

Earnings Disclosure

Boise Inc. Reports Financial Results for Third Quarter 2010 and Announces Special Cash Dividend of \$0.40 Per Share

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BOISE, Idaho - Boise Inc. (NYSE: BZ) today reported net income of \$35.9 million or \$0.43 per diluted share for third quarter 2010 compared with net income of \$48.2 million or \$0.57 per diluted share for third quarter 2009. In conjunction with the release of financial results, Boise Inc. also announced a special cash dividend of \$0.40 per common share, payable December 3, 2010, to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 17, 2010. The total special dividend payout is estimated to be \$32.3 million.

Net income excluding special items was \$36.6 million or \$0.44 per diluted share in third quarter 2010 compared with \$10.3 million or \$0.12 per diluted share in third quarter 2009. EBITDA excluding special items was a record \$110.9 million for third quarter 2010 compared with \$66.2 million for third quarter 2009.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (in millions, except per-share data)

| | 3Q 2010 | 3Q 2009 | 2Q 2010 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Sales | \$554.1 | \$508.3 | \$521.6 |
| Net income | \$ 35.9 | \$48.2 | \$13.3 |
| Net income per diluted share | \$0.43 | \$0.57 | \$0.16 |
| Net income excluding special items (a) | \$ 36.6 | \$10.3 | \$11.4 |
| Net income excluding special items per diluted share (a) | \$0.44 | \$0.12 | \$0.14 |
| EBITDA (b) | \$109.8 | \$128.0 | \$70.1 |
| EBITDA excluding special items (b) | \$110.9 | \$66.2 | \$67.0 |
| Net total debt at quarter end (c) | \$604.0 | \$781.9 | \$657.1 |

- (a) For reconciliation of net income to net income excluding special items, see "Summary Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and Segment Information."
 (b) For reconciliation of net income to EBITDA and EBITDA to EBITDA excluding special items, see "Summary Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and Segment Information."
 (c) For reconciliation of total debt to net total debt, see "Summary Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and Segment Information."

"Strong seasonal packaging volumes, improved sequential price trends, and low maintenance costs combined to drive record third quarter results," said Alexander Toeldte, President and Chief Executive Officer of Boise Inc. "Our corrugated packaging business continued to experience strong volumes, with shipments up 12% over the prior year. Sales volumes of our premium office, label and release, and flexible packaging products grew 11% over the prior year period. We continued to generate strong cash flow and ended the quarter with \$184 million of cash and short-term investments. Looking ahead to the fourth quarter, we expect continued benefit from favorable price levels balanced by lower seasonal sales volumes and increased maintenance costs from the annual maintenance outage at our mill in Jackson, Alabama."

Carl Albert, Chair of the Board of Directors, added, "We are delighted that our continued strong earnings performance and robust cash position have given us the opportunity to return cash to shareholders through the special dividend, while allowing us to maintain enough capital to fund our growth initiatives."

We remain focused on creating shareholder value through well performing operations, disciplined capital allocation, and targeted growth.

We continue to pursue growth opportunities that combine solid industrial logic with a reasonable price. We also intend to return capital to our shareholders when both our performance and outlook create the appropriate opportunities."

Sales

Total sales for third quarter 2010 were \$554.1 million, up \$45.8 million, or 9%, from \$508.3 million for third quarter 2009 and up \$32.5 million from second quarter 2010 sales of \$521.6 million.

Paper segment sales increased \$22.2 million during third quarter 2010 compared with third quarter 2009 due primarily to increased sales prices. Packaging segment sales increased \$26.6 million during third quarter 2010 compared with third

quarter 2009 driven by higher sales prices for linerboard and newsprint and increased sales volumes for corrugated products.

