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The number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of December 16, 2010 was 31,531,175.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

Portions of the registrant's Proxy Statement for the 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders expected to be held March 15, 2011 are incorporated by reference into Part III.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

Introduction

The Toro Company was incorporated in Minnesota in 1935 as a successor to a business founded in 1914 and reincorporated in Delaware in 1983. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the terms "company," "Toro," "we," "us," and "our" refer to The Toro Company and its consolidated subsidiaries. Our executive offices are located at 8111 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington, Minnesota, 55420-1196, telephone number (952) 888-8801. Our Internet address for corporate and investor information is www.thetorocompany.com, which also contains links to our branded product sites. The information contained on our web sites or connected to our web sites is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K and should not be considered part of this report.

We design, manufacture, and market professional turf maintenance equipment and services, turf and agricultural micro-irrigation systems, landscaping equipment, and residential yard and snow removal products. We produced our first mower for golf course use in 1921 when we mounted five reel mowers on a Toro tractor, and we introduced our first lawn mower for residential use in 1935. We have continued to enhance our product lines ever since. We classify our operations into three reportable business segments: Professional, Residential, and Distribution. Our distribution segment, which consists of our company-owned domestic distributorships, has been combined with our corporate activities and is shown as "Other." Net sales of our three reportable segments accounted for the following percentages of our consolidated net sales for fiscal 2010: Professional, 64 percent; Residential, 35 percent; and Other, 1 percent.

Our products are advertised and sold at the retail level under the primary trademarks of Toro®, Exmark®, Irritrol®, Hayter®, Pope®, Lawn-Boy®, and Lawn Genie®, most of which are registered in the United States and/or in the primary foreign countries where we market such products. This report also contains trademarks, trade names, and service marks that are owned by other persons or entities, such as The Home Depot.

We emphasize quality and innovation in our products, customer service, manufacturing, and marketing. We strive to provide well-built, dependable products supported by an extensive service network. We have committed funding for engineering and research in order to improve existing products and develop new products. Through these efforts, we seek to be responsive to trends that may affect our target markets now and in the future. A significant portion of our revenue has historically been, and we expect it to continue to be, attributable to new and enhanced products. At the same time, we plan to pursue targeted acquisitions using a disciplined approach that adds value while considering our existing brands and product portfolio. Our mission is to be the leading worldwide provider of outdoor landscaping products, support services, and integrated systems that help customers preserve and beautify their outdoor landscapes with environmentally responsible solutions of customer-valued quality and innovation.

Products by Market

We strive to be a leader in adapting advanced technologies to products and services that provide solutions for landscapes, agricultural fields, turf care maintenance, and residential demands. The following is a summary of our products, by market, for the professional segment and our products for the residential segment:

Professional We design professional turf and agricultural products and market them worldwide through a network of distributors and dealers as well as directly to government customers, rental companies, and large retailers. Products are sold to professional users engaged in creating landscapes, irrigating turf and agricultural fields, and maintaining turf, such as golf courses, sports fields, municipal properties, and residential and commercial landscapes.

Landscape Contractor Market. Products for the landscape contractor market include zero-turn radius riding mowers, heavy-duty walk behind mowers, mid-size walk behind mowers, stand-on mowers, compact utility loaders, walk-behind trenchers, and stump grinders. These products are sold through dealers and are also available through rental centers to individuals and companies who maintain and create residential and commercial landscapes on behalf of property owners. We market products to landscape contractors under the Toro and Exmark brands. In fiscal 2010, we expanded the Toro GrandStand® series of stand-on mowers to include two new compact models for smaller properties. In fiscal 2010, we also introduced the Exmark Vantage® premium stand-on mower, featuring our UltraCut® Series 4 cutting deck, versatile fold-up platform, and fatigue-reducing suspension.

Our compact utility loaders are cornerstone products for the Toro Sitework Systems product line, which are designed to improve efficiency in the creation of landscapes. We offer over 35 attachments for our compact utility loaders, including trenchers, augers, vibra-tory plows, and backhoes. In fiscal 2010, we acquired a line of stump grinders, wood chippers, and log splitters to broaden and strengthen our equipment solutions line for the rental and landscape markets. In fiscal 2010, we introduced the STX Stump Grinder, featuring a stable yet maneuverable

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track drive design and the same easy-to-use control system as the Toro Dingo® TX.

Sports Fields and Grounds Market. Products for the sports fields and grounds market include riding rotary mowers and attachments, aerators, and debris management products, which include

versatile debris vacuums, blowers, and sweepers. Other products include multipurpose vehicles, such as the Toro Workman®, that can be used for turf maintenance, towing, and industrial hauling. These products are sold through distributors, who then sell to owners and/or managers of sports fields, governmental properties, and residential and commercial landscapes. In fiscal 2010, we introduced the Groundsmaster® 4300-D, featuring our patented Contour Plus cutting units that virtually eliminate scalping, the CrossTrax® all-wheel drive traction system, and full-length striping rear rollers. In fiscal 2010, we also introduced the Groundsmaster® 4100-D, featuring an out-front mower deck and bi-directional four-wheel drive traction system that assures full-time four-wheel drive in both forward and reverse on hilly terrain.

Golf Course Market. Products for the golf course market include large reel and rotary riding products for fairway, rough and trim cutting; riding and walking mowers for putting greens and specialty areas; turf sprayer equipment; utility vehicles; aeration equipment; and bunker maintenance equipment. We also manufacture and market underground irrigation systems, including sprinkler heads, controllers, turf sensors, and electric, battery-operated, and hydraulic valves. Our golf course irrigation systems are designed to use computerized management systems and a variety of other technologies to help customers manage their consumption of water. Our 835S/855S Series golf sprinklers are equipped with a unique TruJectory feature that provides enhanced water distribution control as well as uniformity, nozzle flexibility, and system efficiency. Our Network VP® Satellite combines modular flexibility, ease of use, and increased control in a single controller with programming to the individual station level that supports station-based flow management. Our Turf Guard® wireless soil monitoring systems are designed to measure soil moisture, salinity, and temperature through buried wireless sensors that communicate through an Internet server for processing and presentation to a user through the web. In fiscal 2010, we introduced the ProPass 200 series broadcast-style topdresser and the MH-400 material handler, both of which feature available wireless controllers that allow for real-time adjustments. In fiscal 2010, we also introduced the Lynx central control system that gathers golf course management information from multiple irrigation system components, including weather stations, pump stations, electrical systems, field controllers, and soil sensors.

Residential/Commercial Irrigation Market. Turf irrigation products marketed under the Toro and Irritrol brands include rotors, sprinkler bodies and nozzles, plastic and brass valves, drip tubing and subsurface irrigation, and electric and hydraulic control devices designed to be used in residential and commercial turf irrigation systems. These products are professionally installed as new systems and can also be used to replace or retrofit existing systems. Most of the product line is designed for underground irrigation systems. Electric and hydraulic controllers activate valves and sprinkler bodies and nozzles in a typical irrigation system. We also offer wired and wireless rain and freeze switches on a number of products in an effort to help conserve water usage. Our IntelliSense and Rain Master® controllers self-adjust their watering schedules based on current environmental conditions. In fiscal 2010, we introduced the rugged T7 Rotor, designed to withstand the conditions of harsh commercial landscapes. In fiscal 2010, we also introduced the new Precision Series Rotating Nozzles, featuring a high-torque gear-drive design for greater debris resistance.

Our retail irrigation products are marketed under the Toro and Lawn Genie brand names. These products are designed for homeowner installation and include sprinkler heads, valves, timers, and drip irrigation systems. Our ECXTRA sprinkler timers can be used with a home computer and our Scheduling Advisor recommends the proper watering schedule based on the local weather, plant type, and sprinkler.

Micro-Irrigation Market. Products for the micro-irrigation market include products that regulate the flow of water for drip irrigation, including Aqua-Traxx® PBX drip tape, Aqua-Traxx® PC (pressure-compensating) drip tape, Blue Stripe® polyethylene tubing, BlueLine® drip line, and NGE® emitters, all used in agriculture, mining, and landscape applications. In addition to these core products, we offer a full complement of control devices and connection options to complete the system. These products are sold primarily through dealers and distributors who then sell to end-users for use primarily in vegetable fields, fruit and nut orchards, vineyards, landscapes, and mines. In fiscal 2010, we introduced the new BlueLine Classic® emitter, a non-pressure compensating emitter that provides tree and vine growers exceptional performance when the terrain does not require the use of a pressure compensating emitter. We also introduced a variety of accessories to help growers complete their Toro micro-irrigation system, such as Pro-Loc fittings, PVC Flex hose, Layflat hose, and our new SD disc filters.

Residential We market our residential products to homeowners through a variety of distribution channels, including outdoor power equipment dealers, hardware retailers, home centers, mass retailers, and over the Internet. These products are sold mainly in North America, Europe, and Australia, with the exception of snow removal products that are sold primarily in North America and Europe. We also license our trade name to other manufacturers and retailers on certain products as a means of expanding our brand presence.

Walk Power Mower Products. We manufacture and market numerous walk power mower models under our Toro and Lawn-Boy brand names, as well as the Pope brand in Australia and the Hayter brand in the United Kingdom. Models differ as to cutting width, type of starter mechanism, method of grass clipping discharge, deck type, operational controls, and power sources, and

are either self-propelled or push mowers. We also offer a line of rear roller walk power mowers, a design that provides a striped finish, for the United Kingdom market. In fiscal 2010, we introduced the all new e-Cycler cordless electric mower, featuring the same reliability and mulching performance of our gas-powered Recycler® mowers in an emissions-free platform.

