts receivable increased \$1.2 million, primarily a result of the timing of customer payments. The other use of cash was an increase in other assets of \$9.6 million.

At July 31, 2008, working capital was \$80.1 million compared to \$132.3 million at January 31, 2008. This decrease is primarily a result of the ethanol plant construction expenditures at the Levelland Hockley and One Earth facilities and treasury stock purchases. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities was 2.0 to 1 and 3.2 to 1 at July 31, 2008 and January 31, 2008, respectively.

Cash of \$62.1 million was used in investing activities for the first six months of fiscal year 2008, compared to cash provided of \$76.6 million for the first six months of fiscal year 2007. During the first six months of fiscal year 2008, we received proceeds of \$1.2 million from the installment sales of our ownership interests in synthetic fuel entities and \$1.1 million from the sale of real estate and property and equipment. We had capital expenditures of approximately \$61.7 million during the first six months of fiscal year 2008, primarily related to construction at the Levelland Hockley and

One Earth ethanol plants. We deposited \$2.8 million in escrow accounts (restricted cash) in connection with the final draw on Levelland Hockley's construction loan.

Cash of \$76.6 million was provided by investing activities for the first six months of fiscal year 2007. We received proceeds of \$79.7 million from the sale and leaseback transaction with Klac and other real estate sales and \$15.1 million from the installment sales of our ownership interests in synthetic fuel entities. We purchased an ethanol related note of \$3.0 million during the first six months of fiscal year 2007. We had capital expenditures of approximately \$15.2 million during the first six months of fiscal year 2007, primarily related to the Levelland/Hockley County Ethanol, LLC ethanol plant construction.

Cash provided by financing activities totaled approximately \$17.7 million for the first six months of fiscal year 2008 compared to cash used of \$11.5 million for the first six months of fiscal year 2007. Cash of approximately \$2.2 million was used to repay debt and capital lease obligations. Cash was provided by new debt borrowings at Levelland Hockley and One Earth of \$28.7 million. Cash of approximately \$9.1 million was also used to acquire 706,000 shares of our common stock. As of July 31, 2008, we had approximately 9,000 authorized shares remaining available for purchase under the stock buy-back program. Subsequent to the end of the second quarter of fiscal year 2008, our board of directors authorized us to repurchase an additional 500,000 shares of our common stock.

Cash used in financing activities totaled approximately \$11.5 million for the first six months of fiscal year 2007 compared to cash provided by financing activities of \$0.4 million for the first six months of fiscal year 2006. Cash of approximately \$17.6 million was used to repay mortgage debt. Cash was provided by new debt borrowings of \$5.0 million and stock option activity of \$4.9 million. Cash of approximately \$3.8 million was also used to acquire 195,000 shares of our common stock.

In June 2006, Levelland Hockley entered into an agreement with a designer/builder for the construction of Levelland's ethanol plant. The designer/builder is responsible for all engineering, labor, materials and equipment to design, construct, startup and achieve guaranteed performance criteria of the plant. The contract price is approximately \$58.5 million, of which \$56.4 million has been spent through July 31, 2008. We expect to pay the remaining amounts due from our restricted cash which is deposited in an escrow account.

On July 25, 2002, Levelland Hockley entered into an agreement with RIO Technical Services, Inc., (RIO) regarding the planning, financing, design and construction of Levelland's ethanol plant. RIO is a related party, as certain officers of RIO own equity interests in Levelland Hockley. We estimate that fees for these services will be approximately \$3.0 million, of which approximately \$2.3 million has been spent through July 31, 2008. We expect to pay the remaining amounts due from our restricted cash which is deposited in an escrow account.

We believe Levelland Hockley has sufficient working capital and credit availability to fund these commitments.

Subsequent to June 30, 2008, the end of the second quarter for Levelland Hockley, ethanol prices declined significantly. At June 30, 2008, the fair market value of ethanol per gallon was approximately \$2.89. At July 31, 2008, the fair market value of ethanol per gallon was approximately \$2.33.

At June 30, 2008, the fair market value of corn and sorghum per bushel was approximately \$6.50. At July 31, 2008, the fair market value of corn and sorghum per bushel was approximately \$7.60.

