LACROSSE FOOTWEAR INC
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UNITED STATES<br>SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION<br>Washington, D.C. 20549<br>FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended March 26, 2011
or

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

For the transition period from $\qquad$ to $\qquad$
Commission File Number 000-23800
LaCrosse Footwear, Inc.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin<br>39-1446816<br>(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.)<br>17634 NE Airport Way<br>Portland, Oregon 97230<br>(Address, zip code of principal executive offices)<br>(503) 262-0110<br>(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes $p$ No o
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T
( $\$ 232.405$ of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes o No o
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## PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

LACROSSE FOOTWEAR, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(UNAUDITED)

| (in thousands, except share and per share data) |  | March 26, 2011 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 31, \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ |  | March 27, 2010 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Assets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2) | \$ | 527 | \$ | 4,274 | \$ | 19,713 |
| Trade and other accounts receivable, less allowances of $\$ 426, \$ 517$, and $\$ 544$, respectively |  | 15,666 |  | 22,834 |  | 16,933 |
| Inventories, net (Note 3) |  | 46,869 |  | 40,071 |  | 21,928 |
| Prepaid expenses and other |  | 984 |  | 1,321 |  | 1,026 |
| Deferred tax assets |  | 1,675 |  | 1,614 |  | 1,552 |
| Total current assets |  | 65,721 |  | 70,114 |  | 61,152 |
| Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$12,675, \$12,588, and \$12,592, respectively |  | 16,000 |  | 16,154 |  | 8,446 |
| Goodwill |  | 10,753 |  | 10,753 |  | 10,753 |
| Other assets |  | 243 |  | 249 |  | 369 |
| Total assets | \$ | 92,717 | \$ | 97,270 | \$ | 80,720 |
| Liabilities and Shareholders Equity: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Liabilities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Short-term borrowings (Notes 2 and 6) | \$ | 6,247 | \$ |  | \$ |  |
| Accounts payable |  | 10,553 |  | 16,477 |  | 7,211 |
| Accrued compensation |  | 1,301 |  | 4,261 |  | 2,088 |
| Product warranty and other accruals (Note 4) |  | 1,994 |  | 3,356 |  | 3,012 |
| Total current liabilities |  | 20,095 |  | 24,094 |  | 12,311 |
| Long-term debt |  | 225 |  | 263 |  |  |
| Deferred revenue |  | 548 |  | 566 |  | 188 |
| Deferred lease obligations |  | 813 |  | 782 |  | 635 |
| Compensation and benefits (Note 8) |  | 4,146 |  | 4,385 |  | 4,493 |
| Deferred tax liabilities |  | 3,053 |  | 2,732 |  | 2,211 |
| Total liabilities |  | 28,880 |  | 32,822 |  | 19,838 |

Shareholders Equity:
Common stock, par value $\$ .01$ per share; authorized $50,000,000$
shares; issued 6,717,627 shares
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67
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| Additional paid-in capital | 31,122 | 30,536 | 29,757 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss (Note 10) | $(3,640)$ | $(3,731)$ | $(3,489)$ |
| Retained earnings (Notes 9 and 11) <br> Less cost of 217,759, 258,775 and 312,738 shares of treasury stock, <br> respectively | 37,327 | 38,789 | 35,989 |
| Total shareholders equity | $(1,039)$ | $(1,213)$ | $(1,442)$ |
| Total liabilities and shareholders equity | 63,837 | 64,448 | 60,882 |
|  | $\$ 92,717$ | $\$$ | 97,270 |

See notes to interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.
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## LACROSSE FOOTWEAR, INC. <br> CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)



