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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**  
**TO**  
**FORM S-4**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*UNDER*

*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

**Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.**

and the Guarantor Registrants Listed in the Table Below

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**3714**  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

**34-0549970**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed exchange offer:** As soon as practicable after the effective date of this registration statement.

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If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. "

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

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<b>Guarantor as Specified in its</b>	<b>State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization</b>	<b>Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number</b>	<b>I.R.S. Employer Identification Number</b>
<b>Charter(1)</b>			
Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	Delaware	3714	20-1945088
Cooper-Standard Automotive FHS Inc.	Delaware	3714	21-02317
Cooper-Standard Automotive Fluid Systems Mexico Holdings LLC	Delaware	3714	51-0380442
Cooper-Standard Automotive NC L.L.C.	North Carolina	3714	34-1972839
Cooper-Standard Automotive OH, LLC	Ohio	3714	34-1972845
CSA Services Inc.	Ohio	7363	34-1969510
NISCO Holding Company	Delaware	3714	34-1611697
North American Rubber, Incorporated	Texas	3052	35-1609926
StanTech, Inc.	Delaware	3641	31-1384014
Sterling Investments Company	Delaware	7389	34-1821393
Westborn Service Center, Inc.	Michigan	4225	38-1897448

- (1) The address for each of the additional registrant guarantors is c/o Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., 39550 Orchard Hill Place Drive, Novi, Michigan 48375.

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

**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED DECEMBER 22, 2010**

**Prospectus**

## **Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.**

**Exchange Offer for**

**\$450,000,000 8 1/2% Senior Notes due 2018**

We are offering to exchange up to \$450,000,000 of our new 8 1/2% senior notes due 2018, which we refer to as the exchange notes, for up to \$450,000,000 of our outstanding 8 1/2% senior notes due 2018, which we refer to as the outstanding senior notes. The exchange notes are substantially identical to the outstanding notes, except that the exchange notes have been registered under the federal securities laws, are not subject to transfer restrictions and are not entitled to certain registration rights relating to the outstanding notes. The exchange notes will represent the same debt as the outstanding notes and we will issue the exchange notes under the same indenture as the outstanding notes.

There is no existing public market for the outstanding notes or the exchange notes offered hereby. We do not intend to list the exchange notes on any securities exchange or seek approval for quotation through any automated trading system.

The exchange offer will expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, unless we extend it.

Broker-dealers receiving exchange notes in exchange for outstanding notes acquired for their own account through market-making or other trading activities must acknowledge that they will deliver this prospectus in any resale of the exchange notes. The letter of transmittal states that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of the exchange notes received in exchange for outstanding notes that were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. We have agreed that, for a period of 180 days after the expiration date of the exchange offer, we will make this prospectus available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. See Plan of Distribution.

**You should consider carefully the Risk Factors beginning on page 21 of this prospectus.**

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

The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement or amendment. We have not authorized any person to provide you with different information. This prospectus is not an offer to sell, nor is it an offer to buy, these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted. The information in this prospectus is complete and accurate as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus, but our business, financial condition or results of operations may have changed since that date.

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**Basis of Presentation**

In this prospectus, Cooper-Standard, the Company, we, us and our all refer to Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis and Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., its direct parent, unless the context requires otherwise. References to the Issuer refer solely to Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. and not to any of its subsidiaries. References to Parent refer solely to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and not any of its subsidiaries. References to our common stock refer to shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of Parent. References to our 7% preferred stock refer to shares of the 7% Cumulative Participating Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of Parent.

In this prospectus, we present the consolidated financial statements and other financial information of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., including Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., which will guarantee the exchange notes, has no material assets other than the stock of its subsidiaries and conducts substantially all of its operations through its subsidiaries, which include Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Therefore, although Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. is not the issuer of the exchange notes, its revenue and results of operations substantially reflect the revenues and results of operations of its subsidiaries, which include Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.

In accordance with the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, Accounting Standards Codification, or ASC, 852, Reorganizations, we adopted fresh-start accounting upon our emergence from bankruptcy and became a new entity for financial reporting purposes as of June 1, 2010. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements for the reporting entity subsequent to emergence from bankruptcy, or the Successor, are not comparable to the consolidated financial statements for the reporting entity prior to emergence from bankruptcy, or the Predecessor. For a discussion of fresh-start accounting, see note 3 to our unaudited financial statements as of September 30, 2010.

Unless otherwise stated, references to pro forma data in this prospectus give effect to the Pro Forma Adjustments, as further described under Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Financial Information, as if they occurred on January 1, 2009.

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

In addition to historical information, certain statements contained in this prospectus are forward-looking statements within the meaning of federal securities laws, and we intend that such forward-looking statements be subject to the safe-harbor created thereby. These forward-looking statements include statements concerning our plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events, future revenue or performance, capital expenditures, financing needs, plans or intentions relating to acquisitions, business trends, the impact of fresh-start accounting, the impact of our bankruptcy on our future performance and other information that is not historical information. When used in this prospectus, the words estimates, expects, anticipates, projects, plans, intends, believes, forecasts, or future or conditional verbs, such as will, should, variations of such words or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, management's examination of historical operating trends and data, are based upon our current expectations and various assumptions. Our expectations, beliefs and projections are expressed in good faith and we believe there is a reasonable basis for them. However, no assurances can be made that these expectations, beliefs and projections will be achieved. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results or achievements to be materially different from the future results or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

There are a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus. Important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements we make in this prospectus are described in Risk Factors. Such risks and uncertainties and other important factors include, but are not limited to:

our dependence on the automotive industry and the possibility of further material contractions in automotive sales and production;

our ability to generate sufficient cash to service our indebtedness and meet dividend obligations on our 7% preferred stock;

disruptions in the financial markets and the availability of and cost of credit;

viability of our supply base;

escalating pricing pressures;

our ability to meet a significant increase in demand;

availability and cost of raw materials;

our ability to compete in the highly competitive automotive parts industry;

our significant non-U.S. operations;

our dependence on certain major customers;

labor conditions;



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our ability to meet our customers' needs for new and improved products in a timely manner;

our ability to attract and retain key personnel;

our legal rights to our intellectual property portfolio;

our underfunded pension plans;

environmental and other regulation;

the possibility that our acquisition strategy will not be successful;

the lack of comparability of our financial condition and results of operations following our emergence from bankruptcy to those reflected in our historical financial statements;

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whether our future financial statements will contain disclosure about our ability to continue as a going concern;

the possibility of future impairment charges to our goodwill and long-lived assets; and

uncertainty as to the effect of our emergence from bankruptcy on our operations going forward.

There may be other factors that may cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf apply only as of the date of this prospectus and other reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, and are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements included herein and therein. We undertake no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We and the guarantors have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 under the Securities Act with respect to the exchange notes. This prospectus, which forms a part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement. For further information with respect to us and the exchange notes, reference is made to the registration statement. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete.

We file periodic and annual reports and other information with the SEC. We are not required to send annual reports to security holders pursuant to the SEC's proxy rules. You may read and copy any document that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Our SEC filings also are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

**You may also request copies of these documents, at no cost to you, by contacting us at the following address: Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., 39550 Orchard Hill Place Drive, Novi, Michigan 48375, Attn: General Counsel, (248) 596-5900. To obtain timely delivery, holders of outstanding notes must request the information no later than five business days before \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, the date they must make their investment decision.**

Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. was incorporated as an Ohio corporation in 1936 and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation. Our principal executive offices are located at 39550 Orchard Hill Place Drive, Novi, Michigan 48375 and our telephone number at that address is (248) 596-5900. You may find additional information about us and our subsidiaries on our website at [www.cooperstandard.com](http://www.cooperstandard.com). The information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not incorporated by reference in, and is not a part of, this prospectus.

We have agreed that, even if we are not required under the Exchange Act to furnish reports to the SEC, we will nonetheless continue to furnish information that would be required to be furnished by us on such annual reports and other reports if we were subject to Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. See Description of Exchange Notes.

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**PROSPECTUS SUMMARY**

*This summary highlights information about us that is contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary may not contain all of the information that may be important to you. You should read the entire prospectus carefully before participating in the exchange offer, including the section entitled Risk Factors and our consolidated financial statements and related notes.*

**Our Business**

We are a leading manufacturer of body sealing, anti-vibration, or AVS, and fluid handling components, systems, subsystems and modules. Our products are primarily for use in passenger vehicles and light trucks that are manufactured by global automotive original equipment manufacturers, or OEMs, and replacement markets. We believe that we are the largest global producer of body sealing systems, the second largest global producer of the types of fluid handling products that we manufacture and one of the largest North American producers in the AVS business.

We design and manufacture our products in each major automotive region of the world in close proximity to our customers through a disciplined and consistent approach to engineering and production. We operate in 66 manufacturing locations and nine design, engineering and administrative locations around the world, including Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States. For the year ended December 31, 2009, we generated approximately 47% of our sales in North America, 40% in Europe, 6% in South America and 7% in Asia/Pacific.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, approximately 80% of our sales were direct to OEMs, including Ford Motor Company, or Ford, GM, defined herein as General Motors Corporation combined with General Motors Company, and Chrysler, defined herein as Chrysler LLC combined with Chrysler Group LLC, or, collectively, the Detroit 3, Fiat, Volkswagen/Audi Group, Renault/Nissan, PSA Peugeot Citroën, Daimler, BMW, Toyota, Volvo, Jaguar/Land Rover and Honda. The remaining 20% of our sales for the year ended December 31, 2009 were primarily to Tier I and Tier II automotive suppliers and non-automotive customers. In 2009, our products were found in 17 of the 20 top-selling vehicle models in North America and in 19 of the 20 top-selling vehicle models in Europe.

The following chart illustrates our balance and diversity by providing a breakdown of our \$1.9 billion in sales for the year ended December 31, 2009 by geography and customer.

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We conduct substantially all of our activities through our subsidiaries and sell our product lines through two reportable segments North America and International. The International segment covers Europe, South America and Asia. For the year ended December 31, 2009, the five months ended May 31, 2010 and the four months ended September 30, 2010, we had sales of \$1.9 billion, \$1.0 billion and \$0.8 billion and a net loss of \$(356.1) million and net income of \$636.3 million and \$25.7 million, respectively. See *Business* for a more detailed description of our business. On a pro forma basis, for the year ended December 31, 2009 and on a combined pro forma basis for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we had sales of \$1.9 billion and \$1.8 billion and a net loss of \$(332.4) million and net income of \$44.7 million, respectively. See *Business* for a more detailed description of our business.

## Products

We supply a diverse range of products on a global basis to a broad group of customers across a wide range of vehicles. Our principal product lines are body and chassis products and fluid handling products. For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009, and the nine months ended September 30, 2010, body and chassis products accounted for 66%, 65% and 66%, respectively, of our sales, and fluid handling products accounted for 34%, 35% and 34%, respectively, of our sales. The top ten vehicle platforms we supply accounted for approximately 28% of our sales in 2008, 32% of our sales in 2009 and 34% of our sales in the nine months ended September 30, 2010. Our principal product lines are described below.

Product Lines	Solutions	Products & Modules	Market Position*
<b>Body &amp; Chassis:</b> <i>Body Sealing</i>	Protect vehicle interiors from weather, dust and noise intrusion	Extruded rubber and thermoplastic sealing, weather strip assemblies and encapsulated glass products	#1 globally
<i>Anti-Vibration</i>	Control and isolate noise and vibration in the vehicle to improve ride and handling	Engine and body mounts, dampers, isolators, springs, stamped or cast metal products and rubber products	#3 North America
<b>Fluid Handling</b>	Control, sense, measure and deliver fluids and vapors throughout the vehicle	Pumps, tubes and hoses, connectors and valves (individually and in systems and subsystems)	#2 globally

\* Market positions are management's estimates, which are based on reports prepared by industry consultants commissioned by us in 2008. See Market and Industry Data.

## Our Industry

The automotive industry is one of the world's largest and most competitive. Consumer demand for new vehicles largely determines sales and production volumes of global OEMs, and component suppliers rely on high levels of vehicle sales and production to be successful.

The automotive supplier industry is generally characterized by high barriers to entry, significant start-up costs and long-standing customer relationships. The key criteria by which OEMs judge automotive suppliers include price, quality, service, performance, design and engineering capabilities, innovation, timely delivery and, more recently, financial stability. Over the last decade, those suppliers that have been able to achieve manufacturing

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scale, reduce structural costs, diversify their customer bases and establish a global manufacturing footprint have been successful.

The table below outlines vehicle production forecasts for years 2010 through 2014:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	(vehicle units in millions)				
Europe	18.0	18.3	19.3	20.8	21.7
North America	11.8	12.2	13.3	14.4	15.2
Asia	33.4	34.9	38.1	41.1	43.0

Source: IHS Automotive (formerly CSM Worldwide) September 2010 Forecast

Among the leading drivers of new vehicle demand is the availability of consumer credit to finance purchases. Beginning in late 2008, turmoil in the global credit markets and the recession in the United States and global economies led to a severe contraction in the availability of consumer credit. As a result, global vehicle sales volumes plummeted, led by severe declines in the mature North American and European markets. During 2009, North American light vehicle industry production declined by approximately 32% from 2008 levels to 8.6 million units, while European light vehicle industry production declined by approximately 20% from 2008 levels to 16.3 million units. The decline was less pronounced in Asia, where volumes were down only 1% from 2008 levels to 26.6 million units. This resilience was largely attributable to the continued expansion of the Chinese and Indian markets, both of which are expected to continue to increase as a share of the global automotive market in the coming years.

The severe decline in vehicle sales and production in 2009 led to major restructuring activity in the industry, particularly in North America. GM and Chrysler reorganized through chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings and the Detroit 3 undertook other strategic actions, including the divestiture or discontinuance of non-core businesses and brands and the acceleration or broadening of operational and financial restructuring activities. A number of significant automotive suppliers, including us, restructured through chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings or through other means.

Several significant trends and developments are now contributing to improvement in the automotive supplier industry. These include improved retail vehicle sales and production in North America in the fourth quarter of 2009 and first quarter of 2010, a more positive credit environment, the continued growth of new markets in Asia, particularly China, and increased emphasis on green and other innovative technologies.

**Our Competitive Strengths*****Innovative and high quality products***

We believe we have distinguished ourselves in the automotive industry through our engineering and technological capabilities, as evidenced by our development of innovative solutions, including our ESP Thermoplastic Glassruns (body sealing), ride stabilizing hydromounts (AVS) and proprietary plastics-to-aluminum overmolding process (fluid handling). In addition, we believe we have a reputation for outstanding quality within the automotive industry, a factor that has been important to maintaining and expanding our successful relationships with our customers. We have earned numerous awards, including, among others, the DaimlerChrysler Global Supplier Award, GM Supplier of the Year, Ford's Silver World Excellence Award and Toyota's Cost Excellence Performance Award.

***Operational excellence***

We have a proven track record and disciplined approach to operational excellence, which has generated significant cost savings of approximately 4% of sales annually since 2004. We believe we have the ability to

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generate similar savings in the future due to the flexible nature of our manufacturing capabilities, our highly efficient operations and our ability to leverage economies of scale from the high volumes of products we produce for the world's top-selling vehicle platforms. We have created a culture of continuous improvement and lean manufacturing in all aspects of our operations. Over the life cycle of each platform, we focus on streamlining manufacturing, increasing automation and reducing material and other costs in an effort to generate additional operational savings. We budget and track operational savings at the facility level, which management regularly reports and reviews.

### ***Strong customer relations and program management***

We believe that our customer relationships, program management capabilities, global presence, comprehensive product line, excellence in manufacturing, product innovation and quality assurance combine to provide us with significant competitive advantages. We have proven our ability to expand globally with customers, increase scale in a consolidating industry and be first-to-market with design and engineering innovations.

We have a high level of dedication to customer service, and for each major product launch we dedicate a team of sales representatives, engineers, quality specialists and senior management, who work together to ensure that the product launch is completed on time and consistent with rigorous quality standards. These characteristics have allowed us to remain a leading supplier to Ford and GM while steadily growing our business with European and Asian OEMs. Our capabilities are evidenced by our success in being awarded significant content on our customers top-selling platforms, including the Ford F-Series and GM's GMT900 platform, which includes the Yukon, Tahoe, Sierra and Silverado vehicle models.

### ***Global manufacturing footprint***

We have established a global manufacturing footprint that allows us to serve our customers worldwide. Our global manufacturing operations are supported by 66 manufacturing locations and nine design, engineering and administrative locations around the world, including Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States. Since 2004, we have increased our sales outside North America from 30% to 53%, largely reflecting our strategic focus on gaining exposure to high growth Asian markets and from key acquisitions in Europe. As part of our strategy, we operate several successful international joint ventures, which has allowed us to enter into new geographic markets, to acquire new customers and to develop new technologies. Our joint venture partners provide knowledge and insight into local markets and access to local suppliers of raw materials and components. We believe our global manufacturing footprint and proximity to customers provides us with a competitive advantage by allowing us to efficiently transport parts to local customers at a significantly lower cost as many of the parts are difficult to transport across long distances.

### ***Incumbent position across diverse customer base***

In 2009, our products were found in 17 of the 20 top-selling vehicle models in North America and in 19 of the 20 top-selling vehicle models in Europe. As the incumbent supplier to platforms, we have typically participated in the design of their successor platforms, and therefore, we believe we have been afforded a competitive advantage to win the upgrade and the ultimate replacement business. In addition, we believe that our presence on our largest customers' highest-volume and most important platforms is a competitive advantage that allows us to further increase our market share, cross-sell our other product lines, fully leverage our lean initiatives, spread our fixed costs over higher volumes and increase our return on capital.

### ***Experienced management team***

Our senior management team has extensive experience in the automotive industry and collectively has over 130 years of experience in the industry. Our management team is focused on guiding us through the challenges facing the

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automotive industry and the changing economic environment through ongoing and continued cost reduction and restructuring initiatives and is intent on continuing to implement our business strategies. For more information on our executive officers, see Management Directors and Executive Officers.

### ***Conservative capital structure***

Upon the date of our emergence from bankruptcy, May 27, 2010, or the emergence date, we significantly improved our leverage as compared to historical levels. As part of our plan of reorganization, we extinguished \$1,126.7 million of prepetition debt, issued \$450 million of 8 1/2% senior notes due 2018, or our senior notes, and entered into a \$125 million senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility, or our senior ABL facility. At the emergence date, we had \$479.3 million of outstanding indebtedness, consisting of our senior notes and \$29.3 million in other debt of certain of our foreign subsidiaries. Our senior ABL facility is subject to borrowing base limitations, and we had approximately \$34.3 million of letters of credit outstanding but not drawn under our senior ABL facility on the emergence date. For the year ended December 31, 2009, the five months ended May 31, 2010 and the four months ended September 30, 2010, we had a net loss of \$(356.1) million and net income of \$636.3 million and \$25.7 million, respectively. On a pro forma basis, for the year ended December 31, 2009 and on a combined pro forma basis for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we had a net loss of \$(332.4) million and net income of \$44.7 million, respectively. We believe our emergence date capital structure is a conservative and stable structure.

### **Our Business Strategy**

#### ***Continue optimization of our business and cost structure***

We seek to optimize our business and cost structure so that we are appropriately configured in the rapidly changing environment in the automotive industry, with an emphasis on reducing our overall cost structure and making our manufacturing operations more efficient. Our primary areas of focus are:

*Identifying and implementing lean manufacturing initiatives.* Our lean manufacturing initiatives focus on optimizing manufacturing by eliminating waste, controlling cost and enhancing productivity. Lean manufacturing initiatives have been implemented at each of our manufacturing and design facilities and continue to be an important element in our disciplined approach to operational excellence.

*Relocating operations to lower-cost countries.* We are supplementing our Western European operations with Central and Eastern European facilities where there are lower operating costs and to more closely match our customers' footprints for more efficient transport of parts. In addition, we have expanded our operations in China, India and Mexico.

*Consolidating facilities to reduce our cost structure.* Our optimization efforts are designed to streamline our global operations and include taking advantage of opportunities to reduce our overall cost structure by consolidating and closing facilities. For example, in the second half of 2009, we closed two manufacturing facilities, one located in Ohio and another located in Germany, and in March 2010, we announced the closure of our manufacturing facility in Spain. We will continue to take a disciplined approach to evaluating opportunities that would improve our efficiency, profitability and cost structure.

*Maintaining flexibility in all areas of our operations.* Our operational capital needs are generally lower than many in our industry and a major portion of our manufacturing machinery is movable from job-to-job, providing us flexibility in adapting to market changes and serving customers worldwide.

#### ***Further developing technologies***

We will draw on our technical expertise to provide customers with innovative solutions. Our engineers combine product design with a broad understanding of material options for enhanced vehicle performance. We believe our





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reputation for successful innovation in product design and material usage is the reason our customers consult us early in the development and design process of their next generation vehicles.

Recent innovations that highlight our ability to combine materials and product design expertise can be found in the following products:

*Safe Seal* . Safe Seal is a body sealing product featuring sensors built into the seal capable of reversing power windows, doors and partitions to prevent injury.

*Our new generation Hydro Body Mount*. Our new generation Hydro Body Mount features patented Inertia-track design, combining plastic, metal and rubber to provide superior damping in the driver compartment for improved ride.

*Direct Injection Fuel Rail*. Direct Injection Fuel Rails draw upon our innovative welding processes and understanding of metal dynamics to create high pressure capability for highly advanced direct injection engines, improving fuel economy and performance.

*Stratlink*. Utilizing our internal material engineering capabilities, we have developed a rubber compound that performs equally with externally sourced compounds, which will significantly reduce cost.

*PlastiCool*. PlastiCool is a low cost, low weight, high temperature alternative to metal and rubber hose currently used in transmission cooling that offers a more robust joint design, improving quality and potentially reducing warranty costs. Additionally, because the material is smaller than current alternatives, it allows for greater design flexibility.

### ***Continued emphasis on fuel efficient, global and high volume vehicles***

We believe that by focusing on fuel efficient, global and high volume vehicles, we will be able to solidify and expand our global leadership position.

*Fuel efficient*. With the recent shift in customer preferences toward light weight, fuel efficient vehicles, we intend to target small car, hybrid and alternative powertrains and increase the content we provide to these platforms. We believe that furthering our position in the small car and hybrid market and alternative powertrains will allow us to increase market share, create greater economies of scale and provide more opportunities to partner with customers.

*Global*. Our global presence makes us one of the select few manufacturers of products in our product line areas who can take advantage of the many business opportunities that are becoming available worldwide as a result of the OEMs' expanding emphasis on global platforms. Examples of successful global platforms we supply are the redesigned Ford Fiesta and GM's Buick LaCrosse.

China, India and South America will continue to be regions of emphasis as their light vehicle market is projected to grow substantially as their economies continue to develop. In China, we are developing a substantial manufacturing and marketing presence to serve local OEMs, and we intend to follow our customers as they target other high growth developing markets.

*High volume*. While smaller cars and crossover vehicles have grown in popularity, certain large car and truck platforms continue to be in demand and remain important to our business. For example, the Ford F-150 and GM's GMT 900 platform (the Silverado, Sierra, Tahoe and Yukon nameplates) continue to be popular models for which we supply a broad range of our product offerings, including body sealing systems, anti-vibration systems and fuel, brake, emissions and thermal management components.

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Through our extensive product portfolio, innovative solutions and broad global capabilities, we expect to continue winning new business across all major regions and automakers.

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### ***Developing systems solutions and other value-added products***

We believe that significant opportunities exist to grow by providing complete subsystems, modules and assemblies. As a leader in design, engineering and technical capabilities, we are able to focus on improving products, developing new technologies and implementing more efficient processes in each of our product lines. Our body sealing products are visible to vehicle passengers and can enhance the vehicle's aesthetic appeal, in addition to creating a barrier to wind, precipitation, dust and noise. Our AVS products are an important contributor to vehicle quality, significantly improving ride and handling. Our fluid handling modules and subsystems are designed to increase functionality and decrease costs to the OEM, which can be the deciding factor in winning new business.

### ***Selectively pursuing complementary acquisitions and alliances***

We intend to continue to selectively pursue complementary acquisitions and joint ventures to enhance our customer base, geographic penetration, scale and technology. Consolidation is an industry trend and is encouraged by the OEMs' desire for fewer supplier relationships. We believe we have a strong platform for growth through acquisitions based on our past integration successes, experienced management team, global presence and operational excellence. In addition, we believe joint ventures allow us to penetrate new markets with less relative risk and capital investment. We currently operate through several successful joint ventures, including those with Nishikawa Rubber Company, Zhejiang Saiyang Seal Products Co., Ltd., Guyoung Technology Co. Ltd., Hubei Jingda Precision Steel Tube Industry Co., Ltd., Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation and Toyoda Gosei Co., Ltd.

### ***Developing business in non-automotive markets***

While the automotive industry will continue to be our core business, we supply other industries with products using our expertise and material compounding capabilities. For example, we supply parts to customers in the technical rubber business and develop and produce synthetic rubber products for a variety of industry applications, including aircraft flooring, commercial flooring, insulating sheets for power stations, non-slip step coverings, rubber for appliances and construction applications. In our technical rubber business we fabricate products from a wide variety of elastomer compounds and can custom fit many applications.

## **Risk Factors**

Investing in our equity securities involves substantial risk, and our ability to successfully operate our business is subject to numerous risks. Any of the factors set forth under **Risk Factors** may limit our ability to successfully execute our business strategy. You should carefully consider all of the information set forth in this prospectus and, in particular, the specific factors set forth under **Risk Factors** in deciding whether to invest in our equity securities. Among these important risks are the following:

Because of our new post-bankruptcy capital structure and implementation of fresh-start accounting, our financial condition or results of operations will not be comparable to the financial condition or results of operations reflected in our historical financial statements.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness and meet the dividend obligations of our preferred stock, and we may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness and preferred stock, which may not be successful. Because our ability to make scheduled payments on our debt and meet the dividend obligations of our preferred stock depends on our financial condition and operating performance, we are subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to certain financial, business and other factors beyond our control.

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The financial condition of our customers, particularly the Detroit 3, may adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. Chrysler, Ford and GM have engaged in unprecedented restructuring, which included Chrysler and GM reorganizing under bankruptcy laws, and while portions of Chrysler and GM have successfully emerged from bankruptcy proceedings, it is still uncertain what portion of their respective sales will return and whether they can be viable at a lower level of sales.

A prolonged or further material contraction in automotive sales and production volumes could materially adversely affect our liquidity, the viability of our supply base and the financial conditions of our customers. Our customers have been severely affected by the turmoil in the global credit markets and the economic recession. Our supply base has also been adversely affected by the current industry environment. Our financial condition, operating results and cash flows could be further affected by a material contraction in the automotive industry, which would impact our ability to meet our obligations.

Disruptions in the financial markets are adversely impacting the availability and cost of credit to us, which could continue to negatively affect our business. In addition, if our customers and suppliers are not able to obtain required capital, their businesses would be negatively impacted, which could negatively impact our business, whether through loss of sales or an inability to meet our commitments.

We could be materially adversely affected if we are unable to continue to compete successfully in the highly competitive automotive parts industry. We face numerous competitors in each of the product lines we produce and increased competition from suppliers producing in lower-cost countries.

We are subject to other risks associated with our non-U.S. operations, including: exchange controls and currency restrictions; currency fluctuations and devaluations; changes in local economic conditions; changes in laws and regulations, including the imposition of embargos; exposure to possible expropriation or other government actions; and unsettled political conditions and possible terrorist attacks. These and other factors may have a material adverse effect on our international operations or on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

### **Our Reorganization**

On August 3, 2009, we along with Parent and our U.S. subsidiaries, or the debtors, filed voluntary petitions for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. On August 4, 2009, our Canadian subsidiary, Cooper-Standard Automotive Canada Limited, or CSA Canada, sought relief under the Companies Creditors Arrangement Act in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The debtors and CSA Canada emerged from their respective insolvency proceedings on May 27, 2010, with approximately \$480 million of funded debt, representing a reduction of over \$650 million from prepetition levels.

As part of our emergence from chapter 11, we raised \$450 million through the issuance of our senior notes and entered into our \$125 million senior ABL facility with certain agent and lending banks. In addition, we raised \$355 million through the issuance of (i) \$100 million of our 7% cumulative participating convertible preferred stock, or our 7% preferred stock, to certain creditors pursuant to a commitment agreement that provided for the backstop of our rights offering, or the Backstop Parties, and (ii) \$255 million of our common stock to the Backstop Parties and holders of our prepetition 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% senior subordinated notes due 2014, or our prepetition senior subordinated notes, pursuant to our rights offering. The Backstop Parties also received warrants to purchase 7% of our common stock (assuming the conversion of our 7% preferred stock) for their commitment to backstop the rights offering.

In connection with our emergence from chapter 11, amounts outstanding under our \$175 million debtor-in- possession financing facility and \$639.6 million of claims under our prepetition credit facility were paid in full in cash. Holders of our prepetition 7% senior notes due 2012, or our prepetition senior notes, were also paid in full

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in cash, except that the Backstop Parties received a distribution of our common stock in lieu of the cash payment for certain of their prepetition senior note claims. Holders of our prepetition senior subordinated notes were issued 8% of our outstanding common stock and warrants to purchase, in the aggregate, 3% of our outstanding common stock (in each case, assuming the conversion of our 7% preferred stock). In addition, our obligations under both our prepetition senior notes and our prepetition senior subordinated notes were cancelled. See Description of Certain Other Indebtedness and Preferred Stock for a more detailed description of our senior ABL facility and 7% preferred stock and Our Reorganization for a more detailed description of our reorganization.

## **Accounting Impact of Emergence from Chapter 11**

In accordance with the provisions of FASB ASC 852, Reorganizations, we adopted fresh-start accounting upon our emergence from bankruptcy and became a new entity for financial reporting purposes as of June 1, 2010. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements for the Successor are not comparable to the consolidated financial statements for the Predecessor. For a discussion of fresh-start accounting, see note 3 to our unaudited interim financial statements as of September 30, 2010.

## **Market and Industry Data**

Market data and other statistical information, including market share, ranking and similar information, used throughout this prospectus is based on data available from third party market research firms, other third party sources and our good faith estimates based on internal surveys and market intelligence. For a more detailed description of the market and industry data used in this prospectus, including a discussion of the risks and uncertainties inherent in such data, see Risk Factors, Forward-Looking Statements and Market and Industry Data.

## **Trademarks and Tradenames**

We own or have rights to trademarks or trade names that we use in conjunction with the operation of our business. In addition, Stratlink, Safe Seal, PosiBond, and PosiLock, our name, logo and website name and address are our service marks or trademarks. Each trademark, trade name or service mark of any other company appearing in this prospectus belongs to its holder.

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**Company Structure**

The diagram below represents a condensed version of our corporate and capital structure as of September 30, 2010.

- (1) The guarantors of the exchange notes offered hereby guarantee our senior ABL facility on a senior secured basis.
- (2) None of our non-U.S. subsidiaries guarantee the exchange notes offered hereby. Certain of our Canadian subsidiaries guarantee on a senior secured basis the obligations of Cooper-Standard Automotive Canada under our senior ABL facility.

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**The Exchange Offer**

*On May 11, 2010, CSA Escrow Corporation, formerly our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, completed a private offering of \$450.0 million aggregate principal amount of 8½% senior notes due 2018, or the outstanding notes. On May 27, 2010, CSA Escrow Corporation merged with and into the Issuer, with the Issuer continuing as the surviving corporation and assuming all the obligations of CSA Escrow Corporation under the outstanding notes and the indenture governing the outstanding notes. We entered into a registration rights agreement with the initial purchasers in the private offering in which we agreed, among other things, to file the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and to complete an exchange offer for the outstanding notes. The following is a summary of the exchange offer.*

**Exchange Notes** \$450.0 million aggregate principal amount of 8½% senior notes due 2018, or the exchange notes.

We refer to the exchange notes and the outstanding notes collectively as the notes.

The terms of the exchange notes are substantially identical to the terms of the outstanding notes, except that the transfer restrictions, registration rights and provisions for additional interest relating to the outstanding notes do not apply to the exchange notes.

**The Exchange Offer** We are offering exchange notes in exchange for a like principal amount of our outstanding notes. You may tender your outstanding notes for exchange notes by following the procedures described under the heading The Exchange Offer.

**Tenders; Expiration Date; Withdrawal** The exchange offer will expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on , 2011, unless we extend it. You may withdraw any outstanding notes that you tender for exchange at any time prior to the expiration of this exchange offer. See The Exchange Offer Terms of the Exchange Offer for a more complete description of the tender and withdrawal period.

**Condition to the Exchange Offer** The exchange offer is not subject to any conditions, other than that the exchange offer does not violate any applicable law or any interpretations of the staff of the SEC. The exchange offer is not conditioned upon any minimum aggregate principal amount of outstanding notes being tendered in the exchange.

**Procedures for Tendering Outstanding Notes** To participate in this exchange offer, you must properly complete and duly execute a letter of transmittal, which accompanies this prospectus, and transmit it, along with all other documents required by such letter of transmittal, to the exchange agent on or before the expiration date at the address provided on the cover page of the letter of transmittal.

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In the alternative, you can tender your outstanding notes by book-entry delivery following the procedures described in this prospectus, whereby you will agree to be bound by the letter of transmittal and we may enforce the letter of transmittal against you.

If a holder of outstanding notes desires to tender such notes and the holder's outstanding notes are not immediately available, or time will not permit the holder's outstanding notes or other required documents to reach the exchange agent before the expiration date, or the procedure for book-entry transfer cannot be completed on a timely basis, a tender may be effected pursuant to the guaranteed delivery procedures described in this prospectus. See "The Exchange Offer: How to Tender Outstanding Notes for Exchange."

### **U.S. Federal Tax Considerations**

Your exchange of outstanding notes for exchange notes to be issued in the exchange offer will not result in any gain or loss to you for U.S. federal income tax purposes. See "U.S. Federal Tax Considerations" for a summary of U.S. federal tax consequences associated with the exchange of outstanding notes for the exchange notes and the ownership and disposition of those exchange notes.

### **Use of Proceeds**

We will not receive any cash proceeds from the exchange offer.

### **Exchange Agent**

U.S. Bank National Association, the trustee under the indenture governing the notes, is serving as exchange agent in connection with the exchange offer. The address and telephone number of the exchange agent are set forth under the heading "The Exchange Offer: The Exchange Agent."

### **Consequences of Failure to Exchange Your Outstanding Notes**

Outstanding notes not exchanged in the exchange offer will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer that are described in the legend on the outstanding notes. In general, you may offer or sell your outstanding notes only if they are registered under, or offered or sold under an exemption from, the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Except as required by the registration rights agreement, we do not currently intend to register the outstanding notes under the Securities Act. If your outstanding notes are not tendered and accepted in the exchange offer, it may become more difficult for you to sell or transfer your outstanding notes.

### **Resales of the Exchange Notes**

Based on interpretations of the staff of the SEC, we believe that you may offer for sale, resell or otherwise transfer the exchange notes that we issue in the exchange offer without complying with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act if:

you are not a broker-dealer tendering notes acquired directly from us;

you acquire the exchange notes issued in the exchange offer in the ordinary course of your business;



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you are not participating, do not intend to participate, and have no arrangement or undertaking with anyone to participate, in the distribution of the exchange notes issued to you in the exchange offer; and

you are not an affiliate of our company, as that term is defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

If any of these conditions are not satisfied and you transfer any exchange notes issued to you in the exchange offer without delivering a proper prospectus or without qualifying for a registration exemption, you may incur liability under the Securities Act. We will not be responsible for, or indemnify you against, any liability you incur.

Any broker-dealer that acquires exchange notes in the exchange offer for its own account in exchange for outstanding notes which it acquired through market-making or other trading activities must acknowledge that it will deliver this prospectus when it resells or transfers any exchange notes issued in the exchange offer. See Plan of Distribution for a description of the prospectus delivery obligations of broker-dealers.

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**The Exchange Notes**

The summary below describes the principal terms of the exchange notes. Certain of the terms and conditions described below are subject to important limitations and exceptions. A more detailed description of the terms and conditions of the exchange notes is set forth in Description of Exchange Notes.

<b>Issuer</b>	Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., as successor to CSA Escrow Corporation.
<b>Notes Offered</b>	\$450,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 8½% senior notes due 2018.
<b>Maturity Date</b>	May 1, 2018.
<b>Interest Payment Dates</b>	Interest on the exchange notes will be payable in cash on May 1 and November 1 of each year.
<b>Guarantees</b>	The exchange notes are guaranteed, jointly and severally, by Parent and all of our wholly-owned domestic restricted subsidiaries. See Description of Exchange Notes Guarantees. Our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes represented approximately 62% and 56%, respectively, of our sales and Adjusted EBITDA for the four months ended September 30, 2010.
<b>Ranking</b>	<p>The exchange notes and the guarantees constitute senior debt of the Issuer and the guarantors. They rank:</p> <p>equally in right of payment with all of the Issuer's and the guarantors' existing and future senior debt including, with respect to the Issuer and the guarantors party to our senior ABL facility, amounts outstanding under our senior ABL facility;</p> <p>senior in right of payment to all of the Issuer's and the guarantors' existing and future subordinated debt;</p> <p>effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of the Issuer's and the guarantors' existing and future secured indebtedness and secured obligations (including our senior ABL facility) to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness and obligations; and</p> <p>structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of our non-guarantor subsidiaries (other than indebtedness and liabilities owed to us or one of our guarantor subsidiaries).</p>

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As of September 30, 2010, our non-guarantor subsidiaries had \$27.0 of outstanding debt, all of which is secured. As of September 30, 2010, we had no borrowings outstanding and \$88.7 million of availability under our senior ABL facility, subject to borrowing base limitations and after giving effect to \$36.3 million of issued (but undrawn) letters of credit.

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**Optional Redemption**

At any time (which may be more than once) before May 1, 2013, we may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the exchange notes issued with the net proceeds that we raise in one or more equity offerings, as long as:

we pay 108.50% of the face amount of the exchange notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption;

we redeem the exchange notes within 90 days of completing the equity offering and

at least 50% of the aggregate principal amount of exchange notes originally issued remains outstanding afterwards.

In addition, prior to May 1, 2014 we may redeem the exchange notes at our option, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus the applicable make-whole premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, up to, but not including, the applicable redemption date.

On or after May 1, 2014 we may redeem all or a part of the exchange notes, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth under Description of Exchange Notes Optional Redemption plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, up to, but not including, the applicable redemption date. For a further discussion, see Description of Exchange Notes Optional Redemption.

**Change of Control**

If a change of control occurs, we must give holders of the exchange notes the opportunity to sell us their exchange notes at 101% of their face amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon. For more details, see Description of Exchange Notes Change of Control.

**Asset Sale Proceeds**

If we or our restricted subsidiaries engage in asset sales, we generally must either invest the net cash proceeds from such asset sales in our business within a period of time, pre-pay senior debt or make an offer to purchase a principal amount of the exchange notes equal to the excess net cash proceeds. The purchase price of the exchange notes will be 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. See Description of Exchange Notes Certain Covenants Limitation on Sale of Assets and Subsidiary Stock.

