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- [X] Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the quarterly period ended <u>September 24, 2005</u>

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THE DIXIE GROUP

THE DIXIE GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tennessee

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

345-B Nowlin Lane, Chattanooga, TN

(Address of principal executive offices)

37421

62-0183370 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

(Zip code)

(423) 510-7010

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). [X]Yes []No

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

The number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of Common Stock as of the latest practicable date.

Class Common Stock, \$3 Par Value Class B Common Stock, \$3 Par Value Class C Common Stock, \$3 Par Value Outstanding as of October 21, 2005

11,942,067 shares 721,952 shares 0 shares

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### **PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

#### Item 1. Financial Statements

THE DIXIE GROUP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS
(dollars in thousands)

	(Unaudited) Sept. 24, 2005	Dec. 25, 2004
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful		
accounts of \$1,759 for 2005 and \$1,835 for 2004)	\$ 33,323	\$ 33,276
Inventories	73,202	57,992
Other	11,713	15,286
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	118,238	106,554
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Land and improvements	6,047	6,048
Buildings and improvements	44,326	36,540
Machinery and equipment	102,965	91,488
	153,338	134,076
Less accumulated amortization and depreciation	(63,594)	(57,739)
NET PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	89,744	76,337
GOODWILL	55,604	55,604
OTHER ASSETS	10,949	9,782
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 274,535	\$ 248,277

See accompanying notes to the consolidated condensed financial statements.

	(Unaudited) Sept. 24, 2005	Dec. 25, 2004
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		2001
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 15,467	\$ 11,178
Accrued expenses	23,554	27,610
Current portion of long-term debt	 6,316	 9,156
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	45,337	47,944
LONG-TERM DEBT		
Senior indebtedness	59,618	36,538
Capital lease obligations	5,014	5,539
Convertible subordinated debentures	22,162	24,737
TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	86,794	66,814
OTHER LIABILITIES	13,248	13,087
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	7,921	9,595
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common Stock (\$3 par value per share): Authorized 80,000,000 shares, issued - 15,329,332 shares for 2005 and 14,999,689 shares for 2004 Class B Common Stock (\$3 par value per share): Authorized 16,000,000 shares, issued - 721,952	45,988	44,999
shares for 2005 and 667,569 share for 2004	2,166	2,003
Additional paid-in capital	134,237	131,321
Unearned stock compensation	(803)	(26)
Accumulated deficit	(4,538)	(11,542)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,771)	(1,874)
	175,279	164,881
Less Common Stock in treasury at cost - 3,395,390		
shares for 2005 and 2004	(54,044)	(54,044)
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	121,235	110,837
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 274,535	\$ 248,277

#### THE DIXIE GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (dollars in thousands)

See accompanying notes to the consolidated condensed financial statements.

#### THE DIXIE GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

(dollars in thous	、 sands,	except per s	hare	e data)				
		Three Months Ended				Nine Mo	Ended	
		Sept.24,		Sept. 25,		Sept. 24,		Sept. 25,
		2005		2004		2005		2004
Net sales	\$	76,661	\$	74,108	\$	230,768	\$	209,329
Cost of sales		54,208		49,125		160,124		138,157
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Gross profit		22,453		24,983		70,644		71,172
Selling and administrative expenses		19,213		18,001		56,088		54,063
Other operating income		(6)		(22)		(230)		(106)
Other operating expense		85		63		398		260
Operating income		3,161		6,941		14,388		16,955
Interest expense		1,553		1,362		4,358		3,766
Other income		(9)		(87)		(242)		(1,188)
Other expense		21		2		67		6
Income from continuing operations before taxes		1,596		5,664		10,205		14,371
Income tax provision		343		2,110		3,496		5,354
Income from continuing operations		1,253		3,554		6,709		9,017
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax		(32)		(38)		(539)		(414)
Income on disposal of discontinued operations,								
net of tax	•		_			834	_	79
Net income	\$	1,221	\$	3,516	\$	7,004	\$	8,682
BASIC EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE:	\$	0.10	\$	0.29	\$	0.54	¢	0.75
Continuing operations Discontinued operations	φ	0.10	φ	0.29	φ		φ	
Disposal of discontinued operations						(0.04) 0.07		(0.03)
	\$	0.10	\$	0.29	¢	0.07	¢	0.70
Net income	Þ	0.10	Φ	0.29	\$	0.57	\$	0.72
WEIGHTED-AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING		12,472		12,180		12,356		12,084
DILUTED EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE:								
Continuing operations	\$	0.10	\$	0.28	\$	0.52	\$	0.72
Discontinued operations	Ŧ	(0.01)	+		Ŧ	(0.04)	Ψ	(0.03)
Disposal of discontinued operations		(0101)				0.06		(0.00)
Net income	\$	0.09	\$	0.28	\$	0.54	\$	0.69
WEIGHTED-AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING		12,946		12,592		12,868		12,532
DIVIDENDS PER SHARE:								
Common Stock								
Class B Common Stock								

See accompanying notes to the consolidated condensed financial statements.

#### THE DIXIE GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED) (dollars in thousands)

		Nine Mor	nths Er	nded
		Sept. 24,		Sept. 25,
		2005		2004
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Income from continuing operations	\$	6,709	\$	9,017
Loss from discontinued operations	·	(539)	·	(414)
Income on disposal of discontinued operations		834		<b>`</b> 79 <sup>´</sup>
Net income		7,004		8,682
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net		.,		0,001
cash provided by (used in) operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		7,927		6,548
Change in deferred income taxes		(1,403)		(550)
Net gain on property, plant and equipment disposals		(43)		(123)
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options		956		(123)
Amortization of restricted stock		347		
		347		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		(47)		(0.407)
Accounts receivable		(47)		(6,497)
Inventories		(15,210)		(15,128)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		233		6,084
Other operating assets and liabilities		2,090		(3,942)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		1,854		(4,926)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Net proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment		823		6,424
Accrued income taxes related to sale of business				(10,230)
Accrued purchase price consideration related to sale of business				(3,351)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(21,806)		(9,528)
Investment in affiliate		(21,000)		153
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(20,983)		(16,532)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				17 05 1
Net borrowings on credit facility		19,141		17,251
Borrowings on term loan		3,575		1,479
Payments on term loan		(1,572)		(7,909)
Borrowings from equipment financing		1,610		3,723
Payments on equipment financing		(454)		(208)
Borrowings under capitalized leases				1,579
Payments on capitalized leases		(1,096)		(1,140)
Payments on mortgage note payable		(151)		
Payments on subordinated indebtedness		(2,498)		(2,500)
Payment on note payable		(1,338)		
Proceeds from stock option exercises		<b>`</b> 1,912		1,429
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES		19,129		13,704
				(7 75 4)
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH FOUNVALENTS				
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS				(7,754)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	•			(7,754)
	\$		\$	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD				<u>11,058</u> <u>3,304</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$\$	  3,597 5,559	\$\$	11,058