Prices and Volumes

Pricing for uncoated freesheet improved in third quarter 2010 compared with third quarter 2009 and second quarter 2010. Average net selling prices for uncoated freesheet papers increased 6% during third quarter 2010 compared with third quarter 2009 and increased 3% from second quarter 2010. In first quarter 2010, we implemented a \$40-per-ton price increase across most of our uncoated freesheet grades, including cut-size office papers, offset, and midweight opaque grades. In May 2010, we implemented a \$60-per-ton price increase across virtually all of our uncoated office papers and printing and converting grades. Overall, uncoated freesheet sales volumes were 318,000 tons during third quarter 2010, a decrease of 2% versus the prior year period and an increase of 2% from second quarter 2010. Combined sales volumes of premium office, label and release, and flexible packaging papers represented 31% of our total third quarter 2010 uncoated freesheet sales volumes compared with 27% during third quarter 2009. This growth primarily displaced commodity paper products.

Corrugated container and sheet sales volumes improved 12% during third quarter 2010 compared with third quarter 2009 and increased 3% from second quarter 2010. This increase was due primarily to increased sales of sheets from our sheet feeder plant in Texas as industrial markets in the area continued to improve. Corrugated container and sheet prices increased 2% during third quarter 2010 compared with third quarter 2009 and 5% sequentially from second quarter 2010. This was due to improved market conditions and pass-through of increased prices for linerboard and medium.

Linerboard net selling prices to third parties increased 40% in third quarter 2010 compared with third quarter 2009 and improved 17% sequentially from second quarter 2010. In first quarter 2010, we implemented a \$50-per-ton and a \$70-per-ton price increase on domestic linerboard sales in the eastern and western U.S., respectively. During the second quarter, we implemented an additional \$60-per-ton increase on domestic linerboard sales. In August, we announced a third linerboard price increase, which we do not expect to realize at this time. Linerboard sales volumes to third parties were 48,000 tons during third quarter 2010, a decrease of 37% from third quarter 2009, and decreased 11% sequentially from second quarter 2010. This was due primarily to improved sales volumes in our corrugated container and sheet operations during third quarter 2010, which resulted in less linerboard available for sales to third parties. Total linerboard sales volumes in third quarter 2010, including linerboard utilized internally in our corrugated container and sheet operations, were 153,000 tons, an increase of 3% compared with third quarter 2009.

Input Costs

Total fiber, energy, and chemical costs for third quarter 2010 were \$226.1 million, an increase of \$20.3 million, or 10%, compared with costs of \$205.8 million for third quarter 2009. The increase was driven primarily by increased purchased pulp prices in our Paper segment and higher consumption of fiber and energy as a result of higher production volumes in our Packaging segment.

INPUT COST SUMMARY (in millions)

| | <u>3Q 2010</u> | <u>3Q 2009</u> | <u>2Q 2010</u> |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Fiber | \$119.1 | \$108.2 | \$117.1 |
| Energy | 52.4 | 41.9 | 48.1 |
| Chemicals | 54.6 | 55.7 | 49.9 |
| Total | \$226.1 | \$205.8 | \$215.1 |

Total fiber costs during third quarter 2010 were \$119.1 million, an increase of \$10.9 million, or 10%, from \$108.2 million incurred in third quarter 2009. This was due to higher purchased pulp and recycled fiber prices in our Paper segment and increased consumption of fiber in our Packaging segment as a result of increased production. Fiber costs in third quarter 2010 increased \$2.0 million, or 2%, compared with \$117.1 million in second quarter 2010.

Energy costs in third quarter 2010 were \$52.4 million, an increase of \$10.5 million, or 25%, compared with \$41.9 million in third quarter 2009. This was driven by higher electrical rates in our Packaging segment and increased overall consumption of energy due to higher production volumes. These factors were offset partially by lower natural gas prices. Energy costs in third quarter 2010 increased \$4.3 million, or 9%, from \$48.1 million in second quarter 2010 due primarily to increased electrical rates.

Chemical costs in third quarter 2010 were \$54.6 million, a decrease of \$1.1 million, or 2%, compared with \$55.7 million in third quarter 2009 due primarily to reduced consumption of higher cost commodity chemicals. Chemical costs were up \$4.7 million, or 9%, compared with \$49.9 million in second quarter 2010 driven primarily by higher prices.