**Certain Covenants**

The indenture governing the exchange notes, among other things, limits the Issuer's ability and the ability of its restricted subsidiaries to:

pay dividends or distributions, repurchase equity, pre-pay subordinated debt or make certain investments;

incur additional debt or issue certain disqualified stock and preferred stock;



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incur liens on assets;

merge or consolidate with another company or sell all or substantially all assets;

enter into transactions with affiliates; and

allow to exist certain restrictions on the ability of the subsidiary guarantors to pay dividends or make other payments to us.

These covenants are subject to important exceptions and qualifications, and certain of these covenants will not be applicable during any period of time when the exchange notes have an investment grade rating, as described under [Description of Exchange Notes](#) [Certain Covenants](#).

**Risk Factors**

See [Risk Factors](#) and the other information in this prospectus for a discussion of the factors you should carefully consider before participating in the exchange offer.

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**Summary Historical and Pro Forma Financial Data**

The following tables set forth our summary consolidated historical financial data and unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information for the periods ended and as of the dates set forth below. The summary consolidated historical financial data as of December 31, 2008 and 2009 and for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus. Ernst & Young LLP's report on the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009, which appears elsewhere herein, includes an explanatory paragraph which describes an uncertainty about Cooper-Standard Holding, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern. The data should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, related notes, and other financial information included herein. The financial information as of December 31, 2007 was derived from our 2007 audited consolidated financial statements, which are not included in this prospectus. The summary historical financial data as of September 30, 2010 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the five months ended May 31, 2010 and the four months ended September 30, 2010 have been derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus.

We have prepared the unaudited summary consolidated financial data as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the five months ended May 31, 2010 and the four months ended September 30, 2010 on a basis consistent with our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009, and this information includes all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring adjustments unless otherwise disclosed therein) that management considers necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position and results of operations for the periods indicated. Historical results are not necessarily indicative of future performance. Operating results for the five months ended May 31, 2010 and the four months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for the full fiscal year.

The summary unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial data set forth below has been derived by applying the pro forma adjustments described under "Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Financial Information" to our historical consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the combined historical five months ended May 31, 2010 and four months ended September 30, 2010, respectively. The summary unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of operations data has been prepared to give effect to the Pro Forma Adjustments, as further described under "Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Financial Information," as if they had occurred on January 1, 2009.

The summary unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial data presented for the year ended December 31, 2009 are based on the historical consolidated financial statements and the summary unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial data presented for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was derived from the unaudited consolidated financial statements and each has been prepared to give effect to the following:

the effectiveness of the debtors' Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan, or our plan of reorganization, including the issuance of our senior notes and the rights offering, collectively referred to as Reorganization Adjustments in "Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Financial Information"; and

the adjustments required under "fresh-start" accounting for the entities that emerged from the bankruptcy cases, classified as Fresh-Start Adjustments in "Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Financial Information."

We adopted "fresh-start" accounting upon our emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings and became a new entity for financial reporting purposes as of June 1, 2010. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements for the reporting entity subsequent to emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, or the Successor, are not comparable to the consolidated financial statements for the reporting entity prior to emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, or the Predecessor. For a discussion of "fresh-start" accounting, see note 3 to our unaudited interim financial statements as of September 30, 2010.

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The following summary historical and unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial data is qualified by reference to, and should be read in conjunction with, our historical consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements included elsewhere in this prospectus and the information under Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Financial Information, Capitalization and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The summary unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information set forth below is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations or financial position that would have actually been reported had the transactions and other matters reflected in the Pro Forma Adjustments occurred on January 1, 2009, nor is it indicative of our future results of operations or financial position. In addition, our historical financial statements will not be comparable to our financial statements following our emergence from bankruptcy due to the effects of the consummation of our plan of reorganization as well as adjustments for fresh-start accounting. In addition, the amount of new stockholders' equity in the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet is not an estimate of the market value of our common stock or 7% preferred stock as of the emergence date or at any other time. We make no representations as to the market value, if any, of our common stock and 7% preferred stock.

	Historical Predecessor			Five Months Ended September 30, 2009	Five Months Ended May 31, 2010	Successor Four Months Ended September 30, 2010	Pro Forma	
	Year Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,				Year Ended September 30,	
	2007	2008	2009	2009	2010	2010	2009	2010
<b>Statement of operations:</b>								
Sales	\$ 2,511.2	\$ 2,594.6	\$ 1,945.3	\$ 1,367.6	\$ 1,009.1	\$ 801.3	\$ 1,945.3	\$ 1,810.4
Cost of products sold	2,114.1	2,260.1	1,679.0	1,192.5	832.2	665.4	1,691.9	1,492.3
Gross profit	397.1	334.5	266.3	175.1	176.9	135.9	253.4	318.1
Selling, administration & engineering expenses	222.1	231.7	199.5	146.2	92.1	91.6	199.7	187.3
Amortization of intangibles	31.9	31.0	15.0	14.8	0.3	5.1	15.1	11.4
Impairment charges	146.4	33.4	363.5	362.7			363.5	
Restructuring	26.4	38.3	32.4	32.9	5.9	1.2	32.4	7.1
Operating profit (loss)	(29.7)	0.1	(344.1)	(381.5)	78.6	38.0	(357.3)	112.3
Interest expense, net of interest income	(89.5)	(92.9)	(64.3)	(53.6)	(44.5)	(14.2)	(45.4)	(33.4)
Equity earnings (losses)	2.2	0.9	4.0	1.7	3.6	2.5	3.2	5.8
Reorganization items, net			(17.4)	(5.6)	660.0			
Other income (expense)	(0.5)	(1.4)	9.9	13.7	(21.2)	5.0	12.3	(16.2)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(117.5)	(93.3)	(411.9)	(425.3)	676.5	31.3	(387.2)	68.5
Provision for income tax expense (benefit)	32.9	29.3	(55.7)	(31.3)	39.9	5.4	(54.7)	23.3
Consolidated net income (loss)	(150.4)	(122.6)	(356.2)	(394.0)	636.6	25.9	(332.5)	45.2
Add: Net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests(1)	(0.6)	1.1	0.1	0.5	(0.3)	(0.2)	0.1	(0.5)
Net income (loss) attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	\$ (151.0)	\$ (121.5)	\$ (356.1)	\$ (393.5)	\$ 636.3	\$ 25.7	\$ (332.4)	\$ 44.7
<b>Balance sheet data (at end of period):</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 40.9	\$ 111.5	\$ 380.3	\$ 253.7		\$ 232.3		
Net working capital(2)	249.8	154.5	240.8	286.9		230.9		
Total assets	2,162.3	1,818.3	1,737.4	1,651.2		1,862.5		
Total non-current liabilities	1,351.6	1,346.9	263.9	275.1		771.9		
Total debt(3)	1,140.2	1,144.1	204.3	154.0		477.0		
Liabilities subject to compromise			1,261.9	1,262.3				



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Preferred stock					129.9
Equity (deficit)	276.8	19.7	(306.5)	(341.4)	544.8

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	Year		Historical		Successor		Pro Forma	
	Ended December 31,		Predecessor		Four Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2007	2008	2009	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009	Five Months Ended May 31, 2010	September 30, 2010	Year Ended December 31, 2009	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010
<b>Statement of cash flows data:</b>								
Net cash provided (used) by:								
Operating activities	\$ 185.4	\$ 136.5	\$ 130.0	\$ 30.2	\$ (75.4)	\$ 80.3		
Investment activities	(260.0)	(73.9)	(45.5)	(25.2)	(19.1)	(23.4)		
Financing activities	55.0	14.1	166.1	118.9	(112.6)	0.3		
Capital expenditures	107.3	92.1	46.1	25.5	22.9	23.5		
<b>Other financial data (unaudited):</b>								
EBITDA(4)	\$ 107.5	\$ 140.8	\$ (233.6)	\$ (283.1)	\$ 756.4	\$ 82.3		
Adjusted EBITDA(4)	285.7	210.2	176.5	105.7	120.0	94.8		
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges					14.9x	2.7x		2.6x

- (1) Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified from other income to net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests due to recent accounting pronouncements.
- (2) Net working capital is defined as current assets (excluding cash and cash equivalents) less current liabilities (excluding debt payable within one year).
- (3) Includes \$175.0 million and \$0.0 million of borrowings under our debtor-in-possession credit agreement, dated December 18, 2009, or our DIP credit agreement, \$0.8 million and \$0.4 million in capital leases and \$28.5 million and \$26.6 million of other third party debt as of December 31, 2009 and September 30, 2010, respectively.
- (4) In evaluating our business, management considers EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as key indicators of our operating performance. In addition, our management uses EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA:

because similar measures are utilized in the calculation of the financial covenants and ratios contained in our financing arrangements;

in developing our internal budgets and forecasts;

as a significant factor in evaluating our management for compensation purposes, see Management Compensation Discussion and Analysis ;

in evaluating potential acquisitions;

in comparing our current operating results with corresponding historical periods and with the operational performance of other companies in our industry; and

in presentations to the members of our board of directors to enable our board of directors to have the same measurement basis of operating performance as is used by management in their assessments of performance and in forecasting and budgeting for our company.

In addition, we believe EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA and similar measures are widely used by investors, securities analysts and other interested parties in evaluating our performance. We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) plus provision for income tax expense (benefit), interest expense, net of interest income, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, as adjusted for items that management does not consider to be reflective of our core operating performance. These adjustments include restructuring costs, impairment charges, non-cash fair value adjustments, acquisition related costs, professional fees and expenses associated with our reorganization, non-cash stock based compensation and non-cash gains and losses from certain foreign currency transactions and translation.

We calculate EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA by adjusting net income (loss) to eliminate the impact of a number of items we do not consider indicative of our ongoing operating performance. You are encouraged to evaluate each adjustment and the reasons we consider it appropriate for supplemental analysis. However, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not financial measurements recognized under U.S. GAAP, and when analyzing our operating performance, investors should use EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA in addition to, and not as an alternative for, net income (loss), operating income, or any other performance measure derived in accordance with U.S. GAAP, or as an alternative to cash flow from operating activities as a measure of our liquidity. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA have

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limitations as analytical tools, and they should not be considered in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our results of operations as reported under U.S. GAAP. These limitations include:

they do not reflect our cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;

they do not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;

they do not reflect interest expense or cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments under our senior notes and senior ABL facility;

they do not reflect certain tax payments that may represent a reduction in cash available to us;

although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated or amortized may have to be replaced in the future, and EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA do not reflect cash requirements for such replacements; and

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other companies, including companies in our industry, may calculate these measures differently and, as the number of differences in the way companies calculate these measures increases, the degree of their usefulness as a comparative measure correspondingly decreases.

In addition, in evaluating Adjusted EBITDA, it should be noted that in the future we may incur expenses similar to the adjustments in the below presentation. Our presentation of Adjusted EBITDA should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items.

The following table provides a reconciliation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA to net income (loss), which is the most directly comparable financial measure presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP:

	Historical					
	Predecessor			Successor		
	Year Ended December 31,			Nine Months Ended	Five Months Ended	Four Months Ended
	2007	2008	2009	September 30,	May 31,	September 30,
	(in millions)					
Net income (loss) attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	\$ (151.0)	\$ (121.5)	\$ (356.1)	\$ (393.5)	\$ 636.3	\$ 25.8
Plus:						
Provision for income tax expense (benefit)	32.9	29.3	(55.7)	(31.3)	39.9	5.4
Interest expense, net of interest income	89.6	92.9	64.3	53.6	44.5	14.2
Depreciation and amortization	136.0	140.1	113.9	88.1	35.7	36.9
EBITDA	\$ 107.5	\$ 140.8	\$ (233.6)	\$ (283.1)	\$ 756.4	\$ 82.3
Restructuring	26.4	30.6	32.4	32.9	5.9	1.2
Foreign exchange losses (gains)	(0.1)	0.1	(4.2)	(10.8)	17.2	(0.1)
Net gain on bond repurchase(a)		(1.7)	(9.1)	(9.1)		
Inventory write-up(b)	2.5					8.1
Impairment(c)	146.4	36.0	363.5	362.7		
Reorganization costs(d)			25.1	5.6	(660.0)	
Transition and integration costs(e)	1.5	0.5				
Stock compensation expense(f)	1.5	1.2	1.4		0.2	3.6
Other		2.7	1.0	7.5	0.3	(0.3)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 285.7	\$ 210.2	\$ 176.5	\$ 105.7	\$ 120.0	\$ 94.8

(a) Net gain on purchases of our prepetition senior subordinated notes.

(b) Write-ups of inventory to fair value.

(c) For the year ended December 31, 2007, impairment included charges related to goodwill of \$142.9 million and certain intangibles of \$3.5 million. For the year ended December 31, 2008, impairment included charges related to goodwill of \$23.1 million, certain intangibles of \$3.9 million, fixed assets of \$6.4 million and our investment in Guyoung Technology Co. Ltd., or Guyoung, of \$2.7 million. For the year ended December 31, 2009, impairment included charges related to goodwill of \$157.2 million, certain intangibles of \$202.4 million and fixed assets of \$3.9 million.

(d) Reorganization and bankruptcy-related expenses, including the effect of the Fresh-Start Adjustments and professional fees incurred before filing for bankruptcy in 2009.

(e) Transition and integration costs related to the acquisition of nine Metzeler Automotive Profile Systems sealing systems operations in Germany, Italy, Poland, Belarus and Belgium and a joint venture interest in China, or, collectively, MAPS, and the El Jarudo fuel rail manufacturing business of Automotive Components Holdings, LLC, or El Jarudo, in 2007 and a MAPS related acquisition of a joint venture interest in India, or MAP India, in 2008.

(f) Compensation expense related to stock options and stock units issued to management.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*Before investing in the securities offered hereby, you should carefully consider the following risks and all of the other information contained in this prospectus. The risks described below are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial also may adversely affect us and your investment. If any of the risks or uncertainties occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected.*

**Risks Related to Our Business**

***We are highly dependent on the automotive industry. A prolonged or further material contraction in automotive sales and production volumes could materially adversely affect our liquidity, the viability of our supply base and the financial conditions of our customers, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.***

The great majority of our customers are OEMs and their suppliers. In 2009, the automotive industry was severely affected by the turmoil in the global credit markets and the economic recession. These conditions had a dramatic impact on consumer vehicle demand in 2009. During 2009, North American light vehicle industry production declined by approximately 32% from 2008 levels to 8.6 million units. European light vehicle industry production declined by approximately 20% from 2008 levels to 16.3 million units.

Automotive sales and production are highly cyclical and depend, among other things, on general economic conditions and consumer spending and preferences (which can be affected by a number of issues, including fuel costs, employment levels and the availability of consumer financing). As the volume of automotive production fluctuates, the demand for our products also fluctuates. Declines in automotive sales and production in the second half of 2008 and into 2009 lead to our focused efforts, which are ongoing, to restructure our business and take other actions in order to reduce costs. There is no assurance that our actions to date will be sustainable over the long term or will be sufficient if there is further decline. In addition, if lower levels of sales and production are forecasted, non-cash impairment charges could result as the value of certain long-lived assets is reduced. As a result, our financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected by further declines in vehicle production. Production levels in Europe and North America, most notably, affect us given our concentration of sales in those regions, which accounted for 40% and 47%, respectively, of our 2009 sales.

Our supply base has also been adversely affected by the current industry environment. Lower global automotive production, turmoil in the credit markets and extreme volatility over the past several years in raw material, energy and commodity costs have resulted in financial distress within our supply base and an increase in the risk of supply disruption. In addition, several automotive suppliers have filed for bankruptcy protection or have ceased operations. While we have developed and implemented strategies to mitigate these factors, these strategies have offset only a portion of the adverse impact. The continuation or worsening of these industry conditions could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows, thereby making it more difficult for us to make payments under our indebtedness and our 7% preferred stock.

In addition, if our suppliers were to reduce normal trade credit terms, our liquidity could be adversely impacted. Likewise, our liquidity could be adversely impacted if our customers were to extend their normal payment terms, whether or not permitted under our contracts. If either of these situations occurs, we may need to rely on other sources of funding to bridge the additional gap between the time we pay our suppliers and the time we receive corresponding payments from our customers.

As a result of the above factors, further material contraction in automotive sales and production could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and liquidity. In addition, our suppliers would also be subject to many of the same consequences, which could adversely impact their results of operations and liquidity. If a supplier's viability was to become impaired, it could impact the supplier's ability to perform as we expect and consequently our ability to meet our own commitments.

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### ***The financial conditions of our customers, particularly the Detroit 3, may adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.***

Significantly lower global production levels, tightened liquidity and increased costs of capital have combined to cause severe financial distress among many of our customers and have forced those companies to implement various forms of restructuring actions. In some cases, these actions have involved significant capacity reductions, the discontinuation of entire vehicle brands or even reorganization under bankruptcy laws. Discontinuation of a brand can result in not only a loss of sales associated with any systems or components we supplied but also customer disputes regarding capital we expended to support production of such systems or components for the discontinued brand, and such disputes could potentially be resolved adversely to us.

In North America, Chrysler, Ford and GM have been engaged in unprecedented restructuring, which included, in the case of Chrysler and GM, reorganization under bankruptcy laws and subsequent asset sales. While portions of Chrysler and GM have successfully emerged from bankruptcy proceedings in the United States, it is still uncertain what portion of their respective sales will return and whether they can be viable at a lower level of sales.

### ***Disruptions in the financial markets are adversely impacting the availability and cost of credit, which could continue to negatively affect our business.***

Disruptions in the financial markets, including the bankruptcy, insolvency or restructuring of certain financial institutions, and the general lack of liquidity continue to adversely impact the availability and cost of incremental credit for many companies, including us, and may adversely affect the availability of credit already arranged. These disruptions are also adversely affecting the U.S. and world economy, further negatively impacting consumer spending patterns in the automotive industry. In addition, as our customers and suppliers respond to rapidly changing consumer preferences, they may require access to additional capital. If required capital is not obtained or its cost is prohibitively high, their businesses would be negatively impacted, which could result in further restructuring or even reorganization under bankruptcy laws. Any such negative impact, in turn, could negatively affect our business, either through loss of sales to any of our customers so affected or through inability to meet our commitments (or inability to meet them without excess expense) because of our suppliers' inability to perform.

### ***We could be adversely affected by any shortage of supplies.***

In the event of a rapid increase in production demands, either we or our customers or other suppliers may experience supply shortages of raw materials or components. This could be caused by a number of factors, including a lack of production line capacity or manpower or working capital constraints. In order to manage and reduce the cost of purchased goods and services, we and others within our industry have been rationalizing and consolidating our supply base. In addition, due to the turbulence in the automotive industry, several suppliers have initiated bankruptcy proceedings or ceased operations. As a result, there is greater dependence on fewer sources of supply for certain components and materials, which could increase the possibility of a supply shortage of any particular component. If any of our customers experience a material supply shortage, either directly or as a result of a supply shortage at another supplier, that customer may halt or limit the purchase of our products. Similarly, if we or one of our own suppliers experience a supply shortage, we may become unable to produce the affected products if we cannot procure the components from another source. Such production interruptions could impede a ramp-up in vehicle production and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

### ***Escalating pricing pressures from our customers may adversely affect our business.***

Pricing pressure in the automotive supply industry has been substantial and is likely to continue. Virtually all vehicle manufacturers seek price reductions in both the initial bidding process and during the term of the contract. Price reductions have impacted our sales and profit margins and are expected to do so in the future. If we are not able to offset continued price reductions through improved operating efficiencies and reduced expenditures, those price reductions may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

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***We may be at risk of not being able to meet significant increases in demand.***

If demand increases significantly from what has been a historical low for production over the last two years, we may have difficulty meeting such demand, particularly if such increases in demand occur rapidly. This difficulty may include not having sufficient manpower or relying on suppliers who may not be able to respond quickly to a changed environment when demand significantly increases. Our inability to meet significant increases in demand could require us to delay delivery dates and could result in customers cancelling their orders, requesting discounts or ceasing to do business with us. In addition, as demand and volumes increase, we will need to purchase more inventory, which will increase our working capital needs. If our working capital needs exceed our cash flows from operations, we will be required to use our cash balances and available borrowings, as well as potential sources of additional capital, which may not be available on satisfactory terms and in adequate amounts, if at all, to satisfy those needs.

***Increasing costs for, or reduced availability of, manufactured components and raw materials may adversely affect our profitability.***

The principal raw materials we purchase include fabricated metal-based components, synthetic rubber, carbon black and natural rubber. Raw materials comprise the largest component of our costs, representing approximately 45% of our total costs in 2009. A significant increase in the price of these items could materially increase our operating costs and materially and adversely affect our profit margins because it is generally difficult to pass through these increased costs to our customers. Raw material costs remain volatile and could have an adverse impact on our profitability in the foreseeable future.

Because we purchase various types of raw materials and manufactured components, we may be materially and adversely affected by the failure of our suppliers of those materials to perform as expected. This non-performance may consist of delivery delays or failures caused by production issues or delivery of non-conforming products. The risk of non-performance may also result from the insolvency or bankruptcy of one or more of our suppliers. Our suppliers' ability to supply products to us is also subject to a number of risks to such suppliers, including availability of raw materials, such as steel and natural rubber, destruction of their facilities or work stoppages. In addition, our failure to promptly pay, or order sufficient quantities of inventory from, our suppliers may increase the cost of products we purchase or may lead to suppliers refusing to sell products to us at all. Our efforts to protect against and to minimize these risks may not always be effective.

We consider the production capacities and financial condition of suppliers in our selection process and expect that they will meet our delivery requirements. However, there can be no assurance that strong demand, capacity limitations, shortages of raw materials or other problems will not result in any shortages or delays in the supply of components to us.

***We could be materially adversely affected if we are unable to continue to compete successfully in the highly competitive automotive parts industry.***

The automotive parts industry is highly competitive. We face numerous competitors in each of the product lines we serve. In general, there are three or more significant competitors and numerous smaller competitors for most of the products we offer. We also face increased competition for certain of our products from suppliers producing in lower-cost countries such as Korea and China, especially for certain lower-technology noise, vibration and harshness control products that have physical characteristics that make long-distance shipping more feasible and economical. We may not be able to continue to compete favorably, and increased competition in our markets may have a material adverse effect on our business.

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### ***We are subject to other risks associated with our non-U.S. operations.***

We have significant manufacturing operations outside the United States, including joint ventures and other alliances. Our operations are located in 18 countries, and we export to several other countries. In 2009, approximately 73% of our sales were attributable to products manufactured outside the United States. Risks are inherent in international operations, including:

exchange controls and currency restrictions;

currency fluctuations and devaluations;

changes in local economic conditions;

changes in laws and regulations, including the imposition of embargos;

exposure to possible expropriation or other government actions; and

unsettled political conditions and possible terrorist attacks.

These and other factors may have a material adverse effect on our international operations or on our business, results of operations and financial condition. For example, we are faced with potential difficulties in staffing and managing local operations, and we have to design local solutions to manage credit risks of local customers and distributors. Also, the cost and complexity of streamlining operations in certain European countries is greater than would be the case in the United States, due primarily to labor laws in those countries that can make reducing employment levels more time-consuming and expensive than in the United States. Our flexibility in our foreign operations can also be somewhat limited by agreements we have entered into with our foreign joint venture partners.

Our overall success as a global business depends, in part, upon our ability to succeed in differing economic, social and political conditions. We may not continue to succeed in developing and implementing policies and strategies that are effective in each location where we do business, and failure to do so could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our sales outside the United States expose us to currency risks. During times of a strengthening U.S. dollar, at a constant level of business, our reported international sales and earnings will be reduced because the local currency will translate into fewer U.S. dollars. In addition to currency translation risks, we incur a currency transaction risk whenever one of our operating subsidiaries enters into either a purchase or a sales transaction using a different currency from the currency in which it receives revenues. Given the volatility of exchange rates, we may not be able to manage our currency transaction and translation risks effectively, or volatility in currency exchange rates may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

### ***Our lean manufacturing and other cost savings plans may not be effective.***

Our operations strategy includes cutting costs by reducing production errors, inventory levels, operator motion, overproduction and waiting while fostering the increased flow of material, information and communication. The cost savings that we anticipate from these initiatives may not be achieved on schedule or at the level anticipated by management. If we are unable to realize these anticipated savings, our operating results and financial condition may be materially adversely affected. Moreover, the implementation of cost saving plans and facilities integration may disrupt our operations and performance.

### ***Our business could be materially adversely affected if we lost any of our largest customers.***

In 2009, sales to our three largest customers, Ford, GM and Fiat, on a worldwide basis represented approximately 58% of our sales. Although business with each customer is typically split among numerous contracts, if we lost a major customer or that customer significantly reduced its



purchases of our products, there could be a material adverse affect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

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### ***We may incur material losses and costs as a result of product liability and warranty and recall claims that may be brought against us.***

We may be exposed to product liability and warranty claims in the event that our products actually or allegedly fail to perform as expected or the use of our products results, or is alleged to result, in bodily injury and/or property damage. Accordingly, we could experience material warranty or product liability losses in the future and incur significant costs to defend against these claims. In addition, if any of our products are, or are alleged to be, defective, we may be required to participate in a recall of that product if the defect or the alleged defect relates to automotive safety. Our costs associated with providing product warranties could be material. Product liability, warranty and recall costs may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

### ***Work stoppages or similar difficulties could disrupt our operations.***

As of September 30, 2010, approximately 32% of our employees were represented by unions, approximately 13% of which were located in the United States. It is possible that our workforce will become more unionized in the future. A work stoppage at one or more of our plants may have a material adverse effect on our business. Unionization activities could also increase our costs, which could have a material adverse effect on our profitability. We may be subject to work stoppages and may be affected by other labor disputes. Additionally, a work stoppage at one or more of our customers or our customers' suppliers could materially adversely affect our operations if an alternative source of supply were not readily available. Work stoppages by employees of our customers also could result in reduced demand for our products and could have a material adverse effect on our business.

### ***Our success depends in part on our development of improved products, and our efforts may fail to meet the needs of customers on a timely or cost-effective basis.***

Our continued success depends on our ability to maintain advanced technological capabilities, machinery and knowledge necessary to adapt to changing market demands as well as to develop and commercialize innovative products. We may be unable to develop new products as successfully as in the past or to keep pace with technological developments by our competitors and the industry generally. In addition, we may develop specific technologies and capabilities in anticipation of customers' demands for new innovations and technologies. If such demand does not materialize, we may be unable to recover the costs incurred in such programs. If we are unable to recover these costs or if any such programs do not progress as expected, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

### ***Our ability to operate our company effectively could be impaired if we fail to attract and retain key personnel.***

Our ability to operate our business and implement our strategies depends, in part, on the efforts of our key employees. The severe down-turn in the automotive industry may add additional pressure on our ability to retain key employees. In addition, our future success will depend on, among other factors, our ability to attract and retain other qualified personnel. The loss of the services of any of our key employees or the failure to attract or retain other qualified personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### ***Our intellectual property portfolio is subject to legal challenges and considerable uncertainty.***

We have developed and actively pursue the development of proprietary technology in the automotive industry and rely on intellectual property laws and a number of patents in many jurisdictions to protect such technology. There can be no assurances that the protections we have available for our proprietary technology in the United States and other countries will be available to us in many places we sell our products. Therefore, we may be unable to prevent third parties from using our intellectual property without authorization. If we had to litigate to protect these rights, any proceedings could be costly, and we may not prevail. We also face increasing exposure to the claims of others for infringement of intellectual property rights. We may have material intellectual

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property claims asserted against us in the future and could incur significant costs or losses related to such claims. In addition, any infringement or misappropriation of our technology that we cannot control could have a material negative impact on our business and results of operations.

***Our pension plans are currently underfunded and we may have to make cash payments to the plans, reducing the cash available for our business.***

We sponsor various pension plans worldwide that are underfunded and will require cash payments. Additionally, if the performance of the assets in our pension plans does not meet our expectations, or if other actuarial assumptions are modified, our required contributions may be higher than we expect. If our cash flow from operations is insufficient to fund our worldwide pension liability, we may be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures, seek additional capital or seek to restructure or refinance our indebtedness or sell assets.

As of December 31, 2009, our \$270.8 million projected benefit obligation, or PBO, for U.S. pension benefit obligations exceeded the fair value of the relevant plans' assets, which totaled \$186.6 million, by \$84.2 million. Additionally, the international employees' plans' PBO exceeded plan assets by approximately \$77.6 million as of December 31, 2009. The PBO for other postretirement benefits, or OPEB, was \$69.4 million as of December 31, 2009. Our estimated funding requirement for pensions and OPEB during 2010 is approximately \$18.4 million. Net periodic pension costs for U.S. and international plans, including pension benefits and OPEB, were \$18.9 million and \$14.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009, respectively. For more information, see notes 11 and 12 to our audited consolidated financial statements.

***We are subject to a broad range of environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, which could adversely affect our business and results of operations.***

We are subject to a broad range of federal, state and local environmental and occupational safety and health laws and regulations in the United States and other countries, including those governing: emissions to air; discharges to water; noise and odor emissions; the generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of waste materials; the cleanup of contaminated properties; and human health and safety. We may incur substantial costs associated with hazardous substance contamination or exposure, including cleanup costs, fines and civil or criminal sanctions, third party property or natural resource damage, personal injury claims or costs to upgrade or replace existing equipment as a result of violations of or liabilities under environmental laws or the failure to maintain or comply with environmental permits required at our locations. In addition, many of our current and former facilities are located on properties with long histories of industrial or commercial operations and some of these properties have been subject to certain environmental investigations and remediation activities. We maintain environmental reserves for certain of these sites, which we believe are adequate. Because some environmental laws (such as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and analogous state laws) can impose liability retroactively and regardless of fault on potentially responsible parties for the entire cost of cleanup at currently or formerly owned and operated facilities, as well as sites at which such parties disposed or arranged for disposal of hazardous waste, we could become liable for investigating or remediating contamination at our current or former properties or other properties (including offsite waste disposal locations). We may not always be in complete compliance with all applicable requirements of environmental law or regulation, and we may receive notices of violation or become subject to enforcement actions or incur material costs or liabilities in connection with such requirements. In addition, new environmental requirements or changes to interpretations of existing requirements, or in their enforcement, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. For example, while we are not large emitters of greenhouse gases, laws, regulations and certain regional initiatives under consideration by the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and various states, and in effect in certain foreign jurisdictions, could result in increased operating costs to control and monitor such emissions. We have made and will continue to make expenditures to comply with environmental requirements. While our costs to defend and settle claims arising under environmental laws in the past have not been material, such costs may be material in the future.

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*If our acquisition strategy is not successful, we may not achieve our growth and profit objectives.*

We may selectively pursue complementary acquisitions in the future as part of our growth strategy. While we will evaluate business opportunities on a regular basis, we may not be successful in identifying any attractive acquisitions. We may not have, or be able to raise on acceptable terms, sufficient financial resources to make acquisitions. Our ability to make investments may also be limited by the terms of our existing or future financing arrangements. In addition, any acquisitions we make will be subject to all of the risks inherent in an acquisition strategy, including integrating financial and operational reporting systems, establishing satisfactory budgetary and other financial controls, funding increased capital needs and overhead expenses, obtaining management personnel required for expanded operations and funding cash flow shortages that may occur if anticipated sales are not realized or are delayed, whether by general economic or market conditions or unforeseen internal difficulties.

*Because of our adoption of fresh-start accounting and the effects of the transactions contemplated by our plan of reorganization, financial information subsequent to May 31, 2010, will not be comparable to financial information prior to May 31, 2010.*

Upon our emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, we adopted fresh-start accounting in accordance with the provisions of ASC 852, pursuant to which our reorganization value was allocated to our assets in conformity with the procedures specified by ASC 805, Business Combinations. The excess of reorganization value over the fair value of tangible and identifiable intangible assets was recorded as goodwill, which is subject to periodic evaluation for impairment. Liabilities, other than deferred taxes, were recorded at the present value of amounts expected to be paid. In addition, under fresh-start accounting, common stock, retained deficit and accumulated other comprehensive loss were eliminated. Our consolidated financial statements also reflect all of the transactions contemplated by our plan of reorganization. Accordingly, our consolidated financial statements subsequent to May 31, 2010, will not be comparable in many respects to our consolidated financial statements prior to May 31, 2010. The lack of comparable historical financial information may discourage investors from purchasing our capital stock.

*Our historical financial statements state that uncertainties related to our emergence from bankruptcy raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern.*

The financial statements included in this prospectus state that uncertainties related to our emergence from bankruptcy raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. Although we believe that as of our emergence from bankruptcy the basis for the uncertainties relating to our ability to continue as a going concern no longer exist, we cannot assure you that a similar disclosure will not be included in our future financial statements.

Regardless of the foregoing, our historical financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP applicable to a going concern, which assumes that we will be able to meet our obligations and continue our operations over a reasonable length of time. Realization values may be substantially different from carrying values as shown, and these financial statements do not give effect to adjustments that would be necessary to the carrying values and classification of assets and liabilities should we be unable to continue as a going concern.

*Our emergence from bankruptcy will reduce or eliminate our U.S. net operating losses and other tax attributes and limit our ability to offset future U.S. taxable income with tax losses and credits incurred prior to our emergence from bankruptcy.*

The discharge of a debt obligation by a taxpayer in a bankruptcy proceeding for an amount less than its adjusted issue price (as defined for tax purposes) generally creates cancellation of indebtedness income, or COD income, that is excludable from a taxpayer's taxable income. However certain tax attributes otherwise available and of value to a debtor will be reduced to the extent of the excludable COD income. Additionally, Internal Revenue Code Sections 382 and 383 provide an annual limitation with respect to the ability of a corporation to utilize its

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tax attributes, as well as certain built-in-losses, against future U.S. taxable income in the event of a change in ownership. As a result of our emergence from bankruptcy we have had significant excludable COD income that will reduce or eliminate our U.S. net operating losses and other tax attributes and we have had an ownership change and a resulting limitation under Internal Revenue Code Sections 382 and 383.

### ***Impairment charges relating to our goodwill and long-lived assets could adversely affect our results of operations.***

We regularly monitor our goodwill and long-lived assets for impairment indicators. In conducting our goodwill impairment testing, we compare the fair value of each of our reporting units to the related net book value. In conducting our impairment analysis of long-lived assets, we compare the undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated from the long-lived assets to the related net book values. Changes in economic or operating conditions impacting our estimates and assumptions could result in the impairment of our goodwill or long-lived assets. In the event that we determine that our goodwill or long-lived assets are impaired, we may be required to record a significant charge to earnings, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

### ***We cannot be certain that our emergence from bankruptcy will not adversely affect our operations going forward.***

Although we emerged from bankruptcy on May 27, 2010, we cannot assure you that having been subject to bankruptcy protection will not adversely affect our operations going forward, including our ability to negotiate favorable terms from suppliers, hedging counterparties and others and to attract and retain customers. The failure to obtain such favorable terms and retain customers could materially adversely affect our financial performance.

### **Risks Relating to the Exchange Notes, Our Indebtedness and 7% Preferred Stock**

#### ***We have a substantial amount of indebtedness and preferred stock outstanding, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and our ability to obtain financing in the future and to react to changes in our business.***

We have a substantial amount of debt outstanding that requires significant principal and interest payments and preferred stock outstanding that requires significant preferred dividend payments. As of September 30, 2010, we have approximately \$477.0 million of debt outstanding, including \$450.0 million in principal amount outstanding under the notes and \$27.0 million of other debt of certain of our non-guarantor foreign subsidiaries and shares of 7% preferred stock outstanding with an aggregate stated value of \$105.2 million. We are permitted by the terms of the notes and our senior ABL facility to incur substantial additional indebtedness, subject to the restrictions therein.

Our significant amount of debt and preferred stock could have important consequences to you. For example, it could:

make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations under the notes, our senior ABL facility and 7% preferred stock;

increase our vulnerability to adverse economic and general industry conditions, including interest rate fluctuations, since a portion of our borrowings, in particular, those under our senior ABL facility, are at variable rates of interest;

require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to principal and interest payments on our debt and, if we so elect, cash dividend payments on our 7% preferred stock, which would reduce the availability of our cash flow from operations to fund working capital, capital expenditures or other general corporate purposes;

limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and industry;

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place us at a disadvantage compared to competitors that may have proportionately less debt;

limit our ability to refinance our debt or preferred stock on terms that are commercially reasonable or at all;

limit our ability to obtain additional debt or equity financing due to applicable financial and restrictive covenants in our debt agreements;  
and

increase our cost of borrowing.

***Despite our indebtedness and preferred stock levels, we and our subsidiaries may still incur significant additional indebtedness and issue more preferred stock, which could increase the risks associated with our substantial indebtedness.***

We and our subsidiaries may be able to incur substantial additional indebtedness, including additional secured indebtedness, and issue substantial additional preferred stock in the future. The terms of the indenture governing the notes and our senior ABL facility restrict, but will not completely prohibit, us from doing so. As of September 30, 2010, we have \$88.7 million of availability under our senior ABL facility, subject to borrowing base limitations and after giving effect to \$36.3 million of issued (but undrawn) letters of credit, all of which would be effectively senior to the notes to the extent of the value of the collateral securing our senior ABL facility. Our senior ABL facility also provides for an uncommitted \$25.0 million incremental loan facility. In addition, the indenture governing the notes allows us to issue additional notes under certain circumstances, which will also be guaranteed by the guarantors. The indenture also allows us to incur additional debt, which may be secured, and allows our foreign subsidiaries to incur additional debt, which would be structurally senior to the notes, and also allows us to issue certain additional preferred stock. In addition, the indenture does not prevent us from incurring other liabilities that do not constitute indebtedness. This may have the effect of reducing the amount of proceeds paid to you. If new debt or other liabilities are added to our current debt levels, the related risks that we and our subsidiaries now face could intensify.

***The indenture governing the notes and the credit agreement governing our senior ABL facility impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us and our subsidiaries, which may prevent us from capitalizing on business opportunities.***

The indenture governing the notes and the credit agreement governing our senior ABL facility impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us. These restrictions limit our ability, among other things, to:

incur additional indebtedness or issue certain disqualified stock and preferred stock;

pay dividends or certain other distributions on our capital stock or repurchase our capital stock;

make certain investments or other restricted payments;

place restrictions on the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to pay dividends or make other payments to us;

engage in transactions with affiliates;

sell certain assets or merge with or into other companies;

guarantee indebtedness; and

create liens.

There are limitations on our ability to incur the full \$125.0 million of commitments under our senior ABL facility. Borrowings under our senior ABL facility are limited by a specified borrowing base consisting of a percentage of eligible accounts receivable and eligible inventory, less customary reserves imposed by the agent under our senior ABL facility. In addition, under our senior ABL facility, a monthly fixed charge maintenance covenant would become applicable if excess availability under our senior ABL facility is at any time less than a specified percentage (or amount) of the total revolving loan commitments. If the covenant trigger were to occur, Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. would be required to satisfy and maintain, on a consolidated basis, on the last day

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of each month a fixed charge coverage ratio of at least 1.1 to 1.0. Our ability to meet the required fixed charge coverage ratio can be affected by events beyond our control, and we cannot assure you that we will meet this ratio. A breach of any of these covenants could result in a default under our senior ABL facility.