See accompanying notes to the consolidated condensed financial statements.

#### THE DIXIE GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNAUDITED) (dollars in thousands)

	Common Stock and Class B Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Unearned Stock Compensation	Retained Earnings Accumulated (Deficit)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Common Stock in Treasury	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance at December 25, 2004	\$ 47,002	\$ 131,321	\$ (26)	\$ (11,542)	\$ (1,874)	\$ (54,044)	\$ 110,837
Common Stock and Class B sold under stock option plan - 323,645 shares	971	941					1,912
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options		956					956
Restricted stock grants issued - 67,180 shares	202	998	(1,200)				
Restricted stock grants forfeited - 9,190 shares	(28)	(137)	143				(22)
Amortization of restricted stock grants			280				280
Acceleration of stock options		88					88
Common Stock issued upon conversion of convertible subordinated debentures - 2,391	7	70					77
Other comprehensive income					103		103
Net income				7,004			7,004
Balance at September 24, 2005	\$ 48,154	\$ 134,237	\$ (803)	\$ (4,538)	\$ (1,771)	\$ (54,044)	\$ 121,235

See accompanying notes to the consolidated condensed financial statements.

#### NOTE A - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial statements which do not include all the information and notes required by such accounting principles for annual financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (generally consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which includes consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 25, 2004. Operating results for the three and nine month periods ended September 24, 2005 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the entire 2005 year.

The financial statements separately report discontinued operations and the results of continuing operations (See Note F). Disclosures included herein pertain to the Company's continuing operations unless noted otherwise.

#### NOTE B - RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In November 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 151, "Inventory Costs - an amendment of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4." SFAS No. 151 amends the guidance in ARB No. 43, Chapter 4, "Inventory Pricing," to clarify the accounting for abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted material (spoilage) and requires these costs be treated as current period charges. In addition, SFAS No. 151 requires that fixed production overhead cost be allocated to units of production based on the normal capacity of each production facility. The provisions of SFAS No. 151 are effective for inventory costs incurred during fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2005. The Company does not expect SFAS No. 151 to materially impact its financial statements.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 153, "Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets an amendment of APB Opinion No. 29." SFAS No. 153 amends the guidance in APB Opinion No. 29, "Accounting for Nonmonetary Transactions", which is based on the principle that exchanges of nonmonetary assets should be measured based on the fair value of the assets exchanged, with certain exceptions. SFAS No. 153 amends APB Opinion No. 29 to eliminate the exception for nonmonetary exchanges of similar productive assets and replaces it with a general exception for exchanges of nonmonetary assets that do not have commercial substance. A nonmonetary exchange has commercial substance if the future cash flows of the entity are expected to change significantly as a result of the exchange. The provisions of SFAS No. 153 are effective for nonmonetary asset exchanges occurring in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2005. The Company adopted SFAS No. 153 on June 26, 2005, and its adoption did not have a material impact on its financial statements.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 123 - Revised (SFAS No. 123R), "Share-Based Payment." SFAS No. 123R revises SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation", and supersedes APB No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees." Under SFAS No. 123R, the Company will measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for stock based on the grant-date fair value of stock-based compensation (with limited exceptions). That cost will be recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for stock awards (usually the vesting period). The fair value of stock awards will be estimated using an option-pricing model, with excess tax benefits, as defined in SFAS No. 123R, being recognized as an addition to paid-in capital. The provisions of SFAS No. 123R are effective for annual periods beginning after June 15, 2005 and will be effective for the Company's first quarter of fiscal 2006. The Company does not expect the adoption SFAS No. 123R to have a material impact on its financial statements.

In June 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections", a replacement of APB Opinion No. 20 and FASB Statement No. 3. The statement applies to all voluntary changes in accounting principle, and changes the requirements for accounting for and reporting of a change in accounting principle. SFAS No. 154 requires retrospective application to prior periods' financial statements of a voluntary change in accounting principle unless it is impracticable. SFAS No. 154 is effective for accounting changes and correction of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. Earlier application is permitted for accounting changes and corrections of errors made occurring in fiscal years beginning after June 1, 2005. The statement does not change the transition provisions of any existing accounting pronouncements, including those that are in a transition phase as of the effective date of this statement. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 154 to have a material effect on its financial statements. Return to Table of Contents

#### NOTE C - STOCK COMPENSATION

Currently, the Company accounts for stock options granted as prescribed under APB Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," which recognizes compensation cost based upon the intrinsic value of the award and follows the disclosure option of SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation", as amended by SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure - an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 123". SFAS No. 123, as amended by SFAS No. 148, requires disclosure of stock compensation cost using the alternative fair value method of accounting.

The following pro forma summary presents the Company's net income and earnings per share as if the Company had determined stock compensation expense using the alternative fair value method of accounting under SFAS No. 123, as amended by SFAS No. 148. The pro forma impact on net income and earnings per share shown below may not be representative of future results.