Riding Products. We manufacture and market riding products under the Toro brand name worldwide and under the Hayter brand name in the United Kingdom. We also manufacture riding mower products and attachments for a third party under a private label agreement. Riding products primarily consist of zero-turn radius mowers that save homeowners time by using superior maneuverability to cut around obstacles more quickly and easily than tractor technology. We also sell lawn and garden tractor models, as well as rear engine and direct-collect riding mowers manufactured and sold in the European market. Many models are available with a variety of engines, decks, transmissions, and accessories.

Home Solutions Products. We design and market home solutions products under the Toro and Pope brand names, including electric and battery operated flexible line grass trimmers, electric blower-vacuums, electric blowers, and electric snow throwers. In Australia, we also design and market underground and hose-end retail irrigation products under the Pope brand name. In fiscal 2010, we introduced the 1800 Power Curve® electric snow thrower, featuring redesigned handles and chute controls that enhance operator comfort and convenience.

Gas Snow Removal Products. We manufacture and market a range of gas-powered single-stage and two-stage snow thrower models. Single-stage snow throwers are walk behind units with lightweight two- and four-cycle gasoline engines. Most single-stage snow thrower models include Power Curve® snow thrower technology and some feature our Quick Shoot control system that enable operators to quickly change snow throwing direction. Our innovative pivoting scraper also keeps the rotor in constant contact with the pavement. Our two-stage snow throwers are generally designed for relatively large areas of deep, heavy snow and use four-cycle engines. Our two-stage snow throwers include a line of innovative models featuring the Power Max® auger system for enhanced performance and the Quick Stick® chute control technology. In early fiscal 2010, we introduced a new line of snow throwers, featuring redesigned single-stage and two-stage models for residential customers.

Financial Information about Foreign Operations and Business Segments

We manufacture our products in the United States, Mexico, Australia, Italy, and the United Kingdom for sale throughout the world and maintain sales offices in the United States, Belgium, the United Kingdom, France, Australia, Singapore, Japan, China, Italy, and Korea. New product development is pursued primarily in the United States. Our net sales outside the United States were 31.8 percent, 32.0 percent, and 32.4 percent of total consolidated net sales for fiscal 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively.

A portion of our cash flow is derived from sales and purchases denominated in foreign currencies. To reduce the uncertainty of foreign currency exchange rate movements on these sales and purchase commitments, we enter into foreign currency exchange contracts for select transactions. For additional information regarding our foreign currency exchange contracts, see Part II, Item 7A, "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk" of this report. For additional financial information regarding our foreign operations and each of our three reportable business segments, see Note 12 of the notes to our consolidated financial statements, in the section entitled "Segment Data," included in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this report.

Engineering and Research

We are committed to an ongoing engineering program dedicated to developing innovative new products and improvements in the quality and performance of existing products. However, a focus on innovation also carries certain risks that new technology could be slow to be accepted or not accepted by the marketplace. We attempt to mitigate these risks through our focus on and commitment to understanding our customers' needs and requirements. We have invested more time upfront with customers, using "Voice of the Customer" tools, to help us develop innovative products that we expect to meet or exceed customer expectations. We use Design for Manufacturing and Assembly ("DFM/A") tools to ensure early manufacturing involvement in new product designs to reduce production costs. DFM/A focuses on reducing the number of parts required to assemble new products, as well as designing products to move more efficiently through the manufacturing process. We are also making improvements to our new product development system as part of our continuing focus on Lean methods to shorten development time, reduce costs, and improve quality.

Our engineering expenses are primarily incurred in connection with the development of new products that may have additional applications or represent extensions of existing product lines, improvements to existing products, and cost reduction efforts. Our expenditures for engineering and research were \$53.3 million (3.2 percent of net sales) in fiscal 2010, \$52.7 million (3.5 percent of net sales) in fiscal 2009, and \$63.0 million (3.4 percent of net sales) in fiscal 2008.

Manufacturing and Production

In some areas of our business we serve as a fully integrated manufacturer, while in others we are primarily an assembler. We have strategically identified specific core manufacturing competencies for vertical integration and have chosen outside vendors to provide other services. We design component parts in cooperation with our vendors, contract with them for the development of tooling, and

then enter into agreements with these vendors to purchase component parts manufactured using the tooling. In addition, our vendors regularly test new technologies to be applied to the design and production of component parts. Manufacturing operations include robotic and computer-automated equipment to speed production, reduce costs, and improve the quality, fit, and finish of products. Operations are also designed to be flexible enough to accommodate product design changes that are necessary to respond to market demand.

In order to utilize our manufacturing facilities and technology more effectively, we pursue continuous improvements in our manufacturing processes with the use of Lean methods that are intended to streamline work and eliminate waste. We also have flexible assembly lines that can handle a wide product mix and deliver products to meet customer demand. Additionally, we spend considerable effort to reduce manufacturing costs through Lean methods and process improvement, product and platform design, application of advanced technologies, enhanced environmental management systems, SKU consolidation, safety improvements, and improved supply-chain management. We also manufacture products sold under a private label agreement to a third party on a competitive basis, and we have agreements with other third party manufacturers to manufacture products on our behalf.

Our professional products are manufactured throughout the year. Our residential lawn and garden products are also generally manufactured throughout the year. However, our residential snow removal products are generally manufactured in the summer and fall months but may be extended into the winter months depending upon demand. Our products are tested in conditions and locations similar to those in which they are used. We use computer-aided design and manufacturing systems to shorten the time between initial concept and final production. DFM/A principles are used throughout the product development process to optimize product quality and cost.

Our production levels and inventory management goals are based on estimates of retail demand for our products, taking into account production capacity, timing of shipments, and field inventory levels. In fiscal 2010, we continued to roll-out a pull-based production system at some of our manufacturing facilities to better align the production of our products to meet customer demand at just the right time. Along with improved service levels for our participating suppliers, distributors, and dealers, this system has resulted in inventory reductions for us and throughout our distribution system.

We periodically shut down production at our manufacturing facilities in order to allow for maintenance, rearrangement, capital equipment installation, and as needed to adjust for market demand. Capital expenditures for fiscal 2011 are planned to be approximately \$60 million as we expect to continue to invest in new product tooling, replacement production equipment, expansion of our vertical integration capabilities, as well as a new manufacturing facility in Eastern Europe.

Raw Materials

During fiscal 2010, we experienced higher average commodity costs compared to the average prices paid for commodities in fiscal 2009, particularly in the second half of fiscal 2010, which hampered our gross margin growth rate in fiscal 2010 as compared to fiscal 2009. We anticipate the rising commodity prices we experienced during the second half of fiscal 2010 will continue into fiscal 2011. Historically, we have offset, and we currently expect to continue to mitigate, commodity cost increases in part by continuing efforts to engage in proactive vendor negotiations, reviewing alternative sourcing options, substituting materials, engaging in internal cost reduction efforts, and increasing prices on some of our products, all as appropriate.

Most of the components of our products are also affected by commodity cost pressures and are commercially available from a number of sources. In fiscal 2010, we experienced no significant work stoppages as a result of shortages of raw materials or commodities. The highest raw material and component costs are generally for steel, engines, hydraulic components, transmissions, plastic resin, and electric motors, which are purchased from several suppliers around the world.

Service and Warranty

Our products are warranted to ensure customer confidence in design, workmanship, and overall quality. Warranty coverage is for specified periods of time and on select products hours of usage, and generally covers parts, labor, and other expenses for non-maintenance repairs. Warranty coverage generally does not cover operator abuse or improper use. An authorized distributor or dealer must perform warranty work. Distributors and dealers submit claims for warranty reimbursement and are credited for the cost of repairs, labor, and other expenses as long as the repairs meet our prescribed standards. Warranty expense is accrued at the time of sale based on the type and estimated number of products under warranty, historical average costs incurred to service warranty claims, the trend in the historical ratio of claims to sales, the historical length of time between the sale and resulting warranty claim, and other minor factors. Special warranty reserves are also accrued for major rework campaigns. Service support outside of the warranty period is provided by authorized distributors and dealers at the customer's expense. We also sell extended warranty coverage on select products for a prescribed period after the factory warranty period expires.

Product Liability

We have rigorous product safety standards and continually work to improve the safety and reliability of our products. We monitor for accidents and possible claims and establish liability estimates with

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respect to claims based on internal evaluations of the merits of individual claims. We purchase excess insurance coverage for catastrophic product liability claims for incidents that exceed our self-insured retention levels.

Patents and Trademarks

We hold patents in the United States and foreign countries and apply for patents as applicable. Although we believe our patents are valuable and patent protection is beneficial, our patent protection will not necessarily deter or prevent competitors from attempting to develop similar products. We are not materially dependent on any one or more of our patents.

To prevent possible infringement of our patents by others, we periodically review competitors' products. To help avoid potential liability with respect to others' patents, we regularly review certain patents issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") and foreign patent offices. We believe these activities help us minimize our risk of being a defendant in patent infringement litigation. We are currently involved in patent litigation cases where we are asserting infringement of our patents by competitors.

Seasonality

Sales of our residential products, which accounted for approximately 35 percent of total consolidated net sales in fiscal 2010, are seasonal, with sales of lawn and garden products occurring primarily between February and May, depending upon seasonal weather conditions and demand for our products. Sales of snow removal products occur primarily between July and January, depending upon seasonal snow falls, product availability, and demand for our snow removal products. Opposite seasons in some global markets somewhat moderate this seasonality of residential product sales. Seasonality of professional product sales also exists but is tempered because the selling season in the Southern states and in our markets in the Southern hemisphere continues for a longer portion of the year than in Northern regions of the world.