In May 2007, One Earth entered into an agreement with a designer/builder for the construction of One Earth's ethanol plant. The designer/builder is responsible for all engineering, labor, materials and equipment to design, construct, startup and achieve guaranteed performance criteria of the plant. The contract price is approximately \$120.2 million, subject to adjustments as provided by the general conditions of the agreement, of which approximately \$69.2 million has been spent through July 31, 2008. One Earth has also entered other construction and facility related contracts. Some of these contracts have been completed and all required funds have been expended as of July 31, 2008. The total of other incomplete construction and facility related contracts is approximately \$11.7 million, of which approximately \$6.4 million has been spent through July 31, 2008.

We believe One Earth has sufficient working capital and credit availability to fund these commitments.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Form 10-Q contains or may contain forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements can be identified by use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "expect," "believe," "estimate," "anticipate" or "continue" or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or other comparable terminology. Readers are cautioned that there are risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those referred to in such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include the risk factors set forth from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and include among other things: the highly competitive nature of the consumer electronics retailing industry, changes in the national or regional economies, weather, the effects of terrorism or acts of war on consumer spending patterns, the availability of certain products, technological changes and changes in real estate market conditions, the fluctuating amount of quarterly payments received by the Company with respect to sales of its partnership interest in its synthetic fuel investments, and the uncertain amount of synthetic fuel production and resulting income received from time to time from the Company's synthetic fuel investments. As it relates to ethanol investments, risks and uncertainties include among other things: the uncertainty of constructing plants on time and on budget, the price volatility of corn, sorghum, distiller grains, ethanol, gasoline and natural gas and the plants operating efficiently and according to forecasts and projections. Other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements are set forth in Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2008 (File No. 001-09097).

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

No material changes since January 31, 2008.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

Our management evaluated, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting other than the implementation of controls at Levelland Hockley related to production commencing in the first quarter of fiscal year 2008.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

On May 2, 2008, Layne filed a lawsuit against Levelland Hockley County Ethanol, LLC ("Levelland Hockley") in the United States District Court of Kansas at Kansas City, KS. On May 19, 2008, Layne amended its original complaint. Levelland Hockley entered into a lease agreement with Layne for certain water treatment equipment for its ethanol plant. Layne is suing Levelland Hockley for interest on late lease payments, repossession of the water treatment facility that is the subject of the lease and that all lease payments due under the lease should be accelerated and be immediately due and payable. The Company believes that it has meritorious defenses to the claims and intends to vigorously defend against them.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

During the quarter ended July 31, 2008, there have been no material changes to the risk factors discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2008.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds****Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

| <b>Period</b>   | <b>Total Number of Shares Purchased</b> | <b>Average Price Paid per Share</b> | <b>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (1)</b> | <b>Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (1)</b> |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| May 1-31, 2008  | 73,600                                  | \$ 15.94                            | 73,600  | 142,000   |
| June 1-30, 2008 | 244,800                                 | \$ 13.48                            | 244,800   | 397,200   |
| July 1-31, 2008 | 388,061                                 | \$ 11.80                            | 388,061   | 9,139   |
| Total           | 706,461                                 | \$ 12.81                            | 706,461   | 9,139   |

- (1) On June 20, 2008, we completed the purchase of our common stock under a previously announced authorization. On June 23, 2008, we announced we had authorization to purchase up to 500,000 shares from time to time in private or market transactions at prevailing market prices. At July 31, 2008, a total of 9,139 shares remained available to purchase under this authorization. On August 4, 2008 the Company announced its Board of Directors had authorized the Company to purchase up to an additional 500,000 shares from time to time in private or market transactions at prevailing market prices.

**Item 6. Exhibits.**

The following exhibits are filed with this report:

- 31 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications
- 32 Section 1350 Certifications

**SIGNATURES**

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

REX STORES CORPORATION  
Registrant

| <b>Signature</b>                                   | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Date</b>       |
|--|--|-------------------|
| /s/ Stuart A. Rose<br>(Stuart A. Rose)             | Chairman of the Board<br>(Chief Executive Officer)                 | September 9, 2008 |
| /s/ Douglas L. Bruggeman<br>(Douglas L. Bruggeman) | Vice President, Finance and Treasurer<br>(Chief Financial Officer) | September 9, 2008 |