	Three Months Ended			Nine Mo	nths	Ended	
	Sept. 24, 2005		pt. 25, 2004		Sept. 24, 2005		Sept. 25, 2004
Net income, as reported Stock compensation expense, net of taxes	\$ 1,221 ( (152)	\$	3,516 (672)	\$	7,004 (1,222)	\$	8,682 (759)
Adjusted net income	\$ 1,069	\$	2,844	\$	5,782	\$	7,923
Basic earnings per share, as reported Stock compensation expense, net of taxes	\$ 0.10 (0.01)	\$	0.29 (0.06)	\$	0.57 (0.10)	\$	0.72 (0.06)
Adjusted basic earnings per share	\$ 0.09	\$	0.23	\$	0.47	\$	0.66
Diluted earnings per share, as reported Stock compensation expense, net of taxes	\$ 0.09 (0.01)	\$	0.28 (0.05)	\$	0.54 (0.09)	\$	0.69 (0.06)
Adjusted diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.08	\$	0.23	\$	0.45	\$	0.63

The fair value of each option grant was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions:

	Three Mor	nths Ended	Nine Mont	hs Ended	
	Sept. 24, 2005	Sept. 25, 2004	Sept. 24, 2005	Sept. 25, 2004	
Expected life	5 years	5 years	5 years	5 years	
Expected volatility	59.80%	63.40%	59.80%	63.40%	
Risk-free interest rate	4.01%	3.47%	3.93%	3.48%	
Dividend yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

#### NOTE D - RECEIVABLES

Receivables are summarized as follows:

	 Sept. 24, 2005	Dec. 25, 2004
Customers, trade	\$ 33,184	\$ 33,722
Other	1,898	1,389
Gross receivables	35,082	35,111
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	1,759	1,835
Net receivables	\$ 33,323	\$ 33,276
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The Company had notes receivables in the amount of \$511 and \$3,026 at September 24, 2005 and December 25, 2004, respectively, which are included in other current assets and other assets in the accompanying consolidated condensed balance sheets.

#### NOTE E - INVENTORIES

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost for substantially all inventories is determined using the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method, which generally matches current costs of inventory sold with current revenues.

#### Inventories are summarized as follows:

	Sept. 24, 2005	Dec. 25, 2004
Raw materials	\$ 21,632	\$ 14,420
Work-in-process	19,185	14,679
Finished goods	37,551	31,962
Supplies, repair parts and other	497	496
LIFO	(5,663)	(3,565)
Total inventories	\$ 73,202	\$ 57,992

#### NOTE F - DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

Following is a summary of the Company's discontinued operations:

		Three Months Ended			Three Months Ended Nine Months					Ended
		Sept. 24, 2005		Sept. 25, 2004	Sept. 24, 2005		Sept. 25, 2004			
Net sales	\$		\$	\$		\$				
Loss from discontinued operations:										
Before income taxes		(50)		(60)	(851)		(660)			
Income tax benefit		(18)		(22)	(312)		(246)			
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$	(32)	\$	(38) \$	(539)	\$	(414)			
Income on disposal of discontinued operations:					4 220		407			
Before income taxes					1,320		127			
Income tax provision					486		48			
Income on disposal of discontinued										
operations, net of tax	\$		\$	\$	834	\$	79			

In early fiscal 2004, the Company sold a spun yarn facility. The production of this facility was substantially utilized by the operations sold on November 12, 2003 to Shaw Industries Group, Inc. Proceeds from the sale of the spun yarn facility, net of funds used to purchase certain leased assets sold with the facility and to pay certain expenses of the transaction, were \$6,424. In the first quarter of 2005, the Company reduced its reserve for notes receivable by \$1,320 to reflect the settlement of a note receivable associated with its textile cotton yarn and dyeing operations sold in 1999. Operating results associated with businesses sold are classified as discontinued operations for all periods presented.

#### NOTE G - ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accrued expenses are summarized as follows:

	Sept. 24, 2005	Dec. 25, 2004
Compensation and benefits	\$ 7,292	\$ 12,611
Accrued income taxes	2,090	2,606
Provision for customer rebates, claims and allowances	3,378	3,950
Accrued purchase price consideration		2,766
Outstanding checks in excess of cash	4,740	1,156
Other	6,054	4,521
Total accrued expenses	\$ 23,554	\$ 27,610

#### **NOTE H - PRODUCT WARRANTY RESERVES**

The Company provides varying warranties related to its products against manufacturing defects and specific performance standards. The Company records reserves for the estimated costs of defective products and failure to meet applicable performance standards at the time product sales are recorded. The levels of reserves are established based primarily upon historical experience and evaluation of known claims.

Following is a summary of the Company's warranty activity:

	Three Mo	nths	Ended	Nine Months End		s Ended
	Sept. 24, 2005		Sept. 25, 2004	Sept. 24, 2005		Sept. 25, 2004
Warranty reserve beginning of period	\$ 717	\$	352	\$ 772	\$	608
Warranty liabilities accrued	1,151		815	3,140		1,589
Warranty liabilities settled	(1,454)		(409)	(3,771)		(1,390)
Changes for pre-existing warranty liabilities	293		2	566		(47)
Warranty reserve end of period	\$ 707	\$	760	\$ 707	\$	760

#### NOTE I - LONG-TERM DEBT AND CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS

Long-term debt consists of the following:

	Sept. 24, 2005	Dec. 25, 2004
Senior indebtedness		
Credit line borrowings	\$ 30,894	\$ 11,753
Term loans	19,858	17,855
Equipment financings	4,533	3,377
Capital lease obligations	6,124	7,220
Mortgage note payable	7,039	7,190
Note payable		1,338
Total senior indebtedness	68,448	48,733
Convertible subordinated debentures	 24,662	27,237
Total long-term debt	93,110	75,970
Less current portion of long-term debt	(5,206)	(7,475)
Less current portion of capital lease obligations	(1,110)	(1,681)
Total long-term debt, less current portions	\$ 86,794	\$ 66,814
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In July 2005, the Company amended its senior loan and security agreement. The amended agreement extended the term of the credit facility to May 11, 2010, reduced interest rates applicable to the credit facility, eliminated financial covenants and provided the Company with \$70,000 of credit, consisting of \$50,000 of revolving credit and a \$20,000 term loan. The term loan is payable in monthly installments of \$142 beginning September 1, 2005 and is due in May 2010.