Moreover, our senior ABL facility provides the lenders considerable discretion to impose reserves, which could materially reduce the amount of borrowings that would otherwise be available to us. There can be no assurance that the lenders under our senior ABL facility will not impose such reserves during the term of our senior ABL facility and further, were they to do so, the resulting impact of this action could materially and adversely impair our ability to make interest payments on the notes. Also, when (and for as long as) the availability under our senior ABL facility is less than a specified amount for a certain period of time, the agent under our senior ABL facility would exercise cash dominion.

As a result of these covenants and restrictions, we are limited in how we conduct our business and we may be unable to raise additional debt or equity financing to compete effectively or to take advantage of new business opportunities. The terms of any future indebtedness we may incur could include more restrictive covenants. We cannot assure you that we will be able to maintain compliance with these covenants in the future and, if we fail to do so, that we will be able to obtain waivers from the lenders and/or amend the covenants.

You should read the discussions under the headings **Description of Certain Other Indebtedness and Preferred Stock**, **Senior ABL Facility** and **Description of Exchange Notes**, **Certain Covenants** for further information about these covenants.

***We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness, including the notes, and meet the dividend obligations of our 7% preferred stock, and we may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness and 7% preferred stock, which may not be successful.***

Our ability to make scheduled payments on our debt and meet the dividend obligations of our 7% preferred stock or to refinance these obligations depends on our financial condition and operating performance, which is subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to certain financial, business and other factors beyond our control. We cannot assure you that we will maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities sufficient to permit us to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness, including the notes, and to pay the stated value, liquidation preference, if any, and dividend obligations on our 7% preferred stock. For a description of our obligations to pay dividends on our 7% preferred stock, see **Description of Certain Other Indebtedness and Preferred Stock**.

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations and our dividend obligations on our 7% preferred stock, we may be forced to reduce or delay investments and capital expenditures, or to sell assets, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our indebtedness, including the notes, or our 7% preferred stock. These alternative measures may not be successful and may not permit us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations or our dividend obligations on our 7% preferred stock. If our operating results and available cash are insufficient to meet our debt service obligations or our dividend obligations on our 7% preferred stock, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to dispose of material assets or operations to meet our debt service, dividend and other obligations. We may not be able to consummate those dispositions or to obtain the proceeds that we could realize from them, and these proceeds may not be adequate to meet any debt service and dividend obligations then due. Additionally, the indenture governing the notes limits the use of the proceeds from any disposition; as a result, we may not be allowed, under the indenture, to use proceeds from such dispositions to satisfy all current debt service and dividend obligations.

***If we default under our senior ABL facility, we may not be able to service our debt obligations.***

In the event of a default under our senior ABL facility, the lenders could elect to declare all amounts borrowed, together with accrued and unpaid interest and other fees, to be due and payable. If such acceleration occurs,



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thereby permitting an acceleration of amounts outstanding under the notes, we may not be able to repay the amounts due under our senior ABL facility or the notes. Events of default under our senior ABL facility include breach of covenants, default under certain other indebtedness, failure to satisfy certain judgments and certain insolvency events. This could have serious consequences to the holders of the notes and to our financial condition and results of operations, and could cause us to become bankrupt or insolvent. See Description of Certain Other Indebtedness and Preferred Stock Senior ABL Facility Covenants; events of default.

***Our 7% preferred stock is redeemable at our option prior to the maturity of the notes, which, if we elect to redeem, could make it more difficult for us to repay the notes at maturity.***

From and after the sixth anniversary of the effective date, we may redeem at our option shares of our 7% preferred stock, at any time in whole or in part, for cash. To the extent we elect to redeem the shares of our 7% preferred stock prior to the maturity of the notes, we will have less cash for the repayment of the notes upon maturity, which could make it more difficult for us to repay the principal and accrued and unpaid interest when the notes mature.

***The notes are unsecured obligations and accordingly our assets may be insufficient to pay amounts due on the notes.***

The notes are unsecured obligations. We and our subsidiaries may incur other debt, which may be substantial in amount, and which may in certain circumstances be secured. The notes are effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured debt and that of the guarantors to the extent of the assets securing such debt, including under our senior ABL facility. See Description of Exchange Notes Certain Definitions Permitted Liens. As of September 30, 2010, the notes are effectively subordinated to \$27.0 million in other debt of certain of our non-guarantor foreign subsidiaries.

Because the notes are unsecured obligations, your right of repayment may be compromised in the following situations:

we enter into bankruptcy, liquidation, reorganization or other winding-up;

there is a default in payment under any of our secured debt, including under our senior ABL facility; or

there is an acceleration of any of our secured debt.

If any of these events occurs, the secured lenders could foreclose on our assets in which they have been granted a security interest, in each case to your exclusion, even if an event of default exists under the indenture relating to the notes at such time. As a result, upon the occurrence of any of these events, there may not be sufficient funds to pay amounts due on the notes.

Furthermore, the notes will be structurally subordinated to any obligations of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes.

***We may not be able to repurchase the notes upon a change of control or pursuant to an asset sale offer.***

Upon a change of control, as defined under the indenture governing the notes, the holders of notes will have the right to require us to offer to purchase all of the notes then outstanding at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest. In order to obtain sufficient funds to pay the purchase price of the notes then outstanding, we expect that we would have to refinance the notes. We cannot assure you that we would be able to refinance the notes on reasonable terms, if at all. Our failure to offer to purchase all outstanding notes or to purchase all validly tendered notes would be an event of default under the indenture. Such an event of default may cause the acceleration of our other debt. Our other debt also may contain restrictions on repayment requirements with respect to specified events or transactions that constitute a change of control under the indenture.

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In addition, in certain circumstances specified in the indenture governing the notes, we will be required to commence an asset sale offer, as defined in the indenture, pursuant to which we will be obligated to purchase the notes at a price equal to 100% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest. Our other debt may contain restrictions that would limit or prohibit us from completing any such asset sale offer. Our failure to purchase any such notes when required under the indenture would be an event of default under the indenture.

***Not all of our subsidiaries guarantee the notes, and the assets of our non-guarantor subsidiaries may not be available to make payments on the notes.***

Not all of our subsidiaries are required to guarantee the notes. In the event that any non-guarantor subsidiary becomes insolvent, liquidates, reorganizes, dissolves or otherwise winds up, holders of its indebtedness and its trade creditors generally will be entitled to payment on their claims from the assets of that subsidiary before any of those assets are made available to us. Consequently, your claims in respect of the notes will be structurally subordinated to all of the liabilities of our non-guarantor subsidiaries, including trade payables, and any claims of third party holders of preferred equity interests, if any, in our non-guarantor subsidiaries. As of September 30, 2010, our non-guarantor subsidiaries had \$877.4 million of assets and \$393.5 million of liabilities including \$27.0 million of outstanding debt, all of which is secured.

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

The guarantee of a subsidiary guarantor will be released in connection with a sale of such subsidiary guarantor in a transaction not prohibited by the indenture. The indenture also permits us to designate one or more of our restricted subsidiaries that is a guarantor of the notes as an unrestricted subsidiary. If we designate a subsidiary guarantor as an unrestricted subsidiary, any guarantees of the notes by such subsidiary or any of its subsidiaries will be released under the indenture but not under our senior ABL facility. In addition, the creditors of the unrestricted subsidiary and its subsidiaries will have a senior claim on the assets of such unrestricted subsidiary and its subsidiaries. See Description of Exchange Notes.

***U.S. federal and state statutes allow courts, under specific circumstances, to void the guarantees, subordinate claims in respect of the guarantees and require note holders to return payments received from the guarantors.***

Certain of our subsidiaries guarantee the obligations under the notes. The issuance of the guarantees by the guarantors may be subject to review under federal and state laws if a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization case or a lawsuit, including in circumstances in which bankruptcy is not involved, were commenced at some future date by, or on behalf of, the unpaid creditors of a guarantor. Under the federal bankruptcy laws and comparable provisions of state fraudulent transfer laws, a court may void or otherwise decline to enforce a guarantor's guarantee or may subordinate the notes or such guarantee to the applicable guarantor's existing and future indebtedness. While the relevant laws may vary from state to state, a court might do so if it found that when the applicable guarantor entered into its guarantee, or, in some states, when payments became due under such guarantee, the applicable guarantor received less than reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration in exchange for its issuance of the guarantee and:

was insolvent or rendered insolvent by reason of such incurrence;

was engaged in a business or transaction, or was about to engage in a business or transaction, for which its remaining assets constituted unreasonably small capital; or

intended to incur, or believed that it would incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they matured.

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A court would likely find that a guarantor did not receive reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration in exchange for such guarantee if such guarantor did not substantially benefit directly or indirectly from the issuance of such guarantee. The measures of insolvency for purposes of these fraudulent transfer laws vary depending upon the law applied in any proceeding to determine whether a fraudulent transfer has occurred. Generally, however, a guarantor, as applicable, would be considered insolvent if:

the sum of its debts, including contingent and unliquidated liabilities, was greater than the fair saleable value of its assets;

the present fair saleable value of its assets was less than the amount that would be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts, including contingent and unliquidated liabilities, as they become absolute and mature; or

it could not pay its debts as they become due.

A court might also void a guarantee, without regard to the above factors, if the court found that the applicable subsidiary guarantor entered into its guarantee with the actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud its creditors. In addition, any payment by a guarantor pursuant to its guarantee could be voided and required to be returned to such guarantor or to a fund for the benefit of such guarantor's overall creditor body, and accordingly the court might direct you to repay any amounts that you had already received from such guarantor.

To the extent a court voids any of the guarantees as fraudulent transfers or holds any of the guarantees unenforceable or voidable for any other reason, holders of notes would cease to have any direct claim against the applicable guarantor. If a court were to take this action, the applicable guarantor's assets would be applied first to satisfy the applicable guarantor's direct liabilities, if any, and might not be applied to the payment of the guarantee. Sufficient funds to repay the notes may not be available from other sources, including the remaining guarantors, if any.

Each guarantee contains a provision intended to limit the guarantor's liability to the maximum amount that it could incur without causing the incurrence of obligations under its guarantee to be a fraudulent transfer. This provision may not be effective to protect the guarantees from being voided under applicable fraudulent transfer laws or may reduce the guarantor's obligation to an amount that effectively makes the guarantee worthless. In a recent Florida bankruptcy case, such a provision was found to be ineffective to protect the guarantee.

### ***The market price for the notes may be volatile.***

Historically, the market for non-investment grade debt has been subject to disruptions that have caused substantial volatility in the prices and liquidity of these securities. We cannot assure you that the market, if any, for the notes will be free from similar disruptions. Any such disruptions could have an adverse effect on holders of the notes.

### ***The Backstop Parties nominated a majority of the board of directors and their interests in the Company may conflict with your interests.***

In accordance with our plan of reorganization and the Equity Commitment Agreement, our board of directors is comprised of seven directors, one of whom is our chief executive officer and two who are independent directors from our pre-emergence board of directors selected by us. Each of Barclays Capital Inc., and the group of parties comprised of Capital Research and Management Company, Lord, Abnett & Co. LLC, TCW Asset Management Company and TD Asset Management Inc. nominated one independent member of our board of directors in reasonable consultation with (but without the need for the approval of) our chief executive officer and an executive search firm, Korn/Ferry International, mutually acceptable to such parties and us. With respect to the independent members nominated as described above, such nominations were made in consultation with the creditors' committee appointed in the chapter 11 cases, solely to determine whether such nominee had a prior relationship with any Backstop Party that would reasonably be expected to influence the exercise of his or her business judgment. Oak Hill Advisors, L.P. nominated one member of our board of directors and Silver Point Capital, L.P. nominated one member. Barclays Capital Inc. was also an initial purchaser of the outstanding notes.

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The Backstop Parties will have the right to nominate members to our board of directors until the earlier of (i) termination of the applicable Nomination Agreement (as defined below) at the election of the applicable Backstop Party by written notice to us, (ii) immediately prior to the annual meeting of stockholders held during the calendar year 2013, and (iii) if the applicable Backstop Party together with its affiliates ceases to beneficially own at least 7.5% of our outstanding equity (on an as converted basis).

As long as the Backstop Parties (whether or not acting in a coordinated manner) and any other substantial stockholder own, directly or indirectly, a substantial portion of our outstanding shares, they will be able to exert significant influence over us, including:

the composition of our board of directors and, through it, any determination with respect to our business;

direction and policies, including the appointment and removal of officers;

the determination of incentive compensation, which may affect our ability to retain key employees;

any determinations with respect to mergers or other business combinations;

our acquisition or disposition of assets;

our financing decisions and our capital raising activities;

the payment of dividends;

conduct in regulatory and legal proceedings; and

amendments to our articles of association.

The concentration of ownership of our outstanding equity in the Backstop Parties may make some transactions more difficult or impossible without the support of the Backstop Parties or more likely with the support of the Backstop Parties. The interests of any of the Backstop Parties, any other substantial stockholder or any of their respective affiliates could conflict with or differ from our interests or the interests of holders of the notes. For example, the concentration of ownership held by the Backstop Parties could delay, defer or prevent a change of control of our company or impede a merger, takeover or other business combination which may otherwise be favorable for us. A Backstop Party, substantial stockholder or affiliate thereof may also pursue acquisition opportunities that may be complementary to our business, and as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us.

***A lowering or withdrawal of the ratings assigned to our debt securities by rating agencies may increase our future borrowing costs and reduce our access to capital.***

The notes have a non-investment grade rating. There can be no assurances that any rating assigned will remain for any given period of time or that a rating will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by a rating agency if, in that rating agency's judgment, future circumstances relating to the basis of the rating, such as adverse changes, so warrant.

### **Risks Related to the Exchange Offer and Holding the Exchange Notes**

***There is no public market for the exchange notes and an active trading market may not develop for the exchange notes.***

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The exchange notes are a new issue of securities and there is no existing trading market for the exchange notes. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that a liquid market will develop for the exchange notes, that you will be able to sell your exchange notes at a particular time or that the prices that you receive when you sell the exchange notes will be favorable.

The exchange notes are not listed for trading on any exchange and we do not intend to seek to have them listed. The liquidity of any market for the exchange notes and the prices at which the exchange notes will trade, if a trading market develops, will depend on a number of factors, including:

the number of holders of exchange notes;

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our operating performance and financial condition;

the condition of the overall economy and the automotive industry;

our ability to complete the offer to exchange the outstanding notes for the exchange notes;

the market for similar securities;

the interest of securities dealers in making a market in the exchange notes; and

prevailing interest rates.

***You may have difficulty selling the outstanding notes that you do not exchange.***

If you do not exchange your outstanding notes for exchange notes in the exchange offer, you will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer of your outstanding notes described in the legend on your outstanding notes. The restrictions on transfer of your outstanding notes arise because we issued the outstanding notes under exemptions from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. In general, you may only offer or sell the outstanding notes if they are registered under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws, or offered and sold under an exemption from these requirements. Except as required by the registration rights agreement, we do not intend to register the outstanding notes under the Securities Act. The tender of outstanding notes under the exchange offer will reduce the principal amount of the currently outstanding notes. Due to the corresponding reduction in liquidity, this may have an adverse effect upon, and increase the volatility of, the market price of any currently outstanding notes that you continue to hold following completion of the exchange offer. See [The Exchange Offer](#) [Consequences of Failure to Exchange Outstanding Notes](#).

***You must comply with the exchange offer procedures in order to receive new, freely tradable exchange notes.***

Delivery of exchange notes in exchange for outstanding notes tendered and accepted for exchange pursuant to the exchange offer will be made only after timely receipt by the exchange agent of book-entry transfer of outstanding notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC, as depositary, including an agent's message (as defined herein). We are not required to notify you of defects or irregularities in tenders of outstanding notes for exchange. Outstanding notes that are not tendered or that are tendered but we do not accept for exchange will, following consummation of the exchange offer, continue to be subject to the existing transfer restrictions under the Securities Act and, upon consummation of the exchange offer, certain registration and other rights under the registration rights agreement will terminate. See [The Exchange Offer](#) [How to Tender Outstanding Notes for Exchange](#) and [The Exchange Offer](#) [Consequences of Failure to Exchange Outstanding Notes](#).

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

Based on interpretations of the staff of the SEC, we believe that you may offer for resale, resell or otherwise transfer the exchange notes without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. However, in some instances described in this prospectus under [Plan of Distribution](#), certain holders of exchange notes will remain obligated to comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act to transfer the exchange notes. If such a holder transfers any exchange notes without delivering a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act or without an applicable exemption from registration under the Securities Act, such a holder may incur liability under the Securities Act. We do not and will not assume, or indemnify such a holder against, this liability.

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The following table presents our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated.

For purposes of this table, earnings consist of pre-tax income (loss) from continuing operations before adjustments for minority interest in consolidated subsidiary, plus fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest on all debt, amortization of debt expenses incurred on issuance and an estimate of the interest within rental expense.

	Historical Predecessor(1)					Pro Forma Successor(1)			
	2005	Year Ended December 31,			2009	Nine Months Ended September 30,	Five Months Ended May 31,	Four Months Ended September 30,	Year Ended December 31,
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009	2010	2010	2009	2010
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges(2)	1.1x					14.9x		2.7x	2.6x

- (1) We adopted fresh-start accounting upon our emergence from bankruptcy and became a new entity for financial reporting purposes as of June 1, 2010. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements for the Successor are not comparable to the consolidated financial statements for the Predecessor. For a discussion of fresh-start accounting, see note 3 to our unaudited interim financial statements as of September 30, 2010.
- (2) Earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$15.0 million, \$119.7 million, \$94.2 million and \$415.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively and \$427.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. On a pro forma basis, earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$390.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2009.

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The following table sets forth our capitalization as of September 30, 2010. This table should be read with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	<b>As of September 30, 2010 (unaudited) (in millions)</b>
Debt, including current maturities:	
Current maturities of long term debt	\$ 19.2
8 1/2% senior notes due 2018	450.0
Other long term debt(1)	7.8
<b>Total debt, including current maturities</b>	<b>477.0</b>
7% preferred stock	129.9
Noncontrolling interest	2.4
Total equity	542.4
<b>Total capitalization</b>	<b>\$ 1,151.7</b>

(1) Includes foreign subsidiary debt and capitalized lease obligations.



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The exchange offer is intended to satisfy certain of our obligations under the registration rights agreement. We will not receive any proceeds from the issuance of the exchange notes in the exchange offer and we have agreed to pay the expenses of the exchange offer. In exchange for each of the exchange notes, we will receive outstanding notes in like principal amount. We will retire or cancel all of the outstanding notes tendered in the exchange offer. Accordingly, issuance of the exchange notes will not result in any increase in our outstanding indebtedness or any change in our capitalization.

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**UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Our unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of operations is presented for the year ended December 31, 2009 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and apply our accounting policies to the periods presented. As used herein, Predecessor refers to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and all of our consolidated subsidiaries prior to the emergence date and Successor refers to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and all of our consolidated subsidiaries on and after the emergence date. We prepared the December 31, 2009 unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information by applying adjustments to our historical audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. We prepared our September 30, 2010 unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information by applying adjustments to our historical unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information gives effect to our plan of reorganization and fresh-start accounting as if the emergence date had occurred on January 1, 2009 for the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the nine months ended September 30, 2010. The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information should be read in conjunction with Use of Proceeds, Capitalization, Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009 and our unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes as of September 30, 2010, for the five months ended May 31, 2010 and the four months ended September 30, 2010, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information is presented for informational purposes only. The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information is not necessarily indicative of what our financial position or results of operations would have been if the effectiveness of our plan of reorganization had actually occurred on January 1, 2009, and is not necessarily indicative of our future financial position or results of operations. In addition, our historical financial statements will not be comparable to our financial statements following our emergence from bankruptcy due to the effects of the consummation of our plan of reorganization as well as adjustments for fresh-start accounting.

The following unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information adjusts historical information for the effects of:

our plan of reorganization, which includes the Reorganization Adjustments; and

the estimated adjustments required under fresh-start accounting for the entities that emerged from the bankruptcy cases (classified as Fresh-Start Adjustments in the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information).

**Reorganization Adjustments**

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information gives effect to the following Reorganization Adjustments, our plan of reorganization and the implementation of the transactions contemplated by our plan of reorganization. These adjustments give effect to the terms of our plan of reorganization and certain underlying assumptions, which include, but are not limited to, the below.

The issuance of the outstanding notes, which resulted in cash proceeds of \$450.0 million.

The issuance of 17.5 million shares of our common stock, including 8.6 million shares offered to holders of our prepetition senior subordinated notes in connection with the rights offering, 2.6 million shares to the Backstop Parties pursuant to the commitment agreement, dated March 19, 2010, or the equity commitment agreement, and 6.3 million shares to certain holders of our prepetition senior notes and prepetition senior subordinated notes. We also issued shares of our 7% preferred stock convertible into 4.3 million shares of

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our common stock pursuant to the equity commitment agreement. We received cash proceeds of \$355 million in connection with the rights offering and equity commitment agreement and also received the full and complete satisfaction, settlement and release of allowed prepetition senior note claims and allowed prepetition senior subordinated note claims for such shares. In addition, we also issued warrants to purchase 2.4 million shares of our common stock.

The repayment of \$124.6 million of liabilities under our DIP credit agreement. On the emergence date, each holder of an allowed DIP claim received, in full and complete satisfaction, settlement and release of and in exchange for such allowed claim against the debtors, an amount in cash equal to the allowed amount of such claim.

The repayment of the \$634.7 million outstanding under the credit agreement entered into in connection with the 2004 acquisition, or, including subsequent amendments thereto, our prepetition credit agreement.

The repayment of the \$104.1 million outstanding of our prepetition senior notes in cash.

A decrease in interest expense, including the amortization of debt issuance costs, resulting from a lower level of debt.

**Fresh-Start Adjustments**

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information also gives effect to the following Fresh-Start Adjustments relating to the preliminary application of fresh-start accounting pursuant to U.S. GAAP. Under fresh-start accounting, reorganization value represents the fair value of the entity before considering debt and approximates the amount a willing buyer would pay for the assets of the entity immediately after the reorganization. The Pro Forma Adjustments are based on an assumed reorganization value of \$1,025 million for (i) differences in assumed working capital as of the emergence date and actual working capital as reported at the balance sheet date and (ii) the inclusion of a deferred tax liability at nominal value.

As such, the following unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information is not intended to represent our actual post-emergence financial condition and statement of operations, and any differences could be material.

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For the nine months ended September 30, 2010

(dollars in millions except per share data)

	Historical Predecessor	Successor		Pro Forma
	Five Months Ended May 31, 2010	Four Months Ended September 30, 2010	Reorganization and Fresh-Start Pro Forma Adjustments	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010
Sales	\$ 1,009.1	\$ 801.3	\$	\$ 1,810.4
Cost of products sold	832.2	665.4	(5.3)(a)	1,492.3
Gross profit	176.9	135.9	5.3	318.1
Selling, administration & engineering expenses	92.1	91.6	3.6(b)	187.3
Amortization of intangibles	0.3	5.1	6.0(c)	11.4
Restructuring	5.9	1.2		7.1
Operating profit	78.6	38.0	(4.3)	112.3
Interest expense, net of interest income	(44.5)	(14.2)	25.3(d)	(33.4)
Equity earnings	3.6	2.5	(0.3)(e)	5.8
Reorganization items and fresh-start adjustments, net	660.0		(660.0)(f)	
Other expense	(21.2)	5.0		(16.2)
Income before income taxes	676.5	31.3	(639.3)	68.5
Provision for income tax benefit	39.9	5.4	(22.0)(g)	23.3
Net income (loss)	636.6	25.9	(617.3)	45.2
Less: Net income attributed to noncontrolling interest	(0.3)	(0.2)		(0.5)
Net income attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	\$ 636.3	\$ 25.7	\$ (617.3)	\$ 44.7
Basic net income per share attributable to common stockholders of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.				\$ 1.76(h)
Diluted net income per share attributable to common stockholders of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.				\$ 1.69(h)

See accompanying notes to the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents****UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS****For the year ended December 31, 2009****(dollars in millions except per share data)**

	<b>Historical</b>	<b>Reorganization and Fresh-Start Pro Forma Adjustments</b>	<b>Pro Forma</b>
Sales	\$ 1,945.3	\$	\$ 1,945.3
Cost of products sold	1,679.0	12.9(a)	1,691.9
Gross profit	266.3	(12.9)	253.4
Selling, administration & engineering expenses	199.5	0.2(b)	199.7
Amortization of intangibles	15.0	0.1(c)	15.1
Impairment charges	363.5	(i)	363.5
Restructuring	32.4		32.4
Operating loss	(344.1)	(13.2)	(357.3)
Interest expense, net of interest income	(64.3)	18.9(d)	(45.4)
Equity earnings	4.0	(0.8)(e)	3.2
Reorganization items, net	(17.4)	17.4(f)	
Other income	9.9	2.4(j)	12.3
Loss before income taxes	(411.9)	24.7	(387.2)
Provision for income tax benefit	(55.7)	1.0(g)	(54.7)
Net loss	(356.2)	23.7	(332.5)
Less: Net loss attributed to noncontrolling interest	0.1		0.1
Net loss attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	\$ (356.1)	\$ 23.7	\$ (332.4)
Basic net loss per share attributable to common stockholders of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.			\$ (19.41)(h)
Diluted net loss per share attributable to common stockholders of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.			\$ (19.41)(h)

See accompanying notes to the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial statements.

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(dollars in millions except per share and share data)

**1. Basis of Presentation**

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statements of operations of the Successor are presented for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and apply the Predecessor's accounting policies to the periods presented. We prepared the following unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information by applying adjustments to our historical consolidated financial statements. These adjustments give effect to our plan of reorganization and fresh-start accounting guidance pursuant to U.S. GAAP, reflecting the Successor's post-emergence balance sheet as if the emergence date had occurred on January 1, 2009 for the periods presented for the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statements of operations.

**2. Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations***Reorganization and fresh-start pro forma adjustments*

(a) Reflects the following adjustments to cost of products sold:

	Year Ended December 31, 2009	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010
Adjust inventory to fair value	\$ 7.6	\$ (8.1)(1)
Adjust depreciation expense based on preliminary application of fresh-start accounting	7.4	3.1
Eliminate net hedging losses pursuant to settlement of hedges upon emergence date	(1.6)	
Amortization of fair value of unfavorable leases	(0.5)	(0.3)
	\$ 12.9	\$ (5.3)

(1) Adjustment reflects the reversal of inventory fair value adjustment recorded in the month of June 2010.

(b) Reflects adjustments to selling, administration and engineering expenses for the following items:

	Year Ended December 31, 2009	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010
Eliminate bankruptcy related professional fees incurred in 2009 before bankruptcy filing	\$ (7.7)	\$ (0.4)
Eliminate stock compensation expense related to Predecessor equity	(1.4)	(0.2)
Record stock compensation expense related to Successor equity	9.9	4.4
Amortization of fair value of unfavorable leases	(0.6)	(0.2)
	\$ 0.2	\$ 3.6



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(dollars in millions except per share and share data)

(c) Reflects adjustments to increase the amortization of intangibles based on an application of fresh-start accounting, which results in total pro forma amortization of intangibles for the periods presented as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2009	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010
Customer contracts and relationships	\$ 13.5	\$ 10.2
Technology	1.5	1.1
Other	0.1	0.1
	\$ 15.1	\$ 11.4

(d) Adjustments reflect the elimination of interest expense and amortization of debt issuance costs on prepetition and debtor-in-possession indebtedness and the addition of the interest expense and amortization of debt issuance costs on the outstanding notes and our senior ABL facility:

	Year Ended December 31, 2009	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010
Eliminate Predecessor interest expense and amortization of debt issuance costs	\$ (64.3)	\$ (44.5)
Add new interest on the following debt:		
Interest on the outstanding notes and our senior ABL facility (including letter of credit charges)	40.5	16.7
Amortization of debt issuance costs	3.0	1.2
Interest on other debt	1.9	1.3
Net reduction in interest expense	\$ (18.9)	\$ (25.3)

A 0.125% increase or decrease in the effective interest rate used above would increase or decrease the pro forma interest expense by \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively.

(e) Reflects amortization for the fair value adjustment on the equity investment related to joint ventures.

(f) Reflects the elimination of reorganization items incurred after filing for bankruptcy in 2009.

(g) Reflects the change in estimated total income tax provision through Reorganization and Pro Forma Adjustments using expected country specific effective income tax rates. No income tax provision adjustment was made on the portion of the pre-tax adjustments attributable to operations with anticipated valuation allowances.





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(dollars in millions except per share and share data)

(h) The information used to compute, and the calculation of, basic and diluted earnings per share, after giving effect to our new equity capital structure, is set forth below:

	Year Ended December 31, 2009	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010
Income (loss) attributable to common stockholders of Cooper-Standard Holdings, Inc.	\$ (332.4)	44.7
Less dividends declared or accumulated on 7% preferred stock	(7.0)	(5.8)
Less undistributed earnings allocated to participating securities		(7.7)
 Income (loss) available to common stockholders of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	 \$ (339.4)	 \$ 31.2
 Average shares outstanding-basic	 17,489,693	 17,749,738
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Options		11,014
Common restricted stock		220,439
Preferred restricted stock		52,890
Warrants		437,680
 Average shares outstanding-diluted	 17,489,693	 18,471,761

In 2009, basic and diluted average shares outstanding were the same because the effect of potential shares of common stock was antidilutive. In addition, in 2009, no undistributed loss was allocated to participating securities based on the contractual obligations of the securities. For 2010, diluted net income per share attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. was computed using the treasury stock method as the two class method was anti-dilutive.

(i) Although fresh-start accounting will result in an adjustment to the historical cost basis of our assets, no adjustments have been made to the goodwill impairment charge of \$157.2 million, the impairment charge of \$202.4 million related to certain intangible assets and the impairment charge of \$3.9 million related to certain fixed assets.

(j) Reflects the elimination of losses on interest rate swaps recorded in 2009 to reflect the settlement of these instruments upon our emergence from bankruptcy.

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**SELECTED HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA**

The following table sets forth our selected consolidated financial data, consisting of statement of operations, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and other financial data, for each of the periods indicated. The following selected consolidated financial data has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2008 and 2009 and for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus, and from our audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007 and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, which are not included in this prospectus, all of which have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accountants. Ernst & Young LLP's report on the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009, which appears elsewhere herein, includes an explanatory paragraph which describes an uncertainty about our ability to continue as a going concern. The data should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, related notes and other financial information included herein. The following selected consolidated financial data as of September 30, 2009 and 2010 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the five months ended May 31, 2010 and the four months ended September 30, 2010 has been derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

We adopted fresh-start accounting upon our emergence from bankruptcy and became a new entity for financial reporting purposes as of June 1, 2010. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements for the Successor are not comparable to the consolidated financial statements for the Predecessor. For a discussion of fresh-start accounting, see note 3 to our unaudited interim financial statements as of September 30, 2010.

We have prepared the unaudited selected consolidated financial data as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the five months ended May 31, 2010 and the four months ended September 30, 2010 on a basis consistent with our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009, and this information includes all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring adjustments unless otherwise disclosed therein) that management considers necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position and results of operations for the periods indicated. Historical results are not necessarily indicative of future performance. Operating results for the four months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for the full fiscal year.

The following selected consolidated financial data is qualified by reference to, and should be read in conjunction with, our consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements included elsewhere in this prospectus and the information under Capitalization and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

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	Predecessor					Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009	Five Months Ended May 31, 2010	Successor Four Months Ended September 30, 2010
	2005	Year Ended December 31,			2009			
	2006	2007	2008					
<b>Statement of operations:</b>								
Sales	\$ 1,827.4	\$ 2,164.3	\$ 2,511.2	\$ 2,594.6	\$ 1,945.3	\$ 1,367.6	\$ 1,009.1	\$ 801.3
Cost of products sold	1,550.2	1,832.1	2,114.1	2,260.1	1,679.0	1,192.5	832.2	665.4
Gross profit	277.2	332.2	397.1	334.5	266.3	175.1	176.9	135.9
Selling, administration & engineering expenses	169.7	199.8	222.1	231.7	199.5	146.2	92.1	91.6
Amortization of intangibles	28.2	31.0	31.9	31.0	15.0	14.8	0.3	5.1
Impairment charges		13.2	146.4	33.4	363.5	362.7		
Restructuring	3.0	23.9	26.4	38.3	32.4	32.9	5.9	1.2
Operating profit (loss)	76.3	64.3	(29.7)	0.1	(344.1)	(381.5)	78.6	38.0
Interest expense, net of interest income	(66.6)	(87.2)	(89.5)	(92.9)	(64.3)	(53.6)	(44.5)	(14.2)
Equity earnings (losses)	2.8	0.2	2.2	0.9	4.0	1.7	3.6	2.5
Reorganization items, net					(17.4)	(5.6)	660.0	
Other income (expense)	(0.1)	7.9	(0.5)	(1.4)	9.9	13.7	(21.2)	5.0
Income (loss) before income taxes	12.4	(14.8)	(117.5)	(93.3)	(411.9)	(425.3)	676.5	31.3
Provision for income taxes (benefit)	2.4	(7.3)	32.9	29.3	(55.7)	(31.3)	39.9	5.4
Consolidated net income (loss)	10.0	(7.5)	(150.4)	(122.6)	(356.2)	(394.0)	636.6	25.9
Add: Net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests(1)	(1.2)	(0.9)	(0.6)	1.1	0.1	0.5	(0.3)	(0.2)
Net income (loss) attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	\$ 8.8	\$ (8.4)	\$ (151.0)	\$ (121.5)	\$ (356.1)	\$ (393.5)	\$ 636.3	\$ 25.7
<b>Balance sheet data (at end of period):</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 62.2	\$ 56.3	\$ 40.9	\$ 111.5	\$ 380.3	\$ 253.7		\$ 232.3
Net working capital(2)	162.9	212.1	249.8	154.5	240.8	286.9		230.9
Total assets	1,734.2	1,911.4	2,162.3	1,818.3	1,737.4	1,651.2		1,862.5
Total non-current liabilities	1,112.8	1,256.1	1,351.6	1,346.9	263.9	275.1		771.9
Total debt(3)	902.5	1,055.5	1,140.2	1,144.1	204.3	154.0		477.0
Liabilities subject to compromise					1,261.9	1,262.3		
Preferred Stock								129.9
Equity (deficit)	\$ 317.3	\$ 324.0	\$ 276.8	\$ 19.7	\$ (306.5)	\$ (341.4)		\$ 544.8
<b>Statement of cash flows data:</b>								
Net cash provided (used) by:								
Operating activities	\$ 113.0	\$ 135.9	\$ 185.4	\$ 136.5	\$ 130.0	\$ 30.2	\$ (75.4)	\$ 80.3
Investment activities	(133.0)	(281.8)	(260.0)	(73.9)	(45.5)	(25.2)	(19.1)	(23.4)
Financing activities	(7.2)	147.6	55.0	14.1	166.1	118.9	(112.6)	0.3
Capital expenditures	\$ 54.5	\$ 82.9	\$ 107.3	\$ 92.1	\$ 46.1	\$ 25.5	\$ 22.9	\$ 23.5
<b>Other financial data (unaudited):</b>								
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	1.1x						14.9x	2.7x

(1) Due to the implementation of ASC Topic 810, Consolidation, certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period financial statement presentation.

(2) Net working capital is defined as current assets (excluding cash and cash equivalents) less current liabilities (excluding debt payable within one year).

(3) Includes \$175.0 million and \$0.0 of borrowings under our DIP credit agreement, \$0.8 million and \$0.4 million in capital leases and \$28.5 million and \$26.6 million of other third-party debt as of December 31, 2009 and September 30, 2010, respectively.



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

*This management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is intended to assist in understanding and assessing the trends and significant changes in our results of operations and financial condition. Our historical results may not indicate, and should not be relied upon as an indication of, our future performance. Our forward-looking statements reflect our current views about future events, are based on assumptions and are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by these statements. See *Forward-Looking Statements* for a discussion of risks associated with reliance on forward-looking statements. Factors that may cause differences between actual results and those contemplated by forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those discussed below and elsewhere in this prospectus, particularly in *Risk Factors*. Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus.*

**Basis of Presentation**

The financial information of the Company included in this prospectus represents our consolidated financial position as of December 31, 2008 and 2009, and September 30, 2010, and our consolidated results of operations and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009, and for the five month period ended May 31, 2010 and the three-month and four-month periods ended September 30, 2010, and reflects the application of purchase accounting. On June 1, 2010, we adopted fresh-start accounting and became a new entity for financial reporting purposes. See, *Our Reorganization*.

**Company Overview**

We design, manufacture and sell body sealing, fluid handling components, systems, subsystems and modules and Anti-Vibration Systems, or AVS, for use in passenger vehicles and light trucks manufactured by global automotive original equipment manufacturers, or OEMs. In 2009, approximately 80% of our sales consisted of original equipment sold directly to OEMs for installation on new vehicles. The remaining 20% of our sales were primarily to Tier I and Tier II suppliers and non-automotive customers. Accordingly, sales of our products are directly affected by the annual vehicle production of OEMs and, in particular, the production levels of the vehicles for which we provide specific parts. Most of our products are custom designed and engineered for a specific vehicle platform. Our sales and product development personnel frequently work directly with the OEMs' engineering departments in the design and development of our various products.

Although each OEM may emphasize different requirements as the primary criteria for judging its suppliers, we believe success as an automotive supplier generally requires outstanding performance with respect to price, quality, service, performance, design and engineering capabilities, innovation and timely delivery. Importantly, we believe our continued commitment to investment in our design and engineering capability, including enhanced computerized software design capabilities, is important to our future success, and many of our present initiatives are designed to enhance these capabilities. In addition, in order to remain competitive we must also consistently achieve and sustain cost savings. In an effort to continuously reduce our cost structure, we seek to identify and implement lean initiatives, which focus on optimizing manufacturing by eliminating waste, controlling cost and enhancing productivity, and we evaluate opportunities to consolidate facilities and to relocate certain operations to lower cost countries. We believe we will continue to be successful in our efforts to improve our design and engineering capability and manufacturing processes while achieving cost savings, including through our lean initiatives.

Our OEM sales are principally generated from purchase orders issued by OEMs and as a result we have no order backlog. Once selected by an OEM to supply products for a particular platform, we typically supply those products for the life of the platform, which is normally six to eight years, although there is no guarantee that this will occur. In addition, when we are the incumbent supplier to a given platform, we believe we have a competitive advantage in winning the redesign or replacement platform.

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We provide parts to virtually every major global OEM for use on a multitude of different platforms. However, we generate a significant portion of our sales from Ford Motor Company, or Ford, GM, defined herein as General Motors Corporation combined with General Motors Company, and Chrysler, defined herein as Chrysler LLC combined with Chrysler Group LLC, or, collectively, the Detroit 3. For the year ended December 31, 2009, our sales of product on platforms produced by Ford, GM and Chrysler comprised approximately 34.8%, 15.5% and 5.5% of our sales, respectively, or 55.8% in the aggregate of our sales. Consequently, any significant reduction of our sales to, or the loss of any one of, the Detroit 3 or any significant reduction in the market shares of the Detroit 3 could have a material adverse effect on our financial results.