Overall, worldwide sales levels are historically highest in our fiscal second quarter and retail demand is generally highest in our fiscal third quarter. Typically, accounts receivable balances increase between January and April as a result of higher sales volumes and extended payment terms made available to our customers. Accounts receivable balances decrease between May and December when payments are received. Our financing requirements are subject to variations due to seasonal changes in working capital levels which typically increase in the first half of our fiscal year and then decrease in the second half of our fiscal year. Seasonal cash requirements of our business are financed from a combination of cash balances, cash flows from operations, and our bank credit lines.

The following table shows total consolidated net sales and net earnings for each fiscal quarter as a percentage of the total fiscal year.

Quarter	Fiscal 2010		Fiscal 2009	
	Net Sales	Net Earnings	Net Sales	Net Earnings (Loss)
First	20%	12%	22%	11%
Second	33	49	33	59
Third	27	36	26	31
Fourth	20	3	19	(1)

Effects of Weather

From time to time, weather conditions in a particular geographic region or market may adversely or positively affect sales of some of our products and field inventory levels and result in a negative or positive impact on our future net sales. As the percentage of our net sales from outside the United States increases, our dependency on weather in any one part of the world decreases. Nonetheless, weather conditions could materially affect our future net sales.

Working Capital

We fund our operations through a combination of cash and cash equivalents, cash flows from operations, short-term borrowings under our credit facilities, and long-term debt. Wherever possible, cash management is centralized and intercompany financing is used to provide working capital to subsidiaries as needed. In addition, our credit facilities are available for additional working capital needs, acquisitions, or other investment opportunities.

Distribution and Marketing

We market the majority of our products through approximately 40 domestic and 120 foreign distributors, as well as a large number of outdoor power equipment dealers, hardware retailers, home centers, and mass retailers in more than 90 countries worldwide.

Residential products, such as walk power mowers, riding products, and snow throwers, are mainly sold directly to home centers, dealers, hardware retailers, and mass retailers. In certain markets, these same products are sold to distributors for resale to retail dealers. Home solutions products are primarily sold directly to home centers, mass retailers, hardware retailers, and dealers. We also sell selected residential products over the Internet. Internationally, residential products are sold directly to dealers and mass merchandisers in Australia, Canada, and select countries in Europe. In most other countries, products are mainly sold to distributors for resale to dealers and mass retailers.

Professional products are sold mainly to distributors for resale to dealers, sports complexes, industrial facilities, contractors, government customers, rental stores, and golf courses. We also sell

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some professional segment products directly to government customers and rental companies, as well as directly to end-users in certain international markets. Select residential/commercial irrigation products are also sold directly to professional irrigation distributors and certain retail irrigation products are sold directly to home centers. Compact utility loaders and attachments are sold to dealers and directly to large rental companies. Toro and Exmark landscape contractor products are also sold directly to dealers in certain regions of the United States.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2010, our wholly owned distribution company completed the purchase of certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of an independent U.S. Midwestern-based distribution company. On October 29, 2010, we completed the purchase of an independent U.S. Western-based distribution company. Our primary purposes in owning domestic distributorships are to facilitate ownership transfers while improving operations and to test and deploy new strategies and business practices that could be replicated by our independent distributors.

Our distribution systems are intended to assure quality of sales and market presence as well as effective after-purchase service and support. We believe our distribution network provides a competitive advantage in marketing and selling our products in part because our primary distribution network is focused on selling and marketing our products and also because of the long-term relationships they have established and experienced personnel they utilize to deliver high levels of customer satisfaction.

Our current marketing strategy is to maintain distinct brands and brand identification for Toro®, Exmark®, Irritrol®, Hayter®, Pope®, Lawn-Boy®, and Lawn Genie® products.

We advertise our residential products during appropriate seasons throughout the year mainly on television, on the radio, in print, and via the Internet. Professional products are advertised mainly in print and through direct mail programs, as well as on the Internet. Most of our advertising emphasizes our brand names. Advertising is purchased by us as well as through cooperative programs with distributors, dealers, hardware retailers, home centers, and mass retailers.

Customers

Overall, we believe that in the long-term we are not dependent on any single customer. However, The Home Depot accounted for approximately 13.1 percent of our total consolidated gross sales in fiscal 2010. The residential segment of our business is dependent on The Home Depot as a customer. While the loss of any substantial customer, including The Home Depot, could have a material adverse short-term impact on our business, we believe that our diverse distribution channels and customer base should reduce the long-term impact of any such loss.

Backlog of Orders

Our backlog of orders is dependent upon when customers place orders, and not necessarily an indicator of our expected results for the first quarter of fiscal 2011 or our fiscal 2011 net sales. The approximate backlog of orders as of October 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$96.3 million and \$85.1 million, respectively, an increase of 13.2 percent. This increase was primarily the result of higher stocking orders for our professional segment products due to continued strong demand as a result of improving economic conditions. Somewhat offsetting this increase were lower open orders for snow thrower products as of the end of fiscal 2010 as compared to the end of fiscal 2009 due to the timing of the introduction for our redesigned offering of snow thrower products last year that shipped in the first quarter of fiscal 2010 instead of the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009. We expect the existing backlog of orders will be filled in early fiscal 2011.

Competition

Our products are sold in highly competitive markets throughout the world. The principal competitive factors in our markets are product innovation, quality and reliability, product support and customer service, pricing, warranty, brand awareness, reputation, distribution, shelf space, and financing options. Pricing volatility has become an increasingly important competitive factor for a majority of our products. We believe we offer total solutions and full service packages with high quality products that have the latest technology and design innovations. Also, by selling our products through a network of distributors, dealers, hardware retailers, home centers, and mass retailers, we offer comprehensive service support during and after the warranty period. We compete in many product lines with numerous manufacturers, many of which have greater operations and financial resources than us. We believe that we have a competitive advantage because we manufacture a broad range of product lines, we are committed to product innovation and customer service, we focus on Lean manufacturing methods, we have a strong focus in maintaining landscapes, and our distribution channels position us well to compete in various markets.

Internationally, residential segment products face more competition where foreign competitors manufacture and market products in their respective countries. We experience this competition primarily in Europe. In addition, fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar may affect the price of our products in foreign markets, thereby impacting their competitiveness. We provide pricing support to foreign customers, as needed, to remain competitive in international markets.

Environmental Matters and Other Governmental Regulation

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We are subject to numerous federal, state, international, and other governmental laws, rules, and regulations relating to, among others, climate change; emissions to air and discharges to water;

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product and associated packaging; import and export compliance, including country of origin certification requirements; worker and product user health and safety; energy efficiency; product life-cycles; and the generation, use, handling, labeling, collection, management, storage, transportation, treatment, and disposal of hazardous substances, wastes, and other regulated materials. For example:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), the California Air Resources Board, and similar regulators in other U.S. states and foreign jurisdictions in which we sell our products have phased in, or are phasing in, emission regulations setting maximum emission standards for certain equipment. Specifically, the EPA has adopted increasingly stringent engine emission regulations, including Tier 4 emission requirements that beginning in 2012 are applicable to diesel engines in a specified horsepower range that are used in some of our products.

The United States federal government, several U.S. states and certain foreign jurisdictions in which we sell our products, including the European Union ("EU") and each of its member states, have implemented one or more of the following: (i) the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment ("WEEE") directive or similar product life-cycle management laws, rules, or regulations, which mandate the labeling, collection, and disposal of specified waste electrical and electronic equipment, including some of our products; (ii) the Restriction on the use of Hazardous Substances ("RoHS") directive or similar substance level laws, rules, or regulations, which restrict the use of several specified hazardous materials in the manufacture of specific types of electrical and electronic equipment, including some of our products; (iii) country of origin laws, rules, or regulations, which require certification of the geographic origin of our finished goods products and/or components used in our products through documentation and/or physical markings, as applicable; (iv) energy efficiency laws, rules, or regulations, which are intended to reduce the use and inefficiencies associated with energy and natural resource consumption and require specified efficiency ratings and capabilities for certain products, including some of our products; and (v) product life-cycle laws, rules, or regulations, which are intended to reduce waste and environmental and human health impact and require manufacturers to collect, dispose, and recycle certain products, including some of our products, at the end of their useful life.

Our residential products are subject to various federal, state, and international laws, rules, and regulations that are designed to protect consumers and we are subject to the rules and regulations of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Although we believe that we are in substantial compliance with currently applicable laws, rules, and regulations, we are unable to predict the ultimate impact of adopted or future laws, rules, and regulations on our business. Such laws, rules, or regulations may cause us to incur significant expenses to achieve or maintain compliance, may require us to modify our products, may adversely affect the price of or demand for some of our products, and may ultimately affect the way we conduct our operations. Failure to comply with these current or future regulations could lead to fines and other penalties, including restrictions on the importation of our products into, or the sale of our products in, one or more jurisdictions until compliance is achieved.

We are also involved in the evaluation and clean-up of a limited number of properties currently and previously owned. We do not expect that these matters will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Customer Financing

Wholesale Financing. In fiscal 2009, we established a joint venture with TCF Inventory Finance, Inc. ("TCFIF"), a subsidiary of TCF National Bank, named Red Iron Acceptance, LLC ("Red Iron"). The purpose of Red Iron is to provide inventory financing, including floor plan and open account receivable financing, to distributors and dealers of our products in the U.S. and to select distributors of our products in Canada. Red Iron began financing open account receivables, as well as floor plan receivables previously financed by a third party financing company, during our first quarter of fiscal 2010. Under a separate arrangement, TCF Commercial Finance Canada, Inc. ("TCFCFC") implemented a program to provide inventory financing to dealers of our products in Canada during the first quarter of fiscal 2010. Under these financing arrangements, down payments are not required and, depending on the finance program for each product line, finance charges are incurred by us, shared between us and the distributor and/or the dealer, or paid by the distributor or dealer. Red Iron retains a security interest in the distributors' and dealers' financed inventories, and those inventories are monitored regularly. Floor plan terms to the distributors and dealers require payment as the equipment, which secures the indebtedness, is sold to customers, or when payment terms become due, whichever occurs first. Rates are generally indexed to LIBOR plus a fixed percentage that differs based on whether the financing is for a distributor or dealer. Rates may also vary based on the product that is financed.