Webcast and Conference Call

Boise Inc. will host a webcast and conference call on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. ET, at which time we will review the company's recent performance. To participate in the conference call, dial 866-841-1001 (international callers should dial 832-445-1689). The webcast may be accessed through Boise's Internet site and will be archived for one year following the call. Go to www.BoiseInc.com and click on the link to the webcast under Webcasts & Presentations on the Investors drop-down menu.

A replay of the conference call will be available in Webcasts & Presentations from November 3 at 2:00 p.m. ET through December 3 at 11:45 p.m. ET. Playback numbers are 800-642-1687 for U.S. callers and 706-645-9291 for international callers. The passcode is 19121119.

About Boise Inc.

Headquartered in Boise, Idaho, Boise Inc. (NYSE: BZ) manufactures packaging products and papers including corrugated containers, containerboard, label and release and flexible packaging papers, imaging papers for the office and home, printing and converting papers, newsprint, and market pulp. Our employees are committed to delivering excellent value while managing our businesses to sustain environmental resources for future generations. Visit our website at www.BoiseInc.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains statements that are "forward looking" as defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, any statement that may predict, forecast, indicate, or imply future results, performance, or achievements. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to economic, competitive, and technological factors outside our control that may cause our business, strategy, or actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. Statements regarding expected price levels for our products are considered forward looking; accordingly, there can be no assurance that we will be able to implement or realize all or any part of such price increases. In addition, statements regarding our intent to return capital to our shareholders are forward-looking statements. Our ability to return capital to shareholders depends upon our financial performance and other demands for our capital resources. There is no assurance we will be able to or choose to return capital to shareholders at any time in the future. For further information about the risks and uncertainties associated with our business, please refer to our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The company does not intend, and undertakes no obligation, to update any forward-looking statements.

Boise Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Income
(unaudited, dollars and shares in thousands, except per-share data)

| | Three Months Ended | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | September 30, 2010 | 2009 | June 30, 2010 |
| Sales | | | |
| Trade | \$543,505 | \$498,812 | \$511,012 |
| Related parties | 10,550 | 9,453 | 10,549 |
| | <u>554,055</u> | <u>508,265</u> | <u>521,561</u> |
| Costs and expenses | | | |
| Materials, labor, and other operating expenses | 412,847 | 401,607 | 419,594 |
| Fiber costs from related parties | 4,905 | 10,325 | 5,168 |
| Depreciation, amortization, and depletion | 32,457 | 32,916 | 32,267 |
| Selling and distribution expenses | 13,884 | 13,588 | 14,254 |
| General and administrative expenses | 12,594 | 12,813 | 12,569 |
| St. Helens mill restructuring | 234 | 1,402 | (434) |
| Alternative fuel mixture credits, net | - | (59,572) | - |
| Other (income) expense, net | 148 | 1,710 | (11) |
| | <u>477,069</u> | <u>414,789</u> | <u>483,407</u> |
| Income from operations | <u>76,986</u> | <u>93,476</u> | <u>38,154</u> |
| Foreign exchange gain (loss) | 386 | 1,597 | (323) |
| Change in fair value of interest rate derivatives | (1) | 125 | (13) |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | - | - | (28) |
| Interest expense | (16,099) | (21,436) | (16,165) |
| Interest income | 105 | 130 | 61 |
| | <u>(15,609)</u> | <u>(19,584)</u> | <u>(16,468)</u> |
| Income before income taxes | 61,377 | 73,892 | 21,686 |
| Income tax provision | (25,454) | (25,737) | (8,376) |
| Net income | <u>\$35,923</u> | <u>\$48,155</u> | <u>\$13,310</u> |

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|---|--------|--------|---------|
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: | | | |
| Basic | 80,664 | 78,635 | 80,624 |
| Diluted | 84,082 | 84,241 | 84,093 |
| Net income per common share: | | | |
| Basic | \$0.45 | \$0.61 | \$ 0.17 |
| Diluted | \$0.43 | \$0.57 | \$ 0.16 |