Interest rates available under the senior loan and security agreement may be selected from a number of options that effectively allow the Company to borrow at rates ranging from the lender's prime rate to the lender's prime rate plus 0.75% for base rate loans, or at rates ranging from LIBOR plus 1.25% to LIBOR plus 3.25% for LIBOR loans. Commitment fees of 0.25% per annum are payable on the average daily unused balance of the revolving credit facility. The levels of the Company's accounts receivable and inventory limit borrowing availability under the revolving credit facility. The facility is secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the Company's assets.

The senior loan and security agreement generally permits dividends and repurchases of the Company's Common Stock up to an aggregate annual amount of \$3,000 and such distributions in excess of \$3,000 annually may be made under conditions specified in the agreement. The agreement also contains covenants that could limit future acquisitions. The unused borrowing capacity under the senior credit facility on September 24, 2005 was approximately \$15,919.

#### NOTE J - DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company was party to an interest rate swap agreement which expired on March 11, 2005. Under the interest rate swap agreement, the Company paid a fixed rate of interest of 3.24% multiplied by a notional amount of \$70,000, and received in return an amount equal to a specified variable rate of interest multiplied by the same notional amount.

The Company is party to an interest rate swap agreement through March 2013 that is linked to a mortgage note payable and is considered a highly effective hedge. Under the interest rate swap agreement, the Company pays a fixed rate of interest multiplied by a notional principal amount equal to the outstanding balance of the mortgage note, and receives in return an amount equal to a specified variable rate of interest multiplied by the same notional principal. The fair value of the interest rate swap agreement is reflected on the Company's balance sheet and changes in its fair value are deferred in other comprehensive income. At September 24, 2005, the notional amount of the interest rate swap agreement was \$7,039. Under the terms of the swap agreement, the Company pays a fixed interest rate of 4.54% through March 2013, which effectively fixes interest on the mortgage note payable at 6.54%. Unrealized losses, net of tax, included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss were \$80 at September 24, 2005.

On October 11, 2005, the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a notional amount of \$30,000 through May 11, 2010. Under the interest rate swap agreement, the Company pays a fixed rate of interest of 4.79% and receives in return a specified variable rate of interest. The interest rate swap agreement is linked to the Company's variable rate debt and is considered a highly effective hedge.

#### NOTE K - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The Company sponsors a 401(k) defined contribution plan covering substantially all associates. The Company matches associates' contributions up to a maximum of 3% on a sliding scale based on the level of the associate's contribution. The Company may make additional contributions to the plan if the Company attains certain performance targets.

The Company sponsors a non-qualified retirement savings plan that allows eligible associates to defer a specified percentage of their compensation. The obligations owed to participants were \$9,708 at September 24, 2005 and \$8,439 at December 25, 2004. Such obligations are included in other liabilities in the Company's balance sheets and substantially all such liabilities are funded by assets held for the benefit of participants.

The Company sponsors two defined benefit retirement plans, one that covers a limited number of the Company's active associates and another that has been frozen since 1993 as to new benefits earned under the plan. The Company is in the process of terminating the frozen defined benefit plan.

Three Months Ended Nine Months Ended Sept. 24. Sept. 25. Sept. 24. Sept. 25. 2005 2004 2005 2004 Components of net periodic benefit costs: Defined benefit plans Service cost \$ \$ \$ \$ 40 30 119 157 Interest cost 37 37 110 151 Expected return on plan assets (30) (18) (89) (93) Amortization of prior service cost 2 1 5 7 Recognized net actuarial loss 19 17 58 77 \$ \$ 67 203 Net periodic benefit cost 68 \$ \$ 299

Costs charged to continuing operations for all pension plans are summarized as follows:

The Company sponsors a postretirement benefit plan that provides life insurance to a limited number of associates as a result of a prior acquisition. The Company also sponsors a postretirement benefit plan that provides medical and life insurance for a limited number of associates who retired prior to January 1, 2003.

Costs charged to continuing operations for all postretirement plans are summarized as follows:

	Three Mon	ths	Ended	Nine Months Ended		
	Sept. 24, 2005		Sept. 25, 2004	Sept. 24, 2005		Sept. 25, 2004
Components of net periodic benefit costs: Defined benefit plans Service cost	\$ 10	\$		\$ 30	\$	30
Interest cost Amortization of prior service costs	20 (10)		20 (10)	60 (30)		60 (30)
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 20	\$	20	\$ 60	\$	60

Amounts contributed, or expected to be contributed, by the Company for pension and postretirement benefits during the current fiscal year are not anticipated to be significantly different from amounts disclosed in the Company's 2004 Annual Report filed on Form 10-K. However, the Company is in the process of terminating its frozen defined benefit plan and will fully fund that plan when all regulatory approvals have been received and the plan is terminated.

#### NOTE L - COMMON STOCK AND EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations:

		Three Mo	onths	Ended		Nine Months Ended		Ended
		Sept. 24, 2005		Sept. 25, 2004		Sept. 24, 2005		Sept. 25, 2004
Income from continuing operations (1)	\$	1,253	\$	3,554	\$	6,709	\$	9,017
Denominator for calculation of basic earnings per share - weighted-average shares (2)		12,472		12,180		12,356		12,084
Effect of dilutive securities: Stock options (3) Stock subscriptions Restricted stock grants Directors' stock performance units		432  27 15		380 12 12 8		478  13 21		408 18 12 10
Denominator for calculation of diluted earnings per share - weighted-average shares adjusted for potential dilution (2)(3)		12,946		12,592		12,868		12,532
Earnings per share: Basic Diluted	\$ \$	0.10 0.10	\$ \$	0.29 0.28	\$ \$	0.54 0.52	\$ \$	0.75 0.72

(1) No adjustments needed in the numerator for diluted calculations.

(2) Includes Common and Class B Common shares stated in thousands.