Toro continues to provide inventory financing directly to home centers and mass retailers; general line irrigation dealers; international distributors and dealers, other than the Canadian distributors and dealers to whom Red Iron provides financing arrangements; and government customers. Some independent international dealers continue to finance their products with third party sources.

End-User Financing. We have agreements with third party financing companies to provide lease-financing options to golf course and sports fields and grounds equipment customers in the U.S. The purpose of these agreements is to increase sales by giving buyers of our products alternative financing options when purchasing our products.

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We also have agreements with third party financing companies to provide financing programs under both generic and private label programs in the U.S. and Canada. These programs, offered primarily to Toro and Exmark dealers, provide end-user customers revolving and installment lines of credit for Toro and Exmark products, parts, and services.

Distributor Financing. Occasionally, we enter into long-term loan agreements with some distributors. These transactions are used for expansion of the distributors' businesses, acquisitions, refinancing working capital agreements, or ownership transitions.

Employees

During fiscal 2010, we employed an average of 4,607 employees. The total number of employees as of October 31, 2010 was 4,609. We consider our employee relations to be good. Three collective bargaining agreements cover approximately 19 percent of these employees. These three agreements expire in October 2011, October 2013, and May 2014. From time to time, we also retain temporary and part-time workers, independent contractors, and consultants.

Available Information

We are a reporting company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), and file reports, proxy statements, and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Copies of these reports, proxy statements, and other information can be inspected and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Because we make filings to the SEC electronically, you may also access this information from the SEC's home page on the Internet at <http://www.sec.gov>.

We make available, free of charge on our Internet web site www.thetorocompany.com (select the "Investor Information" link and then the "Financials" link), our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, Proxy Statements on Schedule 14A, amendments to those reports, and other documents filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. The information contained on our web site or connected to our web site is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K and should not be considered part of this report.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains, or incorporates by reference, not only historical information, but also forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Exchange Act, and that are subject to the safe harbor created by those sections. In addition, we or others on our behalf may make forward-looking statements from time to time in oral presentations, including telephone conferences and/or web casts open to the public, in press releases or reports, on our web sites or otherwise. Statements that are not historical are forward-looking and reflect expectations and assumptions. We try to identify forward-looking statements in this report and elsewhere by using words such as "expect," "strive," "looking ahead," "outlook," "forecast," "optimistic," "anticipate," "continue," "plan," "estimate," "believe," "should," "could," "will," "would," "possible," "may," "likely," "intend," and similar expressions or future dates. Our forward-looking statements generally relate to our future performance, including our anticipated operating results, liquidity requirements, and financial condition; our business strategies and goals; and the effect of laws, rules, regulations, new accounting pronouncements, and outstanding litigation on our business and future performance.

Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include factors that affect all businesses operating in a global market as well as matters specific to Toro. The most significant factors known to us that could materially adversely affect our business, operations, industry, financial position, or future financial performance are described below in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors." We wish to caution readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement which speaks only as of the date made and to recognize that forward-looking statements are predictions of future results, which may not occur as anticipated. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements and from historical results, due to the risks and uncertainties described elsewhere in this report, including in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," as well as others that we may consider immaterial or do not anticipate at this time. The risks and uncertainties described in this report, including in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," are not exclusive and further information concerning our company and our businesses, including factors that potentially could materially affect our operating results or financial condition, may emerge from time to time.

We assume no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect actual results or changes in factors or assumptions affecting such forward-looking statements. We advise you, however, to consult any further disclosures we make on related subjects in our future Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K that we file with or furnish to the SEC.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

The following are significant factors known to us that could materially adversely affect our business, operating results, financial condition, or future financial performance.

If economic conditions and outlook in the United States and in the other countries in which we conduct business do not continue to improve or if they worsen, our net sales and earnings could be adversely affected.

Demand for our products depends upon economic conditions and outlook in the U.S. and in the other countries in which we conduct business, which include but are not limited to recessionary conditions; slow or negative economic growth rates; continued slow down or reductions in levels of golf course development, renovation, and improvement; increased levels of golf course closures; continued slow down or reductions in levels of home ownership, construction, and home sales; home foreclosures; reduced consumer spending levels; reduced credit availability or unfavorable credit terms for our distributors, dealers, and end-user customers; higher commodity costs and fuel prices; higher short-term, mortgage, and other interest rates; continued high unemployment rates; inflationary or deflationary pressures; negative consumer confidence; and general economic and political conditions and expectations. Several of these factors have, in the past, caused our distributors, dealers, and end-user customers to reduce spending and delay or forego purchases of our products, which has had an adverse effect on our net sales and earnings. If economic conditions and outlook in the U.S. and in the other countries in which we conduct business do not continue to improve, or if they worsen, our net sales and earnings could continue to be adversely affected in the future.

Increases in the cost, or disruption in the availability, of raw materials and components that we purchase and increases in our other costs of doing business, such as transportation costs, may adversely affect our profit margins and business.

We purchase raw materials such as steel, aluminum, fuel, petroleum-based resins, linerboard, and other commodities, and components, such as engines, transmissions, transaxles, hydraulics, and electric motors, for use in our products. Increases in the cost of such raw materials and components may adversely affect our profit margins if we are unable to pass along to our customers these cost increases in the form of price increases or otherwise reduce our cost of goods sold. Historically, we have used internal cost reduction efforts, proactive vendor negotiations, alternate sourcing options, substitute materials, and moderate price increases on some of our products to offset a portion of increased raw material, component, and other costs. However, we may not be able to fully offset any such increased costs in the future. Further, if our price increases are not accepted by our customers and the market, our net sales, earnings, and market share could be adversely affected. Although most of the raw materials and components used in our products are commercially available from a number of sources and in adequate supply, any disruption in the availability of such raw materials and components, our inability to timely or otherwise obtain substitutes for such items, or any deterioration in our relationships with or the financial viability of our suppliers could adversely affect our business. Increases in our other costs of doing business may also adversely affect our profit margins and business. For example, an increase in fuel costs may result in an increase in our transportation costs, which also could adversely affect our operating results and business.

Weather conditions may reduce demand for some of our products and adversely affect our net sales.

From time to time, weather conditions in a particular geographic region may adversely affect sales and field inventory levels of some of our products. For example, in the past, drought conditions have had an adverse effect on sales of certain mowing equipment products, unusually rainy weather or severe drought conditions that result in watering bans have had an adverse effect on sales of our irrigation products, and lower snow fall accumulations in key markets have had an adverse effect on sales of our snow thrower products. To the extent that such unfavorable weather conditions are exacerbated by global climate change or otherwise, our sales may be affected to a greater degree than we have previously experienced.

Our professional segment net sales are dependent upon golf course revenues and the amount of investment in golf course renovations and improvements; the level of new golf course development and golf course closures; the level of homeowners who outsource their lawn care; the level of residential and commercial construction; the availability of credit to professional segment customers on acceptable terms to finance new product purchases; and amount of government revenues, budget, and spending levels for grounds maintenance equipment.

Our professional segment products are sold by distributors or dealers, or directly to government customers, rental companies, and professional users engaged in maintaining and creating landscapes, such as golf courses, sports fields, residential and commercial landscapes, and governmental and municipal properties. Accordingly, our professional segment net sales are impacted by golf course revenues and the amount of investment in golf course renovations and improvements; the level of new golf course development and golf course closures; the level of homeowners' who outsource their lawn care; the level of residential and commercial

construction; availability of credit to professional segment customers on acceptable terms to finance new product purchases; and the amount of government spending for new grounds maintenance equipment. Among other things, any one or a combination of the following factors could have an adverse effect on our professional segment net sales:

reduced levels of investment in golf course renovations and improvements and new golf course development; reduced number of golf rounds played at public and private golf courses resulting in reduced revenue for such golf courses; decreased membership at private golf courses resulting in reduced revenue and, in certain cases, financial difficulties for such golf courses; and increased number of golf course closures, any one of which or any combination of which could result in a decrease in spending and demand for our products;

reduced consumer and business spending, causing homeowners not to outsource lawn care and landscape contractor professionals to forego or postpone purchases of our products;

low or reduced levels of commercial and residential construction, resulting in a decrease in demand for our products; and

reduced tax revenue, increased governmental expenses in other areas, tighter government budgets and government deficits, generally resulting in reduced government spending for grounds maintenance equipment;

Our residential segment net sales are dependent upon The Home Depot, Inc. as a major customer, the amount of product placement at retailers, consumer confidence and spending levels, and changing buying patterns of customers.