In the year ended December 31, 2009, approximately 47% of sales were generated in North America while approximately 53% of our sales were generated outside of North America. Because of our significant international operations, we are subject to the risks associated with doing business in other countries. Historically, our operations in Canada and Western Europe have not presented materially different risks or problems from those we have encountered in the United States, although the cost and complexity of streamlining operations in certain European countries is greater than would be the case in the United States. This is due primarily to labor laws in those countries that can make reducing employment levels more time-consuming and expensive than in the United States. We believe the risks of conducting business in less developed markets, including Brazil, China, Czech Republic, India, Korea, Mexico and Poland are sometimes greater than in the U.S., Canadian and Western European markets. This is due to the potential for currency volatility, high interest, inflation rates and the general political and economic instability that are associated with these markets.

## **Our Reorganization**

On August 3, 2009, we along with Parent and our U.S. subsidiaries, or the debtors, filed voluntary petitions for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, or the Bankruptcy Court. On August 4, 2009, our Canadian subsidiary, Cooper-Standard Automotive Canada Limited, or CSA Canada, sought relief under the Companies Creditors Arrangement Act in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, or the Canadian Court. The debtors and CSA Canada emerged from their respective insolvency proceedings on May 27, 2010, or the effective date, with approximately \$480 million of funded debt, representing a reduction of over \$650 million from prepetition levels.

As part of our emergence from chapter 11, we raised \$450 million through the issuance of our 8 1/2% senior notes due 2018, or our senior notes, and entered into our \$125 million senior ABL facility with certain agent and lending banks. In addition, we raised \$355 million through the issuance of (i) \$100 million of our 7% cumulative participating convertible preferred stock, or our 7% preferred stock, to certain creditors pursuant to a commitment agreement that provided for the backstop of our rights offering, or the Backstop Parties, and (ii) \$255 million of our common stock to the Backstop Parties and holders of our prepetition 8 3/8% senior subordinated notes due 2014, or our prepetition senior subordinated notes, pursuant to our rights offering. The Backstop Parties also received warrants to purchase 7% of our common stock (assuming the conversion of our 7% preferred stock) for their commitment to backstop the rights offering.

In connection with our emergence from chapter 11, amounts outstanding under our \$175 million debtor-in-possession financing facility and \$639.6 million of claims under our prepetition credit facility were paid in full in cash. Holders of our prepetition 7% senior notes due 2012, or our prepetition senior notes, were also paid in full in cash, except that the Backstop Parties received a distribution of our common stock in lieu of the cash payment for certain of their prepetition senior note claims. Holders of our prepetition senior subordinated notes were issued 8% of our outstanding common stock and warrants to purchase, in the aggregate, 3% of our outstanding common stock (in each case, assuming the conversion of our 7% preferred stock). In addition, our obligations under both our prepetition senior notes and our prepetition senior subordinated notes were cancelled. See [Liquidity and Capital Resources After Emergence from Bankruptcy Proceedings](#) and [Description of Certain Other Indebtedness and Preferred Stock](#) for a more detailed description of our senior ABL facility and 7% preferred stock and [Our Reorganization](#) for a more detailed description of our reorganization.

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In connection with our emergence from bankruptcy, we implemented fresh-start accounting. As required by fresh-start accounting, assets and liabilities were recorded at fair value, based on values determined in connection with the implementation of our plan of reorganization. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements for the reporting entity subsequent to emergence from bankruptcy, or the Successor, are not comparable to the consolidated financial statements for the reporting entity prior to emergence from bankruptcy, or the Predecessor. For a discussion of fresh-start accounting, see note 3 to our unaudited interim financial statements as of September 30, 2010.

## **Business Environment and Outlook**

Our business is directly affected by the automotive build rates in North America and Europe. It is also becoming increasingly impacted by build rates in Brazil and Asia Pacific. New vehicle demand is driven by macro-economic and other factors, such as interest rates, manufacturer and dealer sales incentives, fuel prices, consumer confidence, employment levels, income growth trends, government incentives such as cash for clunkers and tax incentives. The severe global financial crisis that started in the second half of 2008 reduced vehicle demand overall with the low point occurring in 2009 with 8.6 million units in North America and 16.3 million units in Europe. IHS Automotive's (formerly CSM Worldwide) September 2010 expected annualized light vehicle production volumes for 2010 are 11.8 million units in North America, while Europe's volumes are expected to be 18.0 million units.

According to IHS Automotive, actual North American light vehicle production volumes for the three months ended September 30, 2010 were 3.0 million compared to 2.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009, an increase of approximately 25.3%, and European light vehicle production volumes for the three months ended September 30, 2010 were 4.0 million compared to 4.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009, a decrease of approximately 2.7%. According to IHS Automotive, actual North American light vehicle production volumes for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were 8.9 million compared to 5.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, an increase of approximately 53.4%, and European light vehicle production volumes for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were 13.7 million compared to 11.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, an increase of approximately 16.3%. According to IHS Automotive, North America and Europe light vehicle production volumes in the fourth quarter of 2010 is estimated at 2.8 million and 4.3 million units, respectively, which is a 0.1 million unit increase for North America and a 0.2 million unit decrease for Europe.

Competition in the automotive supplier industry is intense and has increased in recent years as OEMs have demonstrated a preference for stronger relationships with fewer suppliers. There are typically three or more significant competitors and numerous smaller competitors for most of the products we produce. Globalization and the importance to service customers around the world will continue to shape the success of suppliers going forward.

OEMs have shifted some research and development, design and testing responsibility to suppliers, while at the same time shortening new product cycle times. To remain competitive, suppliers must have state-of-the-art engineering and design capabilities and must be able to continuously improve their engineering, design and manufacturing processes to effectively service the customer. Suppliers are increasingly expected to collaborate on, or assume the product design and development of, key automotive components and to provide innovative solutions to meet evolving technologies aimed at improved emissions and fuel economy.

Pricing pressure has continued as competition for market share has reduced the overall profitability of the industry and resulted in continued pressure on suppliers for price concessions. Consolidations and market share shifts among vehicle manufacturers continues to put additional pressures on the supply chain. These pricing and market pressures, along with the reduced production volumes, will continue to drive our focus on reducing our overall cost structure through lean initiatives, capital redeployment, restructuring and other cost management processes.



**Table of Contents****Results of Operations for the Three and Nine Month Periods Ended September 30, 2010****Results of Operations**

(in thousands, except per share data)

	<b>Predecessor Three Months Ended September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2010</b>
Sales	\$ 517,842	\$ 585,650
Cost of products sold	435,775	483,559
Gross profit	82,067	102,091
Selling, administration & engineering expenses	52,658	68,584
Amortization of intangibles	194	3,842
Restructuring	4,378	818
Operating profit	24,837	28,847
Interest expense, net of interest income	(11,914)	(10,664)
Equity earnings	1,228	1,815
Reorganization items, net	(5,642)	
Other income, net	5,930	5,454
Income before income taxes	14,439	25,452
Provision for income tax expense	3,773	4,443
Consolidated net income	10,666	21,009
Add: Net (income) loss attributed to noncontrolling interests	181	(176)
Net income attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	\$ 10,847	\$ 20,833
Net income available to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. common stockholders	N/A	\$ 15,116
Basic net income per share attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	N/A	\$ 0.86
Diluted net income per share attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	N/A	\$ 0.83

	<b>Predecessor Five Months Ended September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Successor Four Months Ended September 30, 2010</b>
Sales	\$ 1,367,656	\$ 1,009,128
Cost of products sold	1,192,470	832,201
Gross profit	175,186	176,927
Selling, administration & engineering expenses	146,233	92,166
Amortization of intangibles	14,783	319
Impairment charges	362,699	
Restructuring	32,871	5,893
Operating profit (loss)	(381,400)	78,549
Interest expense, net of interest income	(53,632)	(44,505)

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Equity earnings	1,701	3,613		2,549
Reorganization items and fresh-start accounting adjustments, net	(5,642)	660,048		
Other income (expense), net	13,679	(21,156)		5,024
<b>Income (loss) before income taxes</b>	<b>(425,294)</b>	<b>676,549</b>		<b>31,301</b>
Provision (benefit) for income tax expense	(31,339)	39,940		5,352
<b>Consolidated net income (loss)</b>	<b>(393,955)</b>	<b>636,609</b>		<b>25,949</b>
Add: Net (income) loss attributed to noncontrolling interests	496	(322)		(186)
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.</b>	<b>\$ (393,459)</b>	<b>\$ 636,287</b>		<b>\$ 25,763</b>
Net income available to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. common stockholders	N/A	N/A	\$	18,328
<b>Basic net income per share attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1.05</b>
Diluted net income per share attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	N/A	N/A	\$	1.00

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### ***Three months ended September 30, 2010 compared with three months ended September 30, 2009***

**Sales.** Our sales increased to \$585.7 million in the third quarter of 2010 from \$517.8 million in the third quarter of 2009, an increase of \$67.9 million, or 13.1%. The improvement is a result of a significant increase in volumes primarily in North America and Asia Pacific partially offset by a decline in certain regions of Europe. The increased volume was partially offset by foreign currency exchange, which had a net unfavorable impact on sales of \$10.5 million.

**Gross profit.** Gross profit increased \$20.0 million from \$82.1 million in the third quarter of 2009 to \$102.1 million in the third quarter of 2010. As a percentage of sales, gross profit increased to 17.4% of sales in the third quarter of 2010 as compared to 15.8% of sales in the third quarter of 2009. The improved gross profit and gross profit margin is a result of the increase in volumes in most of the regions and our lean savings, partially offset by the restoration of certain employee pay and benefits and slightly higher raw material costs.

**Selling, administration and engineering.** Selling, administration and engineering expenses increased \$15.9 million to \$68.6 million in the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$52.7 million in the third quarter of 2009, primarily due to the restoration of certain employee pay and benefits.

**Restructuring.** Restructuring charges decreased \$3.6 million to \$0.8 million in the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$4.4 million in the third quarter of 2009, primarily due to timing of restructuring initiatives in 2010.

**Interest expense, net.** Interest expense of \$10.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 is primarily interest on our senior notes. Interest expense of \$11.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 includes interest on some of our prepetition debt obligations and debtor-in-possession financing, which were no longer outstanding upon our emergence from bankruptcy. During 2009, we ceased recording interest expense on certain prepetition debt obligations.

**Other income.** Other income of \$5.5 million in the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$5.9 million in the same period in 2009 was primarily attributable to foreign currency gains.

**Provision for income tax expense (benefit).** For the three months ended September 30, 2010, we recorded income tax provision of \$4.4 million on earnings before income taxes of \$25.5 million. This compares to an income tax provision of \$3.8 million on income before income taxes of \$14.4 million for the same period of 2009. Income tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2010 differs from statutory rates due to the impact of deferred taxes recorded on income taxes on foreign earnings, the inability to record a tax benefit for pre-tax losses in the United States and certain foreign jurisdictions to the extent not offset by other categories of income, tax credits, income tax incentives, withholding taxes and other permanent items. Further, our current and future provision for income taxes will be significantly impacted by the recognition of valuation allowances in certain countries, particularly the United States. We intend to maintain these allowances until it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will be realized. Accordingly, income taxes are impacted by the U.S. valuation allowance and the mix of earnings among jurisdictions.

### ***Four months ended September 30, 2010, five months ended May 31, 2010 and nine months ended September 30, 2009***

Due to our adoption of fresh-start reporting on May 31, 2010, the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations included in our unaudited interim financial statements as of September 30, 2010 include the year-to-date results of operations for the five months ended May 31, 2010 of the Predecessor and the four months ended September 30, 2010 of the Successor.

For the period ended May 31, 2010, we recognized a gain of approximately \$660.0 million for reorganization items as a result of the bankruptcy proceedings and the effects of fresh-start accounting. This gain reflects the cancellation of our prepetition equity, debt and certain of our other obligations, partially offset by the recognition of certain of our new equity and debt obligations, as well as professional fees incurred as a direct result of the bankruptcy proceedings.

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In addition, we recognized charges of approximately \$9.9 million in the four months ended September 30, 2010 as a result of the bankruptcy proceedings and the adoption of fresh-start accounting. The majority of these charges related to the inventory fair value adjustment of approximately \$8.1 million, which was recognized in cost of sales in the four months ended September 30, 2010 as the inventory was sold.

*Sales.* Sales for the four months ended September 30, 2010 were \$801.3 million. Sales were favorably impacted by a significant increase in volume, partially offset by unfavorable foreign exchange of \$18.0 million. Sales were \$1,009.1 million for the five months ended May 31, 2010. Sales were favorably impacted by a significant increase in volume and favorable foreign exchange of \$52.5 million. Sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 were \$1,367.7 million.

*Gross profit.* Gross profit for the four months ended September 30, 2010 and the five months ended May 31, 2010 were \$135.9 million and \$176.9 million, respectively. Gross profit as a percentage of sales was 17.0% for the four months ended September 30, 2010 and 17.5% for the five months ended May 31, 2010. Gross profit and gross profit margin for these two periods were favorably impacted by a significant increase in volumes in most regions and our lean savings, partially offset by the restoration of certain employee pay and benefits and slightly higher raw material costs. The four months ended September 30, 2010 was also impacted by the liquidation of the fair value adjustment to inventory of \$8.1 million, which was recognized in cost of sales as the inventory was sold. Gross profit and gross profit as a percentage of sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 were \$175.2 million and 12.8%, respectively.

*Selling, administration and engineering.* Selling, administration and engineering expenses for the four months ended September 30, 2010 were \$91.6 million and \$92.2 million for the five months ended May 31, 2010. Both periods were primarily impacted by the restoration of certain employee pay and benefits. Selling, administration and engineering expenses were \$146.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

*Impairment charges.* In the second quarter of 2009, we recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$157.2 million. In addition, impairment charges of \$202.5 million related to certain intangible assets and impairment charges of \$3.0 million related to certain fixed assets were recorded. During the second quarter of 2009, several events occurred that indicated potential impairment of our goodwill. Such events included: a) the chapter 11 bankruptcy of two of our main customers, Chrysler LLC and General Motors, and unplanned plant shut-downs; b) continued product volume risk and negative product mix changes; c) our commencement of negotiations with our sponsors, senior secured lenders, and bondholders to recapitalize our long term debt and equity; d) our recognition as the second quarter progressed that there was an increasing likelihood that we would breach our financial covenants under our prepetition credit agreement; and e) our decision to defer our June 15, 2009 interest payment on our prepetition notes pending the outcome of our quarterly financial results, an analysis of whether we would meet our financial covenants for the past quarter and negotiations with our various constituencies. As a result of the combination of the above factors, we significantly reduced our second quarter projections.

*Restructuring.* Restructuring charges were \$1.2 million for the four months ended September 30, 2010, \$5.9 million for the five months ended May 31, 2010, primarily representing the continuation of previously announced actions, and \$32.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. The nine months ended September 30, 2009 was affected by the final phase of the discontinuation of our global product line operating divisions that was initiated in the first quarter of 2009. Restructuring charges of \$21.3 million of this phase were recognized for the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

*Interest expense, net.* Interest expense for the four months ended September 30, 2010 consisted primarily of interest on our senior notes. Interest expense for the five months ended May 31, 2010 includes \$28.0 million of interest from the period August 3, 2009 through May 27, 2010 and interest on the DIP facility. The interest on the prepetition debt obligations was recorded when our plan of reorganization was approved by the claimholders. Interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 includes interest on all of our prepetition debt obligations and debtor-in-possession financing.

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*Reorganization items and fresh-start accounting adjustments, net.* In the five months ended May 31, 2010, we recognized a gain of \$520.1 million for reorganization items as a result of the bankruptcy proceedings. This gain reflects the cancellation of our prepetition equity, debt and certain of our other obligations, partially offset by the recognition of certain of our new equity and debt obligations, as well as professional fees incurred as a direct result of the bankruptcy proceedings. In addition, we recognized a gain of \$139.9 million related to the valuation of our net assets upon emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings pursuant to the provisions of fresh-start accounting.

*Other income (expense).* Other income for the four months ended September 30, 2010 was \$5.0 million, which consisted primarily of foreign currency gains. Other expense of \$21.2 million for the five months ended May 31, 2010, consisted primarily of foreign currency losses. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, other income consisted of a gain of \$9.1 million on the repurchase of debt, \$7.8 million of foreign currency gains and \$3.3 million of losses on interest rate swaps and sale of receivables.

*Provision for income tax expense (benefit).* For the five months ended May 31, 2010 and the four months ended September 30, 2010, we recorded income tax provisions of \$39.9 million and \$5.4 million on earnings before income taxes of \$676.6 million and \$31.3 million, respectively. This compares to an income tax benefit of \$(31.3) million on losses before income taxes of \$(425.3) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. Income tax expense for the five months ended May 31, 2010 and the four months ended September 30, 2010 differ from statutory rates due to the impact of deferred taxes recorded on fresh-start adjustments, income taxes on foreign earnings, the inability to record a tax benefit for pre-tax losses in the United States and certain foreign jurisdictions to the extent not offset by other categories of income, tax credits, income tax incentives, withholding taxes and other permanent items. Further, our current and future provision for income taxes will be significantly impacted by the recognition of valuation allowances in certain countries, particularly the United States. We intend to maintain these allowances until it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will be realized. Accordingly, income taxes are impacted by the U.S. valuation allowance and the mix of earnings among jurisdictions.

**Results of Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2009**

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2007	2008 (in thousands)	2009
Sales	\$ 2,511,153	\$ 2,594,577	\$ 1,945,259
Cost of products sold	2,114,039	2,260,063	1,678,953
Gross profit	397,114	334,514	266,306
Selling, administration & engineering expenses	222,134	231,709	199,552
Amortization of intangibles	31,850	30,996	14,976
Impairment charges	146,366	33,369	363,496
Restructuring	26,386	38,300	32,411
Operating profit (loss)	(29,622)	140	(344,129)
Interest expense, net of interest income	(89,577)	(92,894)	(64,333)
Equity earnings	2,207	897	4,036
Reorganization items, net			(17,367)
Other income (expense), net	(468)	(1,368)	9,919
Loss before income taxes	(117,460)	(93,225)	(411,874)
Provision (benefit) for income tax expense	32,946	29,295	(55,686)
Consolidated net loss	(150,406)	(122,520)	(356,188)
Add: Net (income) loss attributed to noncontrolling interests	(587)	1,069	126
Net loss attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	\$ (150,993)	\$ (121,451)	\$ (356,062)

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### ***Year ended December 31, 2009 compared to year ended December 31, 2008***

**Sales.** Our sales decreased from \$2,594.6 million in 2008 to \$1,945.3 million in 2009, a decrease of \$649.3 million, or 25.0%. The decrease resulted primarily from lower unit sales volume in both our North America (primarily the United States and Canada) and International (primarily Europe) segments. In addition, foreign currency exchange had a net unfavorable impact on sales of \$110.8 million due to the relative strength of the dollar against other currencies (most notably the euro). Customer price concessions also contributed to our decrease in sales.

**Gross profit.** Gross profit decreased \$68.2 million from \$334.5 million in 2008 to \$266.3 million in 2009. As a percentage of sales, gross profit increased to 13.7% of sales in 2009 as compared to 12.9% of sales in 2008. The decrease in gross profit resulted primarily from reduced North America and Europe volume and unfavorable product mix. The increase in gross profit margin is primarily the result of the favorable impact of management actions and various cost saving initiatives, partially offset by the lower volume.

**Selling, administration and engineering.** Selling, administration and engineering expenses decreased \$32.2 million to \$199.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to \$231.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. This decrease is due primarily to the favorable impact of various cost saving initiatives and management actions.

**Operating profit (loss).** Operating loss in 2009 was \$344.1 million compared to an operating profit of \$0.1 million in 2008. This decrease is primarily due to the impairment charges of \$363.5 million in 2009 compared to \$33.4 million in 2008, reduced volumes and unfavorable foreign exchange, partially offset by the favorable impact of management actions and various cost saving initiatives.

**Impairment charges.** In 2009, we recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$157.2 million and impairment charges of \$202.4 million related to certain intangible assets and \$3.8 million related to certain fixed assets within our North America and International segments. During the second quarter of 2009, several events occurred that indicated potential impairment of our goodwill, other intangible assets and certain fixed assets. Such events included: (a) the chapter 11 bankruptcy of both Chrysler and GM and unplanned plant shut-downs by both Chrysler and GM; (b) continued product volume risk and negative product mix changes; (c) the commencement of negotiations with our pre-reorganization affiliate shareholders, senior secured lenders and bondholders to recapitalize our long term debt and equity; (d) our recognition as the second quarter progressed that there was an increasing likelihood that we would breach our financial covenants under the prepetition credit agreement; (e) our decision to defer the June 15, 2009 interest payment on our prepetition senior notes and our prepetition senior subordinated notes pending the outcome of our quarterly financial results; (f) an analysis of whether we would meet our financial covenants for the past quarter; and (g) negotiations with our various constituencies. As a result of the combination of the above factors, we significantly reduced our second quarter projections.

In 2008, we recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$23.1 million in our International segment. This charge resulted from the weakening global economy, the global decline in vehicle production volumes and changes in product mix. Also, in 2008 we recorded intangible impairment charges of \$3.9 million related to certain technology in our North America segment. Based on a discounted cash flow analysis it was determined that the historical cost of these intangible assets exceeded their fair value and impairment charges were recorded. Also, in 2008 we recorded fixed asset impairment charges of \$6.4 million in our North America and International segments.

**Interest expense, net.** The decrease in interest expense of \$28.6 million in 2009 resulted primarily from the cessation of recording interest expense on our debt obligations that are in default, decreased interest rates and decreased term loan balances.

**Other income (expense).** Other income was \$9.9 million in 2009 as a result of foreign currency gains of \$4.5 million and gains on debt repurchases of \$9.1 million, partially offset by the loss on the sale of receivables of

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\$1.2 million and losses on interest rate swaps of \$2.4 million. Other expense of \$1.4 million in 2008 was primarily a result of foreign currency losses of \$0.9 million and a loss on the sale of receivables of \$2.2 million, partially offset by gains on debt repurchases of \$1.7 million.

*Provision for income tax expense (benefit).* Income taxes in 2008 included an expense of \$29.3 million for an effective tax rate of 31.4% as compared to an income tax benefit of \$55.7 million for an effective tax benefit rate of 13.5% in 2009. The effective tax benefit rate in 2009 differs from the statutory tax rate primarily as a result of the nondeductible nature of the goodwill impairment charge, the valuation allowances recorded on tax losses and credits generated in the United States and certain foreign jurisdictions, the benefit related to the settlement of a bi-lateral advanced pricing agreement, the distribution of income between the United States and foreign sources and other non-recurring discrete items.

***Year ended December 31, 2008 compared to year ended December 31, 2007***

*Sales.* Our sales increased from \$2,511.2 million in 2007 to \$2,594.6 million in 2008, an increase of \$83.4 million, or 3.3%. The increase resulted primarily from the full twelve months impact of the acquisitions of nine Metzeler Automotive Profile Systems sealing systems operations in Germany, Italy, Poland, Belarus and Belgium and a joint venture interest in China, or collectively, MAPS, and a related acquisition of a joint venture interest in India, or MAP India, and the El Jarudo fuel rail manufacturing business of Automotive Components Holdings, LLC, or El Jarudo, and favorable foreign exchange rates of \$70.6 million, partially offset by lower volume. In our North America segment, our sales decreased by \$282.0 million primarily due to lower unit sales volume, partially offset by \$6.0 million of favorable foreign currency translation. In our International segment, sales increased by \$365.4 million primarily due to a combination of factors including the acquisition of MAPS and MAP India, a \$64.6 million favorable impact from foreign currency translation and higher unit sales volumes, partially offset by customer price concessions.

*Gross profit.* Gross profit decreased \$62.6 million from \$397.1 million in 2007 to \$334.5 million in 2008. As a percentage of sales, gross profit decreased to 12.9% of sales in 2008 as compared to 15.8% of sales in 2007. This decrease resulted primarily from reduced North America volume and unfavorable product mix.

*Operating profit (loss).* Operating profit in 2008 was \$0.1 million compared to an operating loss reported in 2007 of \$29.6 million. This increase is primarily due to the impairment charges of \$146.4 million in 2007 compared to \$33.4 million in 2008, partially offset by reduced volumes, increased material costs and unfavorable foreign exchange.

*Impairment charges.* In 2008, we recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$23.1 million in our International segment. This charge resulted from the weakening global economy, the global decline in vehicle production volumes and changes in product mix. Also, in 2008 we recorded intangible impairment charges of \$3.9 million related to certain technology in our North America segment. Based on a discounted cash flow analysis it was determined that the historical cost of these intangible assets exceeded their fair value and impairment charges were recorded. Also, in 2008 we recorded fixed asset impairment charges of \$6.4 million in our North America and International segments.

In 2007 we recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$142.9 million and a \$3.5 million charge related to the impairment of certain intangible assets within our North America segment. These charges resulted from projected declines in anticipated production volumes and a change in the production mix for certain key platforms in North America since our 2004 acquisition as well as the impact of increases in material costs and customer price concessions in North America.

*Interest expense, net.* Interest expense increased by \$3.3 million in 2008 primarily due to increased indebtedness resulting from the acquisition of MAPS and increased short-term borrowings.

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*Other expense.* Other expense of \$1.4 million in 2008 was primarily a result of foreign currency losses of \$0.9 million and a loss on the sale of receivables of \$2.2 million, partially offset by gains on debt repurchases of \$1.7 million. Other expense of \$0.5 million in 2007 was primarily a result of foreign currency losses.

*Provision for income tax expense (benefit).* Income taxes in 2007 included an expense of \$32.9 million for an effective tax rate of 28.0% as compared to income tax expense of \$29.3 million for an effective tax rate of 31.4% in 2008. The effective tax rate in 2008 differs from the statutory tax rate primarily as a result of the nondeductible nature of the goodwill impairment charge, the valuation allowances recorded on tax losses and credits generated in the United States and certain foreign jurisdictions, the write-off of deferred tax assets in the United Kingdom, the distribution of income between the United States and foreign sources and other non-recurring discrete items. The effective tax rate in 2007 differs from the statutory tax rate primarily as a result of the nondeductible nature of the goodwill impairment charge, the valuation allowances recorded on tax losses and credits generated in the United States, the tax rate changes enacted during 2007 in the Czech Republic, Canada, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom resulting in additional expense related to the impact of deferred taxes recorded in those jurisdictions, the distribution of income between the United States and foreign sources and other non-recurring discrete items.

## **Segment Operating Results**

Through March 31, 2009, we reported our operating results in three business segments: Body & Chassis Systems, Fluid Systems and Asia Pacific. The Body & Chassis segment consisted mainly of body sealing products and components that protect vehicle interiors from weather, dust, and noise intrusion as well as systems and components that control and isolate noise vibration in a vehicle to improve ride and handling. The Fluid Systems segment consisted primarily of subsystems and components that direct, control, measure, and transport fluids and vapors throughout a vehicle. The Asia Pacific segment consisted of both Body & Chassis Systems and Fluid Systems operations in that region with the exception of our interest in a joint venture in China which was acquired as part of the MAPS acquisition, and the MAP India joint venture. These joint ventures were included in the Body & Chassis Systems segment, which was in line with the internal management structure at the time.

On March 26, 2009, we announced the implementation of a plan involving the discontinuation of its global Body & Chassis Systems and Fluid Systems segments and the establishment of a new operating structure organized on the basis of geographic regions. Under the plan, our operating structure as well as our reporting segments changed. As a result, we revised our segment disclosures beginning with the second quarter of 2009 from three reportable segments to the following two reportable segments, North America and International (comprising all of our operations outside of North America). Prior periods have been recast to conform to the current period presentation.



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We evaluate segment performance based on segment profit before tax. The following table details information on our business segments:

	<b>Predecessor Three Months Ended September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2010</b>
(in thousands)		
<b>Sales</b>		
North America	\$ 251,700	\$ 316,585
International	266,142	269,065
	\$ 517,842	\$ 585,650
<b>Segment profit (loss)</b>		
North America	\$ 20,036	\$ 29,122
International	(5,597)	(3,670)
	\$ 14,439	\$ 25,452

	<b>Predecessor Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009</b>	<b>Successor Five Months Ended May 31, 2010</b>	<b>Successor Four Months Ended September 30, 2010</b>
<b>Sales</b>			
North America	\$ 632,234	\$ 508,738	\$ 432,981
International	735,422	500,390	368,311
	\$ 1,367,656	\$ 1,009,128	\$ 801,292
<b>Segment profit (loss)</b>			
North America	\$ (259,702)	\$ 590,121	\$ 37,255
International	(165,592)	86,428	(5,954)
	\$ (425,294)	\$ 676,549	\$ 31,301

**Three months ended September 30, 2010 compared with three months ended September 30, 2009**

*North America.* Sales increased \$64.9 million, or 25.8%, primarily due to stronger sales production volume and favorable foreign exchange of \$4.1 million. Segment profit for the third quarter of 2010 increased by \$9.1 million compared to the third quarter of 2009. Segment profit also increased due to volume and the favorable impact of our lean savings, partially offset by the restoration of certain employee pay and benefits and slightly higher raw material costs.

*International.* Sales increased \$2.9 million, or 1.1%, primarily due to an increase in sales volume offset by unfavorable foreign exchange of \$14.6 million. Segment loss for the third quarter of 2010 improved by \$1.9 million compared to the third quarter of 2009. Segment loss also improved due to the increase in volumes and the favorable impact of our lean savings. Segment loss was negatively impacted by the restoration of certain employee pay and benefits and slightly higher raw material costs.

**Four months ended September 30, 2010, five months ended May 31, 2010 and nine months ended September 30, 2009**

*North America.* Sales for the four months ended September 30, 2010 were \$433.0 million. Sales were favorably impacted by a significant increase in volume and favorable foreign exchange of \$6.3 million. Sales for the five months ended May 31, 2010 were \$508.7 million. Sales were favorably impacted by a significant increase in volume and favorable foreign exchange of \$19.3 million. Sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 were \$632.2 million. Segment profit for the four months ended September 30, 2010 was \$37.3 million, which



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was favorably impacted by the improved volumes and our lean savings, partially offset by the restoration of certain employee pay and benefits and slightly higher raw material costs. Segment profit for the five months ended May 31, 2010 was \$590.1 million. As a result of the reorganization and fresh-start accounting adjustments, a gain of \$565.1 million was recognized in the North America segment. Segment profit also increased due to improved volumes and the favorable impact of our lean savings, partially offset by the restoration of certain employee pay and benefits, slightly higher raw material costs and recognition of interest on certain prepetition debt obligations for the period of August 3, 2009 through May 27, 2010, which was recorded when our plan of reorganization was approved by the claimholders. Segment loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was \$259.7 million, which included impairment charges of \$242.2 million for goodwill, intangibles and fixed assets.

*International.* Sales for the four months ended September 30, 2010 were \$368.3 million. Sales were favorably impacted by a significant increase in volume partially offset by unfavorable foreign exchange of \$24.3 million. Sales for the five months ended May 31, 2010 were \$500.4 million. Sales were favorably impacted by a significant increase in volume and favorable foreign exchange of \$33.2 million. Sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 were \$735.4 million. Segment loss for the four months ended September 30, 2010 was \$6.0 million, which was negatively impacted by higher raw material costs, restoration of certain employee pay and benefits and unfavorable foreign exchange partially offset by the improved volumes and our lean savings. Segment profit for the five months ended May 31, 2010 was \$86.4 million. As a result of the reorganization and fresh-start accounting adjustments, a gain of \$94.9 million was recognized in the International segment. Segment profit also increased due to improved volumes and the favorable impact of our lean savings, partially offset by the restoration of certain employee pay and benefits and slightly higher raw material costs. Segment loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was \$165.6 million, which included impairment charges of \$120.5 million for goodwill, intangibles and fixed assets.

**Segment Results of Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2009**

During 2007, we began reporting our operating results in the following three business segments: Body & Chassis Systems, Fluid Systems and Asia Pacific. The Body & Chassis Systems segment consisted mainly of body sealing products and components that protect vehicle interiors from weather, dust and noise intrusion as well as systems and components that control and isolate noise vibration in a vehicle to improve ride and handling. The Fluid Systems segment consisted primarily of subsystems and components that direct, control, measure and transport fluids and vapors throughout a vehicle. The Asia Pacific segment consisted of both Body & Chassis Systems and Fluid Systems operations in that region with the exception of our interest in a joint venture in China, which was acquired as part of the MAPS acquisition, and the MAP India joint venture. These joint ventures were included in the Body & Chassis Systems segment, which was in line with the internal management structure at the time. We continued to report our operating results in three business segments for all of 2008 and the first quarter of 2009.

On March 26, 2009, we announced the implementation of a plan involving the discontinuation of our Body & Chassis Systems and Fluid Systems segments and the establishment of a new operating structure organized on the basis of geographic regions. Under the plan, our operating structure as well as our reporting segments changed. As a result, we revised our segment disclosure beginning with the second quarter of 2009 from three reportable segments to the following two reportable segments, North America and International (comprising all of our operations outside of North America). Prior periods presented in this prospectus have been recast to conform to the current period presentation.

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The following table presents sales and segment loss for each of our reportable segments for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2007	2008	2009
	(in thousands)		
<b>Sales</b>			
North America	\$ 1,526,458	\$ 1,244,423	\$ 910,306
International	984,695	1,350,154	1,034,953
	\$ 2,511,153	\$ 2,594,577	\$ 1,945,259
<b>Segment loss</b>			
North America	\$ (86,723)	\$ (36,662)	\$ (246,015)
International	(30,737)	(56,563)	(165,859)
	\$ (117,460)	\$ (93,225)	\$ (411,874)

**Year ended December 31, 2009 compared to year ended December 31, 2008**

*North America.* Sales decreased \$334.1 million, or 26.8%, primarily due to lower sales volume of \$302.4 million and unfavorable foreign exchange of \$23.4 million. Segment loss increased by \$209.4 million primarily due to the increased impairment charges of goodwill, intangibles and fixed assets of \$234.9 million, lower sales volume and unfavorable foreign exchange, partially offset by the favorable impact of management actions and various cost saving initiatives.

*International.* Sales decreased \$315.2 million, or 23.3%, primarily due to lower sales volume of \$225.6 million and unfavorable foreign exchange \$87.4 million. Segment loss increased by \$109.3 million primarily due to the increased impairment charges of goodwill, intangibles and fixed assets of \$95.2 million, lower sales volume and unfavorable foreign exchange, partially offset by the favorable impact of management actions and various cost saving initiatives.

**Year ended December 31, 2008 compared to year ended December 31, 2007**

*North America.* Sales decreased \$282.0 million, or 18.5%, primarily due to lower sales volume, partially offset by favorable foreign exchange of \$6.0 million. Segment loss decreased by \$50.1 million as the result of a decrease of \$138.5 million in impairment charges, offset by lower sales volumes and higher raw material costs in 2008.

*International.* Sales increased \$365.5 million, or 37.1%, primarily due to the MAPS and MAP India acquisitions, favorable foreign exchange of \$64.6 million, partially offset by lower sales volume. Segment loss increased by \$25.8 million as the result of lower sales volume, unfavorable foreign exchange, impairment charges of \$25.5 million and higher raw material costs, partially offset by the acquisitions.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As a part of our working capital management, we sell certain foreign receivables through third party financial institutions without recourse. The amount sold varies each month based on the amount of our underlying receivables and cash flow needs.

As of December 31, 2009 and September 30, 2010, we had \$39.7 million and \$39.0 million, respectively of receivables outstanding under receivables transfer agreements entered into by various foreign locations. For the four months ended September 30, 2010 and five months ended May 31, 2010, total accounts receivables factored was \$31.5 million and \$40.6 million, respectively. We incurred losses on the sale of the receivables of \$0.9 million in 2009, \$0.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010, \$0.4 million for the five months ended May 31, 2010 and \$0.3 million for the four months ended September 30, 2010, which are recorded in other

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income (expense) in our consolidated statements of operations. We are continuing to service receivables for one of the locations. These are permitted transactions under our credit agreement. We are also pursuing similar arrangements in various locations.

In addition, during the second quarter of 2009, we elected to participate in the Auto Supplier Support Program sponsored by the U.S. Treasury Department. The Auto Supplier Support Program is designed to provide eligible suppliers with access to government-backed protection on those Chrysler and GM U.S. dollar receivables that are accepted into the program. In applying for the program, we selected the program option that provides government-backed protection on collection of the receivables and expedited payment terms, for which a charge of 3% of the accepted receivables is applicable. We have been designated by both Chrysler and GM as an eligible supplier. During the year ended December 31, 2009, we received payments of \$8.9 million and incurred charges of \$0.3 million which was recorded in other income (expense) in our consolidated statements of operations.

As of December 31, 2009 and September 30, 2010, we had no other material off-balance sheet arrangements.

At December 31, 2008, we had \$43.5 million of receivables outstanding under receivable transfer agreements entered into by various foreign locations. We incurred losses on the sale of the receivables for the year ended December 31, 2008 of \$2.2 million, which was recorded in other income (expense) in our consolidated statements of operations.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources Prior to Emergence from Bankruptcy Proceedings*****Short and long-term liquidity considerations and risks***

During the pendency of the chapter 11 cases and the Canadian proceedings, our primary sources of liquidity were cash flows from operations and borrowings made under our DIP credit agreement. In addition to the cash requirements necessary to fund ongoing operations, we incurred significant professional fees and other costs in connection with the chapter 11 cases and the Canadian proceedings.

***Cash flows***

The following table summarizes our operating, investing and financing activities for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009, the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the five months ended May 31, 2010 and the four months ended September 30, 2010.

	Predecessor			Successor	
	For the Year Ended December 31,	For the Year Ended December 31,	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	For the Five Months Ended May 31,	For the Four Months Ended September 30,
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010
	(in millions)				
Net cash provided (used) by:					
Operating activities	\$ 185.4	\$ 136.5	\$ 130.0	\$ 30.2	\$ 80.3
Investing activities	(260.0)	(73.9)	(45.5)	(25.2)	(23.4)
Financing activities	\$ 55.0	\$ 14.1	\$ 166.1	\$ (112.6)	\$ 0.3
<b><i>Operating activities</i></b>					

Cash flows provided by operations were \$80.3 million for the four months ended September 30, 2010, which includes \$17.0 million of cash provided by changes in operating assets and liabilities. Cash flows used in operations were \$75.4 million for the five months ended May 31, 2010, which were a result of an increase in our working capital requirements due to the significant increase in volumes and \$37.2 million of interest payments on our prepetition debt obligations and DIP facility. Cash flows provided by operations were \$30.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, which included \$28.8 million of changes in operating assets and liabilities.

Cash flow provided by operations was \$130.0 million in 2009, which included \$25.9 million of changes in operating assets and liabilities. Cash flow provided by operations was \$136.5 million in 2008, which included \$59.3 million of changes in operating assets and liabilities. Cash flow provided by operations was \$185.4 million in 2007.



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### ***Investing activities***

Cash used in investing activities was \$23.4 million for the four months ended September 30, 2010, which consisted primarily of \$23.5 million of capital spending. Cash used in investing activities was \$19.1 million for the five months ended May 31, 2010, which consisted of \$22.9 million of capital spending offset by proceeds from the sale of assets and other of \$3.9 million. Cash used in investing activities was \$25.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, which was primarily capital spending. We anticipate that we will spend approximately \$50.0 million to \$60.0 million on capital expenditures for the Successor period in 2010.