Segment Information
(unaudited, dollars in thousands)

| | Three Months Ended | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | September 30 | | June 30, |
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 |
| Segment sales | | | |
| Paper | \$388,193 | \$365,963 | \$364,199 |
| Packaging | 177,094 | 150,462 | 166,143 |
| Intersegment eliminations and other | (11,232) | (8,160) | (8,781) |
| | <u>\$554,055</u> | <u>\$508,265</u> | <u>\$521,561</u> |
| Segment income (loss) | | | |
| Paper (1) | \$56,884 | \$78,272 | \$25,708 |
| Packaging (1) | 24,758 | 22,290 | 17,105 |
| Corporate and Other (1) | (4,270) | (5,489) | (4,982) |
| | <u>77,372</u> | <u>95,073</u> | <u>37,831</u> |
| Change in fair value of interest rate derivatives | (1) | 125 | (13) |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | - | - | (28) |
| Interest expense | (16,099) | (21,436) | (16,165) |
| Interest income | 105 | 130 | 61 |
| Income before income taxes | <u>\$61,377</u> | <u>\$73,892</u> | <u>\$21,686</u> |
| EBITDA (2) | | | |
| Paper (1) | \$78,787 | \$99,443 | \$47,406 |
| Packaging (1) | 34,357 | 32,966 | 26,684 |
| Corporate and Other (1) | (3,315) | (4,420) | (4,020) |
| | <u>\$109,829</u> | <u>\$127,989</u> | <u>\$70,070</u> |

(1) For the three months ended September 30, 2009, Segment income (loss) was \$35.4 million in the Paper segment, \$2.9 million in the Packaging segment, and (\$2.8) million in the Corporate and Other segment excluding \$42.9 million of income, \$19.4 million of income, and \$2.7 million of expenses relating to alternative fuel mixture credits recognized in each segment, respectively. EBITDA excluding alternative fuel mixture credits during the same time period was \$56.5 million in the Paper segment, \$13.6 million in the Packaging segment, and (\$1.7) million in the Corporate and Other segment. Alternative fuel mixture credits are net of fees and expenses and before taxes.

(2) See Summary Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and Segment Information for a reconciliation of our EBITDA to net income.

Boise Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Income
(unaudited, dollars and shares in thousands, except per-share data)

| | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|-------------------|------------------|
| | September 30 | |
| | 2010 | 2009 |
| Sales | | |
| Trade | \$1,540,368 | \$1,453,557 |
| Related parties | 29,353 | 34,360 |
| | <u>1,569,721</u> | <u>1,487,917</u> |
| Costs and expenses | | |
| Materials, labor, and other operating expenses | 1,240,926 | 1,200,759 |
| Fiber costs from related parties | 19,904 | 24,961 |
| Depreciation, amortization, and depletion | 96,855 | 97,780 |
| Selling and distribution expenses | 41,872 | 41,394 |
| General and administrative expenses | 36,622 | 35,877 |

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|---|------------------|------------------|
| St. Helens mill restructuring | (72) | 6,183 |
| Alternative fuel mixture credits, net | - | (134,909) |
| Other (income) expense, net | (166) | 4,383 |
| | <u>1,435,941</u> | <u>1,276,428</u> |
| Income from operations | <u>133,780</u> | <u>211,489</u> |
| Foreign exchange gain (loss) | 750 | 2,076 |
| Change in fair value of interest rate derivatives | (43) | 620 |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | (22,225) | - |
| Interest expense | (48,709) | (64,979) |
| Interest income | 203 | 275 |
| | <u>(70,024)</u> | <u>(62,008)</u> |
| Income before income taxes | 63,756 | 149,481 |
| Income tax provision | (27,208) | (51,359) |
| Net income | <u>\$36,548</u> | <u>\$98,122</u> |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: | | |
| Basic | 80,366 | 78,093 |
| Diluted | 84,123 | 82,693 |
| Net income per common share: | | |
| Basic | \$0.45 | \$1.26 |
| Diluted | \$0.43 | \$1.19 |