The elimination or reduction of shelf space assigned to our residential products by retailers could adversely affect our residential segment net sales. Our residential segment net sales are also dependent upon changing buying patterns of customers. For example, there has been a trend away from consumer purchasing at dealer outlets and hardware retailers to purchasing at home centers and mass retailers, as well as a trend for broader and lower price points at home centers and mass retailers. These trends have resulted in an increased demand for residential segment products purchased at retailers, such as The Home Depot, which accounted for approximately 10 to 14 percent of our total consolidated net sales in each of fiscal 2010, 2009, and 2008. We believe that our diverse distribution channels and customer base should reduce the long-term impact on us if we were to lose The Home Depot or any other substantial customer. However, the loss of any substantial customer, a significant reduction in sales to The Home Depot or other customers, or our inability to respond to future changes in buying patterns of customers and new distribution channels could have a material adverse impact on our business and operating results. Changing buying patterns of customers also could result in reduced sales of one or more of our residential segment products, resulting in increased inventory levels. Although our residential lawn and garden products are generally manufactured throughout the year, our residential snow removal products are generally manufactured in the summer and fall months but may be extended into the winter months depending upon demand. Our production levels and inventory management goals are based on estimates of retail demand for our products, taking into account production capacity, timing of shipments, and field inventory levels. If we overestimate or underestimate demand during a given season, we may not maintain the appropriate inventory levels, which could negatively impact our net sales, working capital, or hinder our ability to meet customer demand.

If we are unable to continue to enhance existing products and develop and market new products that respond to customer needs and preferences and achieve market acceptance, we may experience a decrease in demand for our products, and our net sales, which have historically benefited from sales of new products, may be adversely affected.

One of our growth strategies is to develop innovative, customer-valued products to generate revenue growth. In the past, our sales from new products, which we define as those introduced in the current and previous two fiscal years, have represented a significant component of our net sales and are expected to continue to represent a significant component of our future net sales. We may not be able to compete as effectively with our competitors, and ultimately satisfy the needs and preferences of our customers, unless we can continue to enhance existing products and develop new innovative products in the markets in which we compete. Product development requires significant financial, technological, and other resources. Although we have implemented Lean manufacturing and other productivity improvement initiatives to provide investment funding for product enhancements and new products, we cannot be certain that we will be able to continue to do so in the future. Product improvements and new product introductions also require significant planning, design, development, and testing at the technological, product, and manufacturing process levels and we may not be able to timely develop and introduce product improvements or new products. Our competitors' new products may beat our products to market, be more effective with more features and/or less expensive than our products, obtain better market acceptance, or render our products obsolete. Any new products that we develop may not receive market acceptance or otherwise generate any meaningful net sales or profits for us relative to our expectations based on, among other things, existing and anticipated investments in manufacturing capacity and commitments to fund advertising, marketing, promotional programs, and research and development.

We face intense competition in all of our product lines with numerous manufacturers, including from some that have greater operations and financial resources than us. We may not be able to compete effectively against competitors' actions, which could harm our business and operating results.

Our products are sold in highly competitive markets throughout the world. Principal competitive factors in our markets include product innovation, quality and reliability, product support and customer service, pricing, warranty, brand awareness, reputation, distribution, product placement and shelf space, and financing options. We compete in all of our product lines with numerous manufacturers, some which have substantially greater operations and financial resources than us. As a result, they may be able to adapt more quickly to new or emerging technologies and changes in customer preferences, or to devote greater resources to the development, promotion, and sale of their products than we can. In addition, competition could increase if new companies enter the market or if existing competitors expand their product lines or intensify efforts within existing product lines. Our current products, products under development, and our ability to develop new and improved products may be insufficient to enable us to compete effectively with our competitors. Internationally, our residential segment products typically face more competition where foreign competitors manufacture and market products in their respective countries. We experience this competition primarily in Europe. In addition, fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar may affect the price of our products in foreign markets, thereby impacting their competitiveness. Pricing volatility has also become an increasingly important competitive factor for many of our products. We may not be able to compete effectively against competitors' actions, which may include the movement by competitors of significant manufacturing to low cost countries for significant cost and price reductions, and could harm our business and operating results.

A significant percentage of our consolidated net sales are generated outside of the United States, and we intend to continue to expand our international operations. Our international operations require significant management attention and financial resources, expose us to difficulties presented by international economic, political, legal, accounting, and business factors, and may not be successful or produce desired levels of net sales.

We currently manufacture our products in the United States, Mexico, Australia, the United Kingdom, and Italy for sale throughout the world and maintain sales offices in the United States, Belgium, the United Kingdom, France, Australia, Singapore, Japan, China, Italy, and Korea. Additionally, in fiscal 2010, we purchased land in Eastern Europe where we intend to build a manufacturing facility. Our net sales outside the United States were 31.8 percent, 32.0 percent, and 32.4 percent of our total consolidated net sales for fiscal 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively. International markets have, and will continue to be, a focus for revenue growth. We believe many opportunities exist in the international markets, and over time we intend for international net sales to comprise a larger percentage of our total consolidated net sales. Several factors, including weakened international economic conditions, could adversely affect our international net sales. Additionally, the expansion of our existing international operations and entry into additional international markets require significant management attention and financial resources. Many of the countries in which we sell our products, or otherwise have an international presence are, to some degree, subject to political, economic, and/or social instability, including drug cartel-related violence, which may disrupt our production activities and maquiladora operations based in Juarez, Mexico. Our international operations expose us and our representatives, agents, and distributors to risks inherent in operating in foreign jurisdictions. These risks include:

increased costs of customizing products for foreign countries;

difficulties in managing and staffing international operations and increases in infrastructure costs including legal, tax, accounting, and information technology;

the imposition of additional U.S. and foreign governmental controls or regulations; new or enhanced trade restrictions and restrictions on the activities of foreign agents, representatives, and distributors; and the imposition of our increases in, costly and lengthy import and export licensing and other compliance requirements, customs duties and tariffs, import and export quotas and other trade restrictions, license obligations, and other non-tariff barriers to trade;

the imposition of U.S. and/or international sanctions against a country, company, person, or entity with whom we do business that would restrict or prohibit our continued business with the sanctioned country, company, person, or entity;

international pricing pressures;

laws and business practices favoring local companies;

adverse currency exchange rate fluctuations;

longer payment cycles and difficulties in enforcing agreements and collecting receivables through certain foreign legal systems;

difficulties in enforcing or defending intellectual property rights; and

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multiple, changing, and often inconsistent enforcement of laws, rules, and regulations, including rules relating to environmental, health, and safety matters.

Our international operations may not produce desired levels of net sales or one or more of the factors listed above may harm our business and operating results. Any material decrease in our international sales or profitability could also adversely impact our operating results.

In addition, a portion of our international net sales are financed by third parties. The termination of our agreements with these third

parties, any material change to the terms of our agreements with these third parties or in the availability or terms of credit offered to our international customers by these third parties, or any delay in securing replacement credit sources, could adversely affect our sales and operating results.

Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates could result in declines in our reported net sales and net earnings.

Because the functional currency of our foreign operations is the applicable local currency, we are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk arising from transactions in the normal course of business, such as sales and loans to wholly owned subsidiaries as well as sales to third party customers, purchases from suppliers, and bank lines of credit with creditors denominated in foreign currencies. Our reported net sales and net earnings are subject to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. Because our products are manufactured or sourced primarily from the United States and Mexico, a stronger U.S. dollar and Mexican peso generally has a negative impact on our operating results, while a weaker dollar and peso generally has a positive effect. Our primary foreign currency exchange rate exposure is with the EU Euro, the Australian dollar, the Canadian dollar, the British pound, the Mexican peso, and the Japanese yen against the U.S. dollar. While we actively manage the exposure of our foreign currency market risk in the normal course of business by entering into various foreign exchange contracts, these instruments involve risks and may not effectively limit our underlying exposure from currency exchange rate fluctuations or minimize our net earnings and cash volatility associated with foreign currency exchange rate changes. Further, a number of financial institutions similar to those that serve as counterparties to our foreign exchange contracts have been adversely affected by the unprecedented distress in the worldwide credit markets. The failure of one or more counterparties to our foreign currency exchange rate contracts to fulfill their obligations to us could adversely affect our operating results.

We manufacture our products at and distribute our products from several locations in the United States and internationally. Any disruption at any of these facilities or in our inability to cost-effectively expand existing, open and manage new, and/or move production between manufacturing facilities could adversely affect our business and operating results.

We currently manufacture most of our products at seven locations in the United States, two locations in Mexico, and one location in each of Australia, Italy, and the United Kingdom. We also have several locations that serve as distribution centers, warehouses, test facilities, and corporate offices. In addition, we have agreements to manufacture products at several third-party manufacturers. These facilities may be affected by natural or man-made disasters and other external events, including drug cartel-related violence that may disrupt our production activities and maquiladora operations based in Juarez, Mexico. In the event that one of our manufacturing facilities was affected by a disaster or other event, we could be forced to shift production to one of our other manufacturing facilities. Although we purchase insurance for damage to our property and disruption of our business from casualties, such insurance may not be sufficient to cover all of our potential losses. Any disruption in our manufacturing capacity could have an adverse impact on our ability to produce sufficient inventory of our products or may require us to incur additional expenses in order to produce sufficient inventory, and therefore, may adversely affect our net sales and operating results. Any disruption or delay at our manufacturing facilities, including a work slowdown, strike, or similar action at any one of our three facilities operating under a collective bargaining agreement or the failure to renew or enter into new collective bargaining agreements, including one such agreement that expires in fiscal 2011, could impair our ability to meet the demands of our customers, and our customers may cancel orders or purchase products from our competitors, which could adversely affect our business and operating results.

Our operating results may also be adversely affected if we are unable to cost-effectively open and manage new manufacturing and distribution facilities, and move production between such facilities as needed from time to time. In fiscal 2010, we purchased land in Eastern Europe where we intend to build a manufacturing facility for micro-irrigation products. If the facility does not produce the anticipated manufacturing and operational efficiencies, or if the micro-irrigation products to be produced at this facility are not accepted into new geographic markets at expected levels, we may not recover the costs of the new facility and our operating results may be adversely affected.

We intend to grow our business through acquisitions and alliances, stronger customer relations, and new joint ventures and partnerships, which are risky and could harm our business.