Cash used in investing activities was \$45.5 million in 2009, which primarily consisted of \$46.1 million of capital spending. This compared to \$73.9 million in 2008, which primarily consisted of \$92.1 million of capital spending, partially offset by gross proceeds of \$8.6 million from a sale-leaseback transaction and \$4.8 million of proceeds from the sale of fixed assets. Cash used in investing activities was \$260.0 million in 2007.

We anticipate that we will spend approximately \$75.0 million to \$85.0 million on capital expenditures in 2010.

### ***Financing activities***

Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$0.3 million for the four months ended September 30, 2010, which consisted primarily of an increase in short term debt, partially offset by dividends paid and payments on long-term debt. Net cash used in financing activities totaled \$112.6 million for the five months ended May 31, 2010, which primarily resulted from activities related to our emergence from bankruptcy. Payments for settlement on our prepetition debt, DIP facility, debt issuance costs and backstop fees totaled \$914.6 million. These payments were offset by cash proceeds from the rights offering conducted pursuant to our plan of reorganization of \$355.0 million and our senior notes offering of \$450.0 million. Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$118.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, which consisted primarily of \$108.0 million of debtor-in-possession financing, net of debt issuance cost and increased short term debt partially offset by normal debt payments and repurchase of bonds.

Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$166.1 million in 2009, which consisted primarily of debtor-in-possession financing net of debt issuance costs of \$154.4 million, a net increase of short-term debt, partially offset by normal debt payments and repurchases of \$10.0 million aggregate principal amount of our outstanding prepetition senior notes and our prepetition senior subordinated notes for \$0.7 million. Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$14.1 million in 2008, which consisted primarily of a net increase of short-term debt, partially offset by normal debt payments and repurchases of \$7.2 million aggregate principal amount of our outstanding prepetition senior notes and prepetition senior subordinated notes for \$5.3 million. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$55.0 million in 2007.

### ***Financing***

*Prepetition debt obligations.* As of August 3, 2009, the date of the filing of the chapter 11 cases by the debtors, we had approximately \$1.2 billion of outstanding indebtedness on a consolidated basis, of which \$86.4 million consisted of draws on a senior secured revolving credit facility, \$527.0 million consisted of five senior secured term loan facilities, \$513.4 million consisted of our prepetition senior notes and our prepetition senior subordinated notes and \$50.8 million consisted of debt on account of other credit facilities, capital leases for affiliates, swaps, and other miscellaneous obligations. As a result of the filing of the chapter 11 cases, the loan commitments of the lenders under the prepetition credit agreement were terminated (including the availability under the revolving credit facility, including with respect to standby letters of credit) and all principal and accrued and unpaid interest outstanding under the prepetition credit agreement, our prepetition senior notes and our prepetition senior subordinated notes accelerated and became due and payable, subject to an automatic stay of any action to collect, assert or recover a claim against us as a result of the commencement of the chapter 11 proceedings and applicable bankruptcy law. Effective August 3, 2009, we ceased recording interest expense on outstanding prepetition debt instruments classified as liabilities subject to compromise.

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*Prepetition senior credit agreement.* In connection with Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s acquisition of the automotive segment of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company in 2004, or the 2004 acquisition, Parent, the Issuer and CSA Canada entered into a credit agreement with various lending institutions, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as administrative agent, Lehman Commercial Paper Inc., as syndication agent, and Goldman Sachs Credit Partners, L.P., UBS Securities LLC and The Bank of Nova Scotia, as co-documentation agents, or, with subsequent amendments thereto, the prepetition credit agreement, which provided for revolving credit facilities and term loan facilities. Our revolving credit facilities provided for loans in a total principal amount of up to \$125.0 million with a maturity of December 2010. The term loan facilities included a Term Loan A facility of the Canadian dollar equivalent of \$51.3 million with a maturity of December 2010, a Term Loan B facility of \$115.0 million with a maturity of December 2011 and a Term Loan C facility of \$185.0 million with a maturity of December 2011. These term loans were used to fund the 2004 acquisition. To finance, in part, the acquisition of fifteen fluid handling systems operations in North America, Europe and China from ITT Industries, Inc. and the MAPS acquisition, we also established and borrowed under two new term loan tranches, with an aggregate of \$190 million borrowed in U.S. dollars and 64.725 million borrowed in euros. As of August 3, 2009, the date of the commencement of the chapter 11 proceedings, approximately \$613.4 million of principal and accrued and unpaid interest was outstanding under the prepetition credit agreement, of which \$86.4 million consisted of draws on the revolving credit facilities and \$527.0 million consisted of five term loan facilities.

As a result of the filing of the chapter 11 cases, the loan commitments of the lenders under the prepetition credit agreement were terminated and all principal and accrued and unpaid interest outstanding under the prepetition credit agreement accelerated and became due and payable, subject to an automatic stay under applicable bankruptcy law.

Upon our emergence from bankruptcy, the prepetition credit agreement was cancelled and terminated, including all agreements relating thereto, except to the extent to allow the debtors, reorganized debtors or the administrative agent, as applicable, to make distributions pursuant to our plan of reorganization on account of claims related to such prepetition credit agreement and to perform certain other administrative duties thereunder.

*Prepetition senior notes and prepetition senior subordinated notes.* In connection with the 2004 acquisition, the Issuer issued \$200 million aggregate principal amount of our prepetition senior notes, and \$350 million aggregate principal amount of our prepetition senior subordinated notes. As a result of the filing of the chapter 11 cases, all principal and accrued and unpaid interest outstanding under our prepetition senior notes and our prepetition senior subordinated notes accelerated and became due and payable, subject to an automatic stay under applicable bankruptcy law.

Upon our emergence from bankruptcy, our prepetition senior notes and our prepetition senior subordinated notes were cancelled and the indentures governing such obligations were terminated, except to the extent to allow the debtors, reorganized debtors or the relevant trustee, as applicable, to make distributions pursuant to our plan of reorganization on account of claims related to such notes and perform certain other administrative duties or exercise certain protective rights thereunder.

*DIP financing.* In connection with the commencement of the chapter 11 cases and the Canadian proceedings, we and certain of our subsidiaries entered into a Debtor-In-Possession Credit Agreement, dated August 5, 2009, or our initial DIP credit agreement, with various lenders party thereto. On December 2, 2009, Metzeler Automotive Profile Systems GmbH, a German limited liability company, became an additional borrower under our initial DIP credit agreement. Under our initial DIP credit agreement, we borrowed an aggregate of \$175 million principal amount of superpriority senior secured term loans in order to finance our operating, working capital and other general corporate needs (including the payment of fees and expenses in accordance with the orders of the Bankruptcy Court and the Canadian Court authorizing such borrowings).

In order to refinance our initial DIP credit agreement on terms more favorable to us, we and certain of our subsidiaries entered into our DIP credit agreement on December 18, 2009 with various lenders party thereto, which provided for superpriority senior secured term loans in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$175 million, subject to certain conditions, and an uncommitted \$25 million incremental facility.



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Following the entry of a final order by the Bankruptcy Court approving our DIP credit agreement, on December 29, 2009, we borrowed \$175 million under our DIP credit agreement. All of the proceeds of the borrowings under our DIP credit agreement, together with our cash on hand, were used to repay all borrowings and amounts outstanding under our initial DIP credit agreement, and to pay related fees and expenses. We prepaid \$25 million of the borrowings under our DIP credit agreement on each of January 29, 2010, March 26, 2010 and April 20, 2010. In addition, we repaid \$0.2 million on March 31, 2010. The remaining balance was repaid upon our emergence from bankruptcy, at which time our DIP credit agreement was cancelled and terminated, including all agreements related thereto.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources After Emergence from Bankruptcy Proceedings**

As part of our plan of reorganization, we issued \$450 million of our senior notes and entered into our \$125 million senior ABL facility. Proceeds from our senior notes offering, together with proceeds of the rights offering and cash on hand, was used to pay claims under the prepetition credit agreement, our DIP credit agreement and the portion of the prepetition senior notes payable in cash, in full, together with related fees and expenses. Upon our emergence from bankruptcy, we had \$479.3 million of outstanding indebtedness, consisting of \$450 million of our senior notes and \$29.3 million in other debt of certain of our foreign subsidiaries. We intend to fund our ongoing capital and working capital requirements through a combination of cash flows from operations and borrowings under our senior ABL facility. We anticipate that funds generated by operations and funds available under our senior ABL facility will be sufficient to meet working capital requirements for the next 12 months. For a description of our senior ABL facility, see Description of Certain Other Indebtedness and Preferred Stock.

Based on our current and anticipated levels of operations and the condition in our markets and industry, we believe that our cash on hand, cash flow from operations and availability under our senior ABL facility will enable us to meet our working capital, capital expenditures, debt service and other funding requirements for the foreseeable future. However, our ability to fund our working capital needs, debt payments and other obligations, and to comply with the financial covenants, including borrowing base limitations, under our senior ABL facility, depends on our future operating performance and cash flow and many factors outside of our control, including the costs of raw materials, the state of the overall automotive industry and financial and economic conditions and other factors, including those described under Risk Factors herein. Any future acquisitions, joint ventures or other similar transactions will likely require additional capital and there can be no assurance that any such capital will be available to us on acceptable terms, if at all.

#### ***Senior ABL facility***

On the date of our emergence from bankruptcy, Parent, the Issuer, or the U.S. Borrower, CSA Canada, or the Canadian Borrower and, together with the U.S. Borrower, the Borrowers, and certain subsidiaries of the U.S. Borrower entered into a senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility, or our senior ABL facility, with certain lenders, Bank of America, N.A., as agent, or the Agent, for such lenders, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as syndication agent, and Banc of America Securities LLC, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., UBS Securities LLC and Barclays Capital, as joint lead arrangers and bookrunners. A summary of our senior ABL facility is set forth below. Also see Description of Certain Other Indebtedness and Preferred Stock Senior ABL Facility for more information on our senior ABL facility. This description and the description in Description of Certain Other Indebtedness and Preferred Stock Senior ABL facility are qualified in their entirety by reference to the credit agreement governing our senior ABL facility, which is included as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

*General.* Our senior ABL facility provides for an aggregate revolving loan availability of up to \$125 million, subject to borrowing base availability, including a \$45 million letter of credit sub-facility and a \$20 million swing line sub-facility. Our senior ABL facility also provides for an uncommitted \$25 million incremental loan facility, for a potential total senior ABL facility of \$150 million (if requested by the Borrowers and the lenders agree to fund such increase). No consent of any lender (other than those participating in the increase) is required to effect any such increase.

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*Maturity.* Any borrowings under our senior ABL facility will mature, and the commitments of the lenders under our senior ABL facility will terminate, on May 27, 2014.

*Borrowing base.* Loan (and letter of credit) availability under our senior ABL facility is subject to a borrowing base, which at any time is limited to the lesser of: (A) the maximum facility amount (subject to certain adjustments) and (B) (i) up to 85% of eligible accounts receivable; plus (ii) up to the lesser of 70% of eligible inventory or 85% of the appraised net orderly liquidation value of eligible inventory; minus reserves established by the Agent. The accounts receivable portion of the borrowing base is subject to certain formulaic limitations (including concentration limits). The inventory portion of the borrowing base is limited to eligible inventory, as determined by an independent appraisal. The borrowing base is also subject to certain reserves, which are established by the Agent (which may include changes to the advance rates indicated above). Loan availability under our senior ABL facility is apportioned, as follows: \$100 million to the U.S. Borrower and \$25 million to the Canadian Borrower.

*Guarantees; security.* The obligations of the U.S. Borrower under our senior ABL facility and cash management arrangements and interest rate, foreign currency or commodity swaps entered into by us, in each case with the lenders and their affiliates, or, collectively, additional ABL secured obligations, are guaranteed on a senior secured basis by us and all of our U.S. subsidiaries (other than CS Automotive LLC), and the obligations of the Canadian Borrower under our senior ABL facility and additional ABL secured obligations of the Canadian Borrower and its Canadian subsidiaries are guaranteed on a senior secured basis by us, all of the Canadian subsidiaries of the Canadian Borrower and all of our U.S. subsidiaries. The U.S. Borrower guarantees the additional ABL secured obligations of its subsidiaries and the Canadian Borrower guarantees the additional ABL secured obligations of its Canadian subsidiaries. The obligations under our senior ABL facility and related guarantees are secured by a first priority lien on all of each Borrower's and each guarantor's existing and future personal property consisting of accounts receivable, payment intangibles, inventory, documents, instruments, chattel paper and investment property, certain money, deposit accounts and securities accounts and certain related assets and proceeds of the foregoing.

*Interest.* Borrowings under our senior ABL facility bear interest at a rate equal to, at the Borrowers' option:

in the case of borrowings by the U.S. Borrower, LIBOR or the base rate *plus*, in each case, an applicable margin; or

in the case of borrowings by the Canadian Borrower, BA rate, Canadian prime rate or Canadian base rate *plus*, in each case, an applicable margin.

The initial applicable margin is 3.5% with respect to the LIBOR or BA-based borrowings and 2.5% with respect to base rate, Canadian prime rate and Canadian base rate borrowings. The applicable margin is subject, in each case, to quarterly performance pricing adjustments commencing six months after the closing date.

*Covenants; events of default.* Our senior ABL facility includes affirmative and negative covenants that will impose substantial restrictions on our financial and business operations, including its ability to incur and secure debt, make investments, sell assets, pay dividends or make acquisitions. Our senior ABL facility also includes a requirement to maintain a monthly fixed charge coverage ratio of no less than 1.1 to 1.0 when availability under our senior ABL facility is less than specified levels. Our senior ABL facility also contains various events of default that are customary for comparable facilities.

Our current revenue forecast for 2010 is determined from specific platform volume projections consistent with a North American and European light vehicle production estimate of 11.8 million units and 18.0 million units, respectively. Adverse changes to the vehicle production levels could have a negative impact on our future sales, liquidity, results of operations and ability to comply with our debt covenants under our senior ABL facility or any future financing arrangements we enter into. We took significant actions during the second half of 2008 and first quarter of 2009 to reduce our cost base and improve profitability. While we believe the vehicle production and other assumptions within our forecast are reasonable, we have also considered the possibility of even weaker

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demand. In addition to the potential impact of changes on our sales, our current operating performance and future compliance with the covenants under our senior ABL facility or any future financing arrangements we enter into are dependent upon a number of other external and internal factors, such as changes in raw material costs, changes in foreign currency rates, our ability to execute our cost savings initiatives, our ability to implement and achieve the savings expected by the changes in our operating structure and other factors beyond our control.

***Senior notes due 2018***

On May 11, 2010, CSA Escrow Corporation, or the escrow issuer, an indirect wholly-owned non-debtor subsidiary of the Issuer closed an offering of \$450 million aggregate principal amount of our senior notes. Our senior notes were issued in a private placement exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. A summary of our senior notes is set forth below. This description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the indenture governing our senior notes, which is included as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

*General.* Our senior notes were issued pursuant to an indenture dated May 11, 2010 by and between the escrow issuer and the trustee thereunder. Upon satisfaction of the escrow release conditions, the escrow issuer was merged with and into the Issuer, with the Issuer as the surviving entity, and upon the consummation of the merger, CSA U.S. assumed all of the obligations of the escrow issuer under our senior notes and the indenture and the guarantees by the guarantors became effective, or the assumption. For purposes of this description, references to the issuer prior to the assumption refer to the escrow issuer and after the assumption refer to the Issuer.

*Guarantees.* Our senior notes are guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis, by Parent and all of the Issuer's wholly-owned domestic restricted subsidiaries, together with the escrow issuer, the obligors. If the Issuer or any of its domestic restricted subsidiaries acquires or creates another wholly-owned domestic restricted subsidiary that guarantees certain debt of the Issuer or a guarantor, such newly acquired or created subsidiary will also guarantee our senior notes.

*Ranking.* Our senior notes and guarantees constitute senior debt of the obligors. They (1) rank equally in right of payment with all of the obligors existing and future senior debt, (2) rank senior in right of payment to all of the obligors' existing and future subordinated debt, (3) are effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of the obligors' existing and future secured indebtedness and secured obligations to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness and obligations and (4) are structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of the issuer's non-guarantor subsidiaries (other than indebtedness and liabilities owed to the issuer or one of its guarantor subsidiaries).

*Optional redemption.* The issuer has the right to redeem our senior notes at the redemption prices set forth below:

on and after May 1, 2014, all or a portion of our senior notes may be redeemed at a redemption price of 104.250% of the principal amount thereof if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on May 1, 2014, 102.125% of the principal amount thereof if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on May 1, 2015, and 100% of the principal amount thereof if redeemed on or after May 1, 2016, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date;

prior to May 1, 2013, up to 35% of our senior notes issued under the indenture may be redeemed with the proceeds from certain equity offerings at a redemption price of 108.50% of the principal amount thereof, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date; and

prior to May 1, 2014, all or a portion of our senior notes may be redeemed at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus a make-whole premium.

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*Change of control.* If a change of control occurs, unless the Issuer has exercised its right to redeem all of our outstanding senior notes through an optional redemption, each noteholder shall have the right to require that the Issuer repurchase such noteholder's senior notes at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount on the date of purchase plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase, subject to the right of the noteholders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date.

*Covenants.* The indenture limits, among other things, the ability of the Issuer and its restricted subsidiaries to pay dividends or distributions, repurchase equity, prepay subordinated debt or make certain investments, incur additional debt or issue certain disqualified stock and preferred stock, incur liens, merge or consolidate with another company or sell all or substantially all of its assets, enter into transactions with affiliates and allow to exist certain restrictions on the ability of the subsidiary guarantors to pay dividends or make other payments to the Issuer, in each case, subject to exclusions and other customary exceptions. In addition, certain of these covenants will not be applicable during any period of time when our senior notes have an investment grade rating. The indenture also contains customary events of default.

### ***EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA***

In evaluating our business, management considers EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as key indicators of our operating performance. Our management also uses EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA:

because similar measures are utilized in the calculation of the financial covenants and ratios contained in our financing arrangements;

in developing our internal budgets and forecasts;

as a significant factor in evaluating our management for compensation purposes, see [Management Compensation Discussion and Analysis](#) ;

in evaluating potential acquisitions;

in comparing our current operating results with corresponding historical periods and with the operational performance of other companies in our industry; and

in presentations to the members of our board of directors to enable our board to have the same measurement basis of operating performance as is used by management in their assessments of performance and in forecasting and budgeting for our company.

In addition, we believe EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA and similar measures are widely used by investors, securities analysts and other interested parties in evaluating our performance. We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) plus provision for income tax expense (benefit), interest expense, net of interest income, depreciation and amortization or EBITDA, as adjusted for items that management does not consider to be reflective of our core operating performance. These adjustments include restructuring costs, impairment charges, non-cash fair value adjustments, acquisition related costs, professional fees and expenses associated with our reorganization, non-cash stock based compensation and non-cash gains and losses from certain foreign currency transactions and translation.

We calculate EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA by adjusting net income (loss) to eliminate the impact of a number of items we do not consider indicative of our ongoing operating performance. You are encouraged to evaluate each adjustment and the reasons we consider it appropriate for supplemental analysis. However, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not financial measurements recognized under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or U.S. GAAP, and when analyzing our operating performance, investors should use EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA in addition to, and not as an alternative for, net income (loss), operating income, or any other performance measure derived in accordance with U.S. GAAP, or as an alternative to cash flow from operating activities as a measure of our liquidity. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA have limitations as analytical tools, and



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they should not be considered in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our results of operations as reported under U.S. GAAP. These limitations include:

they do not reflect our cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;

they do not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;

they do not reflect interest expense or cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments under our senior notes and senior ABL facility;

they do not reflect certain tax payments that may represent a reduction in cash available to us;

although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated or amortized may have to be replaced in the future, and EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA do not reflect cash requirements for such replacements; and

other companies, including companies in our industry, may calculate these measures differently and, as the number of differences in the way companies calculate these measures increases, the degree of their usefulness as a comparative measure correspondingly decreases. In addition, in evaluating Adjusted EBITDA, it should be noted that in the future we may incur expenses similar to the adjustments in the below presentation. Our presentation of Adjusted EBITDA should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items.

The following table provides a reconciliation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA to net income (loss), which is the most directly comparable financial measure presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP:

	Year Ended December 31,		Predecessor	Historical	Five Months Ended	Successor
	2007	2008	2009	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009	May 31, 2010	Four Months Ended September 30, 2010
	(in millions)					
Net income (loss) attributable to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.	\$ (151.0)	\$ (121.5)	\$ (356.1)	\$ (393.5)	\$ 636.3	\$ 25.8
Plus:						
Provision for income tax expense (benefit)	32.9	29.3	(55.7)	(31.3)	39.9	5.4
Interest expense, net of interest income	89.6	92.9	64.3	53.6	44.5	14.2
Depreciation and amortization	136.0	140.1	113.9	88.1	35.7	36.9
EBITDA	\$ 107.5	\$ 140.8	\$ (233.6)	\$ (283.1)	\$ 756.4	\$ 82.3
Restructuring	26.4	30.6	32.4	32.9	5.9	1.2
Foreign exchange losses (gains)	(0.1)	0.1	(4.2)	(10.8)	17.2	(0.1)
Net gain on bond repurchase(a)		(1.7)	(9.1)	(9.1)		
Inventory write-up(b)	2.5					8.1
Impairment(c)	146.4	36.0	363.5	362.7		
Reorganization costs(d)			25.1	5.6	(660.0)	

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Transition and integration costs(e)	1.5	0.5					
Stock compensation expense(f)	1.5	1.2	1.4			0.2	3.6
Other		2.7	1.0	7.5		0.3	(0.3)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 285.7	\$ 210.2	\$ 176.5	\$ 105.7	\$ 120.0	\$	94.8

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- (a) Net gain on purchases of our prepetition senior subordinated notes.
- (b) Write-ups of inventory to fair value.
- (c) For the year ended December 31, 2007, impairment included charges related to goodwill of \$142.9 million and certain intangibles of \$3.5 million. For the year ended December 31, 2008, impairment included charges related to goodwill of \$23.1 million, certain intangibles of \$3.9 million, fixed assets of \$6.4 million and our investment in Guyoung of \$2.7 million. For the year ended December 31, 2009, impairment included charges related to goodwill of \$157.2 million, certain intangibles of \$202.4 million and fixed assets of \$3.9 million.
- (d) Reorganization and bankruptcy-related expenses, including the effect of the Fresh-Start Adjustments and professional fees incurred before our bankruptcy filing in 2009.
- (e) Transition and integration costs related to the acquisition of MAPS and El Jarudo in 2007 and MAP India in 2008.
- (f) Compensation expense related to stock options and stock units issued to management.

### **Working Capital**

Historically, we have not generally experienced difficulties in collecting our accounts receivable, but the dynamics associated with the recent economic downturn have impacted both the amount of our receivables and the stressed ability for our customers to pay within normal terms. Certain government sponsored programs may ease these constraints, but pressure on accounts receivable will continue until vehicle sales and production volumes stabilize. As of September 30, 2010, we had net cash of \$232.3 million.

### **Contractual Obligations**

Our contractual cash obligations consist of legal commitments requiring us to make fixed or determinable cash payments, regardless of the contractual requirements of the vendor to provide future goods or services. Except as disclosed, the below tables do not include information on our recurring purchase of materials for use in production, as our raw materials purchase contracts typically do not meet this definition because they do not require fixed or minimum quantities.

In addition to our contractual obligations and commitments set forth in the table below, we have employment arrangements with certain key executives that provide for continuity of management. These arrangements include payments of multiples of annual salary, certain incentives and continuation of benefits upon the occurrence of specified events in a manner that is believed to be consistent with comparable companies.

We also have minimum funding requirements with respect to our pension obligations. We expect to make cash contributions of approximately \$14.8 million to our domestic and foreign pension plan asset portfolios in 2010. Our minimum funding requirements after 2010 will depend on several factors, including the investment performance of our retirement plans and prevailing interest rates. Our funding obligations may also be affected by changes in applicable legal requirements. We also have payments due with respect to our postretirement benefit obligations. We do not prefund our postretirement benefit obligations. Rather, payments are made as costs are incurred by covered retirees. We expect other postretirement benefit net payments to be approximately \$3.6 million in 2010.

In addition, excluded from the contractual obligation table are open purchase orders at September 30, 2010 for raw materials and supplies used in the normal course of business, supply contracts with customers, distribution agreements, joint venture agreements and other contracts without express funding requirements.



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The following table summarizes the total amounts due as of September 30, 2010, under all debt agreements, commitments and other contractual obligations.

Contractual Obligations	Total	Payment due by period			More than 5 Years
		Less than 1 year	1-3 Years (dollars in millions)	3-5 years	
Debt obligations	\$ 450.0	\$	\$	\$	\$ 450.0
Interest on debt obligations(1)	305.1	37.3	76.5	76.5	114.8
Operating lease obligations	65.1	12.7	19.1	13.3	20.0
Other obligations(2)	46.9	39.8	5.4	0.9	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 867.1</b>	<b>\$ 89.8</b>	<b>\$ 101.0</b>	<b>\$ 90.7</b>	<b>\$ 585.6</b>

- (1) Interest on debt obligations only includes the interest on our senior notes. The actual amounts of interest expense will ultimately depend on the amount of borrowings and letters of credit outstanding under our senior ABL facility and the interest rates in effect thereunder during each period.
- (2) Noncancellable purchase order commitments for capital expenditures, other borrowings and capital lease obligations.

**Raw Materials and Manufactured Components**

The principal raw materials for our business include fabricated metal-based components, oil based components, synthetic rubber, carbon black and natural rubber. We manage the procurement of our raw materials to assure supply and to obtain the most favorable pricing. For natural rubber, procurement is managed by buying in advance of production requirements and by buying in the spot market. For other principal materials, procurement arrangements include short-term supply agreements that may contain formula-based pricing based on commodity indices. These arrangements provide quantities needed to satisfy normal manufacturing demands. We believe we have adequate sources for the supply of raw materials and components for our products with suppliers located around the world. We often use offshore suppliers for machined components, metal stampings, castings and other labor-intensive, economically freighted products.

Extreme fluctuations in material pricing have occurred in recent years adding challenges in forecasting. The inability to recover higher than anticipated prices from our customers may impact profitability.

**Seasonal Trends**

Sales to automotive customers are lowest during the months prior to model changeovers and during assembly plant shutdowns. These typically result in lower sales volumes during July, August and December. However, economic conditions can change normal seasonality trends causing lower demand throughout the year. The impact of model changeovers and plant shutdowns is considerably less in years of lower demand overall.

**Restructuring**

We continually evaluate alternatives in an effort to align our business with the changing needs of our customers and lower our operating cost. This may include the realignment of our existing manufacturing capacity, facility closures or similar actions. See the notes to our unaudited interim financial statements as of September 30, 2010 for discussion of restructuring activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

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We implemented several restructuring initiatives in prior years in connection with the closure of facilities in North America, Europe and Asia. We initiated all of these initiatives prior to December 31, 2007 and continued to execute the closures through the end of 2009. The majority of the costs associated with the closures were incurred shortly after the original implementation. However, we continue to incur costs related principally to the liquidation of the respective facilities. The following table summarizes the 2008 and 2009 activity related to these initiatives:

	Employee Separation Costs	Other Exit Costs	Asset Impairments	Total
	(in thousands)			
Balance at January 1, 2008	\$ 8,723	\$ 4,752	\$	\$ 13,475
Expense incurred	2,209	4,780	4,687	11,676
Cash payments	(8,822)	(8,792)	165	(17,449)
Utilization of reserve			(4,852)	(4,852)
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$ 2,110	\$ 740	\$	\$ 2,850
Expense incurred	(517)	3,298	1,089	3,870
Cash payments	(1,593)	(3,800)		(5,393)
Utilization of reserve			(1,089)	(1,089)
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$	\$ 238	\$	\$ 238

**2008 initiatives**

In July 2008, we implemented a restructuring action and announced the closure of two manufacturing facilities, one located in Australia and the other in Germany. Both closures are a result of changes in market demands and volume reductions and were substantially completed in 2009. The estimated total cost of this initiative is approximately \$21.1 million. The following table summarizes the activity for this initiative during the years ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2009:

	Employee Separation Costs	Other Exit Costs	Asset Impairments	Total
	(in thousands)			
Balance at January 1, 2008	\$	\$	\$	\$
Expense incurred	14,455	149	3,282	17,886
Cash payments	(995)	(149)		(1,144)
Utilization of reserve			(3,282)	(3,282)
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$ 13,460	\$	\$	\$ 13,460
Expense incurred	562	2,557	118	3,237
Cash payments	(12,579)	(2,322)		(14,901)
Utilization of reserve			(118)	(118)
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 1,443	\$ 235	\$	\$ 1,678

As a result of this initiative, a pension plan curtailment gain of \$0.8 million was recognized as a reduction to restructuring expense during the fourth quarter of 2009.

In 2008, we initiated the closing of a European facility and the idling of a Canadian facility. During the year ended December 31, 2009, we recorded other exit costs of \$0.5 million and asset impairments of \$0.1 million in connection with this initiative.

*Reorganization-Product Line Operating Group Discontinuation Initiative.* During 2008, we commenced the initial phase of a reorganization ultimately involving the discontinuation of our global product line operating divisions, formerly called the Body & Chassis Systems division

(which included the body sealing and AVS product lines) and

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the Fluid Systems division, and the establishment of a new operating structure organized on the basis of geographic regions. The estimated cost of this initial phase is approximately \$7.8 million. The following table summarizes the activity for this initiative during the years ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2009:

	Employee Separation Costs	Other Exit Costs	Asset Impairments	Total
	(in thousands)			
Balance at January 1, 2008	\$	\$	\$	\$
Expense incurred	7,670			7,670
Cash payments	(3,741)			(3,741)
Utilization of reserve				
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$ 3,929	\$	\$	\$ 3,929
Expense incurred	134			134
Cash payments	(3,405)			(3,405)
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 658	\$	\$	\$ 658

**2009 initiatives**

In the first quarter of 2009, we initiated the final phase of the reorganization of our operating structure, formally discontinuing our product line operating divisions and putting into place the new operating divisions based on geographic regions. The estimated total cost of this initiative is \$18.7 million. The following table summarizes the activity for this initiative during the year ended December 31, 2009:

	Employee Separation Costs	Other Exit Costs	Asset Impairments	Total
	(in thousands)			
Balance at January 1, 2009	\$	\$	\$	\$
Expense incurred	18,570	86		18,656
Cash payments	(11,457)	(86)		(11,543)
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 7,113	\$	\$	\$ 7,113

As a result of this initiative, a curtailment gain related to other postretirement benefits of \$3.4 million was recognized as a reduction to restructuring expense during the fourth quarter of 2009.

We also initiated several other initiatives during 2009. These initiatives relate to the reorganization or closure of operating facilities in South America, Europe and Asia Pacific. The estimated total cost associated with these actions amount to \$19.3 million. The following table summarizes the activity for these initiatives during the year ended December 31, 2009:

	Employee Separation Costs	Other Exit Costs	Asset Impairments	Total
	(in thousands)			
Balance at January 1, 2009	\$	\$	\$	\$
Expense incurred	9,864	368		10,232
Cash payments	(5,649)	(312)		(5,961)
Utilization of reserve				

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Balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 4,215	\$ 56	\$	\$ 4,271
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We expect the reorganization of our operating structure and the other 2009 initiatives to be substantially completed by the end of 2010.

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### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Our accounting policies are more fully described in note 2 to our audited annual financial statements. Application of these accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Management bases its estimates and judgments on historical experience and on other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We believe that of our significant accounting policies, the following may involve a higher degree of judgment or estimation than other accounting policies.

#### ***Adoption of fresh-start accounting***

Fresh-start accounting results in a new basis of accounting and reflects the allocation of our estimated fair value to our underlying assets and liabilities. Our estimates of fair value are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies beyond our reasonable control. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the estimates, assumptions, valuations, appraisals and financial projections will be realized, and actual results could vary materially.

Our reorganization value was allocated to our assets in conformity with the procedures specified by ASC 805, Business Combinations. The excess of reorganization value over the fair value of tangible and identifiable intangible assets was recorded as goodwill. Liabilities existing as of the effective date, other than deferred taxes, were recorded at the present value of amounts expected to be paid using appropriate risk adjusted interest rates. Deferred taxes were determined in conformity with applicable income tax accounting standards. Predecessor accumulated depreciation, accumulated amortization, retained deficit, common stock and accumulated other comprehensive loss were eliminated.

For further information on fresh-start accounting, see note 3 to our unaudited interim financial statements as of September 30, 2010.

#### ***Reorganization***

As a result of filing for chapter 11 bankruptcy, we adopted ASC 852 on August 3, 2009. ASC 852, is applicable to companies in chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and generally does not change the manner in which financial statements are prepared. However, among other disclosures, it does require that the financial statements for periods subsequent to the filing of the chapter 11 petition distinguish transactions and events that are directly associated with the reorganization from the ongoing operations of the business. Revenues, expenses, realized gains and losses and provisions for losses that can be directly associated with the reorganization and restructuring of the business must be reported separately as reorganization items in the statements of operations. The balance sheet must distinguish prepetition liabilities subject to compromise from both those prepetition liabilities that are not subject to compromise and from post-petition liabilities. Liabilities that may be affected by a plan of reorganization must be reported at the amounts expected to be allowed, even if they may be settled for lesser amounts. In addition, reorganization items must be disclosed separately in the statement of cash flows. We have segregated those items as outlined above for all reporting periods subsequent to such date.

#### ***Pre-production costs related to long-term supply arrangements***

Costs for molds, dies and other tools owned by us to produce products under long-term supply arrangements are recorded at cost in property, plant and equipment and amortized over the lesser of three years or the term of the related supply agreement. The amount capitalized was \$10.9 million and \$9.3 million at December 31, 2008 and 2009, respectively. Costs incurred during the engineering and design phase of customer-owned tooling projects

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are expensed as incurred unless a contractual arrangement for reimbursement by the customer exists. Reimbursable tooling costs included in other assets was \$3.8 million and \$2.6 million at December 31, 2008 and 2009, respectively. Development costs for tools owned by the customer that meet the requirements of ASC Topic 340, Other Assets and Deferred Costs, are recorded in accounts receivable in the accompanying combined balance sheets if considered a receivable in the next twelve months. At December 31, 2008 and 2009, \$77.8 million and \$65.4 million, respectively, were included in accounts receivable for customer-owned tooling of which \$32.8 million and \$40.5 million, respectively, was not yet invoiced to the customer.

### ***Goodwill***

Goodwill is not amortized but is tested annually for impairment. We evaluate each reporting unit's fair value versus its carrying value annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may exceed the fair value of the reporting unit. Estimated fair values are based on the cash flows projected in the reporting units' strategic plans and long-range planning forecasts discounted at a risk-adjusted rate of return. We assess the reasonableness of these estimated fair values using market based multiples of comparable companies. If the carrying value exceeds the fair value, an impairment loss is measured and recognized. Goodwill fair value measurements are classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, which are generally determined using unobservable inputs.

During the second quarter of 2009, several events occurred that indicated potential impairment of our goodwill. Such events included: (a) the chapter 11 bankruptcy of both Chrysler and GM and unplanned plant shut-downs by both GM and Chrysler; (b) continued product volume risk and negative product mix changes; (c) the commencement of negotiations with our pre-reorganization affiliate shareholders, senior secured lenders, and bondholders to recapitalize our long term debt and equity; (d) our recognition as the second quarter progressed that there was an increasing likelihood that we would breach our financial covenants under the prepetition credit agreement; and (e) our decision to defer the June 15, 2009 interest payment on our prepetition senior notes and our prepetition senior subordinated notes pending the outcome of our quarterly financial results, an analysis of whether we would meet our financial covenants for the past quarter and negotiations with our various constituencies. As a result of the combination of the above factors, we significantly reduced our second quarter projections.

Other significant assumptions used in the discounted cash flow model include discount rate, terminal value growth rate, future capital expenditures and changes in future working capital requirements. These assumptions were not modified significantly as part of the interim goodwill impairment assessment. The significant decrease in the financial projections resulted in an enterprise value significantly lower than the amount computed in connection with the prior year annual impairment assessment. This significant decrease in enterprise value results in the carrying value of assets at all of our reporting units being greater than the related reporting units' fair value. As a result, we recorded goodwill impairment charges of \$93.6 million in our North America reporting unit, \$39.6 million in our Europe reporting unit, \$22.6 million in our South America reporting unit and \$1.4 million in our Asia Pacific reporting unit during the second quarter of 2009. Changes in the factors noted above could impact the valuation of our remaining goodwill and other intangibles.

While we believe our estimates of fair value are reasonable based upon current information and assumptions about future results, changes in our businesses, the markets for our products, the economic environment and numerous other factors could significantly alter our fair value estimates and result in future impairment of recorded goodwill in the North American reporting unit. An adjustment to the financial projections or other assumptions used to value the North American reporting unit would have had a direct impact on the amount of goodwill impairment recognized during the second quarter and the amount of goodwill remaining on the December 31, 2009 balance sheet.

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### ***Long-lived assets***

We monitor our long-lived assets for impairment indicators on an ongoing basis in accordance with ASC Topic 360, Property, Plant, and Equipment. If impairment indicators exist, we perform the required analysis by comparing the undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated from the long-lived assets to the related net book values. If the net book value exceeds the undiscounted cash flows, an impairment loss is measured and recognized. An impairment loss is measured as the difference between the net book value and the fair value of the long-lived assets. Fair value is estimated based upon either discounted cash flow analyses or estimated salvage values. Cash flows are estimated using internal budgets based on recent sales data, independent automotive production volume estimates and customer commitments, as well as assumptions related to discount rates. Change in economic or operating conditions impacting these estimates and assumptions could result in the impairment of long-lived assets.

As a result of our testing performed in accordance with ASC 360 we recorded asset and definite lived intangible asset impairment charges of \$3.8 million and \$202.4 million, respectively. Of the \$3.8 million of asset impairment charges, \$1.1 million was recorded in our North America segment and \$2.7 million was recorded in our International segment. Of the \$202.4 million of definite lived intangible asset impairment charges, \$148.1 million was recorded in our North America segment and \$54.3 million was recorded in our International segment.

### ***Restructuring-related reserves***

Specific accruals have been recorded in connection with restructuring our businesses, as well as the integration of acquired businesses. These accruals include estimates principally related to employee separation costs, the closure and/or consolidation of facilities, contractual obligations and the valuation of certain assets. Actual amounts recognized could differ from the original estimates. Restructuring-related reserves are reviewed on a quarterly basis and changes to plans are appropriately recognized when identified. Changes to plans associated with the restructuring of existing businesses are generally recognized as employee separation and plant phaseout costs in the period the change occurs. For additional discussion, please refer to note 6 to our audited annual financial statements.

### ***Revenue recognition and sales commitments***

We generally enter into agreements with our customers to produce products at the beginning of a vehicle's life. Although such agreements do not generally provide for minimum quantities, once we enter into such agreements, fulfillment of our customers' purchasing requirements can be our obligation for an extended period or the entire production life of the vehicle. These agreements generally may be terminated by our customer at any time. Historically, terminations of these agreements have been minimal. In certain limited instances, we may be committed under existing agreements to supply products to our customers at selling prices which are not sufficient to cover the direct cost to produce such products. In such situations, we recognize losses as they are incurred.