(3) Because their effects are anti-dilutive, excludes shares issuable under stock option plans whose grant price is greater than the average market price of Common Shares outstanding at the end of the relevant period and shares issuable on conversion of subordinated debentures into shares of Common Stock. Aggregate shares excluded were 785 and 800 during the three and nine months of 2005 and 1,052 and 960 during the three and nine months of 2004.

#### **NOTE M - COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

Comprehensive income is as follows:

	Three Mo	onth	s Ended	Nine Mo	onths	Ended
	Sept. 24, 2005		Sept. 25, 2004	Sept. 24, 2005		Sept. 25, 2004
Net income	\$ 1,221	\$	3,516	\$ 7,004	\$	8,682
Other comprehensive income:						
Unrealized gain on interest rate swap agreements						
Before income taxes			93	179		409
Income taxes			36	76		156
Net of taxes			57	103		253
Comprehensive income	\$ 1,221	\$	3,573	\$ 7,107	\$	8,935

	Minimum Pension	Interest Rate	
	Liability	Swaps	Total
Balance at December 25, 2004 Unrealized gain on interest rate swap	\$ (1,691)	\$ (183)	\$ (1,874)
agreement, net of tax of \$76		103	103
Balance at September 24, 2005	\$ (1,691)	\$ (80)	\$ (1,771)

#### NOTE N - OTHER (INCOME) EXPENSE

Other (income) expense is summarized as follows:

	Three Mo	onthe	s Ended	Nine Mor	nths	Ended
	Sept. 24,		Sept. 25,	Sept. 24,		Sept. 25,
	2005		2004	2005		2004
Other operating income:						
Gain on sale of other operating assets	\$ 	\$	(17)	\$ (93)	\$	(17)
Other miscellaneous income	(6)		(5)	(137)		(89)
Other operating income	\$ (6)	\$	(22)	\$ (230)	\$	(106)
Other operating expense:						
Retirement expenses	\$ 70	\$	63	\$ 250	\$	242
Other miscellaneous expense	15			148		18
Other operating expense	\$ 85	\$	63	\$ 398	\$	260
Other income:						
Interest income	(3)		(78)	(105)		(227)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiary			(9)			(383)
Dispute settlement				(107)		(500)
Other miscellaneous income	(6)			(30)		(78)
Other income	\$ (9)	\$	(87)	\$ (242)	\$	(1,188)
Other expense:						
Other miscellaneous expense	\$ 21	\$	2	\$ 67	\$	6
Other expense	\$ 21	\$	2	\$ 67	\$	6

#### **NOTE O - SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The Company is in one line of business, Carpet Manufacturing.

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

The following is presented to update the discussion of results of operations and financial condition included in our 2004 annual report.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Our critical accounting policies were outlined in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition in our 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. There have been no changes to those critical accounting policies subsequent to the date of that report.

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Operations in the third quarter 2005 were affected by a number of issues. The growth we experienced during the past several years, combined with extremely high levels of order entry in April 2005, overtaxed our manufacturing and distribution capabilities. This rapid growth significantly increased the complexity of our operations and had a negative impact on customer service, product quality and manufacturing efficiency. To improve service to our customers, we added associates, lengthened operating schedules and increased production outsourcing. Also during the quarter, we completed the staffing and movement of inventory into a new distribution facility in North Georgia, relocated our West Coast distribution operation from a leased facility to an owned facility and began the installation of modular/carpet tile equipment to expand our commercial product offerings. While these actions are intended to improve results in the future, much of the cost for these improvements was incurred during the third quarter. In addition, natural gas costs increased significantly during the quarter. Furthermore, our distribution and carpet manufacturing facilities located in Saraland and Atmore, Alabama, were evacuated three times during the quarter as a result of tropical storm Cindy and hurricanes Dennis and Katrina. Although the storms caused only minor damage to these facilities, their operations were interrupted for a total of approximately five days during the quarter.

As a result of these issues, our rate of sales growth moderated in the third quarter 2005, while manufacturing and distribution costs increased significantly. Our estimate of the negative impact on our gross margins of the weather-related events was approximately \$1.0 million to \$1.5 million.

Compared with the third quarter 2005 levels, we are optimistic that sales revenue and operating results will improve in the fourth quarter of this year and beyond. October order entry and sales levels improved significantly compared to the third quarter levels. We now expect fourth quarter 2005 revenue to improve 15% to 19% compared with the third quarter of this year and 6% to 10% compared with the strong fourth quarter a year ago. The moves to the new distribution facilities on both the East and West Coasts are now completed, which should improve customer service and reduce distribution costs. In the fourth quarter, we have begun installing tufting manufacturing equipment in our North Georgia facility. The installation of this tufting equipment, which is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2006, should simplify our manufacturing operations, reduce cost and diversify the geographic locations of our carpet manufacturing facilities.

Raw material prices increased in early October of this year and additional raw material price increases have been announced for November. We increased selling prices in October and have announced additional selling price increases that will go into effect for orders taken in November and December of this year. When these selling price increases are fully implemented, we believe they will recoup the higher raw material and energy costs.

	Three Months E	Ended	Nine Months Er		
	Sept. 24,	Sept. 25,	Sept. 24,	Sept. 25,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	
Net sales	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	
Cost of sales	70.7 %	66.3 %	69.4 %	66.0 %	
Gross profit	29.3 %	33.7 %	30.6 %	34.0 %	
Selling and administrative expenses	25.1 %	24.3 %	24.3 %	25.8 %	
Other operating income	(0.0)%	(0.0)%	(0.1)%	(0.0)%	
Other operating expense	0.1 %	0.0%	0.2 %	0.1%	
Operating income	4.1 %	9.4 %	6.2 %	8.1 %	
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The following table sets forth certain elements of our continuing operating results as a percentage of net sales for the periods indicated:

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*Net Sales.* Net sales for the quarter ended September 24, 2005 were \$76.7 million, an increase of 3.4%, compared with \$74.1 million for the quarter ended September 25, 2004. Net sales were \$230.8 million for the first nine months of 2005, an increase of 10.2%, compared with net sales of \$209.3 million for the first nine months of 2004.