One of our growth strategies is to drive growth in our businesses and accelerate opportunities to expand our global presence through targeted acquisitions and alliances, stronger customer relations, and new joint ventures and partnerships that add value while considering our existing brands and product portfolio. The benefits of an acquisition or new alliance, joint venture, or partnership may take more time than expected to develop or integrate into our operations, and we cannot guarantee that previous or future acquisitions, alliances, joint ventures, or partnerships will in fact produce any benefits. In addition, acquisitions, alliances, joint ventures, and partnerships involve a number of risks, including:

diversion of management's attention;

difficulties in integrating and assimilating the operations and products of an acquired business or in realizing projected efficiencies, cost savings, and synergies;

potential loss of key employees or customers of the acquired businesses or adverse effects on existing business relationships with suppliers and customers;

adverse impact on overall profitability if acquired businesses do not achieve the financial results projected in our valuation models;

reallocation of amounts of capital from other operating initiatives and/or an increase in our leverage and debt service requirements to pay the acquisition purchase prices, which could in turn restrict our ability to access additional capital when needed or to pursue other important elements of our business strategy;

inaccurate assessment of undisclosed, contingent or other liabilities or problems, unanticipated costs associated with an acquisition, and an inability to recover or manage such liabilities and costs; and

incorrect estimates made in the accounting for acquisitions, incurrence of non-recurring charges, and write-off of significant amounts of goodwill or other assets that could adversely affect our operating results.

Our ability to grow through acquisitions will depend, in part, on the availability of suitable acquisition candidates at acceptable prices, terms, and conditions, our ability to compete effectively for these acquisition candidates, and the availability of capital and personnel to complete such acquisitions and run the acquired business effectively. These risks could be heightened if we complete a large acquisition or multiple acquisitions within a relatively short period of time. In addition, some acquisitions may require the consent of the lenders under our credit agreements. We cannot predict whether such approvals would be forthcoming or the terms on which the lenders would approve such acquisitions. Any potential acquisition could impair our operating results, and any large acquisition could impair our financial condition, among other things.

As a result of our financing joint venture with TCFIF, we are dependent upon the joint venture to provide competitive inventory financing programs, including floor plan and open account receivable financing, to certain distributors and dealers of our products. Any material change in the availability or terms of credit offered to our customers by the joint venture, any termination or disruption of our joint venture relationship or any delay in securing replacement credit sources could adversely affect our net sales and operating results.

In 2009, we established a financing joint venture with TCFIF for the purpose of providing reliable, competitive financing to our distributors and dealers in the U.S. and to select distributors of our products in Canada to support their businesses and increase our net sales, as well as to free up our working capital for our other strategic purposes. As a result, we are now dependent upon the joint venture for our inventory financing programs, including floor plan and open account receivable financing. Additionally, we are dependent upon TCFIF to provide inventory financing to dealers of our products in Canada.

The availability of financing from our joint venture or otherwise will be affected by many factors, including, among others, the overall credit markets, the credit worthiness of our dealers and distributors, and regulations that may affect TCFIF, as the majority owner of the joint venture and a subsidiary of TCF National Bank, a national banking association. Any material change in the availability or terms of credit offered to our customers by the joint venture, any termination or disruption of our joint venture relationship or any delay in securing replacement credit sources could adversely affect our sales and operating results.

We rely on our management information systems for inventory management, distribution, and other functions. If our information systems fail to adequately perform these functions or if we experience an interruption in their operation, our business and operating results could be adversely affected.

The efficient operation of our business is dependent on our management information systems. We rely on our management information systems to effectively manage accounting and financial functions, and manufacturing and supply chain processes, and to maintain our research and development data. The failure of our management information systems to perform properly could disrupt our business and product development and could result in decreased sales, increased overhead costs, excess or obsolete inventory, and product shortages, causing our business and operating results to suffer. In addition, our management information systems, including our computer systems, Internet web sites, telecommunications, and data networks, are vulnerable to damage or interruption from natural or man-made disasters, terrorist attacks and attacks by computer viruses or hackers, or power loss. Any such interruption could adversely affect our business and operating results.

Our reliance upon patents, trademark laws, and contractual provisions to protect our proprietary rights may not be sufficient to protect our intellectual property from others who may sell similar products. Our products may infringe the proprietary rights of others.

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We hold patents relating to various aspects of our products and believe that proprietary technical know-how is important to our business. Proprietary rights relating to our products are protected from unauthorized use by third parties only to the extent that they are

covered by valid and enforceable patents or are maintained in confidence as trade secrets. We cannot be certain that we will be issued any patents from any pending or future patent applications owned by or licensed to us or that the claims allowed under any issued patents will be sufficiently broad to protect our technology. In the absence of enforceable patent protection, we may be vulnerable to competitors who attempt to copy our products or gain access to our trade secrets and know-how. Others may initiate litigation to challenge the validity of our patents, or allege that we infringe their patents, or they may use their resources to design comparable products that do not infringe our patents. We may incur substantial costs if our competitors initiate litigation to challenge the validity of our patents, or allege that we infringe their patents, or if we initiate any proceedings to protect our proprietary rights. If the outcome of any such litigation is unfavorable to us, our business, operating results, and financial condition could be adversely affected. We also cannot be certain that our products or technologies have not infringed or will not infringe the proprietary rights of others. Any such infringement could cause third parties, including our competitors, to bring claims against us, resulting in significant costs, possible damages and substantial uncertainty. We could also be forced to develop an alternative that could be costly and time-consuming, or acquire a license, which we might not be able to do on terms favorable to us, or at all.

We also rely on trade secrets and proprietary know-how that we seek to protect, in part, by confidentiality agreements with our employees and consultants. These agreements may be breached, and we may not have adequate remedies for any such breach. Even if these confidentiality agreements are not breached, our trade secrets may otherwise become known or be independently developed by competitors.

Our business, properties, and products are subject to governmental regulation with which compliance may require us to incur expenses or modify our products or operations and non-compliance may expose us to penalties. Governmental regulation may also adversely affect the demand for some of our products and our operating results.

Our business, properties, and products are subject to numerous international, federal, state, and other governmental laws, rules, and regulations relating to, among other things; climate change; emissions to air and discharges to water; product and associated packaging; import and export compliance, including country of origin certification requirements; worker and product user health and safety; energy efficiency; product life-cycles; and the generation, use, handling, labeling, collection, management, storage, transportation, treatment, and disposal of hazardous substances, wastes, and other regulated materials. Although we believe that we are in substantial compliance with currently applicable laws, rules, and regulations, we are unable to predict the ultimate impact of adopted or future laws, rules, and regulations on our business, properties, or products. Any of these laws, rules, or regulations may cause us to incur significant expenses to achieve or maintain compliance, require us to modify our products, adversely affect the price of or demand for some of our products, and ultimately affect the way we conduct our operations. Failure to comply with any of these laws, rules, or regulations could lead to fines and other penalties, including restrictions on the importation of our products into, and the sale of our products in, one or more jurisdictions until compliance is achieved.

The EPA has adopted increasingly stringent engine emission regulations, including Tier 4 emission requirements that beginning in 2012 are applicable to diesel engines in a specified horsepower range that are used in certain of our products. Although we are developing plans to achieve substantial compliance with Tier 4 requirements, these plans will be subject to many variables and if we are unable to successfully execute such plans our ability to sell our products into the market may be inhibited, which could adversely affect our competitive position and financial results. Additionally, we have incurred and expect to continue to incur research, development and engineering costs to design Tier 4 compliant products. The extent to which we are able to pass along to our customers these costs in the form of price increases may adversely affect market demand for our products and/or our profit margins, which may adversely affect our financial results.

Because we own and lease real property, various environmental laws also may impose liability on us for the costs of cleaning up and responding to hazardous substances that may have been released on our property, including releases unknown to us. These environmental laws and regulations also could require us to pay for environmental remediation and response costs at third-party locations where we disposed of or recycled hazardous substances. We are currently involved in the evaluation and clean-up of a limited number of properties we either currently or previously owned. Although we do not expect that these current matters will have a material adverse effect on our financial position or operating results, our future costs of complying with the various environmental requirements, as they now exist or may be altered in the future, could adversely affect our financial condition and operating results.

In addition, governmental restrictions placed on water usage as well as water availability may adversely affect demand for our irrigation products. Changes in laws and regulations, including changes in accounting standards, taxation changes, including tax rate changes, new tax laws, and revised tax law interpretations, also may adversely affect our operating results.

Legislative enactments could impact the competitive landscape within our markets and affect demand for our products.

Various legislative proposals, if enacted, could put us in a competitively advantaged or disadvantaged position and affect customer

demand for our products relative to the product offerings of our competitors. For example, any fiscal-stimulus or other legislative enactment that impacts the lawn and garden, outdoor power equipment, or irrigation industries generally by promoting the purchase, such as through customer rebate or other incentive programs, of certain types of mowing or irrigation equipment or other products that we sell, could impact us positively or negatively, depending on whether we manufacture products that meet the specified legislative criteria, including in areas such as fuel efficiency, alternative energy or water usage, or if, as a result of such legislation, customers perceive our product offerings to be relatively more or less attractive than our competitors' product offerings. We cannot currently predict whether any such legislation will be enacted, what any such legislation's specific terms and conditions would encompass, how any such legislation would impact the competitive landscape within our markets, or how, if at all, any such legislation might ultimately affect customer demand for our products or our operating results.

We are subject to product liability claims, product quality issues, and other litigation from time to time that could adversely affect our operating results or financial condition.