We receive blanket purchase orders from many of our customers on an annual basis. Generally, such purchase orders and related documents set forth the annual terms, including pricing, related to a particular vehicle model. Such purchase orders generally do not specify quantities. We recognize revenue based on the pricing terms included in our annual purchase orders as our products are shipped to our customers. As part of certain agreements, we are asked to provide our customers with annual cost reductions. We accrue for such amounts as a reduction of revenue as our products are shipped to our customers. In addition, we generally have ongoing adjustments to our pricing arrangements with our customers based on the related content and cost of our products. Such pricing accruals are adjusted as they are settled with our customers.

Amounts billed to customers related to shipping and handling are included in sales in our consolidated statements of operations. Shipping and handling costs are included in cost of sales in our consolidated statements of operations.



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***Income taxes***

In determining the provision for income taxes for financial statement purposes, we make estimates and judgments which affect our evaluation of the carrying value of our deferred tax assets as well as our calculation of certain tax liabilities. In accordance with ASC Topic 740, Accounting for Income Taxes, we evaluate the carrying value of our deferred tax assets on a quarterly basis. In completing this evaluation, we consider all available positive and negative evidence. Such evidence includes historical operating results, the existence of cumulative losses in the most recent fiscal years, expectations for future pretax operating income, the time period over which our temporary differences will reverse and the implementation of feasible and prudent tax planning strategies. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance if, based on the weight of this evidence, it is more likely than not that all or a portion of the recorded deferred tax assets will not be realized in future periods.

During 2009, due to our recent operating performance in the United States and current industry conditions, we continued to assess, based upon all available evidence, that it was more likely than not that we would not realize our U.S. deferred tax assets. During 2009, our U.S. valuation allowance increased by \$33.1 million, primarily related to operating losses incurred in the United States during 2009, offset by reductions in tax attributes resulting from the settlement of the U.S. and Canadian Advanced Pricing Agreement.

At December 31, 2009, deferred tax assets for net operating loss and tax credit carry-forwards of \$193.8 million were reduced by a valuation allowance of \$146.7 million. These deferred tax assets relate principally to net operating loss carry-forwards in the U.S and our subsidiaries in Australia, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Italy and Spain. They also relate to Special Economic Zone Credits in Poland, U.S foreign tax credits, research and development tax credits, state net operating losses and state tax credits. Some of these can be utilized indefinitely, while others expire from 2010 through 2029. We intend to maintain these allowances until it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will be realized. Effective January 1, 2009, with the adoption of ASC Topic 805 the benefit of the reversal of the valuation allowances on pre-acquisition contingencies will be included as a component of income tax expense. Adjustments in post-acquisition valuation allowances will be offset to future tax provision.

In addition, the calculation of our tax benefits and liabilities includes uncertainties in the application of complex tax regulations in a multitude of jurisdictions across our global operations. We recognize tax benefits and liabilities based on our estimate of whether, and the extent to which, additional taxes will be due. We adjust these liabilities based on changing facts and circumstances; however, due to the complexity of some of these uncertainties and the impact of any tax audits, the ultimate resolutions may be materially different from our estimated liabilities. For further information related to income taxes, see note 13 to our audited annual financial statements.

***Pensions and postretirement benefits other than pensions***

Included in our results of operations are significant pension and postretirement benefit costs, which are measured using actuarial valuations. Inherent in these valuations are key assumptions, including assumptions about discount rates and expected returns on plan assets. These assumptions are updated at the beginning of each fiscal year. We are required to consider current market conditions, including changes in interest rates, in making these assumptions. Changes in pension and postretirement benefit costs may occur in the future due to changes in these assumptions. Our net pension and postretirement benefit costs were approximately \$14.9 million and \$(0.5) million, respectively, during 2009.

To develop the discount rate for each plan, the expected cash flows underlying the plan's benefit obligations were discounted using the December 31, 2009 Citigroup Pension Discount Curve to determine a single equivalent rate. To develop our expected return on plan assets, we considered historical long-term asset return experience, the expected investment portfolio mix of plan assets and an estimate of long-term investment returns. To develop our expected portfolio mix of plan assets, we considered the duration of the plan liabilities and gave

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more weight to equity positions, including both public and private equity investments, than to fixed-income securities. Holding all other assumptions constant, a 1% increase or decrease in the discount rate would have decreased or increased the fiscal 2010 net pension expense by approximately \$3.1 million and \$2.7 million, respectively. Likewise, a 1% increase or decrease in the expected return on plan assets would have decreased or increased the fiscal 2010 net pension cost by approximately \$2.3 million. Decreasing or increasing the discount rate by 1% would have increased or decreased the projected benefit obligations by approximately \$54.4 million and \$44.6 million, respectively. Aggregate pension net periodic benefit cost is forecasted to be approximately \$12.5 million in 2010.

The rate of increase in medical costs assumed for the next five years was held constant with prior years to reflect both actual experience and projected expectations. The health care cost trend rate assumption has a significant effect on the amounts reported. Only certain employees hired are eligible to participate in our subsidized postretirement plan. A 1% change in the assumed health care cost trend rate would have increased or decreased the fiscal 2010 service and interest cost components by \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, and the projected benefit obligations would have increased or decreased by \$2.6 million and \$2.2 million, respectively. Aggregate other postretirement net periodic benefit cost is forecasted to be approximately \$2.3 million in 2010.

The general funding policy is to contribute amounts deductible for U.S. federal income tax purposes or amounts required by local statute.

### ***Derivative financial instruments***

We utilize derivative financial instruments to reduce foreign currency exchange, interest rate and commodity price risks. We have established policies and procedures for risk assessment including the assessment of counterparty credit risk and the approval, reporting and monitoring of derivative financial instrument activities. On the date the derivative is established, we designate the derivative as either a fair value hedge, a cash flow hedge or a net investment hedge in accordance with our established policy. We do not enter into financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

By using derivative instruments to hedge exposures to changes in commodity prices and interest rates, we are exposed to credit risk. Credit risk is the failure of the counterparty to perform under the terms of the derivative contract. When the fair value of a derivative contract is positive, the counterparty owes us, which creates credit risk for us. When the fair value of a derivative contract is negative, we owe the counterparty and we do not possess credit risk. To mitigate credit risk, it is our policy to execute such instruments with creditworthy banks and not enter into derivatives for speculative purposes.

### ***Use of estimates***

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of our consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. During 2009, there were no material changes in the methods or policies used to establish estimates and assumptions. Generally, matters subject to estimation and judgment include amounts related to accounts receivable realization, inventory obsolescence, asset impairments, useful lives of intangible and fixed assets, unsettled pricing discussions with customers and suppliers, restructuring accruals, deferred tax asset valuation allowances and income taxes, pension and other post retirement benefit plan assumptions, accruals related to litigation, warranty and environmental remediation costs and self-insurance accruals. Actual results may differ from estimates provided.

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### ***Fair value measurements***

We measure certain assets and liabilities at fair value on a non-recurring basis using unobservable inputs (Level 3 input based on the U.S. GAAP fair value hierarchy). For further information on these fair value measurements, see Goodwill, Long-lived assets, Restructuring-related reserves and Derivative financial instruments above.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

See note 1 to our unaudited interim financial statements as of September 30, 2010 and note 2 to our audited annual financial statements.

### **Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

We are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates, currency exchange rates and commodity prices. Prior to filing for bankruptcy we had entered into derivative financial instruments to monitor our exposure to these risks, but as a result of the bankruptcy filing all but one of these instruments were dedesignated. We actively monitor our exposure to risk from changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates through the use of derivative financial instruments in accordance with management's guidelines. We do not enter into derivative instruments for trading purposes. See Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates Derivative financial instruments and note 21 to our audited annual financial statements.

As of September 30, 2010, we had \$6.0 million of variable rate debt. A 1% increase in the average interest rate would increase future interest expense by approximately \$0.1 million per year.

At September 30, 2010 we had one interest rate swap contract outstanding with \$6.8 million of notional amount pertaining to EURO denominated debt fixed at 4.14%.

### **Other Considerations**

As a result of our emergence from bankruptcy on May 27, 2010, Barclays Bank Plc and Barclays Capital Inc. (collectively, Barclays) received or purchased shares of our common stock and preferred stock and warrants to purchase shares of our common stock in an aggregate amount that resulted in Barclays obtaining beneficial ownership of greater than 10% of our common stock. Barclays subsequently reduced its holdings in our securities and, as a result, as of October 8, 2010, is no longer the beneficial owner of greater than 10% of our common stock. See Principal Stockholders.

Ernst & Young LLP, our registered independent public accountants, informed our audit committee that it had and continues to have extensive borrowing and other business relationships with Barclays and that such relationships during the period within which Barclays' beneficial ownership exceeded 10% of our common stock were not permitted under the auditor independence rules. In addition, the extent of the relationships makes it impractical for Ernst & Young to exit such relationships in a short period of time.

Ernst & Young considered whether the relationships noted above impacted its objectivity and ability to exercise impartial judgment with regard to its engagement as our auditors and have concluded that there has been no impairment of Ernst & Young's objectivity and ability to exercise impartial judgment. After taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the above matter and Ernst & Young's determination, our audit committee also concluded that Ernst & Young's objectivity and ability to exercise impartial judgment has not been impaired.

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**OUR REORGANIZATION**

On August 3, 2009, the debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, or the Bankruptcy Code, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, or the Bankruptcy Court. On August 4, 2009, CSA Canada commenced proceedings seeking relief from its creditors under Canada's Companies Creditors Arrangement Act in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) in Toronto, Canada, or the Canadian Court. Our subsidiaries and operations outside the United States and Canada were not included in the chapter 11 cases or the Canadian proceedings (other than CSA Canada) and continued to operate in the ordinary course of business.

On March 26, 2010, we filed our plan of reorganization and the corresponding first amended disclosure statement for our plan of reorganization with the Bankruptcy Court. On May 12, 2010, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order confirming our plan of reorganization. The Canadian Court sanctioned CSA Canada's plan of compromise or arrangement on April 16, 2010.

On May 27, 2010, or the effective date, we consummated the reorganization contemplated by our plan of reorganization and emerged from chapter 11.

Following the effective date, our capital structure consisted of the following:

*Senior ABL facility.* A senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility in the aggregate principal amount of \$125 million, which contains an uncommitted \$25 million accordion facility that will be available at our request if the lenders at the time consent.

*8½% senior notes due 2018.* \$450 million of senior unsecured notes that bear interest at 8½% per annum and mature on May 1, 2018.

*Common stock, 7% preferred stock and warrants.* Equity securities comprised of (i) 17,489,693 shares of our common stock, (ii) 1,000,000 shares of our 7% preferred stock, which are initially convertible into 4,290,788 shares of our common stock, and (iii) 2,419,753 warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 2,419,753 shares of our common stock.

In addition, on the effective date, we issued to certain officers and key employees (i) 757,896 shares of our common stock as restricted stock, plus an additional 104,075 shares of our common stock as restricted stock that may be reduced subject to realized dilution on the warrants, (ii) 41,666 shares of 7% preferred stock as restricted 7% preferred stock and (iii) 702,509 options to purchase shares of common stock, plus an additional 78,057 options to purchase shares of our common stock that may be reduced subject to realized dilution on the warrants. On the day after the effective date, we issued to certain of our directors and Oak Hill Advisors L.P. and its affiliates, 26,448 shares of our common stock as restricted stock and 58,386 options to purchase shares of our common stock. We also reserved up to 780,566 shares of our common stock for future issuance to our management.

On the effective date, our prepetition equity, debt and certain other obligations were cancelled, terminated and repaid, as applicable, as follows:

Our prepetition common stock was cancelled, and no distributions were made to former shareholders.

All outstanding obligations under our prepetition senior notes and prepetition senior subordinated notes were cancelled and the indentures governing these obligations were terminated.

Our prepetition credit agreement and our DIP credit agreement were paid in full.

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**MARKET AND INDUSTRY DATA**

Some market data and other statistical information used throughout this prospectus is based on data available from IHS Automotive and J.D. Power-LMC, each independent market research firms. Other data is based on our good faith estimates, which are derived from our review of internal surveys, as well as third party sources. Although we believe all of these third party sources are reliable, we have not independently verified the information and cannot guarantee its accuracy and completeness. To the extent that we have been unable to obtain information from third party sources, we have expressed our belief on the basis of our own internal analyses and estimates of our and our competitors' products and capabilities. Certain market share, ranking and similar information set forth in this prospectus is based on management's estimates, which are primarily based on reports prepared by industry consultants commissioned by us. Market share information is subject to change, however, and cannot always be verified with complete certainty due to limits on the availability and reliability of raw data, the voluntary nature of the data-gathering process and other limitations and uncertainties inherent in any statistical survey of market share. While we are not aware of any misstatements regarding any market share, ranking and similar information presented herein, the global automotive industry involves risks and uncertainties and industry data is subject to change based on various factors. See Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors. In addition, customer preferences can and do change and the definition of the relevant market is a matter of judgment and analysis. As a result, you should be aware that market share, ranking and other similar information set forth in this prospectus, and estimates and beliefs based on such data, may not be reliable.

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The automotive industry is one of the world's largest and most competitive. Consumer demand for new vehicles largely determines sales and production volumes of global OEMs, and component suppliers rely on high levels of vehicle sales and production to be successful.

The automotive supplier industry is generally characterized by high barriers to entry, significant start-up costs and long-standing customer relationships. The key criteria by which OEMs judge automotive suppliers include price, quality, service, performance, design and engineering capabilities, innovation, timely delivery and, more recently, financial stability. Over the last decade, those suppliers that have been able to achieve manufacturing scale, reduce structural costs, diversify their customer bases and establish a global manufacturing footprint have been successful.

The table below outlines vehicle production forecasts for years 2010 through 2014:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	(vehicle units in millions)				
Europe	18.0	18.3	19.3	20.8	21.8
North America	11.8	12.2	13.3	14.4	15.2
Asia	33.4	34.9	38.1	41.1	43.0

Source: IHS Automotive September 2010 Forecast

Among the leading drivers of new vehicle demand is the availability of consumer credit to finance purchases. Beginning in late 2008, turmoil in the global credit markets and the recession in the United States and global economies led to a severe contraction in the availability of consumer credit. As a result, global vehicle sales volumes plummeted, led by severe declines in the mature North American and European markets. During 2009, North American light vehicle industry production declined by approximately 32% from 2008 levels to 8.6 million units, while European light vehicle industry production declined by approximately 20% from 2008 levels to 16.3 million units. The decline was less pronounced in Asia, where volumes were down only 1% from 2008 levels to 26.6 million units. This resilience was largely attributable to the continued expansion of the Chinese and Indian markets, both of which are expected to continue to increase as a share of the global automotive market in the coming years.

The severe decline in vehicle sales and production in 2009 led to major restructuring activity in the industry, particularly in North America. GM and Chrysler reorganized through chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings and the Detroit 3 undertook other strategic actions, including the divestiture or discontinuance of non-core businesses and brands and the acceleration or broadening of operational and financial restructuring activities. A number of significant automotive suppliers, including us, restructured through chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings or through other means.

Several significant trends and developments are now contributing to improvement in the automotive supplier industry. These include improved retail vehicle sales and production in North America in the fourth quarter of 2009 and first quarter of 2010, a more positive credit environment, the continued growth of new markets in Asia, particularly China, and increased emphasis on green and other innovative technologies.

**Positive North American Sales Trends**

U.S. light vehicle sales declined significantly in 2008 and through the first two fiscal quarters of 2009. In 2000, 17.4 million light vehicles were sold in the U.S. In 2004, that number remained at a similar level at 16.9 million units, and in 2007, declined only slightly to 16.1 million units. However, as a result of the unprecedented global economic crisis, these levels declined precipitously with a 5.7 million unit decline, the largest drop off in any two year period in U.S. automotive history, bringing sales to post-World War II levels with 10.4 million units sold in

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2009. Based on monthly seasonally adjusted annual rate, or SAAR, it appears that sales bottomed in September 2009. Since then, monthly SAAR has continued to climb, reversing the trend from the second half of 2008. OEMs have reported positive sales numbers in each of the first two months of 2010, which further supports a turnaround.

In addition to a rebounding economy and greater availability of credit boosting light vehicle sales, the industry is also expected to be buoyed by pent-up demand as consumer confidence regains momentum, the return of leasing options and a pipeline of new products with a focus on fuel efficiency, safety and the latest electronics. Furthermore, in 2009, for the first time since 1945, more vehicles were scrapped than vehicles were sold and over 4.0 million vehicles have been shed from the total U.S. fleet, creating additional demand for replacement vehicles.

### **Global Light Vehicle Production Projected to Increase**

In the face of declining sales figures, automotive OEMs slashed production and idled plants in 2009, resulting in an over 43.0% drop in production as compared to 2007 in North America and an approximate 25.0% drop in Europe. With sales projections rebounding, OEMs need to replenish inventory, and this in turn bodes well for the supplier base. Over the next four years, light vehicle production is expected to increase at a 14.3% compound annual growth rate in North America, 9.4% in the Asia/Pacific region, and 5.1% in Europe. While the production levels reached in 2013 are expected to be lower than pre-crisis levels in North America and Europe, OEMs and suppliers that restructured their cost base to achieve profitability in lower-volume environments are poised to reap significant rewards. Additionally, the global nature of the light vehicle rebound means that OEMs and suppliers with global operations are well positioned to maximize the coming opportunity.

### **Consumer Preferences Shifting to Small Cars**

In 1985, light trucks accounted for only 28% of total U.S. sales volume. However, due to rising gas prices and increased awareness of environmental issues, consumer sentiment has shifted in recent years in favor of cars, specifically smaller B and C segment vehicles. While demand for Ford F-150 and GMT 900 trucks remains strong, as of January 2010 light trucks accounted for only 48% of total sales volume, an inversion of the pre-crisis forecasts.

### **Electrification/Efficiency**

Consumer appeal, stemming from the high prices of conventional fuel and greater awareness of environmental issues, and government regulation are increasing the demand for hybrid electric, or HEVs, and electric vehicles, or EVs. These vehicles offer improved gas mileage and reduced carbon emissions, and may ultimately provide a vehicle alternative that eliminates the need for conventional gasoline engines. Industry experts project that by 2020, almost half of U.S. vehicles will require some form of battery technology to meet new Corporate Average Fuel Economy regulatory standards. The U.S. Government recently announced new national standards to cut emissions and increase gas mileage, mandating that U.S. passenger vehicles and light trucks must average 35.5 miles per gallon by 2016. In addition, governments continue to implement economic incentives related to fuel efficiency. For example, in February 2009, the U.S. government enacted the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which, among other things, provides for a tax credit of between \$2,500 and \$7,500 for the purchase of plug-in electric vehicles depending on the battery capacity, and the Department of Energy announced a \$300 million grant program to provide funding for cost-shared projects that expand the use of alternate fueled vehicles and advanced technology vehicles, including the installation of after-market equipment necessary to support them.

Similar industry dynamics are creating a demand for new battery technology applications in the heavy-duty transportation market, particularly in buses, trucks and other industrial vehicles. The higher fuel consumption rate of these large vehicles makes the potential fuel cost savings derived from the use of batteries even greater.

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Several government authorities and corporations are evaluating battery technologies for their large fleets of heavy-duty vehicles. For example, the City of London has announced plans to convert its fleet of buses to HEVs, with a goal that by 2012 all new buses entering the fleet will be HEVs.

### **Industry Sub Sector Overview**

#### ***Body & chassis systems***

*Body sealing.* Body sealing products protect the interior of a vehicle from weather and road noise or secure glass within the auto framework. Sealing products are generally manufactured with EPDM and thermoplastic elastomers and are found primarily on and around the door, windows, hood and trunk of the automobile. The size of the global body sealing system market is greater than \$6 billion. The market is highly competitive and has become more consolidated as suppliers have grown in scale and expanded globally. Trends benefiting sealing suppliers include continued migration toward use of plastic components in weather-sealing applications, as well as increasing penetration of modular sealing systems. Key competitors in this market include Hutchinson (a subsidiary of Total SA), Henniges, SaarGummi and Toyoda Gosei Co. Ltd. Management believes that we are the largest supplier globally of automotive body sealing products.

*Anti-Vibration.* Anti-Vibration Systems, including engine and body mounts, dampers, isolators and springs, are designed to control and isolate noise and vibration and improve ride and handling. The global AVS market is approximately \$8 billion and continues to expand due to consumer demand for quieter and smoother-riding vehicles. Within the AVS market, firms compete on design, engineering, product quality and price. Despite increasing globalization of manufacturing, barriers to entry remain significant as OEMs require significant engineering and technical expertise for AVS products. Key competitors in this market are Contitech, Paulstra (a subsidiary of Total SA) and Trelleborg.

*Fluid systems.* Automotive fluid products include systems, subsystems and components that direct, control and transport fluids and vapors throughout an automobile. Because of the numerous areas and broad applications within the vehicle that require fluid systems, this market remains fragmented. The aggregate global fluids markets in which we compete are estimated by management to represent annual sales of approximately \$7 billion. The primary trend in the overall fluid systems market is the movement toward systems integration as OEMs increasingly desire suppliers that have the engineering and technical capabilities to design and manufacture complete modules and systems. Other factors contributing to growth in demand for fluid handling products include increasing emissions standards, diesel engine adaptation and automotive HVAC penetration. Key competitors in this market include Hutchinson, TI Automotive and Martinrea. Management believes that we are the second largest supplier globally of automotive fluid handling products.



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**BUSINESS**

**Our Business**

We are a leading manufacturer of body sealing, AVS and fluid handling components, systems, subsystems and modules. Our products are primarily for use in passenger vehicles and light trucks that are manufactured by global automotive original equipment manufacturers and replacement markets.

We design and manufacture our products in each major automotive region of the world in close proximity to our customers through a disciplined and consistent approach to engineering and production. We operate in 66 manufacturing locations and nine design, engineering and administrative locations around the world, including Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States. For the year ended December 31, 2009, we generated approximately 47% of our sales in North America, 40% in Europe, 6% in South America and 7% in Asia/Pacific.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, approximately 80% of our sales were direct to OEMs, including Ford, GM and Chrysler, Fiat, Volkswagen/Audi Group, Renault/Nissan, PSA Peugeot Citroën, Daimler, BMW, Toyota, Volvo, Jaguar/Land Rover and Honda. The remaining 20% of our sales for the year ended December 31, 2009 were primarily to Tier I and Tier II automotive suppliers and non-automotive customers. As of December 31, 2009, our products were found in 17 of the 20 top-selling vehicle models in North America and in 19 of the 20 top-selling vehicle models in Europe.

The following chart illustrates our balance and diversity by providing a breakdown of our \$1.9 billion in sales for the year ended December 31, 2009 by geography and customer.

We conduct substantially all of our activities through our subsidiaries and sell our product lines through two reportable segments North America and International. The International segment covers Europe, South America and Asia. For the year ended December 31, 2009, the five months ended May 31, 2010 and the four months ended September 30, 2010, we had sales of \$1.9 billion, \$1.0 billion and \$0.8 billion and a net loss of \$(356.1) million and net income of \$636.3 million and \$25.7 million, respectively. On a pro forma basis, for the year ended December 31, 2009 and on a combined pro forma basis for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we had sales of \$1.9 billion and \$1.8 billion and a net loss of \$(332.4) million and net income of \$44.7 million, respectively. See **Business** for a more detailed description of our business.

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### **Our Competitive Strengths**

#### ***Innovative and high quality products***

We believe we have distinguished ourselves in the automotive industry through our engineering and technological capabilities, as evidenced by our development of innovative solutions, including our ESP Thermoplastic Glassruns (body sealing), ride stabilizing hydromounts (AVS) and proprietary plastics-to-aluminum overmolding process (fluid handling). In addition, we believe we have a reputation for outstanding quality within the automotive industry, a factor that has been important to maintaining and expanding our successful relationships with our customers. We have earned numerous awards, including, among others, the DaimlerChrysler Global Supplier Award, GM Supplier of the Year, Ford's Silver World Excellence Award and Toyota's Cost Excellence Performance Award.

#### ***Operational excellence***

We have a proven track record and disciplined approach to operational excellence, which has generated significant cost savings of approximately 4% of sales annually since 2004. We believe we have the ability to generate similar savings in the future due to the flexible nature of our manufacturing capabilities, our highly efficient operations and our ability to leverage economies of scale from the high volumes of products we produce for the world's top-selling vehicle platforms. We have created a culture of continuous improvement and lean manufacturing in all aspects of our operations. Over the life cycle of each platform, we focus on streamlining manufacturing, increasing automation and reducing material and other costs in an effort to generate additional operational savings. We budget and track operational savings at the facility level, which management regularly reports and reviews.

#### ***Strong customer relations and program management***

We believe that our customer relationships, program management capabilities, global presence, comprehensive product line, excellence in manufacturing, product innovation and quality assurance combine to provide us with significant competitive advantages. We have proven our ability to expand globally with customers, increase scale in a consolidating industry and be first-to-market with design and engineering innovations.

We have a high level of dedication to customer service, and for each major product launch we dedicate a team of sales representatives, engineers, quality specialists and senior management, who work together to ensure that the product launch is completed on time and consistent with rigorous quality standards. These characteristics have allowed us to remain a leading supplier to Ford and GM while steadily growing our business with European and Asian OEMs. Our capabilities are evidenced by our success in being awarded significant content on our customers top-selling platforms, including the Ford F-Series and GM's GMT900 platform, which includes the Yukon, Tahoe, Sierra and Silverado vehicle models.

#### ***Global manufacturing footprint***

We have established a global manufacturing footprint that allows us to serve our customers worldwide. Our global manufacturing operations are supported by 66 manufacturing locations and nine design, engineering and administrative locations around the world, including Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States. Since 2004, we have increased our sales outside North America from 30% to 53%, largely reflecting our strategic focus on gaining exposure to high growth Asian markets and from key acquisitions in Europe. As part of our strategy, we operate several successful international joint ventures, which has allowed us to enter into new geographic markets, to acquire new customers and to develop new technologies. Our joint venture partners provide knowledge and insight into local markets and access to local suppliers of raw materials and components. We believe our global manufacturing footprint and proximity to customers provides us with a competitive advantage by allowing us to efficiently transport parts to local customers at a significantly lower cost as many of the parts are difficult to transport across long distances.

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### ***Incumbent position across diverse customer base***

In 2009, our products were found in 17 of the 20 top-selling vehicle models in North America and in 19 of the 20 top-selling vehicle models in Europe. As the incumbent supplier to platforms, we have typically participated in the design of their successor platforms, and therefore, we believe we have been afforded a competitive advantage to win the upgrade and the ultimate replacement business. In addition, we believe that our presence on our largest customers' highest-volume and most important platforms is a competitive advantage that allows us to further increase our market share, cross-sell our other product lines, fully leverage our lean initiatives, spread our fixed costs over higher volumes and increase our return on capital.

### ***Experienced management team***

Our senior management team has extensive experience in the automotive industry and collectively has over 130 years of experience in the industry. Our management team is focused on guiding us through the challenges facing the automotive industry and the changing economic environment through ongoing and continued cost reduction and restructuring initiatives and is intent on continuing to implement our business strategies. For more information on our executive officers, see Management Directors and Executive Officers.

### ***Conservative capital structure***

Upon the emergence date, we significantly improved our leverage as compared to historical levels. As part of our plan of reorganization, we extinguished \$1,126.7 million of prepetition debt, issued \$450 million of our senior notes, and entered into our \$125 million senior ABL facility. At the emergence date, we had \$479.3 million of outstanding indebtedness, consisting of our senior notes and \$29.3 million in other debt of certain of our foreign subsidiaries. Our senior ABL facility is subject to borrowing base limitations, and we had approximately \$34.3 million of letters of credit outstanding but not drawn under our senior ABL facility on the emergence date. For the year ended December 31, 2009, the five months ended May 31, 2010 and the four months ended September 30, 2010, we had a net loss of \$(356.1) million and net income of \$636.3 million and \$25.7 million, respectively. On a pro forma basis, for the year ended December 31, 2009 and on a combined pro forma basis for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we had a net loss of \$(332.4) million and net income of \$44.7 million, respectively. We believe our emergence date capital structure is a conservative and stable structure.

## **Our Business Strategy**

### ***Continue optimization of our business and cost structure***

We seek to optimize our business and cost structure so that we are appropriately configured in the rapidly changing environment in the automotive industry, with an emphasis on reducing our overall cost structure and making our manufacturing operations more efficient. Our primary areas of focus are:

*Identifying and implementing lean manufacturing initiatives.* Our lean manufacturing initiatives focus on optimizing manufacturing by eliminating waste, controlling cost and enhancing productivity. Lean manufacturing initiatives have been implemented at each of our manufacturing and design facilities and continue to be an important element in our disciplined approach to operational excellence.

*Relocating operations to lower-cost countries.* We are supplementing our Western European operations with Central and Eastern European facilities where there are lower operating costs and to more closely match our customers' footprints for more efficient transport of parts. In addition, we have expanded our operations in China, India and Mexico.

*Consolidating facilities to reduce our cost structure.* Our optimization efforts are designed to streamline our global operations and include taking advantage of opportunities to reduce our overall cost structure by consolidating and closing facilities. For example, in the second half of 2009, we closed two manufacturing facilities, one located in Ohio and another located in Germany, and in March 2010, we announced the closure of our manufacturing facility in Spain. We will continue to take a disciplined approach to evaluating opportunities that would improve our efficiency, profitability and cost structure.



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*Maintaining flexibility in all areas of our operations.* Our operational capital needs are generally lower than many in our industry and a major portion of our manufacturing machinery is movable from job-to-job, providing us flexibility in adapting to market changes and serving customers worldwide.

### ***Further developing technologies***

We will draw on our technical expertise to provide customers with innovative solutions. Our engineers combine product design with a broad understanding of material options for enhanced vehicle performance. We believe our reputation for successful innovation in product design and material usage is the reason our customers consult us early in the development and design process of their next generation vehicles.

Recent innovations that highlight our ability to combine materials and product design expertise can be found in the following products:

*Safe Seal* . Safe Seal is a body sealing product featuring sensors built into the seal capable of reversing power windows, doors and partitions to prevent injury.

*Our new generation Hydro Body Mount.* Our new generation Hydro Body Mount features patented Inertia-track design, combining plastic, metal and rubber to provide superior damping in the driver compartment for improved ride.

*Direct Injection Fuel Rail.* Direct Injection Fuel Rails draw upon our innovative welding processes and understanding of metal dynamics to create high pressure capability for highly advanced direct injection engines, improving fuel economy and performance.

*Stratlink.* Utilizing our internal material engineering capabilities, we have developed a rubber compound that performs equally with externally sourced compounds, which will significantly reduce cost.

*PlastiCool.* PlastiCool is a low cost, low weight, high temperature alternative to metal and rubber hose currently used in transmission cooling that offers a more robust joint design, improving quality and potentially reducing warranty costs. Additionally, because the material is smaller than current alternatives, it allows for greater design flexibility.

### ***Continued emphasis on fuel efficient, global and high volume vehicles***

We believe that by focusing on fuel efficient, global and high volume vehicles, we will be able to solidify and expand our global leadership position.

*Fuel efficient.* With the recent shift in customer preferences toward light weight, fuel efficient vehicles, we intend to target small car, hybrid and alternative powertrains and increase the content we provide to these platforms. We believe that furthering our position in the small car and hybrid market and alternative powertrains will allow us to increase market share, create greater economies of scale and provide more opportunities to partner with customers.

*Global.* Our global presence makes us one of the select few manufacturers of products in our product line areas who can take advantage of the many business opportunities that are becoming available worldwide as a result of the OEMs' expanding emphasis on global platforms. Examples of successful global platforms we supply are the redesigned Ford Fiesta and GM's Buick LaCrosse.

China, India and South America will continue to be regions of emphasis as their light vehicle market is projected to grow substantially as their economies continue to develop. In China, we are developing a substantial manufacturing and marketing presence to serve local OEMs, and we intend to follow our customers as they target other high growth developing markets.

*High volume.* While smaller cars and crossover vehicles have grown in popularity, certain large car and truck platforms continue to be in demand and remain important to our business. For example, the Ford F-150 and GM's GMT 900 platform (the Silverado, Sierra, Tahoe and Yukon nameplates) continue to be popular models for which we supply a broad range of our product offerings, including body sealing systems, anti-vibration systems and fuel, brake, emissions and thermal management components.

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Through our extensive product portfolio, innovative solutions and broad global capabilities, we expect to continue winning new business across all major regions and automakers.

### ***Developing systems solutions and other value-added products***

We believe that significant opportunities exist to grow by providing complete subsystems, modules and assemblies. As a leader in design, engineering and technical capabilities, we are able to focus on improving products, developing new technologies and implementing more efficient processes in each of our product lines. Our body sealing products are visible to vehicle passengers and can enhance the vehicle's aesthetic appeal, in addition to creating a barrier to wind, precipitation, dust and noise. Our AVS products are an important contributor to vehicle quality, significantly improving ride and handling. Our fluid handling modules and subsystems are designed to increase functionality and decrease costs to the OEM, which can be the deciding factor in winning new business.

### ***Selectively pursuing complementary acquisitions and alliances***

We intend to continue to selectively pursue complementary acquisitions and joint ventures to enhance our customer base, geographic penetration, scale and technology. Consolidation is an industry trend and is encouraged by the OEMs' desire for fewer supplier relationships. We believe we have a strong platform for growth through acquisitions based on our past integration successes, experienced management team, global presence and operational excellence. In addition, we believe joint ventures allow us to penetrate new markets with less relative risk and capital investment. We currently operate through several successful joint ventures, including those with Nishikawa Rubber Company, Zhejiang Saiyang Seal Products Co., Ltd., Guyoung Technology Co. Ltd., Hubei Jingda Precision Steel Tube Industry Co., Ltd., or Jingda, Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation, or SAIC, and Toyoda Gosei Co., Ltd., or Toyoda Gosei.

### ***Developing business in non-automotive markets***

While the automotive industry will continue to be our core business, we supply other industries with products using our expertise and material compounding capabilities. For example, we supply parts to customers in the technical rubber business and develop and produce synthetic rubber products for a variety of industry applications, including aircraft flooring, commercial flooring, insulating sheets for power stations, non-slip step coverings, rubber for appliances and construction applications. In our technical rubber business we fabricate products from a wide variety of elastomer compounds and can custom fit many applications.

## **Corporate History and Business Developments**

Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. was formed and capitalized in 2004 as a Delaware corporation and began operating on December 23, 2004, when it acquired the automotive segment of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, or the 2004 acquisition. Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. operates the business primarily through its principal operating subsidiary, Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.

In February 2006, we acquired fifteen fluid handling systems operations in North America, Europe and China, or, collectively, FHS, from ITT Industries, Inc. In August 2007, we acquired MAPS from Automotive Sealing Systems S.A. We completed a related acquisition of MAP India in December 2007. In addition to the FHS and MAPS acquisitions, we acquired a hose manufacturing operation in Mexico from the Gates Corporation and a fuel rail operation in Mexico from Automotive Component Holdings, LLC, in 2005 and 2007, respectively. For additional information on our acquisitions, see note 5 to our audited annual financial statements.

From the time of the 2004 acquisition until March 2009, we operated our businesses through global operating divisions organized on a product-line basis. In March 2009, in response to a severe decline in worldwide automotive production that began in the second half of 2008, we announced the implementation of a

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comprehensive plan involving the discontinuation of our global product line operating divisions, formerly called the Body & Chassis Systems division and the Fluid Systems division, and the establishment of an operating structure organized on the basis of geographic regions. We now operate from two divisions, North America and International (covering Europe, South America and Asia). The new operating structure has allowed us to maintain our full portfolio of global products and provide unified customer contact points, while better managing our operating costs and resources. This plan resulted in a reduction in our worldwide salaried workforce by approximately 20%.

As part of the plan, our reporting segments changed to reflect the new operating structure. Segment information concerning sales to external customers, intersegment sales, segment profit, depreciation and amortization expense, capital expenditures and segment total assets for the last three fiscal years and the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2010, respectively, is set forth in note 20 to our audited annual financial statements and note 16 to our unaudited consolidated financial statements, respectively, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Segment Results of Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2009 and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Segment Operating Results.

In addition to the measures associated with the reorganization of our operating units, we have implemented a number of restructuring initiatives in recent years, including the closure of facilities in North America, Europe and Asia. For information on these restructuring initiatives, see note 6 to our audited annual financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Restructuring.

**Products**

We supply a diverse range of products on a global basis to a broad group of customers across a wide range of vehicles. Our principal product lines are body and chassis products and fluid handling products. For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009, and the nine months ended September 30, 2010, body and chassis products accounted for 66%, 65% and 66%, respectively, of our sales, and fluid handling products accounted for 34%, 35% and 34%, respectively, of our sales. The top ten vehicle platforms we supply accounted for approximately 28% of our sales in 2008, 32% of our sales in 2009 and 34% of our sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. Our principal product lines are described below.

<b>Product Lines</b>	<b>Solutions</b>	<b>Products &amp; Modules</b>	<b>Market Position*</b>
<b>Body &amp; Chassis:</b> <i>Body Sealing</i>	Protect vehicle interiors from weather, dust and noise intrusion	Extruded rubber and thermoplastic sealing, weather strip assemblies and encapsulated glass products	#1 globally
<i>Anti-Vibration</i>	Control and isolate noise and vibration in the vehicle to improve ride and handling	Engine and body mounts, dampers, isolators, springs, stamped or cast metal products and rubber products	#3 North America
<b>Fluid Handling</b>	Control, sense, measure and deliver fluids and vapors throughout the vehicle	Pumps, tubes and hoses, connectors and valves (individually and in systems and subsystems)	#2 globally

\* Market positions are management's estimates, which are based on reports prepared by industry consultants commissioned by us in 2008. See Market and Industry Data.



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***Body & chassis products***

We are a leading global supplier of automotive body sealing and AVS products. Body sealing products protect vehicle interiors from weather, dust and noise intrusion. AVS products isolate and reduce noise and vibration to improve ride and handling. Body sealing and AVS products lead to a better driving experience for all occupants. For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009 and the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we generated approximately 66%, 65% and 66%, respectively, of total corporate revenue from the sale of body and chassis products (before corporate eliminations).

***Body sealing***

Based on third party analysis, we are the leading global supplier of body sealing products to the automotive industry. We are known throughout the industry to be a leader in providing innovative design and manufacturing solutions for complex automotive designs.

Our body sealing products are comprised of ethylene propylene diene M-class rubber, or EPDM-synthetic rubber, and thermoplastic elastomers, or TPE. The typical production process involves mixing of rubber compounds, extrusion (supported with metal and woven wire carriers or unsupported), cutting, notching, forming, injection molding and assembly.