Segment Information
(unaudited, dollars in thousands)

| | <u>Nine Months Ended</u> | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>September 30</u> | |
| | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
| Segment sales | | |
| Paper | \$1,105,881 | \$1,074,359 |
| Packaging | 491,391 | 437,831 |
| Intersegment eliminations and other | (27,551) | (24,273) |
| | <u>\$1,569,721</u> | <u>\$1,487,917</u> |
| Segment income (loss) | | |
| Paper (1) | \$112,535 | \$187,553 |
| Packaging (1) | 36,093 | 43,745 |
| Corporate and Other (1) | (14,098) | (17,733) |
| | <u>134,530</u> | <u>213,565</u> |
| Change in fair value of interest rate derivatives | (43) | 620 |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | (22,225) | - |
| Interest expense | (48,709) | (64,979) |
| Interest income | 203 | 275 |
| Income before income taxes | <u>\$63,756</u> | <u>\$149,481</u> |
| EBITDA (3) | | |
| Paper (1) | \$177,605 | \$251,169 |
| Packaging (1) | 64,967 | 74,855 |
| Corporate and Other (1) (2) | (33,412) | (14,679) |
| | <u>\$209,160</u> | <u>\$311,345</u> |

(1) For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, Segment income (loss) was \$87.7 million in the Paper segment, \$4.4 million in the Packaging segment and (\$13.4) million in the Corporate and Other segment excluding \$99.9 million of income, \$39.3 million of income and \$4.3 million of expenses relating to alternative fuel mixture credits recognized in each segment, respectively. EBITDA excluding alternative fuel mixture credits during the same time period was \$151.3 million in the Paper segment, \$35.5 million in the Packaging segment and (\$10.4) million in the Corporate and Other segment. Alternative fuel mixture credits are net of fees and expenses and before taxes.

(2) The nine months ended September 30, 2010, included \$22.2 million of loss on extinguishment of debt.

(3) See Summary Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and Segment Information for a reconciliation of our EBITDA to net income.

| Boise Inc. | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Consolidated Balance Sheets | | |
| (unaudited, dollars in thousands) | | |
| | <u>September 30, 2010</u> | <u>December 31, 2009</u> |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$173,449 | \$69,393 |
| Short-term investments | 10,614 | 10,023 |
| Receivables | | |
| Trade, less allowances of \$529 and \$839 | 223,153 | 185,110 |
| Related parties | 1,020 | 2,056 |
| Other (1) | 3,779 | 62,410 |
| Inventories | 254,790 | 252,173 |
| Deferred income taxes | 13,524 | - |
| Prepaid and other | 8,463 | 4,819 |
| | <u>688,792</u> | <u>585,984</u> |
| Property | | |
| Property and equipment, net | 1,187,520 | 1,205,679 |
| Fiber farms and deposits | 17,850 | 17,094 |
| | <u>1,205,370</u> | <u>1,222,773</u> |
| Deferred financing costs | 31,757 | 47,369 |
| Intangible assets, net | 30,293 | 32,358 |
| Other assets | 7,890 | 7,306 |
| Total assets | <u>\$1,964,102</u> | <u>\$1,895,790</u> |

(1) December 31, 2009, included a \$56.6 million receivable for alternative fuel mixture credits. This amount was collected during first quarter 2010.

Boise Inc.
Consolidated Balance Sheets (continued)
(unaudited, dollars and shares in thousands, except per-share data)

| | <u>September 30, 2010</u> | <u>December 31, 2009</u> |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$37,500 | \$30,711 |
| Income taxes payable | 24 | 240 |
| Accounts payable | | |
| Trade | 186,697 | 172,518 |
| Related parties | 274 | 2,598 |
| Accrued liabilities | | |
| Compensation and benefits | 55,964 | 67,948 |
| Interest payable | 24,069 | 4,946 |
| Other | 22,121 | 23,735 |
| | <u>326,649</u> | <u>302,696</u> |
| Debt | | |
| Long-term debt, less current portion | <u>750,581</u> | <u>785,216</u> |
| Other | | |
| Deferred income taxes | 70,862 | 32,253 |
| Compensation and benefits | 112,184 | 123,889 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 43,684 | 30,801 |
| | <u>226,730</u> | <u>186,943</u> |
| Commitments and contingent liabilities | | |
| Stockholders' equity | | |
| Preferred stock, \$.0001 par value per share: | | |
| 1,000 shares authorized; none issued | | |

| | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Common stock, \$.0001 par value per share: 250,000 shares authorized; 84,760 shares and 84,419 shares issued and outstanding | 8 | 8 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 579,996 | 578,669 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (70,221) | (71,553) |
| Retained earnings | 150,359 | 113,811 |
| Total stockholders' equity | <u>660,142</u> | <u>620,935</u> |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$1,964,102 | \$1,895,790 |

Boise Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(unaudited, dollars in thousands)

| | <u>Nine Months Ended September 30</u> | |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
| Cash provided by (used for) operations | | |
| Net income | \$36,548 | \$98,122 |
| Items in net income not using (providing) cash | | |
| Depreciation, depletion, and amortization of deferred financing costs and other | 102,856 | 107,471 |
| Share-based compensation expense | 2,774 | 2,631 |
| Notes payable interest expense | - | 8,182 |
| Pension and other postretirement benefit expense | 7,309 | 6,605 |
| Deferred income taxes | 27,196 | 42,667 |
| Change in fair value of energy derivatives | 1,502 | (4,902) |
| Change in fair value of interest rate derivatives | 43 | (620) |
| (Gain) loss on sales of assets, net | 82 | 395 |
| Other | (750) | (2,076) |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | 22,225 | - |
| Decrease (increase) in working capital, net of acquisitions | | |
| Receivables | 21,725 | 1,628 |
| Inventories | (4,802) | 79,004 |
| Prepaid expenses | 3,655 | (462) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 13,605 | 18,436 |
| Current and deferred income taxes | (543) | 7,991 |
| Pension and other postretirement benefit payments | (18,509) | (7,204) |
| Other | 374 | 1,779 |
| Cash provided by (used for) operations | <u>215,290</u> | <u>359,647</u> |
| Cash provided by (used for) investment | | |
| Acquisitions of businesses and facilities | - | (543) |
| Expenditures for property and equipment | (66,697) | (53,562) |
| Purchases of short-term investments | (17,675) | (13,792) |
| Maturities of short-term investments | 17,090 | 3,774 |
| Sales of assets | 646 | 639 |
| Other | 1,689 | 1,621 |
| Cash provided by (used for) investment | <u>(64,947)</u> | <u>(61,863)</u> |
| Cash provided by (used for) financing | | |
| Issuances of long-term debt | 300,000 | 10,000 |
| Payments of long-term debt | (327,846) | (92,698) |
| Payments of short-term borrowings | (5,288) | - |
| Payments of deferred financing fees | (11,861) | - |
| Other | (1,292) | - |
| Cash provided by (used for) financing | <u>(46,287)</u> | <u>(82,698)</u> |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents | 104,056 | 215,086 |
| Balance at beginning of the period | 69,393 | 22,518 |
| Balance at end of the period | <u>\$173,449</u> | <u>\$237,604</u> |

Summary Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and Segment Information

The Consolidated Statements of Income, Consolidated Balance Sheets, Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and Segment Information do not include all Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and should be read in conjunction with the Company's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K and the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2010, as well as other reports the Company files with the SEC. Net income for all periods presented involved estimates and accruals.

Boise Inc. operates its business in three reportable segments: Paper, Packaging, and Corporate and Other (support services). Boise Inc. manufactures and sells a range of papers, including communication-based papers, packaging demand-driven papers, and market pulp. Boise Inc. also manufactures and sells corrugated containers and sheets as well as linerboard and newsprint.

This release contains several financial measures that are not measures under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). These measures include EBITDA, EBITDA excluding special items, net income excluding special items, net total debt, and other similar measures. Management uses these measures to evaluate ongoing operations and believes they are useful to investors because they enable them to perform meaningful comparisons of past and present operating results. The following charts reconcile these non-GAAP measures with the most directly comparable GAAP measures.