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Quarter Ended ..... March ..... 26, ..... March 27,
2011 ..... 2010
Cash flows from operating activities: Net income (loss) ..... \$ (650) \$ 1,662
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: ..... 688
Stock-based compensation expense (Note 7) ..... 257 ..... 234
Deferred income taxes ..... 260
Loss on disposal of property and equipment ..... 74
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:
Trade and other accounts receivable ..... 7,190 ..... (175)
Inventories ..... $(6,724)$ ..... 4,702
Accounts payable ..... $(5,993)$
$(4,163)$ ..... 5,103
Accrued expenses and other ..... $(8,866)$ ..... 9,265
Cash flows from investing activities:
Purchases of property and equipment ..... (791) ..... (682)
Cash flows from financing activities:
Net proceeds from short-term borrowings (Note 6) ..... 6,247
Cash dividends paid (Note 9) ..... (812)
Purchase of treasury stock ..... 451
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities ..... 5,886
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents ..... 24 ..... $(7,201)$ ..... (59)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options ..... 796 ..... $(6,464)$
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents ..... $(3,747)$ ..... 1,974
Cash and cash equivalents:
Beginning of period ..... 4,274 ..... 17,739
End of period ..... \$ 527 ..... \$ 19,713

Supplemental information:
Cash payments for income taxes $\quad \$ 870 \quad \$ \quad 1,455$
See notes to interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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## LACROSSE FOOTWEAR, INC. <br> Notes to Interim Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements NOTE 1. INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTING

Basis of Presentation LaCrosse Footwear, Inc. (NASDAQ: BOOT) is referred to as we, us, or our in this report The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, we have condensed or omitted certain information and footnote disclosures that are included in our annual financial statements. These condensed unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and the related notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010. These condensed consolidated financial statements reflect, in the opinion of management, all adjustments (which consist of normal, recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows for the periods presented.
These condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of LaCrosse Footwear, Inc., and our wholly owned subsidiaries. All material inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.
We report our quarterly interim financial information based on 13 -week periods. The nature of the 13-week calendar requires that the first three quarters end on a Saturday and the year end on December 31. As a result, every first quarter and every fourth quarter have a different number of days than in the prior year s quarters. The results of the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results for the full year. Historically, our net sales and our operating income have been more heavily weighted to the second half of the year.
Use of Estimates We are required to make certain estimates and assumptions which affect the amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses we have reported, and our disclosure of any contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ materially from these estimates and assumptions. Net Income (Loss) per Common Share We present our net income (loss) on a per share basis for both basic and diluted common shares. Basic net income (loss) per common share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. The diluted net income (loss) per common share calculation assumes all stock options were exercised and converted into common stock at the beginning of the period, unless their effect would be anti-dilutive. A reconciliation of the shares used in the basic and diluted net income (loss) per common share is as follows (in thousands):

|  | Quarter Ended |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| March |  |  |
|  | 26, | March 27, |
|  | 2011 | 2010 |
| Basic weighted average shares outstanding | 6,485 | 6,371 |
| Dilutive stock options |  | 158 |
| Diluted weighted average shares outstanding | 6,485 | 6,529 |

## NOTE 2. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Cash and cash equivalents at March 26, 2011, December 31, 2010, and March 27, 2010 were $\$ 0.5$ million, $\$ 4.3$ million, and $\$ 19.7$ million, respectively. Short-term borrowings on the line of credit at March 26, 2011 were $\$ 6.2$ million. We had no short-term borrowings at December 31, 2010 or March 27, 2010. We have categorized our cash and cash equivalents and short-term borrowings as Level 1 financial instruments, measured at fair value based on quoted prices in active markets of identical assets. We did not have any transfers between the fair value hierarchy during the first quarter of 2011. We do not have any additional financial assets or liabilities that were measured at fair value on a recurring basis at March 26, 2011.