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Below is a description of our primary sealing products:

<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Dynamic seals</b>	<p>Designed and used for areas of the vehicle in which a gap exists between the vehicle body and movable closures. The seals function to isolate cockpit occupants and engine components from exterior climate conditions such as wind noise and water, providing the occupants with an improved vehicle experience.</p> <p><i>Door seals:</i> Sectional seal design that fits the door structure and body cabin to seal rain dust, and noise from the occupants of vehicles.</p> <p><i>Body seals:</i> Secondary seal used to provide further noise and aesthetic coverage of welt flanges on the vehicle body.</p> <p><i>Hood seals:</i> Located on body flanges in the engine compartment protecting against water and dust penetration while also reducing engine and road noise in the vehicle cabin during high speed travel.</p> <p><i>Trunk lid and lift gate seals:</i> Located on body flanges in the truck or lift gate compartment offering protection against water and dust penetration.</p> <p><i>Lower door seals/rocker seals:</i> Offers protection in the rocker area against water and dust penetration. Reduces loud road noise entering the cabin during high speed driving.</p> <p><i>Sunroof seals:</i> Creates a narrow sealing space and minimize resistance for the sunroof.</p>
<b>Static seals</b>	<p>Designed for stationary areas of the vehicle body. The seals function to isolate cockpit occupants and engine components from exterior climate conditions such as wind noise and water for improved vehicle experience.</p> <p><i>Belt line seal:</i> Provides protection against water, dust and noise for driver and passenger door moveable glass.</p> <p><i>Glass run assembly:</i> Enables the movable door glass and door to form one surface, improving glass movement and sealing the vehicle cabin from the exterior environment.</p> <p><i>Quarter window trim/glass encapsulation:</i> Integral pillar moldings and decorative plastic or metal corner trims seal fixed quarter side glass windows.</p>

*Appliqués*: Also referred to as greenhouse moldings, these seals act as an aesthetic covering for A, B and C pillars.

**Convertible seals**

Sealing materials that combine compressibility with superior design for use on a convertible vehicle soft top weather sealing application.

**Chassis**

Based on third party analysis, we are one of the leading suppliers of AVS products in North America. We are known in North America for utilizing our advanced development and testing of AVS products and subsystems to provide innovative solutions.

Our AVS products include components manufactured with various types of rubber natural rubber, butyl or EPDM in combination with stamped steel, aluminum or cast iron sub-components. Additionally, we supply brackets that are manufactured from stamped steel, aluminum or cast iron as individual final products. The typical production process for a rubber and metal product involves mixing of rubber compounds, metal preparation (cleaning and primer application), injection molding of the rubber and metals, final assembly and testing as required based on specific products.

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Below is a description of our primary chassis products:

<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Body/cradle mounts</b>	<p>Enable isolation of the interior cabin from the vehicle body reducing noise, vibration and harshness.</p> <p><i>Hydro body mounts:</i> A body mount filled with fluid providing spring rate and damping performance that varies according to frequency and displacement of vibration. Conventional (non-hydro) mounts provide fixed response. Hydromounts can provide a more comfortable ride in a vehicle during idling or traveling.</p>
<b>Powertrain mounts</b>	<p>Secures and isolates vehicle powertrain noise, vibration, and harshness from the uni-body or frame.</p> <p><i>Transmission mounts:</i> Enables mounting of transmission to vehicle body while reducing vibration and harshness from the powertrain.</p> <p><i>Torque strut:</i> Controls the fore and aft movement of transverse mounted engines within their compartment while isolating engine noise and vibration from the vehicle body.</p> <p><i>Hydro engine mounts:</i> This technology applies the same principles as the above mentioned hydro body mounts specific for an engine application.</p>
<b>Suspension</b>	<p>Allows flexibility in suspension components and eliminates AVS from entering the interior cabin.</p> <p><i>Hydrobushing:</i> Similar benefits to hydromounts; however, these are designed to be installed in a link or control versus a bracket attached to a vehicle.</p> <p><i>Mass damper:</i> Developed to counteract a specific resonance at a specific frequency to eliminate undesirable vibration.</p>

***Fluid handling products***

We are one of the leading global integrators of fluid subsystems and components that control, sense and deliver fluids and vapors in motor vehicles. We believe we are the second largest global provider of fluid handling system products manufactured in our industry. We offer an extensive product portfolio and are positioned to serve our diverse customer base around the world. Utilizing our core competencies in thermal management, emissions management and fuel delivery systems, we create the highest value for our global customers by engineering unique solutions that anticipate and exceed their needs through Design For Six Sigma, seamless launches, lean enterprise principles and key strategic alliances. For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009 and the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we generated approximately 34%, 35% and 34% of total corporate revenue from the sale of fluid handling products (before corporate eliminations).

We support the green technology trend as our customers expand towards hybrids and alternative powertrains required to meet future fuel efficiency demands. We provide thermal management solutions that enhance hybrid and electric vehicle powertrain cooling systems and offer bio-fuel compatible materials for alternative fuel vehicles. Our products support improved fuel economy initiatives with light weight, high

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performance plastic and aluminum materials that reduce weight and offer an improved value equation. We specialize in complete fuel system integration encompassing products from the fuel rail to the fuel tank lines. We support reduced emissions through the control of flow and temperature of exhaust gas.

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Our fluid handling products are principally found in four major vehicle systems: thermal management; fuel and brake; emissions management; and power management. Below is a description of our primary fluid handling products:

<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Description</b>	
<b>Thermal Management</b>	<i>Direct, control and transport oil, coolant, water and other fluids throughout the vehicle</i>	
	Engine oil cooling subsystems with over molded connections	Transmission oil cooling subsystems
	Engine oil cooler tube and hose assemblies	Transmission oil cooler tube and hose assemblies
	Engine oil cooling quick connects	Engine oil level indicator tube assemblies
	Electro/mechanical water valves and pumps	Integrated thermostats and plastic housings
	Coolant subsystems	Bypass valves
	Radiator and heater hoses	Auxiliary oil coolers
<b>Fuel &amp; Brake</b>	<i>Direct, control and transport fuel, brake fluid and vapors throughout the vehicle</i>	
	Fuel supply and return lines	Flexible brake lines
	Fuel/Vapor quick connects	Vacuum brake hoses
	Fuel/Vapor lines	
<b>Emissions Management</b>	<i>Direct, control and transmit emission vapors and fluids throughout the vehicle</i>	
	Fully integrated exhaust gas recirculation modules	Exhaust gas recirculation valves
	EGR coolers and bypass coolers	DPF lines
	Exhaust gas recirculation tube assemblies	Secondary air tubes
<b>Power Management</b>	<i>Direct, control and transmit power management fluids throughout the vehicle</i>	
	High pressure roof lines	Power steering pressure and return lines
	Hydraulic clutch lines	Air bag tubes
<b>Supplies and Raw Materials</b>		

Raw material prices have fluctuated greatly in recent years. We have implemented strategies with both our suppliers and our customers to help manage spikes in raw material prices. These actions include material substitutions, use of hedging and leveraging our global buy. Global optimization also includes using benchmarks and selective sourcing from low cost regions. We have also made process improvements to ensure the most efficient use of materials through scrap reduction, as well as standardization of material specification to maximize leverage over a higher volume purchase.

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The primary raw materials for our business include fabricated metal-based components, synthetic rubber, carbon black and natural rubber.

### **Patents and Trademarks**

We believe one of our competitive advantages is our application of technological innovation to customer challenges. We hold over 500 patents in key product technologies, such as Daylight Opening Modules, Engineered Stretched Plastics, Low Fuel Permeation Nylon Tubing and Quick Connect Fluid Couplings, as well as core process methods, such as molding, joining and coating. Our patents are grouped into two major categories, products, which relate to specific product invention claims for products which can be produced, and processes, which relate to specific manufacturing processes that are used for producing products. The vast majority of our patents fall within the products category. We consider these patents to be of value and seek to protect our rights throughout the world against infringement. While in the aggregate these patents are important to our business, we do not believe that the loss or termination of any one of them would materially affect us. We continue to seek patent protection for our new products. Additionally, we develop significant technologies that we treat as trade secrets and choose not to disclose to the public through the patent process, but they nonetheless provide significant competitive advantage and contribute to our global leadership position in various markets.

We also have technology sharing and licensing agreements with various third parties, including with Nishikawa Rubber Company, one of our joint venture partners in body sealing products. We have mutual agreements with Nishikawa Rubber Company for sales, marketing and engineering services on certain body sealing products we sell and have maintained a relationship for more than 20 years. Under those agreements, each party pays for services provided by the other and royalties on certain products for which the other party provides design or development services.

We own or have licensed several trademarks that are registered in many countries, enabling us to protect and market our products worldwide. Key trademarks include StanPro® (aftermarket trim seals), Safe Seal (obstacle detection sensors) and Stratlink (proprietary TPV polymer).

### **Seasonality**

Historically, sales to automotive customers are lowest during the months prior to model changeovers and during assembly plant shutdowns. However, economic conditions and consumer demand may change the traditional seasonality of the industry as lower production may prevail without the impact of seasonality. Historically, model changeover periods have typically resulted in lower sales volumes during July, August and December. During these periods of lower sales volumes, profit performance is lower but working capital improves due to continuing collection of accounts receivable.

### **Competition**

We believe that the principal competitive factors in our industry are price, quality, service, performance, design and engineering capabilities, innovation and timely delivery. We believe that our capabilities in these core competencies are integral to our position as a market leader in each of our product lines. Our body and chassis products compete with Toyota Gosei, Trelleborg, Tokai, Vibracoustic, Paulstra, Hutchinson, Henniges, Meteor, SaarGummi and Standard Profil, among others. Our fluid handling products compete with TI Automotive, Martinrea, Hutchinson, Conti-Tech and Pierburg Gustav Wahler, along with numerous smaller companies in this competitive market.

### **Customers**

We are a leading supplier to the Detroit 3 in each of our product categories and are increasing our presence with European and Asian OEMs. During the year ended December 31, 2009, approximately 34.8%, 15.5%, 8.1%, 7.4% and 5.5% of our sales were of product on platforms produced by Ford, GM, Fiat, Volkswagen/Audi and

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Chrysler, respectively. Our other major customers include OEMs such as Renault/Nissan, PSA Peugeot Citroën, BMW, Daimler and various Indian and Chinese OEMs. We also sell products to Visteon/ACH, Toyota, Porsche and, through NISCO, Honda. Our business with any given customer is typically split among several contracts for different parts on a number of platforms.

## **Backlog**

Our OEM sales are generally based upon purchase orders issued by the OEMs and as such we do not have a backlog of orders at any point in time. Once selected to supply products for a particular platform, we typically supply those products for the platform life, which is normally six to eight years, although there is no guarantee that this will occur. In addition, when we are the incumbent supplier to a given platform, we believe we have an advantage in winning the redesign or replacement platform.

## **Research and Development**

We operate nine design, engineering and administration facilities throughout the world and employ approximately 500 research and development personnel, some of whom reside at our customers' facilities. We utilize Design for Six Sigma and other methodologies that emphasize manufacturability and quality. We are aggressively pursuing innovations that assist in resource conservation with particular attention to developing materials that are lighter weight and can be recycled. Our development teams are also working closely with our customers to design and deliver thermal management solutions for cooling electric motors and batteries for new hybrids. We also devote considerable research and development resources into AVS, resulting in high value, state-of-the-art solutions for our customers. These activities are applied not only in our AVS product lines, but also in body sealing (noise transmission isolation and abatement via vehicle windows and doors), fuel delivery systems (isolation of fuel injectors on fuel rails) and thermal management (noise and vibration free coolant pumps and valves). We spend significantly each year to maintain and enhance our technical centers, enabling us to quickly and effectively respond to customer demands. We spent \$77.2 million, \$81.9 million and \$62.9 million in 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively, on research and development.

## **Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances**

Joint ventures represent an important part of our business, both operationally and strategically. We have used joint ventures to enter into new geographic markets such as China, Korea and India to acquire new customers and to develop new technologies. In entering new geographic markets, teaming with a local partner can reduce capital investment by leveraging pre-existing infrastructure. In addition, local partners in these markets can provide knowledge and insight into local practices and access to local suppliers of raw materials and components. In North America, joint ventures have proven valuable in establishing new relationships with North American manufacturers. For example, we have business with Honda through our NISCO joint venture. In 2005, we acquired a 20% equity interest in and expanded our technical alliance with Guyoung, a Korean supplier of metal stampings, which built a manufacturing facility in Alabama that services Hyundai. In 2006, we finalized two joint venture agreements with Jingda, one of the largest tube manufacturers in China, to expand our presence in that country. As part of the acquisition of the MAPS business in 2007, we acquired a 47.5% equity interest in Shanghai SAIC-Metzeler Sealing Systems Co. Ltd., a joint venture with SAIC, which also owns a 47.5% equity interest, and Shanghai Qinpu Zhaotun Collective Asset Management Company, which owns the remaining 5% equity interest. This joint venture business is the leading manufacturer of automotive sealing products in China. Also, in 2007, we acquired a 74% equity interest in MAP India, a joint venture with Toyoda Gosei Co., Ltd., which owns the remaining 26% equity interest. MAP India is a leading manufacturer of automotive sealing products in India.

## **Geographic Information**

In 2009, we generated approximately 47% of sales in North America, 40% in Europe, 6% in South America and 7% in Asia/Pacific. Approximately 27%, 14%, 11% and 9% of our sales were generated from our United States, German, Mexican and Canadian operations, respectively.



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In 2008, we generated approximately 48% of sales in North America, 42% in Europe, 5% in South America and 5% in Asia/Pacific. Approximately 26%, 17%, 12% and 10% of our sales were generated from our United States, German, Canadian and Mexican operations, respectively.

In 2007, we generated approximately 61% of sales in North America, 31% in Europe, 5% in South America and 3% in Asia/Pacific. Approximately 34%, 15%, 13% and 12% of our sales were generated from our United States, Canadian, German and Mexican operations, respectively.

## **Employees**

We maintain good relations with both our union and non-union employees and, in the past ten years, have not experienced any major work stoppages. We renegotiated some of our domestic and international union agreements in 2009 and have several contracts set to expire in the next twelve months. As of September 30, 2010, approximately 32% of our employees were represented by unions and approximately 13% of our employees were union represented employees located in the United States.

As of September 30, 2010, we had approximately 19,300 full-time and temporary employees.

## **Environmental**

We are subject to a broad range of federal, state and local environmental and occupational safety and health laws and regulations in the United States and other countries, including those governing: emissions to air; discharges to water; noise and odor emissions; the generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of waste materials; the cleanup of contaminated properties; and human health and safety. We may incur substantial costs associated with hazardous substance contamination or exposure, including cleanup costs, fines and civil or criminal sanctions, third party property or natural resource damage, personal injury claims or costs to upgrade or replace existing equipment as a result of violations of or liabilities under environmental laws or the failure to maintain or comply with environmental permits required at our locations. In addition, many of our current and former facilities are located on properties with long histories of industrial or commercial operations and some of these properties have been subject to certain environmental investigations and remediation activities. We maintain environmental reserves for certain of these sites, which we believe are adequate. Because some environmental laws (such as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and analogous state laws) can impose liability retroactively and regardless of fault on potentially responsible parties for the entire cost of cleanup at currently or formerly owned and operated facilities, as well as sites at which such parties disposed or arranged for disposal of hazardous waste, we could become liable for investigating or remediating contamination at our current or former properties or other properties (including offsite waste disposal locations). We may not always be in complete compliance with all applicable requirements of environmental law or regulation, and we may receive notices of violation or become subject to enforcement actions or incur material costs or liabilities in connection with such requirements. In addition, new environmental requirements or changes to interpretations of existing requirements, or in their enforcement, could have a material adverse effect on our businesses, results of operations, and financial condition. For example, while we are not large emitters of greenhouse gases, laws, regulations and certain regional initiatives under consideration by the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and various states, and in effect in certain foreign jurisdictions, could result in increased operating costs to control and monitor such emissions. We have made and will continue to make expenditures to comply with environmental requirements. While our costs to defend and settle claims arising under environmental laws in the past have not been material, such costs may be material in the future.

## **Properties**

As of September 30, 2010, our operations were conducted through 75 facilities in 18 countries, of which 66 are manufacturing facilities and nine are used for multiple purposes, including design, engineering and administration. Our corporate headquarters is located in Novi, Michigan. Our manufacturing facilities are located

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in North America, Europe, Asia, South America and Australia. We believe that substantially all of our properties are in good condition and that we have sufficient capacity to meet our current and projected manufacturing and design needs. Our principal owned and leased properties, and the number of facilities in each location with more than one facility are set forth below.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Principal Products</b>	<b>Owned/Leased</b>
<b>North America</b>		
<i>United States</i>		
Auburn, Indiana	Anti-Vibration Systems	Owned
Auburn Hills, Michigan(a)	Design, engineering and administration	Leased
Bowling Green, Ohio(2)	Body Sealing and Fluid Handling	Owned
Bremen, Indiana(b)	Body Sealing	Owned
East Tawas, Michigan	Fluid Handling	Owned
Fairview, Michigan	Fluid Handling	Owned
Farmington Hills, Michigan(a)	Design, engineering and administration	Leased
Gaylord, Michigan	Body Sealing	Owned
Goldsboro, North Carolina(2)	Body Sealing	Owned
Leonard, Michigan	Fluid Handling	Owned
Mt. Sterling, Kentucky	Fluid Handling	Owned
New Lexington, Ohio	Fluid Handling	Owned
Novi, Michigan(a)	Design, engineering and administration	Leased
Oscoda, Michigan	Fluid Handling	Owned
Spartanburg, South Carolina	Body Sealing	Owned
Surgoinsville, Tennessee	Fluid Handling	Leased
Topeka, Indiana(b)	Body Sealing	Owned
<i>Canada</i>		
Georgetown, Ontario	Body Sealing	Owned
Glencoe, Ontario	Fluid Handling	Owned
Mitchell, Ontario	Anti-Vibration Systems	Owned
Stratford, Ontario(3)	Body Sealing	Owned
<i>Mexico</i>		
Aguascalientes	Body Sealing	Leased
Atacomulco	Fluid Handling	Owned
Guaymas	Fluid Handling	Leased
Juarez	Fluid Handling	Owned
Saltillo	Fluid Handling	Leased
Torreon(2)(c)	Fluid Handling	Owned
<b>South America</b>		
<i>Brazil</i>		
Camaçari	Fluid Handling	Leased
Sao Paulo(a)	Sales & Administration	Leased
Varginha	Body Sealing and Fluid Handling	Owned
<b>Europe</b>		
<i>Belgium</i>		
Gent	Body Sealing	Leased
<i>Czech Republic</i>		
Zdar	Fluid Handling	Owned

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<b>Location</b>	<b>Principal Products</b>	<b>Owned/Leased</b>
<b>France</b>		
Argenteuil(a)	Design, engineering and administration	Leased
Baclair	Body Sealing	Leased
Creutzwald	Fluid Handling	Owned
Lillebonne	Body Sealing	Owned
Vitré	Body Sealing	Owned
<b>Germany</b>		
Grünberg	Fluid Handling	Leased
Hockenheim	Fluid Handling	Owned
Lindau	Body Sealing	Owned
Mannheim	Body Sealing	Owned
Schelklingen	Fluid Handling	Owned
<b>Italy</b>		
Battipaglia	Body Sealing	Owned
Ciriè	Body Sealing	Owned
<b>Netherlands</b>		
Amsterdam(a)	Administration	Leased
<b>Poland</b>		
Bielsko-Biala	Body Sealing	Owned
Dzierzoniow(2)	Body Sealing	Owned
Myslenice	Body Sealing	Leased
Piotrkow	Body Sealing	Owned
<b>Spain</b>		
Getafe(d)	Fluid Handling	Owned
<b>United Kingdom</b>		
Coventry(a)	Design, engineering and administration	Leased
<b>Asia Pacific</b>		
<b>Australia</b>		
Adelaide	Fluid Handling	Owned
<b>China</b>		
Changchun(b)	Fluid Handling	Leased
Chongqing	Fluid Handling	Owned
Huai-an(b)	Body Sealing	Leased
Jingzhou(b)	Fluid Handling	Owned
Kunshan	Anti-Vibration, Body Sealing and Fluid Handling	Owned
Panyu(b)	Body Sealing	Leased
Shanghai(b)	Body Sealing	Owned
Wuhu	Body Sealing	Owned
<b>India</b>		
Chennai	Fluid Handling	Leased
Dharuhera(b)	Body Sealing	Leased
Ghaziabad(b)	Body Sealing	Leased
Gurgaon(b)	Body Sealing	Leased
Pune	Fluid Handling	Leased
<b>Japan</b>		
Hiroshima(a)	Design, engineering and administration	Leased
Nagoya(a)	Design, engineering and administration	Leased
<b>Korea</b>		
Cheong-Ju	Body Sealing	Owned
Seo-Cheon Gun	Body Sealing & Fluid Handling	Owned

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- (a) Denotes non-manufacturing locations, including design, engineering or administrative locations.
- (b) Denotes joint venture facility.
- (c) One of the facilities at this location is scheduled to be closed in 2010.
- (d) Denotes location to be closed in 2010.

**Legal Proceedings**

We are periodically involved in claims, litigation and various legal matters that arise in the ordinary course of business. In addition, we conduct and monitor environmental investigations and remedial actions at certain locations. Each of these matters is subject to various uncertainties, and some of these matters may be resolved unfavorably for us. A reserve estimate is established for each matter and updated as additional information becomes available. We do not believe that the ultimate resolution of any of these matters will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

On August 3, 2009, we filed a voluntary petition for relief in the Bankruptcy Court to reorganize under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. We continued to operate our businesses and owned and managed our properties as a debtor-in-possession under the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code until we emerged from protection under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on May 27, 2010. See Our Reorganization.

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Information regarding our directors and executive officers as of the date of this prospectus is set forth below.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>
James S. McElya	63	Chairman, Director and Chief Executive Officer
Edward A. Hasler(1)	61	President
Allen J. Campbell	53	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Keith D. Stephenson	50	Chief Operating Officer
Michael C. Verwilt	57	Vice President, Mergers & Acquisitions
Timothy W. Hefferon	57	Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
Kimberly Dickens	49	Vice President, Human Resources
Helen T. Yantz	50	Vice President and Corporate Controller
Glenn R. August	49	Director
Orlando A. Bustos	47	Director
Larry Jutte	54	Director
David J. Mastrocola	49	Director
Stephen A. Van Oss	56	Director
Kenneth L. Way	71	Director

(1) On December 9, 2010, Mr. Hasler notified the Company that he would be retiring from his position as President of the Company effective July 1, 2011.

*James S. McElya* is the Chairman of our board of directors and our Chief Executive Officer, a position he has held since March 2009 and previously held from September 2006 to July 2008. He served as executive Chairman from July 2008 to March 2009. Mr. McElya served as President and Chief Executive Officer from the date of the 2004 acquisition to September 2006. He has been a member of our board of directors since the 2004 acquisition. He was President, Cooper-Standard Automotive and a corporate Vice President of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company from June 2000 until the 2004 acquisition. Mr. McElya has over 33 years of automotive experience. He was previously President of Siebe Automotive Worldwide, a division of Invensys, PLC and spent 22 years with Handy & Harman in various executive management positions, including President, Handy & Harman Automotive, and Corporate Vice President of the parent company. Mr. McElya is the current Chairman of the board of directors of the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association and is a past Chairman and current member of the board of directors of the Original Equipment Supplier Association. He is a member of the board of directors of the National Alliance for Accessible Golf.

*Edward A. Hasler* is our President. Mr. Hasler served as President and Chief Executive Officer from July 2008 to March 2009 and as Vice Chairman and President, North America from March 2009 until May 2010. He served as President and Chief Operating Officer from September 2006 to July 2008. Mr. Hasler was President, Global Sealing Systems from the date of the 2004 acquisition to September 2006. He was the President of the Global Sealing Systems Division and a corporate Vice President of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company from 2003 until the 2004 acquisition. Mr. Hasler was employed from 2000 to 2001 in Germany as Managing Director, Europe for GDX Corporation. Prior to joining GDX, Mr. Hasler had been with Cooper Tire for nearly 15 years. At Cooper Tire, Mr. Hasler held several senior posts including Vice President, Operations; and Vice President, Controller. He has both an MBA and a BS in Business Administration.

*Allen J. Campbell* is our Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, a position he has held since the 2004 acquisition. He was Vice President, Asian Operations of the Cooper-Standard Automotive division of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company from 2003 until the 2004 acquisition and served as Vice President, Finance of the division from 1999 to 2003. Prior to joining Cooper Tire, Mr. Campbell was with The Dow Chemical Company for 18 years and held executive finance positions for both U.S. and Canadian operations. Mr. Campbell is a certified public accountant and received his MBA in Finance from Xavier University.

*Keith D. Stephenson* is our Chief Operating Officer, a position he has held since December 2010. He served as President, International from March 2009 to December 2010. He served as President, Global Body & Chassis



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Systems from June 2007 to March 2009. Mr. Stephenson was Chief Development Officer at Boler Company from January 2004 until October 2006. From 1985 to January 2004, he held various senior positions at Hendrickson, a division of Boler Company, including President of International Operations, Senior Vice President of Global Business Operations and President of the Truck Systems Group.

*Michael C. Verwilt* is our Vice President, Mergers & Acquisitions, a position he has held since March 2009. Previously, Mr. Verwilt served as President, Global Fluid Systems from June 2007 to March 2009. Mr. Verwilt joined the Company in 2003 as the Vice President, Strategic Planning and Business Development. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Verwilt was a principal with Corporate Improvement Partners from 2001 to 2003. Mr. Verwilt held many executive positions with Federal-Mogul Corporation from 1978 to 2001, including Senior Vice President of Powertrain Systems and Vice President & General Manager of Powertrain Systems Americas.

*Timothy W. Hefferon* is our Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, a position he has held since the 2004 acquisition. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Hefferon was with ThyssenKrupp USA Inc. from 1999 to 2004, where he served as Deputy General Counsel and with Federal-Mogul Corporation from 1994 to 1999, where he served as Associate General Counsel. He was a partner from 1985 to 1994 of Hill Lewis, a Detroit-based law firm, where he served on the executive committee. Mr. Hefferon received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

*Kimberly Dickens* is our Vice President, Human Resources, a position she has held since March of 2008. Prior to joining the Company, Ms. Dickens served as Vice President, Human Resources at Federal Signal Corporation from 2004 to 2008. Previously, Ms. Dickens held numerous plant and divisional human resource positions at Borg Warner Corporation beginning in 1988, ultimately serving as Vice President, Human Resources from 2002 to 2004. Ms. Dickens has a BS in Industrial Health and Safety from Oakland University and an MBA from Lewis University.

*Helen T. Yantz* is our Vice President and Corporate Controller, a position she has held since January 2005. Previously, Ms. Yantz held the position of Director of Accounting and Assistant Vice President from 2001 to 2005. Prior to joining the Company, Ms. Yantz was Manager of Financial Reporting at Trinity Health Systems from 2000 to 2001. Previously, Ms. Yantz held various positions in finance at CMS Generations Co., a subsidiary of CMS Energy, from 1990 to 2000, ultimately serving as the Director of Accounting. Ms. Yantz is a certified public accountant and has a BS from Arizona State University.

*Glenn R. August* has been a director since May 2010. Mr. August is President and Senior Partner of Oak Hill Advisors, L.P., an investment management firm he co-founded in 1996. Mr. August was a Managing Partner of the predecessor to Oak Hill Advisors, which he co-founded in 1987. Mr. August previously worked in the mergers and acquisitions department at Morgan Stanley in New York and London. He earned an M.B.A. degree from Harvard Business School, where he was a Baker Scholar, and a B.S. degree from Cornell University. Mr. August currently serves on the board of directors of iStar Financial Inc., the Horace Mann School, The Mount Sinai Children's Center Foundation and the 92nd Street Y.

*Orlando A. Bustos* has been a director since May 2010. Mr. Bustos is the Founder and has been the Senior Managing Director of OHorizons LLC since its inception in 2006. He also Chairs and is President of The OHorizons Foundation, which he co-founded in 2009. From 2005 through 2006, Mr. Bustos was the President, International at Saturn Electronics and Engineering. From 2002 through 2005, Mr. Bustos was the Executive Director, GM Global Powertrain Purchasing at General Motors. While at GM Global Powertrain he also served as Business Sector Leader for the Electronics and Controls, Hybrid systems, and Driveline Sectors. From 2003 through 2005 Mr. Bustos served as a director of GMI Diesel Engineering Ltd. in Japan. From 2002 through 2005 he served as a director of Isuzu Motors Polska Sp. z.o.o. in Poland. From 2002 through 2005 he also served as a director of DMAX Ltd. Prior to these positions, Mr. Bustos held a multitude of key leadership positions across regions, functions and business units at General Motors. Mr. Bustos holds an MBA Sloan Fellowship from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a B.S. in electrical engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

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*Larry Jutte* has been a director since May 2010. Mr. Jutte previously served as Senior Vice President at Honda of America Manufacturing from 2001 until 2009 and was a member of the board of directors. Prior to that, Mr. Jutte has held various management and engineering positions at Honda since 1985, including vice president and plant manager. Mr. Jutte also serves on the board of directors for The Ohio State University Center for International Business Education and Research as well for the Koenig Equipment Co. In addition to serving on these boards, Mr. Jutte is Managing Member of Auld Technologies LLC since February 2009, and serves as President and COO of Ernie Green Industries Inc since March 2010.

*David J. Mastrocola* has been a director since May 2010. Mr. Mastrocola also serves as chairman of the governance committee of our board of directors. Mr. Mastrocola was a partner and managing director of Goldman, Sachs & Co., where he worked from 1987 until his retirement in 2008. During that period, Mr. Mastrocola held a number of senior management positions in the Investment Banking Division, including heading or co-heading the corporate finance, mergers/strategic advisory and industrials/natural resources departments. Mr. Mastrocola also served as a member of Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s firmwide capital and commitments committees. From 1983 to 1985, Mr. Mastrocola was a senior auditor at Arthur Andersen & Co. He earned a B.S. in Accounting from Boston College and an MBA from Harvard University. Mr. Mastrocola currently serves as a trustee for Save the Children Federation, Inc.

*Stephen A. Van Oss* has been a director since August 2008. Mr. Van Oss also serves as chairman of the audit committee of our board of directors. Mr. Van Oss is Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for WESCO Distribution Inc., a position he has held since September 2009. From July 2004 to September 2009, Mr. Van Oss served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial and Administrative officer for WESCO. From 2000 to 2004, Mr. Van Oss served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of WESCO. He served as WESCO's Director, Information Technology from 1997 to 2000 and as its Director, Acquisition Management in 1997. From 1995 to 1996, Mr. Van Oss served as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Paper Back Recycling of America, Inc. He also held various management positions with Reliance Electric Corporation. Mr. Van Oss is a director of WESCO Distribution, Inc. and is a trustee of Robert Morris University.

*Kenneth L. Way* has been a director since the 2004 acquisition in December 2004. Mr. Way also serves as chairman of the compensation committee of our board of directors. Mr. Way served as the Chairman of the board of directors from 1988 through 2002 and CEO from 1988 to 2000 of Lear Corporation. Mr. Way had been affiliated with Lear Corporation and its predecessor companies for 37 years in various engineering, manufacturing and general management capacities. Mr. Way is also a director of CMS Energy Corporation.

## **Board of Directors**

On the emergence date, in accordance with our plan of reorganization and our certificate of incorporation, the number of our directors was fixed at seven. In accordance with our plan of reorganization, our initial board, effective as of the emergence date, consists of (i) James S. McElya, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, (ii) Glenn R. August, who was nominated by Oak Hill Advisors L.P., on behalf of certain funds and separate accounts that it manages, pursuant to its nomination agreement, (iii) Orlando A. Bustos, who was nominated by Silver Point Capital L.P., on behalf of its affiliates and related funds, pursuant to its nomination agreement, (iv) Larry Jutte, an independent director who was nominated by Capital Research and Management Company, as investment advisor to certain funds it manages, TCW Shared Opportunity Fund IV, L.P., TCW Shared Opportunity Fund IVB, L.P., TCW Shared Opportunity Fund V, L.P., TD High Yield Income Fund and Lord, and Abbett & Co. LLC, as investment manager on behalf of multiple clients, pursuant to their nomination agreement in consultation with Mr. McElya, Korn/Ferry International and the creditors' committee appointed in our bankruptcy proceedings, (v) David J. Mastrocola, who was nominated by Barclays Capital Inc. pursuant to its nomination agreement in consultation with Mr. McElya, Korn/Ferry International and the creditors committee, (vi) Stephen A. Van Oss, an independent director who was selected by us from our preemergence board of directors and (vii) Kenneth L. Way, an independent director who was selected by us from our pre-emergence board of directors. See Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions Nomination Agreements for a further description of the nomination agreements.



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### **Committees of the Board of Directors**

Our board of directors currently has an audit committee, a compensation committee and a governance committee.

#### **Audit Committee**

Our audit committee currently consists of Messrs. Mastrocola, Van Oss and Way. Mr. Van Oss serves as chairman of the committee. The audit committee currently is responsible for: (i) reviewing and discussing with management and our independent auditors our annual audited financial statements and quarterly financial statements and any audit issues and management's response; (ii) reviewing and discussing with management and our independent auditors our financial reporting and accounting standards and principles and significant changes in such standards and principles or their application; (iii) reviewing and discussing with management and our independent auditors our internal system of financial controls and disclosure controls and our risk assessment and management policies and activities; (iv) reviewing and evaluating the independence, qualifications, and performance of our independent auditors; (v) reviewing our legal compliance and ethics programs and investigating matters relating to management's integrity, including adherence to standards of business conduct established in our policies; and (vi) taking such actions as may be required or permitted under applicable law to be taken by an audit committee on behalf of us and our board of directors.

#### **Compensation Committee**

Our compensation committee currently consists of Messrs. August, Bustos and Way. Mr. Way serves as chairman of the committee. The compensation committee currently is responsible for: (i) the review and approval of corporate goals, objectives and other criteria relevant to the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers; (ii) the evaluation of the performance of the Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers and the determination and approval of their compensation; (iii) the review and approval of executive compensation programs; (iv) the review of director compensation and director and officer indemnification and insurance matters; (v) the review and approval of contracts and transactions with executive officers; (vi) the review and approval of equity-based compensation plans and awards made pursuant to such plans; (vii) the approval, review and oversight of our employee benefit plans, including the delegation of responsibility for such programs to the executive officers of the Company; and (viii) taking such actions as may be required or permitted under applicable law to be taken by a compensation committee on behalf of us and our board of directors.

Pursuant to certain of the nomination agreements, if a director of the board of directors who was nominated by Silver Point Capital, L.P. or Barclays Capital Inc. or any of their affiliates is designated as a member of the initial compensation (or equivalent) committee, we are required to take all necessary steps to cause the member of the board of directors nominated by Oak Hill Advisors L.P. to be designated as a member of such committee. If a director of the board of directors who was nominated by Oak Hill Advisors L.P. or any of its affiliates is designated as a member of the initial compensation (or equivalent) committee, we have to take all necessary steps to cause either (i) the member of the board of directors nominated by Barclays Capital Inc. or any of its affiliates or (ii) a nominee designated by Silver Point Capital, L.P. or any of its affiliates, to be designated as a member of such committee. Any material decisions or actions of the board of directors' compensation (or equivalent) committee shall require the approval of the entire board of directors. Mr. Bustos was nominated to our board of directors by Silver Point Capital, L.P. Mr. August was nominated to our board of directors by Oak Hill Advisors L.P.

#### **Governance Committee**

Our governance committee currently consists of Messrs. Jutte, Mastrocola and Van Oss. Mr. Mastrocola serves as chairman of the committee. The governance committee currently is responsible for nominating candidates for our board of directors and assisting our board of directors in discharging its responsibilities relating to its organization, membership and performance and other issues relating to our corporate governance.

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### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

Our compensation committee currently consists of Glenn R. August, Orlando A. Bustos and Kenneth L. Way. Mr. August is President and Senior Partner for Oak Hill Advisors, L.P. Funds and accounts managed by Oak Hill Advisors, L.P. are among the Backstop Parties. Mr. Bustos was nominated by Silver Point Capital L.P., on behalf of its affiliates and related funds. Funds and accounts managed by Silver Point Capital L.P. are among the Backstop Parties. See Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions for a description of the equity commitment agreement, the equity registration rights agreement and the nomination agreements that we entered into with the Backstop Parties. Otherwise, no interlocking relationship exists between our board of directors or compensation committee and the board of directors or compensation committee of any other company.

### **Director Independence**

Because our securities are not listed on any national securities exchange, we are not required to have a majority of, or any, independent directors. However, we determine our independent directors pursuant to the standards of the New York Stock Exchange. Currently, we have three directors that we have determined to be independent under such standards: Messrs. Jutte (governance committee member), Van Oss (audit committee and governance committee member) and Way (audit committee and compensation committee member). Mr. Mastrocola is a member of the audit committee and the governance committee and is not independent under the standards for independence of each such committee. Messrs. August and Bustos are members of the compensation committee and are not independent under the standards for independence of such committee.

### **Removal of Directors**

Our certificate of incorporation provides that any or all of the members of our board of directors may be removed from office at any time, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the voting power of all then outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.

### **Limitation of Personal Liability**

Our certificate of incorporation provides that no current or former member of our board of directors will be personally liable to us or any of our stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except to the extent such exemption from liability or limitation thereof is not permitted by the DGCL. If the DGCL is amended to authorize further limitation or elimination of the liability of directors, then the liability of a director to us or our stockholders will be limited or eliminated to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, as so amended.

### **Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

Our certificate of incorporation contains mandatory indemnification provisions for our current and former directors and officers as described generally below.

We will be obligated to indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended, each person who was or is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to or is otherwise involved in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, hereinafter referred to as a proceeding, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Company or, while a director or officer of the Company, is or was serving at our request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to an employee benefit plan, hereinafter referred to as a Covered Person, whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a director, officer, employee or agent, or in any other capacity while serving as a director, officer, employee or agent, against all expense, liability and loss (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes and penalties and amounts paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by such Covered Person in connection with such proceeding, and such right to indemnification will continue as to a

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person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and will inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, executors and administrators; provided, however, that, except for proceedings to enforce rights to indemnification, we will indemnify a Covered Person in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by the Covered Person only if the proceeding (or part thereof) is authorized by the board. The Covered Person will have the right to be paid by us the expenses incurred in defending or otherwise participating in any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition.

In addition, we will be required pursuant to our bylaws to be the indemnitor of first resort (i.e., our obligations to any Covered Person will be primary and any obligation of third party indemnitors to advance expenses or to provide indemnification for the same expenses or liabilities incurred by any Covered Person are secondary).

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable.

## **Other Matters Concerning Directors and Executive Officers**

SEC regulations require us to describe certain legal proceedings, including bankruptcy and insolvency filings involving our directors or executive officers or companies of which a director or executive officer was an executive officer at the time of filing. Each of the executive officers listed above served as an executive officer of the Company at the time we filed for protection under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in August of 2009. Further, Messrs. Van Oss and Way served as directors of the Company at the time we filed for protection under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in August of 2009.