Residential and commercial carpet sales increased 5% in the third quarter of 2005, compared with the same period in 2004, principally due to higher selling prices. Carpet sales for the first nine months of 2005 reflected a 13% year-over-year growth, with residential carpet improving 14% and commercial carpet improving 12%. The increase in sales for the first nine months of 2005 reflected higher unit volume and higher selling prices. We believe the growth in carpet revenue is principally attributable to the increased strength of the U.S. economy, particularly the higher-end of the soft floorcovering market where our business is concentrated, the favorable acceptance in our markets of new products introduced during the last several years and higher selling prices of our products.

Net sales of carpet yarn declined \$900 thousand, or 21%, in the third quarter of 2005 and \$4.4 million, or 31%, for the first nine months of 2005 compared with the same periods in the prior year. The decrease was principally a result of carpet yarn sourcing arrangements in the prior year associated with the sale of our North Georgia operations that did not continue in 2005.

**Cost of Sales.** Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales increased 4.4 percentage points for the third quarter and 3.4 percentage points for the first nine months of 2005 compared to the prior year periods. Cost of sales, as a percentage of net sales, increased in 2005 due to higher sales deductions, increased energy and manufacturing costs, costs associated with disruptions of weather related events, as well as the cost to move distribution facilities and begin the start-up of our modular/carpet tile operation. The year-over-year comparison was also affected by LIFO inventory liquidations that reduced cost of sales by \$1.3 million, or 0.6 percentage points in the first nine months of 2004 that did not repeat in the 2005 reporting periods.

*Gross Profit.* Gross profit decreased \$2.5 million in the quarter ended September 24, 2005 and \$528 thousand during the first nine months of 2005 compared with the same periods in 2004. The decrease in gross profit in the 2005 periods was primarily a result of the factors described above that increased the cost of sales percentage.

**Selling and Administrative Expenses.** Selling and administrative expenses increased \$1.2 million, or, as a percentage of net sales, 0.8 percentage points in the quarter ended September 24, 2005 compared with the same period in 2004. The increase in these expenses is principally due to higher sample and marketing expenses. For the first nine months of 2005, selling and administrative expenses increased \$2.0 million, but decreased, as a percentage of net sales, by 1.5 percentage points for the year-to-date comparison. The increase in these expenses is principally attributable to the growth of our business and higher sample and marketing expenses. The reduction of these expenses, as a percentage of sales for the nine months comparison, reflects the higher level of net sales in the 2005 reporting period.

*Other Operating Income/Other Operating Expense.* Other operating income and other operating expense were not significant in the third quarter or first nine months of either 2005 or 2004.

**Operating Income.** Operating income was \$3.2 million, or 4.1% of net sales, in the quarter ended September 24, 2005 and \$14.4 million, or 6.2% of net sales, for the first nine months of 2005, compared with \$6.9 million, or 9.4% of net sales, in the quarter ended September 25, 2004 and \$17.0 million, or 8.1% of net sales, for the first nine months of 2004. Compared to the 2004 reporting periods, increased cost of sales and selling and administrative expenses more than offset the effect of the higher sales volume in 2005.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense increased for the three and nine months ended September 24, 2005 compared with the same periods in 2004 were principally due to market gains related to an interest rate swap that reduced interest expense in the second quarter of 2004 and higher levels of debt in 2005.

**Other Income.** Other income decreased \$946 thousand for the first nine months of 2005 compared with the first nine months of 2004, principally due to other income items in 2004 that did not repeat in 2005. The 2004 results included a \$500 thousand gain related to a dispute that was favorably settled and \$200 thousand of equity earnings from an unconsolidated subsidiary.

Other Expense. Other expense was not significant in the 2005 or 2004 reporting periods.

Income Tax Provision. Our effective income tax rate was 27.4% and 34.3%, respectively for three and nine months
ended September 24, 2005 compared with 37.3% for the three and nine-month periods ended September 25, 2004. The
decrease in the effective income tax rate in 2005 was principally due to the reduction of our tax contingency reserve due
to the favorable settlement of a state tax examination, state income tax credits and the deduction for domestic
manufacturing/production activities that became effective in 2005.
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*Income from Continuing Operations.* Income from continuing operations was \$1.3 million, or \$0.10 per diluted share, for the three months ended September 24, 2005 compared with \$3.6 million, or \$0.28 per diluted share, for the three months ended September 25, 2004. Income from continuing operations was \$6.7 million, or \$0.52 per diluted share, for the first nine months of 2005 compared with \$9.0 million, or \$0.72 per diluted share, for the first nine months of 2004.

*Net Income.* Discontinued operations reflected a gain of \$295 thousand, \$0.02 per diluted share for the first nine months of 2005, compared with a loss of \$335 thousand, or \$0.03 per diluted share in the year-earlier period. Including discontinued operations, net income was \$1.2 million, or \$0.09 per diluted share, for the three months ended September 24, 2005 compared with net income of \$3.5 million, or \$0.28 per diluted share in the same period of 2004. Net income was \$7.0 million, or \$0.54 per diluted share for the first nine months of 2005, compared with \$8.7 million, or \$0.69 per diluted share, for the same period of 2004.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

During the nine-months ended September 24, 2005, we generated \$1.9 million of funds from operating activities, \$823 thousand from the sale of assets and \$1.9 million from the sale of Common Stock. These funds were supplemented by \$17.2 million of borrowings under our debt facilities and were used to finance our operations and purchase \$21.8 million of capital assets.

Capital expenditures for the nine-months ended September 24, 2005 were \$21.8 million while depreciation and amortization was \$7.9 million. We expect capital expenditures to be approximately \$27.0 million for fiscal 2005 while depreciation and amortization is expected to be approximately \$10.2 million. Almost half of the 2005 capital expenditures will be used to fund the purchase of modular/carpet tile manufacturing equipment, and the acquisition of a facility and equipment for tufting and distribution in North Georgia. The remaining expenditures will be primarily for newer manufacturing technology.