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## NOTE 3. INVENTORIES

A summary of inventories is presented below (in thousands):

|  | December |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | March 26, | 31, | March 27, |  |
|  | 2011 | 2010 | 2010 |  |
| Raw materials | $\$$ | 7,644 | $\$$ | 8,186 |$) \$ 2,324$

## NOTE 4. PRODUCT WARRANTY

We provide a limited warranty for the replacement of defective products for a specified time period after sale. We estimate the costs that may be incurred under the limited warranty and record a liability in the amount of such anticipated costs at the time product revenue is recognized. Factors that affect our warranty liability include sales along with historical and anticipated future rates of warranty claims.
Changes in the accrued product warranty costs during the quarters ended March 26, 2011 and March 27, 2010 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

|  | Quarter Ended |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | March | March 27, |  |
|  | 26, | Man |  |
| Balance, beginning of period | 2011 | 2010 |  |
| Accruals for products sold | 758 | $\$$ |  |
| Warranty claims | 1,409 |  |  |
| Balance, end of period | $\$ 1,571$ | 819 |  |

## NOTE 5. INCOME TAXES

On a quarterly basis, we estimate what our effective tax rate will be for the full fiscal year and record a quarterly income tax provision (benefit) based on the anticipated rate. As the year progresses, we refine our estimate based on the facts and circumstances of each tax jurisdiction. The effective tax rates for the quarters ended March 26, 2011 and March 27, 2010 were $39.4 \%$ and $38.6 \%$, respectively. The increase in our first quarter 2011 effective tax rate from the first quarter of 2010 is due to the impact of discrete items recorded in the quarter ended March 26, 2011.

We file a consolidated U.S. federal income tax return as well as state tax returns on a consolidated, combined, or stand-alone basis (depending upon the jurisdiction). We have concluded tax examinations for U.S. federal and Oregon state filings through the tax years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively. Depending on the jurisdiction, we are no longer subject to state examinations by tax authorities other than Oregon for years prior to the 2005 and 2006 tax years. We are not subject to foreign tax examinations prior to the year ended December 31, 2008.

## NOTE 6. FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

We have a line of credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., which expires June 30, 2012, if not renewed. Amounts borrowed under the agreement are secured by substantially all of our assets. The maximum amount of borrowings available from January 1 to May 31 is $\$ 17.5$ million, and $\$ 30.0$ million from June 1 to December 31.

There are no borrowing base limitations under the credit agreement. The credit agreement provides for an interest rate of LIBOR plus $1.75 \%$ and an annual commitment fee of $0.15 \%$ on the unused balance. At March 26, 2011, $\$ 6.2$ million in borrowings were outstanding on the line of credit. At December 31, 2010 and March 27, 2010, we had no outstanding balances under our line of credit agreement.

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On January 31, 2011, we entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to amend the allowable capital expenditures for the remainder of the credit agreement term.

## NOTE 7. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

We recognized $\$ 0.3$ million of share-based compensation expense in the quarter ended March 26, 2011 as compared to $\$ 0.2$ million in the quarter ended March 27, 2010. We use the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to calculate the fair value of share-based awards. Our determination of fair value of share-based awards on the date of grant is affected by assumptions regarding certain variables. These variables include, but are not limited to, our expected dividend yield, our expected stock price volatility over the expected term of the awards, the risk-free interest rate, and the expected term of the options. The anticipated risk-free interest rate is based on treasury instruments whose terms are consistent with the expected term of the stock options granted. The expected volatility, term of options and dividend yield are based on historical experience.
The following table includes the assumptions we used in determining the fair value of stock options, the resulting weighted average fair value of options granted, and the applicable estimated forfeiture rates:

|  | Quarters Ended |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | March | March 27, |
|  | 26, | 2010 |
| Expected dividend yield | 2011 | $4.1 \%$ |
| Expected stock price volatility | $3.2 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| Risk-free interest rate | $51 \%$ | $2.4 \%$ |
|  | $1.7 \%$ | 4.4 |
| Expected term of options | years | 4.7 years |
| Estimated forfeiture rate | $13 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
|  |  |  |
| Weighted average fair value of options granted | $\$ 5.57$ | $\$$ |

The following table represents stock option activity for the quarter ended March 26, 2011:

|  | Number of | Weighted <br> Average <br> Exercise | Weighted <br> Average <br> Remaining <br> Contract |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Outstanding options at beginning of period | Shares | Price | Life |
| Granted | 799,237 | $\$ 11.99$ |  |
| Exercised | 174,150 | 16.71 |  |
| Canceled | $(41,016)$ | 11.01 |  |
| Outstanding options at end of period | $(18,235)$ | 14.96 |  |
| Outstanding exercisable at end of period | 914,136 | 12.87 | 4.5 years |
|  | 521,441 | 11.45 | 3.5 years |

At March 26, 2011, the aggregate intrinsic value of options outstanding was $\$ 4.7$ million, and the aggregate intrinsic value of exercisable options was $\$ 3.4$ million. The intrinsic value of options exercised during the quarter ended March 26, 2011 was $\$ 0.3$ million.