EBITDA represents income before interest (change in fair value of interest rate derivatives, interest expense, and interest income), income taxes, and depreciation, amortization, and depletion. The following table reconciles net income to EBITDA for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, and the three months ended June 30, 2010 (unaudited, dollars in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended | | |
|---|--------------------|-----------|----------|
| | September 30 | | June 30, |
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 |
| Net income | \$35,923 | \$48,155 | \$13,310 |
| Change in fair value of interest rate derivatives | 1 | (125) | 13 |
| Interest expense | 16,099 | 21,436 | 16,165 |
| Interest income | (105) | (130) | (61) |
| Income tax provision | 25,454 | 25,737 | 8,376 |
| Depreciation, amortization, and depletion | 32,457 | 32,916 | 32,267 |
| EBITDA | \$109,829 | \$127,989 | \$70,070 |

The following table reconciles net income to EBITDA for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (unaudited, dollars in thousands):

| | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|-------------------|-----------|
| | September 30 | |
| | 2010 | 2009 |
| Net income | \$36,548 | \$98,122 |
| Change in fair value of interest rate derivatives | 43 | (620) |
| Interest expense | 48,709 | 64,979 |
| Interest income | (203) | (275) |
| Income tax provision | 27,208 | 51,359 |
| Depreciation, amortization, and depletion | 96,855 | 97,780 |
| EBITDA | \$209,160 | \$311,345 |

The following table reconciles segment income (loss) and EBITDA to EBITDA excluding special items for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, and the three months ended June 30, 2010 (unaudited, dollars in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended | | |
|---|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | September 30 | | June 30, |
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 |
| Paper | | | |
| Segment income | \$56,884 | \$78,272 | \$25,708 |
| Depreciation, amortization, and depletion | 21,903 | 21,171 | 21,698 |
| EBITDA | \$78,787 | \$99,443 | \$47,406 |
| St. Helens mill restructuring | 234 | 1,402 | (434) |
| Change in fair value of energy hedges | 742 | (2,919) | (2,312) |
| Alternative fuel mixture credits, net | - | (42,894) | - |
| EBITDA excluding special items | \$ 79,763 | \$ 55,032 | \$ 44,660 |

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|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Packaging | | | |
| Segment income | \$ 24,758 | \$ 22,290 | \$ 17,105 |
| Depreciation, amortization, and depletion | 9,599 | 10,676 | 9,579 |
| EBITDA | <u>\$ 34,357</u> | <u>\$ 32,966</u> | <u>\$ 26,684</u> |
| Change in fair value of energy hedges | 143 | (705) | (401) |
| Alternative fuel mixture credits, net | - | (19,389) | - |
| EBITDA excluding special items | <u>\$ 34,500</u> | <u>\$ 12,872</u> | <u>\$ 26,283</u> |
| Corporate and Other | | | |
| Segment loss | \$ (4,270) | \$ (5,489) | \$ (4,982) |
| Depreciation, amortization, and depletion | 955 | 1,069 | 990 |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | - | - | (28) |
| EBITDA | <u>\$ (3,315)</u> | <u>\$ (4,420)</u> | <u>\$ (4,020)</u> |
| Alternative fuel mixture credits, net | - | 2,711 | - |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | - | - | 28 |
| EBITDA excluding special items | <u>\$ (3,315)</u> | <u>\$ (1,709)</u> | <u>\$ (3,992)</u> |
| EBITDA | <u>\$109,829</u> | <u>\$127,989</u> | <u>\$ 70,070</u> |
| EBITDA excluding special items | <u>\$110,948</u> | <u>\$ 66,195</u> | <u>\$ 66,951</u> |