## **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics Policy that applies to all directors, officers and employees of the Company and our subsidiaries, including our chief executive officer, our chief financial officer and our controller. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics Policy is available on our website at [www.cooperstandard.com](http://www.cooperstandard.com). We will also post on our website any amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of our policies that applies to our chief executive officer, chief financial officer or controller, and that relates to any of the following elements of these policies: honest and ethical conduct; disclosure in reports or documents filed by us with the SEC and in other public communications; compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations; prompt internal reporting of code violations; and accountability for adherence to the policies.

## **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

### *Executive summary*

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis describes the key principles and material elements of our compensation policies for the Named Executive Officers of the Company identified below in Executive compensation . Much of what is discussed below, however, applies generally to our executives and is not limited to the Named Executive Officers.

The compensation committee, with the assistance of independent executive compensation consultants, regularly reviews the various elements of our executive compensation program. In reviewing elements of compensation, we have normally placed considerable emphasis on performance-based compensation to ensure executives are compensated for annual and long-term results. Performance-based components of compensation have historically included annual bonuses tied to annual adjusted EBITDA results, long-term incentive plan awards pertaining to three year performance periods, a stock incentive plan and a management stock purchase plan.

In the latter part of 2008 and continuing into 2009, we implemented a number of cost-reduction measures in response to the conditions in the automotive industry and general economy that negatively impacted our financial results and ultimately led to the filing of the chapter 11 cases. These cost-reduction measures included temporary

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reductions in base pay, mandatory vacation without pay, bonus opportunities and benefits applicable to our salaried employees, including the Named Executive Officers, which are described under **Processes relating to executive compensation** Executive compensation review and determinations for 2009 .

As conditions in the automotive industry and our financial performance improved in the latter months of 2009, the compensation committee discontinued certain of the temporary cost-reduction measures that affected executive compensation. The compensation committee did not authorize new stock options or other awards under our stock incentive plan. Under our plan of reorganization, our common stock was cancelled upon emergence from bankruptcy. Compensatory actions related to emergence from bankruptcy are discussed under **Compensation matters following emergence from bankruptcy**.

### ***Compensation philosophy and objectives***

The objective of our compensation program has been to link executive compensation to our performance in a manner that accomplishes the following:

enables us to attract and retain a highly qualified executive leadership team;

aligns the interests of executives with those of stockholders; and

motivates our leadership team to implement our long-term growth strategy while delivering consistently strong financial results. The program was designed to reward sustained enterprise value growth through incentives based on the achievement of performance objectives over varying time periods. As detailed below, our incentive programs emphasize specific Company or group-wide objectives over subjective, individual goals. Discretionary features of these programs allow for the recognition of achievements which the objective performance criteria do not fully measure but which further our key strategies. Base salary has been designed, in general, to be near the median of the range applicable to companies deemed comparable to us and performance-based compensation has been designed to provide opportunities above median levels in the industries in we compete for executives.

### ***Processes relating to executive compensation***

It is the responsibility of the compensation committee to assist in discharging our board of directors' responsibilities relating to the compensation of our directors and executive officers and the oversight of compensation plans, policies and benefit programs. Our human resources executives and professionals support the compensation committee in its work. In evaluating and determining the salary and incentive compensation of our senior leadership team, the compensation committee receives information from our Global Vice President, Human Resources and recommendations from the CEO. The compensation committee as a whole, following discussions with the CEO, meets privately and determines the salary and incentive compensation of the CEO. Executives whose compensation is under consideration are not present during the compensation committee's review meetings. The considerations, criteria and procedures applicable to these determinations are discussed under **Executive Compensation Components**.

**Executive compensation review and determinations for 2009.** In evaluating and determining the compensation of our executives for 2009, the compensation committee departed from its normal practices due to the severe conditions in the automotive industry and general economy that ultimately led to the filing of the chapter 11 cases in August 2009. In the fourth quarter of 2008 and the first quarter of 2009, we, with the approval of the compensation committee, implemented special cost-reduction measures affecting executive compensation, including the compensation of the Named Executive Officers. These included a temporary 10% reduction in base salary that remained in effect from January 2009 through September 2009; the suspension of our annual bonus plan program applicable to our executive officers for the first half of 2009; mandatory one week unpaid vacation; the suspension of fixed matching contributions under the qualified defined contribution plan applicable to the Named Executive Officers that remained in effect from January 2009 through December 2009 and the freezing of benefit accruals under the qualified defined benefit retirement plans applicable to the Named Executive Officers.

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These actions did not reflect a permanent change in our compensation philosophy or practices, but were taken as temporary measures in response to extraordinary conditions. Early in 2009, the compensation committee had retained Hewitt Associates to assist in conducting a comprehensive review of our executive compensation program including an assessment of the competitiveness of the program as compared to the external marketplace and the recommendation of appropriate changes in the program. During the course of the year, the compensation committee determined that, in light of the extraordinary circumstances and the temporary cost-reduction measures implemented during the year, the program review as initially contemplated should be deferred. The base salaries and cash incentive award target levels applicable to our senior executives that had been established for 2008 were kept in place for 2009 subject to the temporary cost-reduction measures described above and more fully described under Executive Compensation Components. The executive compensation review that resulted in the determination of executive compensation for 2008, and which had the above-mentioned carry-over effect into 2009, is described below under 2008 Executive Compensation Review .

*2008 executive compensation review.* In evaluating the compensation of our executives for 2008, the compensation committee engaged Towers Perrin to assess the market competitiveness of our executive compensation program at the time with particular focus on total direct compensation, comprised of base salary, annual incentive award opportunities, long-term incentive award opportunities, executive perquisites other than core health and welfare benefits, and executive severance and change-in-control benefits. Towers Perrin compared our programs in these areas with those of two comparator groups: a group of eleven automotive suppliers selected on the basis of annual sales (ranging from \$907 million to \$12.4 billion, with a median of \$5.0 billion) and a group of 50 companies from various industrial segments also selected on the basis of annual sales (ranging from \$290 million to \$10.7 billion, with a median of \$2.7 billion), as follows:

*Automotive supplier revenue-based comparator group*

American Axle & Mfg	Eaton Corp	Navistar International
ArvinMeritor	Fleetwood Enterprises	PPG Industries Inc
CLARCOR Inc.	Hayes-Lemmerz	Timken Co
Cooper Tire & Rubber	Ingersoll-Rand Co Ltd	

*Broad industrial comparator group*

Air Products and Chemicals Inc	GATX Corp	OMNOVA Solutions Inc
American Axle & Mfg.	Harley-Davidson Inc.	Owens-Illinois Inc.
Arctic Cat Inc.	Harman International Industries	Parker-Hannifin Corp
ArvinMeritor Inc	Harsco Corp	Plum Creek Timber Co Inc
Ball Corp	Hayes Lemmerz	Rockwell Automation Inc.
Black & Decker Corp	HNI Corp	Smurfit-Stone Container
Brady Corp	IDEX Corporation	Sonoco Products Co
Cameron International Corp	ITT Corp	Steelcase Inc.
Chesapeake Corp	Kaman Corp	Sybron
CLARCOR Inc	Lafarge North America	Terex Corp
Constar International Inc	Louisiana-Pacific Corp	Thomas & Betts Corp
Cooper Tire & Rubber Co	MeadWestvaco Corp	Timken Co (The)
Donaldson Co Inc.	Milacron Inc.	Toro Co (The)
Dresser-Rand Group Inc	Mine Safety Appliances Co	Trinity Industries Inc
Fleetwood Enterprises Inc.	Monaco Coach Corp	USG Corp

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Flowserve Corp

MSC Industrial Direct Co

Valmont Industries Inc

Fortune Brands Inc.

Navistar International Corp

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The compensation committee reviewed the report of Towers Perrin with the CEO and other members of executive management. The compensation committee considered the Towers Perrin report in determining the total compensation of senior management for 2008, but did not target any percentile level among the comparator groups used in the report in determining the appropriate level of each element of compensation for the executive leadership team. The compensation committee also took into account distinctions between our equity-based incentive compensation programs and those offered by many of the companies in the comparator groups arising out of the fact that our common stock was not publicly traded as was the case with many of the comparator group companies. Taking into account the above, the survey data generally reaffirmed that compensation of the executive leadership team as then approved by the compensation committee was in accordance with the our overall compensation strategy at the time.

***Executive compensation components***

The elements of compensation available to our executives are:

**Base salary.** Our senior executives are paid a base salary that is determined prior to or at the beginning of each fiscal year or upon changes in roles or positions within the Company. The compensation committee determines the salary of the CEO and, upon the recommendation of the CEO, the salaries of other members of the executive leadership team. The salaries of other executives are determined by the executives to whom they report, upon consultation with the CEO. Our policy is to pay base salaries that are competitive in the markets in which it competes for executives and that take into account the responsibilities and contributions of each executive. The base salary provides executives with a regular stream of income.

As described above under Executive compensation review and determinations for 2009, due to the severe industry and economic conditions at the time, the compensation committee did not make use of new surveys or other competitive benchmarking practices in determining the base salaries of our senior executives for 2009. At the recommendation of senior management, and consistent with actions taken with respect to other of our salaried employees, the compensation committee implemented a temporary 10% reduction in the base salaries of senior executives, including the Named Executive Officers, from the base salary levels in effect for 2008. These temporary reductions were in effect from January 1 through September 30, 2009, at which time the 2008 base salary levels were reinstated due to improved industry conditions and financial results. Mr. Stephenson's salary was increased as of December 28, 2009 after further review by the compensation committee at that time, in connection with a market review of his position.

**Annual bonus.** Prior to or early in each fiscal year, the compensation committee normally determines target annual bonus amounts payable to our senior executives, including the Named Executive Officers, upon the achievement of performance targets established by the compensation committee for the year. The targets are generally set in terms of the adjusted EBITDA of us as a whole or, in some cases, of a particular operating division. Adjusted EBITDA is calculated, in general, as consolidated net income plus the sum of i) consolidated interest expense; ii) consolidated income tax expense; iii) any non-cash charges, losses or expenses; iv) most non-recurring fees, cash charges and other cash expenses; v) non-specified restructuring charges limited to 7.5% of adjusted EBITDA; vi) non-recurring fees, expenses or charges related to professional or financial advisory, financing, underwriting and other similar services related to equity offerings, investments, acquisitions, divestitures or recapitalizations; vii) extraordinary charges or losses; viii) losses related to discontinued operations; ix) losses in respect of business or asset dispositions outside the ordinary course; and x) non-recurring restructuring charges related to the integration of businesses acquired in certain acquisition transactions, subject to certain restrictions. Additional adjustments are sometimes made for extraordinary events upon approval of the compensation committee. Adjusted EBITDA is deemed by us to be an appropriate objective measurement of the financial performance of the Company or a division for that year.

In addition to establishing an adjusted EBITDA performance target, the achievement of which entitles senior executives to bonus payments at the target levels, the compensation committee establishes a threshold performance target, the achievement of which entitles executives to an annual bonus equal to 50% of the target

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bonus amounts. No bonuses are payable if we fails to meet the threshold performance target. In addition, the compensation committee sets a superior performance target, the achievement of which entitles executives to an annual bonus equal to 200% of the target bonus amounts. The superior performance adjusted EBITDA level represents a goal deemed unlikely of achievement at the beginning of the year based on the assumptions underlying the business plan, except upon performance substantially exceeding expectations. Annual bonus payments are determined on a linear basis for adjusted EBITDA attainment above the threshold level but not precisely at the target or superior performance level. In the first quarter following the end of the fiscal year to which the bonus applies, the compensation committee determines whether, and to what extent, the applicable performance targets were achieved based on our financial results for the fiscal year. The compensation committee may take into account special circumstances and adjust applicable performance targets and bonuses. The annual incentive bonus is designed to focus the executive leadership team on the achievement of strong financial performance over a one-year period.

As described above under Processes relating to executive compensation Executive compensation review and determinations for 2009, due to the severe industry and economic conditions at the time, the compensation committee, at the recommendation of senior management, suspended the annual bonus program applicable to senior executives for the first half of 2009. For the second half of 2009, the compensation committee approved executive bonus opportunities with target amounts set at 50% of the amounts originally established for 2009 prior to the suspension of the program. The compensation committee established the half-year bonus target amount for each member of the executive leadership team based on a percentage of base salary. With respect to the Named Executive Officers, the percentage was 50% for Messrs. McElya and Hasler, and 32.5% for Messrs. Campbell, Stephenson and Verwilt. The compensation committee set adjusted EBITDA performance targets (applicable to the executives as a whole) for the second half of 2009 in accordance with our 2009 business plan applicable to that period, as follows: second-half adjusted EBITDA of \$95,220,000 ( threshold performance ) for a pay-out of 50% of the executives half-year target bonuses; second-half adjusted EBITDA of \$105,800,000 ( target performance ) for a pay-out of 100% of the executives half-year target bonuses; and second-half adjusted EBITDA exceeding \$122,000,000 ( superior performance ) for a maximum pay-out of 200% of the respective executives half-year target bonus.

For the second half of 2009, superior performance was achieved such that each executive received a maximum pay-out of 200% of his half-year target bonus.

*Long term incentive compensation.* We have a Long Term Incentive Plan, or LTIP, which provides for the granting by the compensation committee of performance-based awards to executive officers covering performance periods of one year or longer. Awards are normally granted in the first quarter of each year; however, interim grants may be made in the case of new hires or promotions. At the time awards are granted, the compensation committee establishes performance targets and a payment scale which determines payout amounts at different levels of performance. After the end of the performance period, the compensation committee determines whether, and to what extent, performance targets have been achieved and the amount of any awards that have been earned. Award amounts are subject to discretionary adjustment by the compensation committee (they may be adjusted downward up to 80% or upward up to 150%). If a participant engages in inimical conduct, meaning an action or omission contrary to our best interest, before payment of an award is made, the payment is subject to forfeit. LTIP awards are designed to focus the executive leadership team on strong, sustained cash generation and have therefore been based on the achievement of operating cash flow objectives for us as a whole, generally over three-year performance periods.

At the time LTIP awards are granted, the compensation committee establishes a target award amount for each executive which represents the amount the executive will receive at the conclusion of the applicable performance period if performance targets are exactly met during the period. Target award amounts are based on the level of responsibility of the executive and other performance-based factors.

LTIP awards have historically been based on the achievement of operating cash generation goals. Based on our business plan, the compensation committee establishes specific operating cash flow targets for us as a whole on an annual basis. The target performance level represents what the compensation committee deems to be good



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operating cash flow performance for the year which is reasonably capable of achievement at a high level of performance on the part of the executive leadership team and our employees, based on the assumptions and business conditions on which our business plan is based. LTIP awards for the three-year performance period ending December 31, 2009 were based on the achievement of operating cash flow targets for the years ending December 2007, 2008 and 2009. The target operating cash flow for 2007 was established at \$108,200,000, for 2008 at \$179,000,000, and for 2009 at \$122,500,000.

At the end of each LTIP performance period, the compensation committee determines the extent to which our mean average operating cash flow performance during the performance period met the mean average of the annual operating cash flow targets established by the compensation committee during the period. Subject to the right of the compensation committee to make adjustments under the plan, LTIP award payouts are determined in accordance with the following:

Achievement Level (Average)	Payout % of Target Opportunity
Less than 90% of mean target	0%
At 90% of mean target	50%
Each 1% over 90%	+5%
At target	100%
Each 1% above target	+10%

For the three-year performance period ending December 31, 2009, performance was 9.34% above target.

*Stock incentive plan.* Although the compensation committee of our board of directors was authorized to grant options at any time under the 2004 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Stock Incentive Plan, options have historically not been granted on an annual or other regular or prescribed basis. The tranche of time-based options that vested as of December 23, 2009 was the last tranche of options outstanding under the Stock Incentive Plan subject to time or performance-based vesting. Due to the severe industry and economic conditions that prevailed during the first half of 2009 and the ultimate filing of the chapter 11 cases, the compensation committee determined that it was not appropriate to grant new options during 2009. The options outstanding under the 2004 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Stock Incentive Plan were cancelled upon emergence from bankruptcy.

*Management stock purchase plan.* We maintain a nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan which allows eligible executives and directors to defer base pay, bonus payments and long-term incentive pay and have it allocated on a pre-tax basis to various investment alternatives and ultimately distributed to the executive at a designated time in the future. The plan includes a feature referred to as the Management Stock Purchase Plan which provides participants the opportunity to purchase Company stock units with income deferred under the Deferred Compensation Plan at a price based on the fair value of our common stock as determined by the compensation committee. Purchased stock units are matched by us at year-end on a one-for-one basis, subject to an annual aggregate cap for all executives of \$1,500,000 worth of matching units or 15,000 matching units, whichever is less. The compensation committee can increase the cap in any year. If the matching units are over-subscribed in a given year, participants receive a pro rata number of matching units based on the amount of stock units the participant purchased that year through deferrals. Matching units vest ratably over a three-year period, and may vest earlier upon a participant's death, disability, retirement or termination by us without cause or by the participant for good reason. Matching units also become 100% vested upon the occurrence of a change in control for participants who are employed with us immediately prior to such change in control. Stock units are distributed to participants in the form of actual shares of our common stock, subject to restrictions on transfer, at a time in the future designated by the participant (though at our sole discretion, we may pay purchased units out in cash). A variety of other deemed fixed income and equity investment options are also available under the plan (which mirror the investment options available under the our qualified 401(k) plans), though deferrals allocated to such options are not matched.

The timing and form of future payments are specified in the elections submitted by participants with respect to deferrals made for any plan year. Executives may elect to receive payment beginning either at separation from

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service or at an otherwise specified date (generally at least three years after the year in which the deferrals are made). The form of payment for a given year's deferral account can be any of the following: (i) single lump sum; (ii) annual installments for five years; (iii) annual installments for ten years; or (iv) a specified percentage of the account paid as a lump sum, and the remainder paid in either five annual installments or ten annual installments.

The Management Stock Purchase Plan is available to a broader group of executives than those who currently hold options under the Stock Incentive Plan. Due to the filing of the chapter 11 cases, the stock units outstanding under the Management Stock Purchase Plan were cancelled, and we do not currently consider the plan as an important component of its incentive-based compensation program.

*Retirement plan benefits.* The Named Executive Officers participate in our qualified defined benefit retirement plan, our qualified defined contribution investment savings plan and our nonqualified supplementary benefit plan. Benefits under these plans provide executives with an income source during their retirement years, and reward executives for long service to us. We believe that our retirement plans are generally competitive in the industries in which we compete for executives and assist us in attracting and retaining a high caliber executive leadership team.

This section summarizes the terms of the retirement benefits in effect as of December 31, 2009. In response to the continued economic downturn affecting our industry, we decided in December 2008 to implement a number of cost-reduction measures that became effective in 2009. These measures included a freeze in future accruals under our qualified defined benefit retirement plan effective February 1, 2009 and a suspension of fixed matching contributions under our qualified defined contribution investment savings plan. Our nonqualified supplementary benefit plan continues to accrue benefits but does not make up for benefit accruals that are lost due to the changes in the qualified plans described above. After undertaking the emergency measures described above, we also conducted an overall qualified retirement program design review during the 2009 calendar year and implemented a new qualified retirement program which became effective January 1, 2010, a brief summary of which is provided later in this section under the heading "Defined contribution retirement plans".

*Defined benefit retirement plans.* The Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Salaried Retirement Plan, or CSA Retirement Plan, is a defined benefit plan that covers all our non-union employees in the United States, including the Named Executive Officers. As indicated above, a freeze in future accruals under the CSA Retirement Plan became effective on February 1, 2009. However, because the terms of the CSA Retirement Plan are still relevant in the determination of ongoing pension accruals under the Supplementary Benefit Plan (as further described below), a summary of such terms has been retained in this prospectus.

The CSA Retirement Plan is funded by our contributions only. There are two types of benefits under the plan, a cash balance benefit and a final average pay benefit. There are two separate grandfathered final average pay formulas in the plan, but only one of those formulas applies for purposes of the Named Executive Officers whose benefits are governed by final average pay provisions, so that formula is described herein. The final average pay benefit was closed effective January 1, 2002 with respect to any participant who was not at least 40 years of age and had at least 15 years of earned service as of that date.

The cash balance portion of the CSA Retirement Plan states benefits in the form of a hypothetical account established for each participant. Prior to the February 1, 2009 CSA Retirement Plan freeze, cash balance accounts increased by two components: a pay credit equal to a stated percentage of his or her compensation (as defined more specifically below under "Determination of benefits under plans") each year, and an earnings credit equal to the interest rate paid on 30-year Treasury bonds times the hypothetical account balance. Effective with the February 1, 2009 freeze, future pay credits are no longer provided under the CSA Retirement Plan, but future interest credits are still provided.

The final average pay benefit portion of the CSA Retirement Plan provides benefits stated as an annuity equal to 1.5% times average compensation (the highest five of the last ten years, as further described below in "Determination of benefits under plans") times years of service. Effective with the February 1, 2009 freeze, additional accruals related to service earned and pay received after the freeze are no longer provided under the

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CSA Retirement Plan. This final average pay benefit is payable on an unreduced basis at age 62 or upon attainment of age 55 with 30 years of service.

We maintain the Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Nonqualified Supplementary Benefit Plan, or the Supplementary Benefit Plan, for the benefit of certain employees (those who are members of a select group of highly-compensated executive employees, including the Named Executive Officers). The Supplementary Benefit Plan provides for an additional pension benefit that is designed to compensate for any reduced benefits under the CSA Retirement Plan due to limits imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Internal Revenue Code. The Supplementary Benefit Plan is also designed to provide Mr. McElya a final average pay benefit as if he were eligible for the benefits described under Final average pay design below. For cash balance participants, the Supplementary Benefit Plan also provides for an enhanced pay credit as further described under the heading Determination of benefits under plans below. The Supplementary Benefit Plan continues to accrue benefits but does not make up for benefit accruals that are lost due to the February 1, 2009 freeze of the CSA Retirement Plan.

*Defined contribution retirement plans.* The Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Investment Savings Plan, or the CSA Savings Plan, is a tax-qualified 401(k) retirement savings plan pursuant to which all U.S. non-union employees, including the Named Executive Officers, may contribute the lesser of up to 50% of Compensation (which includes the same compensation as that described below under Cash balance design, except that retention bonuses are excluded) or the limit prescribed by the Internal Revenue Code (though we impose lower deferral percentage limits on highly-compensated employees). We provide a fixed match of 40% of employee contributions up to 5% of Compensation, with a maximum matching contribution of 2% of Compensation. We may make additional discretionary contributions depending upon our performance. Our contributions are 100% vested after the employee has 3 years of service. Employee contributions are always 100% vested.

As described earlier in this section, in response to the continued economic downturn, we decided to suspend the fixed Company matching contributions from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. A discretionary matching contribution providing a match of 10% of employee contributions up to 5% of Compensation for 2009 (with a maximum discretionary matching contribution of 0.5% of Compensation) was provided after the end of the year. Further, we redesigned our overall qualified retirement program effective January 1, 2010 to create a safe harbor defined-contribution-only offering which improves cost predictability and reduces cost volatility while providing a market competitive program to its employees. The new program provides the same 40% fixed matching on employee contributions of up to 5% of Compensation that was in effect prior to the January 1, 2009 fixed match suspension, and the plan also continues to provide for potential discretionary contributions depending on our performance. An additional non-elective employer contribution of 3% to 5% of Compensation (depending on age plus service with the Company) was also added to the plan to provide a solid foundation for retirement savings and which helps serve to replace future qualified defined benefit plan accruals which are no longer offered under the CSA Retirement Plan.

The Supplementary Benefit Plan also provides for an additional nonqualified employer contribution which (1) makes up for any Company contributions to the CSA Savings Plan that were not permitted to be made due to limitations under the Internal Revenue Code and (2) provides a nonqualified employer contribution which, when combined with the qualified savings plan employer contribution generally, and with respect to 2009, the hypothetical contributions that would have been made had the fixed Company matching contributions not been suspended, provides for a total employer contribution of 6% of Compensation (without regard to qualified plan limits prescribed by the Internal Revenue Code). The Supplementary Benefit Plan continues to accrue benefits but does not make up for fixed matching contribution that were lost due to the fixed match suspension that was in effect under the CSA Savings Plan from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

*Determination of benefits under plans.* Benefits under the CSA Retirement Plan and the nonqualified defined benefit portion of the Supplementary Benefit Plan are governed by either a cash balance design or a final average pay design. Although a freeze in future accruals under the CSA Retirement Plan became effective on February 1, 2009, the terms of the CSA Retirement Plan are still relevant in the determination of ongoing pension accruals under the Supplementary Benefit Plan, as further elaborated upon below.

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*Cash balance design.* Annual pay credits are added to a participant's cash balance account at the end of each year, based on the participant's compensation for the year and the sum of the participant's age and service as of the beginning of that year. Compensation used as the basis for pay credits, or Compensation, includes all compensation reported as wages for federal income tax purposes excluding employer contributions to a plan of deferred compensation, income attributable to stock options (including income attributable to any disqualifying dispositions thereof), director fees, sales awards, relocation bonuses, signing bonuses, lump-sum severance payments, suggestion system awards, tuition reimbursement, payment upon the exercise of stock appreciation rights or in lieu of the exercise of stock options, imputed income (such as, but not limited to, group term life insurance that is reported as taxable income), benefits accruing or payable under nonqualified retirement plans, expatriate income, and other amounts that are either excludable or deductible from income in whole or in part for federal income tax purposes, or that represent payments pursuant to a program of benefits or deferred compensation, whether or not qualified under the Internal Revenue Code. Annual pay credits are provided as follows:

Sum of Age and Years of Service	CSA Retirement Plan Applicable Percentage(1)	Supplementary Benefit Plan Applicable Percentage(2)
Up to 35	3.0%	6.0%
36 - 50	4.0%	8.0%
51 - 65	5.5%	11.0%
66 - 80	7.5%	15.0%
over 80	10.0%	20.0%

- (1) Although future pay credits are not provided under the CSA Retirement Plan after the February 1, 2009 freeze date, prior to February 1, 2009, the CSA Retirement Plan provided a pay credit equal to the executive's Compensation, subject to qualified plan limitations under the Internal Revenue Code, multiplied by the percentage listed under the CSA Retirement Plan Applicable Percentage heading above.
- (2) Prior to the February 1, 2009 freeze of the CSA Retirement Plan, the Supplementary Benefit Plan provided a pay credit equal to the difference between (1) the executive's Compensation, without regard to qualified plan limitations, multiplied by the percentage listed under the Supplementary Benefit Plan Applicable Percentage heading above, and (2) the pay credit which provided under the CSA Retirement Plan determined in the manner described in footnote 1 above.

After the February 1, 2009 freeze of the CSA Retirement Plan, the Supplementary Benefit Plan provides a pay credit equal to the difference between (1) the executive's Compensation, without regard to qualified plan limitations, multiplied by the percentage listed under the Supplementary Benefit Plan Applicable Percentage heading above, and (2) the hypothetical pay credit which would have been provided under the CSA Retirement Plan had that plan not been frozen, determined in the manner described in footnote 1 above.

Annual interest credits are also added to a participant's cash balance account each year. This credit is calculated by multiplying the cash balance account as of the end of the prior year by an interest rate that is equal to the annual yield statistic for 30-year U.S. Treasury securities for the month of October of the prior year.

Benefits fully vest upon 3 years of service, with no benefits vested for less than 3 years of service. Service is measured based on an elapsed time basis from date of hire.

Normal retirement age is age 65 with 5 years of service. The normal retirement benefit is defined as a monthly life annuity amount that is actuarially equivalent to the cash balance account projected to normal retirement age with interest credits. For participants whose prior final average pay accrued benefits were frozen and converted to an opening account balance at January 1, 2002 when the cash balance design was implemented, an additional amount is added to the normal retirement benefit based on the difference between (i) the frozen age 65 accrued benefit at January 1, 2002 and (ii) a hypothetical age 65 life annuity amount that is actuarially equivalent to the January 1, 2002 opening cash balance account projected to normal retirement age with interest credits only.

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Benefits are payable at termination either in the form of a lump sum or an annuity (the default form and time under the nonqualified plan is a lump sum at separation from service). The lump sum is equal to the cash balance account value at the time of distribution (plus an additional amount, if applicable, associated with the procedure described above for those who had an opening account balance established as of January 1, 2002). The immediate annuity payable is the actuarial equivalent of the normal retirement annuity benefit as described above, except in the event of early retirement, as described below.

Eligibility for early retirement is satisfied with attainment of either (i) age 62 with 10 years of service, or (ii) age 55 with 15 years of service. To the extent these age and service conditions are satisfied, the annuity form of benefit available is based on reducing the normal retirement benefit by 0.6% per month up to 36 months, and 0.4% for each additional month up to 84 months, by which age at retirement precedes age 65.

The normal form of annuity is a single life annuity for non-married participants and a reduced joint life annuity with a 50% survivor benefit for married participants. Other optional forms are available on a reduced basis as well.

*Final average pay design.* The following highlights the basic operation of the final average pay design features of the CSA Retirement Plan and the Supplementary Benefit Plan.

The annual retirement benefit, payable as a life annuity at age 65, is equal to 1.5% multiplied by final average pay multiplied by years of service, where final average pay is determined by taking the average of the highest five calendar years of compensation within the last ten calendar years, excluding the year in which termination occurs. Compensation is determined on the same basis as that applicable to the Cash Balance Design, except lump sum severance and signing bonuses are not excluded. Prior to the February 1, 2009 freeze of the CSA Retirement Plan, benefits associated with pay in excess of qualified plan limitations were provided by the Supplementary Benefit Plan, and benefits associated with pay up to qualified plan limits were provided by the CSA Retirement Plan. After the February 1, 2009 freeze of the CSA Retirement Plan, the Supplementary Benefit Plan still provides only for benefits associated with pay in excess of qualified plan limitations, but no further benefit accruals are provided under the qualified CSA Retirement Plan.

Benefits fully vest upon 3 years of service, with no benefits vested for less than 3 years of service. Service is measured based on an elapsed time basis from date of hire.

Benefits are payable as an annuity at retirement. The normal form of annuity is a single life annuity for non-married participants or a reduced joint life annuity with a 50% survivor benefit for married participants. Other optional forms are available on a reduced basis as well.

Eligibility for early retirement is satisfied with attainment of either (i) age 62 with 10 years of service, or (ii) age 55 with 15 years of service. The annuity form of benefit available is based on reducing the normal retirement benefit by 0.4% per month by which age at retirement precedes age 62. In addition, there is no reduction in any event if a participant has attained age 55 with 30 years of service.

*Termination and change in control benefits.* Our Named Executive Officers receive certain benefits under their employment agreements with us upon certain termination of employment events, including following a change in control of the Company. These benefits, described in detail under *Terms Applicable to Payments Upon Termination of Employment* below, are intended to ensure that the executive leadership team is able to objectively evaluate potential change in control transactions by addressing the potential personal impact of such transactions on our executives.

*Health benefits.* We provides executives with health and welfare benefits under our Health & Well-Being Benefit Plan that is made available generally to its salaried employees. The Health & Well-Being Benefit Plan is a flexible plan which permits participants to choose among various co-pay options and available benefits, including medical, prescription drug, dental, long-term disability and life insurance and other benefits, depending on the needs of the participant and his or her dependents. These benefits help us remain competitive in attracting and retaining a high caliber management team.

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*Perquisites.* We provide each of our senior executives with a vehicle for business and personal use through our vehicle lease program or through a vehicle allowance. We also reimburse senior executives the cost of tax preparation and financial planning services up to a maximum of \$3,000 per year. The compensation committee regards the level of such perquisites to be modest and of benefit to us in attracting and retaining a high caliber management team.

*Compensation matters following emergence from bankruptcy.* In accordance with our plan of reorganization, the employment agreements and compensatory arrangements have generally been continued. As such, benefit levels and bonus opportunities would remain similar to past practice as described herein. No change in control will be deemed to have occurred under any such arrangements as a result of the transactions consummated pursuant to our plan of reorganization and our emergence from bankruptcy. In addition, the Named Executive Officers received a cash bonus and an equity grant consisting of restricted stock and stock options upon emergence from bankruptcy. Our plan of reorganization provided that the target amount of the cash bonus assumed an emergence date on or after June 1, 2010 through August 2, 2010 and amounts would be increased by 20% in the event of emergence from bankruptcy prior to such date. Target awards were \$570,000 for Mr. McElya, \$412,500 for Mr. Hasler, \$242,000 for Mr. Campbell, \$211,750 for Mr. Stephenson and \$192,500 for Mr. Verwlist. As emergence occurred prior to June 1, 2010, the named executive officers received the following amounts: \$684,000 for Mr. McElya, \$495,000 for Mr. Hasler, \$290,400 for Mr. Campbell, \$254,100 for Mr. Stephenson and \$231,000 for Mr. Verwlist.

On the emergence date, we adopted the 2010 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Management Incentive Plan, or the Management Incentive Plan, that was filed with the Bankruptcy Court on May 5, 2010, as part of the supplement to our plan of reorganization. Initial grants were made to key employees on the date of emergence, or the Initial Grant Awards. The total number of shares authorized to be issued under the Management Incentive Plan as the Initial Grant Awards were as follows: (1) 4% of our common stock (or 757,896 shares of common stock, plus, subject to realized dilution on the warrants, an additional 104,075 shares of common stock) to be granted as restricted stock; (2) 4% of the 7% preferred stock (convertible into 178,783 shares of common stock) to be granted as restricted 7% preferred stock; and (3) 3% of the equity (or 702,509 shares of common stock, plus, subject to realized dilution on the warrants, an additional 78,057 shares of common stock) to be granted as stock options. The total number of shares which may be issued under the Management Incentive Plan as Future Grant Awards, to be issued incrementally to officers, employees and directors, is 3% of the equity (or 702,509 shares of common stock, plus, subject to realized dilution on the warrants, 78,057 shares of common stock).

On the date of emergence, the Initial Grant Awards were made to key employees of the Company. All the named executive officers received time-based stock options, time-based restricted stock, and time-based restricted 7% preferred stock, which vest in equal installments on each anniversary of emergence for four years, while the participant remains employed (other than the CEO who did not receive any stock options and whose time-based restricted stock and time-based restricted 7% preferred stock will vest in equal installments over three years). All the named executive officers also received equity awards in respect of warrants, which vest (or restrictions thereon lapse) and become exercisable on the later of the date on which (i) the time-based stock option or restricted stock vests (or restrictions thereon lapse) and becomes exercisable in accordance with its terms or (ii) any or all of the warrants are exercised, in each case in an amount determined based on the number of shares issued upon the exercise of such warrants, which shall be determined for each exercise of a warrant by multiplying the award by the Warrant Factor (as defined below); provided that upon termination of the participant's employment prior to full exercise or expiration of the warrants, the award shall vest and become exercisable to the extent that the time-based stock option or time-based restricted stock vested (or restrictions thereon have lapsed) and became exercisable as of the date of such termination in accordance with its terms and in an amount determined by multiplying the award by the Deemed Warrant Factor. Warrant Factor means, at the time of each exercise of warrants, (i) the number of shares actually issued by the Company upon such exercise divided by (ii) the total amount of outstanding warrants. Deemed Warrant Factor means, as of the date of the participant's termination of employment, (i) the number of shares that would have been issued by the Company if the warrants outstanding and unexercised as of such date were deemed exercised on a net exercise basis, based on the market value of such shares as of such date, divided by (ii) the total amount of outstanding warrants.

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The unvested outstanding awards are generally canceled by the Company without consideration upon termination of employment, provided that upon termination without Cause, by the participant for Good Reason, or due to the participant's death or Disability (generally as such terms are defined in an executive's employment agreement if they have one, or else as defined in the Management Incentive Plan), the participant shall be deemed vested as of the date of such termination in any of the equity awards that would have otherwise vested in the calendar year in which such termination occurs.

The initial grant allocations to the named executive officers were as follows:

	Restricted Common Stock	Restricted Common Stock in Respect of Warrants	Restricted 7% Preferred Stock	Stock Options	Stock Options in Respect of Warrants
James S. McElya	375,940	54,075	21,534	0	0
Edward Hasler	61,680	9,000	3,533	110,000	13,857
Allen J. Campbell	54,581	7,566	3,142	93,000	11,941
Keith D. Stephenson	54,581	7,566	3,142	93,000	11,941
Michael C. Verwilt	34,516	4,761	1,977	58,000	7,448

The stock options were granted with an exercise price equal to the plan of reorganization value of our common stock of \$25.52 per share.

*Effect of accounting and tax treatment on compensation decisions.* In the review and establishment of our compensation programs, we consider the anticipated accounting and tax implications to us and our executives. Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code limits the deductibility of compensation paid to executives in excess of \$1,000,000 in a year, other than performance-based compensation meeting certain requirements. The compensation committee considers our anticipated tax treatment for the compensation paid to executives; however, there may be instances where the compensation committee may conclude that it is appropriate to exceed the limitation on deductibility under Section 162(m) to ensure that executive officers are compensated in a manner that is consistent with our overall compensation philosophy and objectives and which the compensation committee believes to be in our best interests.

***Executive compensation***

Set forth below is information regarding compensation for services to the Company in all capacities of the following executive officers, or the Named Executive Officers, during the year ended December 31, 2009: (i) our Chief Executive Officer; (ii) our Chief Financial Officer; and (iii) the three most highly compensated executive officers other than the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer who were serving as executive officers at December 31, 2009.

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Name and Principal Position (a)	Year (b)	Salary (c)	Bonus(5) (d)	Stock Awards(6) (e)	Option Awards(7) (f)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation(8) (g)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation (9)	All Other Compensation (i)	Total (j)
							Earnings(h)		
James S. McElya,(1) Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	2009	\$ 809,327(4)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,626,815	\$ 1,233,312	\$ 112,303(10)	\$ 3,781,757(27)
	2008	\$ 950,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 534,098	\$ 586,959	\$ 183,673(11)	\$ 2,254,730(28)
	2007	\$ 850,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 284,093	\$ 0	\$ 1,456,393	\$ 588,022	\$ 127,282(12)	\$ 3,343,290(29)
Edward Hasler,(2) Vice Chairman and President, North America	2009	\$ 647,596(4)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,426,815	\$ 1,344,965	\$ 74,494(13)	\$ 3,493,870(27)
	2008	\$ 660,578	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 504,788	\$ 466,978	\$ 95,216(14)	\$ 1,727,560(28)
	2007	\$ 500,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 416,274	\$ 243,146	\$ 837,652	\$ 240,575	\$ 63,944(15)	\$ 2,339,091(29)
Allen J. Campbell, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2009	\$ 383,308(4)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 672,751	\$ 117,096	\$ 50,644(16)	\$ 1,223,799(27)
	2008	\$ 440,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 309,386	\$ 66,629	\$ 71,176(17)	\$ 887,191(28)
	2007	\$ 400,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 224,267	\$ 100,578	\$ 561,597	\$ 72,013	\$ 68,825(18)	\$ 1,464,780(29)
Keith D. Stephenson President, International	2009	\$ 335,394(4)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 637,001	\$ 26,133	\$ 188,352(19)	\$ 1,186,880(27)
	2008	\$ 385,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 529,562	\$ 0	\$ 35,392	\$ 37,663(20)	\$ 987,617(28)
Michael C. Verwilt,(3) Vice President, Mergers & Acquisitions	2009	\$ 321,327(4)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 637,001	\$ 70,615	\$ 35,891(21)	\$ 1,064,834(27)
	2008	\$ 385,000	\$						