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## NOTE 8. COMPENSATION AND BENEFIT PLANS

We have a defined benefit pension plan covering eligible past employees and less than $1 \%$ of current employees. We also sponsor an unfunded defined benefit postretirement death benefit plan that covers eligible past employees. Information regarding these two plans is presented below (in thousands).

|  | Pension Plan Quarter Ended |  |  | Other Plan Quarter Ended |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | March |  |  | March <br> 26, <br> 2011 |  | March 27, 2010 |  |
|  | $26$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ch } 27, \\ & 10 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Cost (income) recognized during the quarter: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest cost | \$ 218 | \$ | 227 | \$ | 4 | \$ | 4 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (254) |  | (235) |  |  |  |  |
| Amortization of prior loss | 45 |  | 38 |  |  |  |  |
| Net periodic pension cost | \$ | \$ | 30 | \$ | 4 | \$ | 4 |

The following is a reconciliation to the compensation and benefits financial statement line item on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets (in thousands):

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March } \\ & 26, \\ & 2011 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 31, \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ |  | March 27, 2010 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pension Plan | \$ | 3,874 | \$ | 4,116 | \$ | 4,214 |
| Other Plan |  | 272 |  | 269 |  | 279 |
| Total compensation and benefits | \$ | 4,146 | \$ | 4,385 |  | 4,493 |

We contributed $\$ 0.3$ million to our defined benefit pension plan during the first quarter of 2011 and anticipate contributing an additional $\$ 0.7$ million during the remainder of 2011.

## NOTE 9. CASH DIVIDENDS

On February 1, 2011, we announced a quarterly cash dividend of twelve and one-half cents (\$0.125) per share of our common stock. The dividend of $\$ 0.8$ million was paid on March 18, 2011 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on February 22, 2011.

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## NOTE 10. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

## Comprehensive Income (Loss):

Comprehensive income (loss) represents net income (loss) plus revenue, expenses, gains and losses that are specifically excluded from net income (loss) and recognized directly as a component of shareholders equity. The reconciliation from net income (loss) to comprehensive income (loss) is as follows (in thousands):

|  | Quarter Ended |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | March <br> 26, | March 27, |
|  | 2011 | 2010 |
| Net income (loss) | $\$(650)$ | $\$$ |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): |  | 1,662 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | 91 | $(141)$ |

Comprehensive income (loss)
\$ (559) $\$ 1,521$

## Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss:

Accumulated other comprehensive loss reported on our condensed consolidated balance sheets consists of adjustments related to foreign currency translation and liabilities for pension benefits. The components of accumulated other comprehensive loss are as follows (in thousands):

|  | December |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 26, } \\ 2011 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 31, \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ |  | March 27,$2010$ |  |
| Pension actuarial loss, net of tax | \$ | $(3,308)$ | \$ | $(3,308)$ | \$ | $(3,079)$ |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment |  | (332) |  | (423) |  | (410) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | \$ | $(3,640)$ | \$ | $(3,731)$ | \$ | $(3,489)$ |

## NOTE 11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On April 21, 2011, we announced a second quarter cash dividend of twelve and one-half cents ( $\$ 0.125$ ) per share of our common stock. This dividend will be paid on June 18, 2011 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on May 22, 2011. The total cash payment for this dividend will be approximately $\$ 0.8$ million.