In July 2005, we amended our senior loan and security agreement. The amended agreement extended the term of the credit facility to May 11, 2010, reduced interest rates applicable to the credit facility, eliminated financial covenants and provided us with \$70 million of credit, consisting of \$50 million of revolving credit and a \$20 million term loan. The term loan is payable in monthly installments of \$142 thousand beginning September 1, 2005 and is due in May 2010. The senior loan and security agreement generally permits dividends and repurchases of our Common Stock up to an aggregate annual amount of \$3.0 million and such distributions in excess of \$3.0 million annually may be made under conditions specified in the agreement. The amendment also contains covenants that could limit future acquisitions. The unused borrowing capacity under the facility's revolving credit and capital expenditure lines on September 24, 2005 was approximately \$15.9 million.

Interest rates available under the senior loan and security agreement may be selected from a number of options that effectively allows us to borrow at rates ranging from the lender's prime rate to the lender's prime rate plus 0.75% for base rate loans, or at rates ranging from LIBOR plus 1.25% to LIBOR plus 3.25% for LIBOR loans. Commitment fees of 0.25% per annum are payable on the average daily unused balance of the revolving credit facility. The levels of our accounts receivable and inventory limit borrowing availability under the revolving credit facility. The facility is secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of our assets.

On October 11, 2005, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a notional amount of \$30,000 through May 11, 2010. Under the interest rate swap agreement, we pay a fixed rate of interest of 4.79% and receive in return a specified variable rate of interest. The interest rate swap agreement is linked to our variable rate debt and is considered a highly effective hedge. We believe our operating cash flows and credit availability under our credit facilities are adequate to finance our anticipated liquidity requirements.

#### RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In November 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 151, "Inventory Costs - an amendment of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4." SFAS No. 151 amends the guidance in ARB No. 43, Chapter 4, "Inventory Pricing," to clarify the accounting for abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted material (spoilage) and requires these costs be treated as current period charges. In addition, SFAS No. 151 requires that fixed production overhead cost be allocated to units of production based on the normal capacity of each production facility. The provisions of SFAS No. 151 are effective for inventory costs incurred during fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2005. We do not expect SFAS No. 151 to materially impact our financial statements.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 153, "Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets an amendment of APB Opinion No. 29." SFAS No. 153 amends the guidance in APB Opinion No. 29, "Accounting for Nonmonetary Transactions", which is based on the principle that exchanges of nonmonetary assets should be measured based on the fair value of the assets exchanged, with certain exceptions. SFAS No. 153 amends APB Opinion No. 29 to eliminate the exception for nonmonetary exchanges of similar productive assets and replaces it with a general exception for exchanges of nonmonetary assets that do not have commercial substance. A nonmonetary exchange has commercial substance if the future cash flows of the entity are expected to change significantly as a result of the exchange. The provisions of SFAS No. 153 are effective for nonmonetary asset exchanges occurring in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2005. We adopted SFAS No. 153 on June 26, 2005 and its adoption did not have a material impact on our financial statements.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 123 - Revised (SFAS No. 123R), "Share-Based Payment." SFAS No. 123R revises SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation", and supersedes APB No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees." Under SFAS No. 123R, we will measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for stock based on the grant-date fair value of stock-based compensation (with limited exceptions). That cost will be recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the stock award (usually the vesting period). The fair value of the stock award will be estimated using an option-pricing model, with excess tax benefits, as defined in SFAS No. 123R, being recognized as an addition to paid-in capital. The provisions of SFAS No. 123R are effective as of the beginning of the first annual reporting period that begins after June 15, 2005 and will be effective for our first fiscal quarter of fiscal 2006. We do not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 123R to have a material impact on our financial statements.

In June 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections", a replacement of APB Opinion No. 20 and FASB Statement No. 3. The statement applies to all voluntary changes in accounting principle, and changes the requirements for accounting for and reporting of a change in accounting principle. SFAS No. 154 requires retrospective application to prior periods' financial statements of a voluntary change in accounting principle unless it is impracticable. SFAS No. 154 is effective for accounting changes and correction of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. Earlier application is permitted for accounting changes and corrections of errors made occurring in fiscal years beginning after June 1, 2005. The statement does not change the transition provisions of any existing accounting pronouncements, including those that are in a transition phase as of the effective date of this statement. We do not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 154 to have a material effect on its financial statements.

#### CERTAIN FACTORS AFFECTING THE COMPANY'S PERFORMANCE

In addition to the other information provided in this Report, the following risk factors should be considered when evaluating results of our operations, future prospects and an investment in shares of our Common Stock. Any of these factors could cause our actual financial results to differ materially from our historical results, and could give rise to events that might have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# The floorcovering industry is cyclical and prolonged declines in residential or commercial construction activity, or corporate remodeling and refurbishment could have a material adverse effect on our business.

The U.S. floorcovering industry is cyclical and is influenced by a number of general economic factors. The floorcovering industry in general is dependent on residential and commercial construction activity, including new construction as well as remodeling. New construction activity is cyclical in nature. To a somewhat lesser degree, this also is true with residential and commercial remodeling. A prolonged decline in any of these industries could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. The level of activity in these industries is significantly affected by numerous factors, all of which are beyond our control, including:

- consumer confidence;
- housing demand;
- financing availability;
- national and local economic conditions;
- interest rates;
- employment levels;
- changes in disposable income;
- commercial rental vacancy rates; and
- federal and state income tax policies.

Our product concentration in the higher-end of the residential and commercial markets could be a significant factor in the impact of these factors on our business.

# We face intense competition in our industry, which could decrease demand for our products and could have a material adverse effect on our profitability.

The floorcovering industry is highly competitive. We face competition from a number of domestic manufacturers and independent distributors of floorcovering products and, in certain product areas, foreign manufacturers. There has been significant consolidation within the floorcovering industry during recent years that has caused a number of our existing and potential competitors to be larger and have greater resources and access to capital than we do. Maintaining our competitive position may require us to make substantial investments in our product development efforts, manufacturing facilities, distribution network and sales and marketing activities, which may be limited by restrictions set forth in our credit facilities. Competitive pressures may also result in decreased demand for our products and in the loss of market share. In addition, we face, and will continue to face, pressure on sales prices of our products from competitors. As a result of any of these factors, there could be a material adverse effect on our sales and profitability.