The manufacture, sale, and usage of our products expose us to significant risks associated with product liability claims. If a product liability claim or series of claims is brought against us for uninsured liabilities or in excess of our insurance coverage, and it is ultimately determined that we are liable, our business could suffer. While we instruct our customers on the proper usage of our products, we cannot ensure that they will implement our instructions accurately or completely. If our products are defective or used incorrectly by our customers, injury may result and this could give rise to product liability claims against us or adversely affect our brand image or reputation. Any losses that we may suffer from any liability claims, and the effect that any product liability litigation may have upon the reputation and marketability of our products, may have a negative impact on our business and operating results. Some of our products or product improvements were developed relatively recently and defects or risks that we have not yet identified may give rise to product liability claims. Additionally, we could experience a material design or manufacturing failure in our products, a quality system failure, other safety issues, or heightened regulatory scrutiny that could warrant a recall of some of our products. A recall of some of our products could also result in increased product liability claims. Unforeseen product quality problems in the development and production of new and existing products could also result in loss of market share, reduced sales, and higher warranty expense.

We are also subject to other litigation from time to time that could adversely affect our operating results or financial condition, including without limitation the pending litigation against us and other defendants in which it is alleged that the horsepower labels on the products the plaintiffs purchased were inaccurate. For additional information regarding this lawsuit, see Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under the heading "Litigation" included in Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of this report.

If we are unable to retain our key employees and attract and retain other qualified personnel, we may not be able to meet strategic objectives and our business could suffer.

Our ability to meet our strategic objectives and otherwise grow our business will depend to a significant extent on the continued contributions of our leadership team. Our future success will also depend in large part on our ability to identify, attract, and retain other highly qualified managerial, technical, sales and marketing, and customer service personnel. Competition for these individuals is intense, and we may not succeed in identifying, attracting, or retaining qualified personnel. The loss or interruption of services of any of our key personnel, the inability to identify, attract, or retain qualified personnel in the future, delays in hiring qualified personnel, or any employee work slowdowns, strikes, or similar actions could make it difficult for us to conduct and manage our business and meet key objectives, which could harm our business, financial condition, and operating results.

The terms of our credit arrangements and the indentures governing our senior notes and debentures could limit our ability to conduct our business, take advantage of business opportunities and respond to changing business, market, and economic conditions. Additionally, we are subject to counterparty risk in our credit arrangements.

Our credit arrangements and the indentures governing our 6.625% senior notes and 7.800% debentures include a number of financial and operating restrictions. For example, our credit arrangements contain financial covenants that, among other things, require us to maintain a minimum interest coverage ratio and a maximum debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization ratio. Our credit arrangements and/or indentures also contain provisions that restrict our ability, subject to specified exceptions, to, among other things:

- make loans or investments, including acquisitions;
- create liens or other encumbrances on our assets;
- sell assets;
- engage in mergers or consolidations; and

pay dividends that are significantly higher than those currently being paid, make other distributions to our shareholders or redeem shares of our common stock.

These provisions may limit our ability to conduct our business, take advantage of business opportunities, and respond to changing business, market, and economic conditions. In addition, they may place us at a competitive disadvantage relative to other companies that may be subject to fewer, if any, restrictions or may otherwise adversely affect our business. Transactions that we may view as important opportunities, such as significant acquisitions, may be subject to the consent of the lenders under our credit arrangements, which consent may be withheld or granted subject to conditions specified at the time that may affect the attractiveness or viability of the transaction.

The overall availability of credit continues to be limited. Although our \$175 million revolving credit facility does not expire until January 2012, market deterioration or other factors could jeopardize the counterparty obligations of one or more of the banks participating in our facility, which could have an adverse effect on our business if we are not able to replace such credit facility or find other sources of liquidity on acceptable terms. In addition, we intend to amend or replace our revolving credit facility prior to its expiration in January 2012. Our ability to amend or replace this facility and to obtain any other additional financing we may need for acquisitions or other general business purposes, and the terms thereof, will depend on our operating and financial performance and is subject to prevailing economic conditions and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. We may not ultimately be able to refinance, amend or otherwise replace our revolving credit facility at all or on terms that we believe are commercially reasonable.

If we are unable to comply with the terms of our credit arrangements and indentures, especially the financial covenants, our credit arrangements could be terminated and our senior notes and debentures could become due and payable.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to comply with all of the terms of our credit arrangements and indentures, especially the financial covenants. Our ability to comply with such terms depends on the success of our business and our operating results. Various risks, uncertainties, and events beyond our control could affect our ability to comply with the terms of our credit arrangements and/or indentures. If we were out of compliance with any covenant required by our credit arrangements following any applicable cure periods, the banks could terminate their commitments unless we could negotiate a covenant waiver. The banks could condition such waiver on amendments to the terms of our credit arrangements that may be unfavorable to us. In addition, our 6.625% senior notes and 7.800% debentures could become due and payable if we were unable to obtain a covenant waiver or refinance our medium-term debt under our credit arrangements. If our credit rating falls below investment grade, the interest rate we currently pay on outstanding debt under our credit arrangements could increase, which could adversely affect our operating results.

Our business is subject to a number of other miscellaneous risks that may adversely affect our operating results, financial condition, or business.

Other miscellaneous risks that could affect our business include:

natural or man-made disasters or global pandemics, which may result in shortages of raw materials and components, higher fuel costs, and increase in insurance premiums;

financial viability of distributors and dealers, changes in distributor ownership, changes in channel distribution of our products, relationships with our distribution channel partners, our success in partnering with new dealers, and our customers' ability to pay amounts owed to us;

a decline in retail sales or financial difficulties of our distributors or dealers, which could cause us to repurchase financed product;

termination or material change to the terms of our end-user financing arrangements, availability of credit for our customers, including any delay in securing replacement credit sources, or significant financed product repurchase requirements, which could have a material adverse impact on our future operating results.

continued threat of terrorist acts and war, which may result in heightened security and higher costs for import and export shipments of components or finished goods, reduced leisure travel, and contraction of the U.S. and worldwide economies.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

As of October 31, 2010, we utilized manufacturing, distribution, warehouse, and office facilities totaling approximately 5.6 million square feet of space worldwide. We also had approximately 72 acres of excess land in Wisconsin adjacent to a distribution center, 36 acres of land in Minnesota utilized as a testing and storage facility, 15 acres of land in Minnesota held for future expansion, 21 acres of land in California used as a testing site, and approximately 9 acres of buildable land in Eastern Europe, the planned future site for a micro-irrigation manufacturing facility. Plant utilization varies during the year depending on the production cycle. We consider each of our current facilities in use to be in good operating condition. Management believes we have sufficient manufacturing capacity for fiscal 2011 after taking into account the aforementioned manufacturing facility in Eastern Europe expected to open in fiscal 2011. Our significant facilities are listed below by location, ownership, and function as of October 31, 2010:

Location	Ownership	Products Manufactured / Use
Bloomington, MN	Owned/Leased	Corporate headquarters, warehouse, and test facility
El Paso, TX	Owned/Leased	Components for professional and residential products, and distribution center
Plymouth, WI	Owned	Professional and residential parts distribution center
Juarez, Mexico	Leased	Professional and residential products
Tomah, WI	Owned/Leased	Professional products and distribution center
Windom, MN	Owned/Leased	Residential and professional products, and warehouse
Beatrice, NE	Owned/Leased	Professional products, test facility, distribution center, and office
Riverside, CA	Owned/Leased	Professional products, test facility, distribution center, and office
Lakeville, MN	Leased	Residential and professional distribution center
Hertfordshire, United Kingdom	Owned	Professional and residential products, distribution center, test lab, and office
Shakopee, MN	Owned	Components for professional and residential products
Braeside, Australia	Leased	Distribution center
El Cajon, CA	Owned/Leased	Professional and residential products, distribution center, test lab, and office
Brooklyn Center, MN	Leased	Distribution facility, service area, and office
St. Louis, MO	Leased	Distribution facility and office
Sanford, FL	Leased	Professional products
Fiano Romano, Italy	Owned	Professional products, warehouse, and office
Beverley, Australia	Owned	Professional products, office, and distribution center
Capena, Italy	Leased	Distribution center
Oevel, Belgium	Owned	Distribution center and office
Kent, WA	Leased	Distribution facility, service area, and office
Abilene, TX	Leased	Office, professional products, and service center

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**General**

We are a party to litigation in the ordinary course of business. Litigation occasionally involves claims for punitive as well as compensatory damages arising out of use of our products. Although we are self-insured to some extent, we maintain insurance against certain product liability losses. We are also subject to administrative proceedings with respect to claims involving the discharge of hazardous substances into the environment. Some of these claims assert damages and liability for remedial investigations and clean up costs. We are also typically involved in commercial disputes, employment disputes, and patent litigation cases in the ordinary course of business. To prevent possible infringement of

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our patents by others, we periodically review competitors' products. To avoid potential liability with respect to others' patents, we regularly review certain patents issued by the USPTO and foreign patent offices. We believe these activities help us minimize our risk of being a defendant in patent infringement litigation. We are currently involved in patent litigation cases where we are asserting patent infringement.

For a description of our material legal proceedings, see Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under the heading "Litigation" included in Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, which is incorporated into this Item 3 by reference.

ITEM 4. (REMOVED AND RESERVED)

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The list below identifies those persons designated by our Board of Directors as "executive officers" of the company. The list sets forth each such person's age and position with the company as of December 16, 2010, as well as positions held by them for at least the last five years. There are no family relationships between any director, executive officer, or person nominated to become a director or executive officer of the company. There are no arrangements or understandings between any executive officer and any other person pursuant to which he or she was selected as an officer of the company.