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## ITEM 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

## Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including the following Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.
Forward-looking statements relate to future events and typically address the Company s expected future business and financial performance. Words such as plan, expect, aim, believe, project, target, anticipate, intend, should, could and other terms of similar meaning, typically identify such forward-looking statements. The Company assumes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect the occurrence or non-occurrence of future events or circumstances.
The forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q include, without limitation, statements of our expectations related to our future near-term demand, our seasonal demand being stronger in the second half of the year, our future sales performance with the U.S. government, the impact of our decision to discontinue product offerings in the apparel business, our ability to mitigate the impact of supply constraints in our third-party manufacturing base, our successful implementation of increases in our products selling prices to offset increases in product costs from our third-party manufacturers, future cash dividend policies, capital expenditure plans for the balance of 2011, and the adequacy of our existing resources and anticipated cash flows from operations to satisfy our future working capital needs. Forward-looking statements are based on certain assumptions and expectations of future events and trends that are subject to risks and uncertainties. Actual future results and trends may differ materially from historical results or those reflected in any such forward-looking statements depending on a variety of factors, including without limitation, economic, competitive and governmental factors outside of our control. For more information concerning these factors and other risks and uncertainties that could materially affect our results of operations, please refer to Part I, Item 1A Risk Factors, of our 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as may be supplemented or amended in our 2011 quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

## Overview

Our mission is to maximize the work and outdoor experience for our consumers. To achieve this, we design, develop, manufacture, and market premium-quality, high-performance footwear, supported by compelling marketing and superior customer service. Our trusted DANNER ${ }^{\circledR}$ and LACROSSE ${ }^{\circledR}$ brands are sold through four channels of distribution: (1) wholesale, (2) government, (3) direct, and (4) international. We focus on two types of consumers for our footwear lines: work and outdoor. Work consumers include people in military services, law enforcement, transportation, mining, oil and gas exploration and extraction, construction, and other occupations that require high-performance and protective footwear as a critical tool for the job. Outdoor consumers include people active in hunting, outdoor cross-training, hiking, and other outdoor recreational activities.
Weather, especially in the fall and winter, has been, and will likely continue to be, a significant contributing factor impacting our financial performance. Our sales are typically higher in the second half of the year due to stronger demand for our cold and wet weather outdoor product offerings. We augment these offerings by infusing innovative technology into all product categories with the intent to create additional demand in all four quarters of the year. Our sales performance continues to be driven by the success of our new product lines, our ability to meet at-once demand, and our ability to diversify and strengthen our portfolio of sales channels. However, we have experienced, and may continue to experience significant fluctuations in our quarterly revenue performance due to the timing of orders and requested shipment dates for U.S. government contract orders. Future U.S. government sales are dependent upon a wide range of factors, some of which are outside of our control. Such factors include the U.S. government s policies regarding troop deployments in global regions requiring our specialized footwear, our ability to meet aggressive delivery schedules, and increased competition from other footwear suppliers.

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## Results of Operations

The following table sets forth selected financial information derived from our interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. The discussion that follows the table should be read in conjunction with the interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. In addition, please see Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, our consolidated annual financial statements and related notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 (in thousands).

|  | Quarter Ended |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | March |  |  |
|  | 26, | March 27, | $\%$ |
|  | 2011 | 2010 | Change |
| Net Sales | $\$ 25,188$ | $\$$ | 34,227 |
| Gross Profit | 10,437 | 13,768 | $(26 \%)$ |
| Gross Margin \% | $41.4 \%$ | $40.2 \%$ | 120 bps |
| Selling and Administrative Expenses | 11,384 | 11,037 | $3 \%$ |
| \% of Net Sales | $45.2 \%$ | $32.2 \%$ | 1300 bps |
| Non-Operating Expense, net | $(125)$ | $(22)$ | $468 \%$ |
| Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes | $(1,072)$ | 2,709 | $(140 \%)$ |
| Income Tax Provision (Benefit) | $(422)$ | 1,047 | $(140 \%)$ |
| Net Income (Loss) | $(650)$ | 1,662 | $(139 \%)$ |
| Trade and other accounts receivable, net | 15,666 | 16,933 | $(7 \%)$ |
| Inventories, net | 46,869 | 21,928 | $114 \%$ |