The following table reconciles segment income (loss) and EBITDA to EBITDA excluding special items for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (unaudited, dollars in thousands):

| | <u>Nine Months Ended September 30</u> | |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
| Paper | | |
| Segment income | \$112,535 | \$ 187,553 |
| Depreciation, amortization, and depletion | 65,070 | 63,616 |
| EBITDA | <u>\$177,605</u> | <u>\$ 251,169</u> |
| St. Helens mill restructuring | (72) | 6,183 |
| Change in fair value of energy hedges | 1,263 | (3,913) |
| Alternative fuel mixture credits, net | - | (99,861) |
| EBITDA excluding special items | <u>\$178,796</u> | <u>\$ 153,578</u> |
| Packaging | | |
| Segment income | \$ 36,093 | \$ 43,745 |
| Depreciation, amortization, and depletion | 28,874 | 31,110 |
| EBITDA | <u>\$ 64,967</u> | <u>\$ 74,855</u> |
| Change in fair value of energy hedges | 239 | (988) |
| Alternative fuel mixture credits, net | - | (39,336) |
| EBITDA excluding special items | <u>\$ 65,206</u> | <u>\$ 34,531</u> |
| Corporate and Other | | |
| Segment loss | \$(14,098) | \$(17,733) |
| Depreciation, amortization, and depletion | 2,911 | 3,054 |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | (22,225) | - |
| EBITDA | <u>\$(33,412)</u> | <u>\$(14,679)</u> |
| Alternative fuel mixture credits, net | - | 4,288 |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | 22,225 | - |
| EBITDA excluding special items | <u>\$(11,187)</u> | <u>\$(10,391)</u> |
| EBITDA | <u>\$209,160</u> | <u>\$ 311,345</u> |
| EBITDA excluding special items | <u>\$232,815</u> | <u>\$ 177,718</u> |

The following tables reconcile net income to net income excluding special items and presents net income excluding special items per diluted share for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, the three months ended June 30, 2010, and the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (unaudited, dollars and shares in thousands):

| <u>Three Months Ended</u> | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| <u>September 30</u> | <u>June 30,</u> | |
| <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> |

| | | | |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Net income | \$35,923 | \$ 48,155 | \$ 13,310 |
| St. Helens mill restructuring | 234 | 1,402 | (434) |
| Change in fair value of energy hedges | 885 | (3,624) | (2,713) |
| Alternative fuel mixture credits, net | - | (59,572) | - |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | - | - | 28 |
| Tax impact of special items (a) | (433) | 23,914 | 1,207 |
| Net income excluding special items | \$36,609 | \$ 10,275 | \$ 11,398 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: diluted | 84,082 | 84,241 | 84,093 |
| Net income excluding special items per diluted share | \$ 0.44 | \$ 0.12 | \$ 0.14 |

| | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|-------------------|-----------|
| | September 30 | |
| | 2010 | 2009 |
| Net income | \$ 36,548 | \$ 98,122 |
| St. Helens mill restructuring | (72) | 6,183 |
| Change in fair value of energy hedges | 1,502 | (4,901) |
| Alternative fuel mixture credits, net | - | (134,909) |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | 22,225 | - |
| Tax impact of special items (a) | (9,154) | 51,714 |
| Net income excluding special items | \$ 51,049 | \$ 16,209 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: diluted | 84,123 | 82,693 |
| Net income excluding special items per diluted share | \$ 0.61 | \$ 0.20 |

(a) Special items are tax effected in the aggregate at an assumed combined federal and state statutory rate of 38.7%.

The following table reconciles total debt to net total debt as of September 30, 2010 and 2009, and June 30, 2010 (unaudited, dollars in thousands):

| | September 30 | | June 30, |
|---|--------------|------------|------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 |
| Short-term borrowings | \$- | \$- | \$ 3,536 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 37,500 | 22,235 | 29,163 |
| Long-term debt, less current portion | 750,581 | 932,517 | 763,081 |
| Notes payable | - | 74,788 | - |
| Total debt | 788,081 | 1,029,540 | 795,780 |
| Less cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments | (184,063) | (247,614) | (138,668) |
| Net total debt | \$ 604,018 | \$ 781,926 | \$ 657,112 |

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