#### Raw material prices may increase.

The cost of raw materials has a significant impact on our profitability. In particular, our business requires the purchase of large volumes of nylon yarn, synthetic backing, latex and dyes. Most of our raw materials are petroleum-based and their costs tend to fluctuate, over time, with the price of oil. Increases in the cost of these raw materials could materially adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition if we are unable to pass these increases through to our customers. Prices of certain raw materials have increased in 2005 and additional increases have been announced by our suppliers. We believe we will be successful in increasing our selling prices to pass along raw material and other cost as they may occur; however, there can be no assurance that we will successfully recover such increases in cost.

# Unanticipated termination or interruption of our arrangements with third-party suppliers of nylon yarn and backing material could have a material adverse effect on us.

Nylon yarn is the principal raw material used in our floorcovering products. A significant portion of our nylon yarn purchases is from one supplier. There are also a limited number of suppliers of backing materials used in our floorcovering products. We believe there are other adequate sources of nylon yarns and backing materials; however, an unanticipated termination or interruption of our supply arrangements could adversely affect our supply arrangements and could be material.

#### We may be responsible for environmental cleanup costs.

Various federal, state and local environmental laws govern the use of our facilities. These laws govern such matters as:

- Discharges to air and water;
- Handling and disposal of solid and hazardous substances and waste; and
- Remediation of contamination from releases of hazardous substances in our facilities and off-site disposal locations.

Our operations also are governed by laws relating to workplace safety and worker health, which, among other things, establish noise standards and regulate the use of hazardous materials and chemicals in the workplace. We have taken, and will continue to take, steps to comply with these laws. If we fail to comply with present or future environmental or safety regulations, we could be subject to future liabilities. However, we cannot insure that complying with these environmental or health and safety laws and requirements will not adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. Future laws, ordinances or regulations could give rise to additional compliance or remediation costs, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

#### Acts of Terrorism.

Our business could be materially adversely affected as a result of international conflicts or acts of terrorism. Terrorist acts or acts of war may cause damage or disruption to our facilities, employees, customers, suppliers, and distributors, which could have a material adverse affect on our business, results of operations or financial condition. Such conflicts also may cause damage or disruption to transportation and communication systems and to our ability to manage logistics in such an environment, including receipt of supplies and distribution of products.

#### Interruptions Beyond Our Control.

Our business could be adversely affected if a significant portion of our plant, equipment or operations were damaged or interrupted by a casualty, condemnation, utility service, work stoppage or other event beyond our control. Such an event could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This Report contains statements that may be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements include the use of terms or phrases that include such terms as "expects," "estimated," "projects," "believes," "anticipates," "intends," and similar terms and phrases. Such terms or phrases relate to, among other matters, our future financial performance, business prospects, growth strategies or liquidity. The following important factors may affect our future results and could cause those results to differ materially from our historical results. These factors include, in addition to those detailed above under the heading "Certain Factors Affecting the Company's Performance", the cost and availability of capital and raw materials, transportation costs related to petroleum price levels, the cost and availability of energy supplies, the loss of a significant customer or group of customers, materially adverse changes in economic conditions generally in carpet, rug and floorcovering markets we serve and other risks detailed from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Item 3 - Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk (dollars in thousands)

The Company's earnings, cash flows and financial position are exposed to market risks relating to interest rates. It is the Company's policy to minimize its exposure to adverse changes in interest rates and manage interest rate risks inherent in funding the Company with debt. The Company addresses this financial exposure through a risk management program that includes maintaining a mix of fixed and floating rate debt and the use of derivative financial instruments.

At September 24, 2005, the Company had an interest rate swap agreement on its mortgage note payable with a notional amount equal to the outstanding balance of the mortgage note (\$7,039 at September 24, 2005) which expires in March of 2013. Under the interest rate swap agreement, the Company pays a fixed rate of 4.54% of interest times the notional amount and receives in return an amount equal to a specified variable rate of interest times the same notional amount. The swap agreement effectively fixes the interest rate on the mortgage note payable at 6.54%.

On October 11, 2005, the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a notional amount of \$30,000 through May 11, 2010. Under the interest rate swap agreement, the Company pays a fixed rate of interest of 4.79% and receives in return a specified variable rate of interest.

During the nine month period ending September 24, 2005, approximately 46% of the Company's average debt was floating rate. Based on the amount of the Company's average floating rate debt during this period, a 10% fluctuation in the variable interest rates applicable to this floating rate debt would have an annual after-tax impact on the Company's net income of approximately \$129.

#### Item 4 - Controls and Procedures

As of September 24, 2005, our management, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, our management concluded that disclosure controls and procedures were effective. Further, no change in our internal control over financial reporting occurred during the quarter covered by this report that materially adversely affected, or is reasonably likely to adversely affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Internal control over financial reporting cannot provide absolute assurance of achieving financial reporting objectives because of its inherent limitations. Internal control over financial reporting is a process that involves human diligence and compliance and is subject to lapses in judgment and breakdowns resulting from human failures. Internal control over financial reporting also can be circumvented by collusion or improper management override. Because of such limitations, there is a risk that material misstatements may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by internal control over financial reporting. These inherent limitations are known features of the financial reporting process; therefore, it is possible to design into the process safeguards to reduce, though not eliminate, this risk.

#### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1 - Legal Proceedings

None.

- Item 2 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds None.
- Item 3 Defaults Upon Senior Securities None.
- Item 4 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders None.
- Item 5 Other Information None.

#### Item 6 - Exhibits

(a)Exhibits

(i) Exhibits Incorporated by Reference None.

(ii) Exhibits Filed with this Report

- 31.1 CEO Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 CFO Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 CEO Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 CFO Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

#### SIGNATURES

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

### THE DIXIE GROUP, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: November 2, 2005

By: **/s/ GARY A. HARMON** Gary A. Harmon Vice *President and Chief Financial Officer* 

Date: November 2, 2005

By: /s/ D. EUGENE LASATER

D. Eugene Lasater Controller