## Quarter Ended March 26, 2011 Compared to Quarter Ended March 27, 2010:

Net Sales: Net sales for the first quarter of 2011 decreased $26 \%$, to $\$ 25.2$ million, from $\$ 34.2$ million in the same period of 2010. Sales to the work market were $\$ 16.1$ million for the first quarter of 2011, down $39 \%$ from $\$ 26.3$ million for the same period of 2010. The decline in work market sales primarily reflects a decrease in military contract sales. Sales to the outdoor market were $\$ 9.1$ million for the first quarter of 2011 , up $16 \%$ from $\$ 7.9$ million for the same period in 2010. The growth in outdoor market sales reflects strong demand for new and existing hiking and hunting products.
Gross Margin: Gross margin for the first quarter of 2011 was $41.4 \%$ of net sales, compared to $40.2 \%$ in the same period of 2010. The increase in gross margin of 120 basis points is primarily attributable to a more favorable channel sales mix in our wholesale and direct channels ( 560 basis points), partially offset by domestic manufacturing inefficiencies related to production mix and volumes and other items ( 440 basis points).
Selling and Administrative Expenses: Selling and administrative expenses in the first quarter of 2011 increased 3\%, to $\$ 11.4$ million from $\$ 11.0$ million in the same period of 2010 . The increase in selling and administrative expenses primarily relates to investments in marketing and product development ( $\$ 1.0$ million) partially offset by reduced compensation expense ( $\$ 0.6$ million).
Income Tax Provision: We recognized an income tax benefit at an effective rate of $39.4 \%$ for the first quarter of 2011 compared to a rate of $38.6 \%$ in the same period of 2010 . The increase in our first quarter 2011 effective tax rate from the first quarter of 2010 is due to the impact of discrete items recorded in the quarter ended March 26, 2011.
Net Income (Loss): Net loss for the first quarter of 2011 was $\$ 0.7$ million, or $\$ 0.10$ diluted net loss per common share, compared to net income of $\$ 1.7$ million, or $\$ 0.25$ diluted net income per common share in the same period of 2010. The decrease in net income of $\$ 2.4$ million is attributable to the net sales, gross profit, expense, and tax rate changes discussed above.
Trade and Other Accounts Receivable, Net: Trade and other accounts receivable were $\$ 15.7$ million for the first quarter of 2011, down $\$ 1.2$ million, or $7 \%$, from $\$ 16.9$ million in the first quarter of 2010 primarily due to lower first
quarter net sales.
Inventories, Net: Inventories increased $\$ 24.9$ million from the first quarter of 2010 to $\$ 46.9$ million. Year-over-year changes affecting the inventory balance include increased domestic raw materials and finished goods acquired in prior quarters to fulfill at-once military demand, additional purchases of core rubber styles in order to ensure product availability

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throughout the remainder of 2011, and an increase in inventory levels as compared to a year ago when we were transitioning out of certain product categories in anticipation of key product launches during the second half of 2010.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

## Summary

We ended the first quarter of 2011 with cash and cash equivalents of $\$ 0.5$ million compared to $\$ 19.7$ million in the same period in 2010. In recent years, we have funded working capital requirements, capital expenditures, and dividends principally with cash generated from operations. Beginning in the first quarter of 2011 we used our line of credit to fund some of our working capital requirements, primarily higher inventory levels. Working capital requirements in our historical business cycles are generally the lowest in the first quarter and the highest during the third quarter. We believe that our anticipated future cash flows from operations and our existing line of credit will be sufficient to satisfy our working capital needs for the foreseeable future.
Operating Activities: Cash used in operating activities was $\$ 8.9$ million for the first quarter of 2011 compared to cash provided by operating activities of $\$ 9.3$ million during the same period of 2010. The use of operating cash was primarily related to an increase in our inventories and decreases in our accounts payable and accrued expenses. The higher inventory build-up in the first quarter of 2011 is primarily attributable to increased raw materials and finished goods purchased for anticipated future near-term demand. The decrease in accounts payable is primarily related to the timing of payments to our third-party manufacturers for inventories. These differences were partially offset by greater receipts of our accounts receivable during the first quarter of 2011 compared to the first quarter of 2010.
Investing Activities: Cash used in investing activities was $\$ 0.8$ million and $\$ 0.7$ million in the first quarter of 2011 and 2010, respectively. We expect total 2011 capital expenditures to be approximately $\$ 5.0$ million.
Financing Activities: Cash provided by financing activities was $\$ 5.9$ million for the first quarter of 2011 compared to $\$ 6.5$ million used in financing activities during the same period of 2010 . Cash provided by financing activities for the first quarter of 2011 was primarily attributable to drawing $\$ 6.2$ million on our line of credit, which was partially offset by a payment of a $\$ 0.8$ million dividend, while cash used in financing activities for the first quarter of 2010 was primarily attributable to a one-time, special dividend of $\$ 1.00$ per share and a first quarter dividend of $\$ 0.125$ per share totaling $\$ 7.2$ million during the first quarter of 2010.
A summary of our contractual cash obligations at March 26, 2011 is as follows (in thousands):

| Contractual Obligations |  Remaining <br> in  <br> Total $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ |  |  | Payments due by year: |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |  | reafter |
| Operating leases (1) | \$ 17,702 | \$ | 1,943 | \$ 2,600 | \$ 2,596 | \$ 2,686 | \$ 2,615 | \$ | 5,262 |
| Product purchase obligations (2) | 23,666 |  | 23,666 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(1) See Part I, Item 2 Properties in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 for a description of our leased facilities.
(2) From time to time, we enter into purchase commitments with our suppliers and third-party manufacturers under customary purchase order terms. Any significant losses implicit in these contracts would be recognized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. At March 26, 2011, no such losses existed.
At March 26, 2011 and March 27, 2010, our pension plan had accumulated benefit obligations in excess of the respective plan assets and accrued pension liabilities. These obligations in excess of plan assets and accrued pension liabilities have resulted in cumulative direct charges to shareholders equity (accumulated other comprehensive loss) net of tax of $\$ 3.3$ million and $\$ 3.1$ million as of March 26, 2011 and March 27, 2010, respectively. We contributed $\$ 0.3$ million to our pension plan during the first quarter of 2011 and anticipate contributing an additional $\$ 0.7$ million during the remainder of 2011.

On January 31, 2011, we entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to amend the allowable capital expenditures for the remainder of the credit agreement term, which expires June 30, 2012. - 13 -

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## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Our significant accounting policies and estimates are summarized in Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010. There have been no significant changes in these critical accounting policies since December 31, 2010. Some of our accounting policies require us to exercise significant judgment in selecting the appropriate assumptions for calculating financial estimates. Such judgments are subject to an inherent degree of uncertainty. These judgments are based on our historical experience, known trends in our industry, terms of existing contracts and other information from outside sources, as appropriate. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

## ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

There have been no material changes in our disclosures regarding market risk since December 31, 2010. See also Item 7A in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 for further sensitivity analysis regarding our market risk related to interest rates, pension liability and foreign currencies.

## ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures. In accordance with Rule 13a-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ), as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, our management evaluated, with the participation of our President and Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and Rule 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act). Based upon their evaluation of these disclosure controls and procedures, the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.
(b) Changes in internal control over financial reporting. There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II

## ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we become involved in regulatory or legal proceedings incidental or routine to our business. When a loss is deemed probable to occur and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated, a liability is recorded in our financial statements.

## ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

There has been no material change to the risk factors as set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

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## ITEM 6. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed herewith and this list is intended to constitute the exhibit index:
(31.1) Certification of President and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
(31.2) Certification of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
(32.1) Certification of the President and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.
(32.2) Certification of the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.

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## 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.

## LACROSSE FOOTWEAR, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: April 21, 2011

Date: April 21, 2011

By: /s/ Joseph P. Schneider<br>Joseph P. Schneider<br>President and Chief Executive Officer<br>(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ David P. Carlson
David P. Carlson
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) - 16 -