**Name, Age, and
Position with the
Company**

Business Experience During the Last Five or More Years

Michael J. Hoffman
55, Chairman of the
Board, President and
Chief Executive Officer

Chairman of the Board since March 2006, Chief Executive Officer since March 2005 and President since October 2004.

Judy L. Altmaier
49, Vice President,
Operations

Vice President, Operations since October 2009. From January 2009 to October 2009, she served as Vice President/General Manager of Operations, Auto Group Americas for Eaton Corporation, a diversified industrial manufacturer. From July 2007 to January 2009, she served as Vice President/General Manager of Global Engine Valve Division in Turin, Italy for Eaton Corporation. From October 2003 to July 2007, she served as Manufacturing Operations Manager for the Engine Air Management Operations for Eaton Corporation.

William E. Brown, Jr.
49, Vice President,
International Business

Vice President, International Business since August 2010. From February 2009 to July 2010, he served as Vice President, Residential and Landscape Contractor Businesses. From November 2006 to February 2009, he served as Vice President, Consumer and Landscape Contractor Business Toro. From February 2003 to October 2006, he served as Vice President and General Manager, Commercial Business.

Philip A. Burkart
48, Vice President,
Irrigation Business

Vice President, Irrigation Business since November 2006. From February 2003 to October 2006, he served as Vice President and General Manager, Irrigation Business.

Timothy P. Dordell
48, Vice President,
Secretary and
General Counsel

Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel since May 2007. From November 2006 to May 2007, he served as Vice President, Deputy General Counsel. From May 2002 to November 2006, he served as Associate General Counsel-Corporate and Assistant Secretary at Ecolab Inc., a developer and marketer of products and services for the hospitality, foodservice, healthcare, and industrial markets.

Michael D. Drazan
53, Vice President,
Contractor Business and
Chief Information
Officer

Vice President, Contractor Business and Chief Information Officer since February 2009, which includes responsibility for our Exmark and Sitework Systems businesses and our information services function. In September 2010, he also assumed responsibility for our Micro-Irrigation Business and Corporate Accounts. From November 2007 to February 2009, he served as Chief Information Officer and Vice President, Corporate Services. From November 2006 to October 2007, he served as Vice President, Chief Information Officer. From March 2000 to November 2006, he served as Vice President, Corporate Information Services.

Blake M. Grams 43, Vice President, Corporate Controller	Vice President, Corporate Controller since December 2008. From February 2006 to December 2008, he served as Managing Director, Corporate Controller. From November 2003 to January 2006, he served as Director, Corporate Finance.
Michael J. Happe 39, Vice President, Residential and Landscape Contractor Businesses	Vice President, Residential and Landscape Contractor Businesses since August 2010. From December 2008 to July 2010, he served as Vice President, Commercial Business. From November 2007 to December 2008, he served as General Manager, Commercial Business. From November 2006 to October 2007, he served as Managing Director, Commercial Business. From November 2004 to October 2006, he served as Director of Marketing, International Business.
Thomas J. Larson 53, Vice President, Treasurer	Vice President, Treasurer since December 2008. From February 2006 to December 2008, he served as Treasurer. From November 2003 to January 2006, he served as Assistant Treasurer.
Peter M. Ramstad 53, Vice President, Human Resources and Business Development	Vice President, Human Resources and Business Development since November 2007. From November 2006 to November 2007, he served as Vice President, Business and Strategic Development. From December 2003 to November 2006, he served as Executive Vice President, Strategy and Finance at Personnel Decisions International, a consulting company that helps clients build organizational and talent strategies and assess and develop leaders.
Darren L. Redetzke 46, Vice President, Commercial Business	Vice President, Commercial Business since August 2010. From December 2008 to July 2010, he served as Vice President, International Business. From November 2007 to December 2008, he served as General Manager, International Business. From October 2006 to November 2007, he served as Managing Director, International Business. From November 2004 to October 2006, he served as Director of Marketing Golf for the Commercial Business.
Stephen P. Wolfe 62, Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer	Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer since February 2006. From June 1997 to February 2006, he served as Vice President, Finance, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS, AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Toro common stock is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange and trades under the symbol "TTC." The high, low, and last sales prices for Toro common stock and cash dividends paid for each of the quarterly periods for fiscal 2010 and 2009 were as follows:

Fiscal year ended October 31, 2010	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Market price per share of common stock				
High sales price	\$ 43.91	\$ 57.50	\$ 58.50	\$ 58.00
Low sales price	36.47	37.50	46.32	48.39
Last sales price	38.95	56.94	52.05	56.76
Cash dividends per share of common stock ¹	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18

Fiscal year ended October 31, 2009	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Market price per share of common stock				
High sales price	\$36.55	\$ 31.66	\$36.18	\$ 42.03
Low sales price	24.80	20.26	26.57	34.06
Last sales price	29.61	29.75	34.66	37.02
Cash dividends per share of common stock ¹	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15

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Future cash dividends will depend upon the company's financial condition, capital requirements, results of operations, and other factors deemed relevant by the Board of Directors.

Common Stock 100,000,000 shares authorized, \$1.00 par value, 31,394,942 and 33,369,486 shares outstanding as of October 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Preferred Stock 1,000,000 voting shares and 850,000 non-voting shares authorized, \$1.00 par value, no shares outstanding.

Shareholders As of December 16, 2010, Toro had approximately 4,074 shareholders of record.

Purchases of Equity Securities The following table sets forth information with respect to shares of Toro common stock purchased by the company during each of the three fiscal months in the period ended October 31, 2010.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased ¹	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet be Purchased
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			Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Under the Plans or Programs ¹
July 31, 2010 through August 27, 2010				1,338,150
August 28, 2010 through October 1, 2010	8,912	56.96	8,912	1,329,238
October 2, 2010 through October 31, 2010	1,2892	57.86		1,329,238
Total	10,201	\$ 57.07	8,912	

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On July 21, 2009, the company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of 5,000,000 shares of the company's common stock in open-market or in privately negotiated transactions. This program has no expiration date but may be terminated by the company's Board of Directors at any time. The company purchased an aggregate of 8,912 shares during the period indicated above under this program.

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Includes 1,289 units (shares) of Toro common stock purchased in open-market transactions at an average price of \$57.86 per share on behalf of a rabbi trust formed to pay benefit obligations of the company to participants in deferred compensation plans. These 1,289 shares were not repurchased under the company's repurchase program, as described in footnote 1 above.

On December 1, 2010, the company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to an additional 3,000,000 shares of its common stock in open-market or privately negotiated transactions. This repurchase authorization has no expiration date but may be terminated by the company's Board of Directors at any time.

The Toro Company Common Stock Comparative Performance Graph

The information contained in The Toro Company Common Stock Comparative Performance Graph section shall not be deemed to be "soliciting material" or "filed" or incorporated by reference in future filings with the SEC, or subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, except to the extent that we specifically request that it be treated as soliciting material or incorporate it by reference into a document filed under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

The following graph and table depict the cumulative total shareholder return (assuming reinvestment of dividends) on \$100 invested in each of Toro common stock, the S&P 500 Index, and an industry peer group for the five year period from October 31, 2005 through October 31, 2010.

Fiscal year ending October 31	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
The Toro Company	\$ 100.00	\$ 119.16	\$ 155.05	\$ 95.02	\$ 106.60	\$ 165.81
S&P 500	100.00	116.34	133.28	85.17	93.52	108.97
Peer Group	100.00	125.29	170.11	89.66	120.77	164.57

The industry peer group is based on the companies previously included in the Fortune 500 Industrial and Farm Equipment Index, which was discontinued after 2002 and includes: AGCO Corporation, The Alpine Group, Briggs & Stratton Corporation, Caterpillar Inc., Crane Co., Cummins Engine Company, Inc., Deere & Company, Dover Corporation, Flowserve Corporation, General Cable Corporation, Harsco Corporation, Illinois Tool Works Inc., International Game Technology, ITT Industries, Inc., Kennametal Inc., Lennox International Inc., Milacron Inc., NACCO Industries, Inc., Pall Corporation, Parker-Hannifin Corporation, Pentair, Inc., Snap-On Incorporated, The Shaw Group Inc., Tecumseh Products Company, Teleflex, Terex Corporation, The Timken Company, and Walter Industries Inc.

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
OPERATING RESULTS:					
Net sales	\$ 1,690,378	\$ 1,523,447	\$ 1,878,184	\$ 1,876,904	\$ 1,835,991
Net sales growth (decline) from prior year	11.0%	(18.9)%	0.1%	2.2%	3.2%
Gross profit as a percentage of net sales	34.1%	33.5%	34.8%	36.1%	35.0%
Selling, general, and administrative expense as a percentage of net sales	25.1%	26.0%	24.2%	24.2%	24.0%
Earnings from operations	\$ 151,266	\$ 115,197	\$ 198,409	\$ 223,649	\$ 202,876
Interest expense	17,113	17,578	19,333	19,445	17,672
Net earnings	93,237	62,837	119,651	142,436	129,145
As a percentage of net sales	5.5%	4.1%	6.4%	7.6%	7.0%
Basic net earnings per share	\$ 2.83	\$ 1.76	\$ 3.17	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.01
Diluted net earnings per share	2.79	1.73	3.10	3.40	2.91
Return on average stockholders' equity	31.6%	18.5%	32.6%	37.4%	33.0%
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION:					
Total assets	\$ 885,622	\$ 872,682	\$ 932,260	\$ 950,837	\$ 919,073
Average net working capital as a percentage of net sales ¹	13.9%	26.2%	27.5%	29.4%	29.5%
Long-term debt, including current portion	\$ 225,548	\$ 228,811	\$ 230,791	\$ 229,209	\$ 175,000
Stockholders' equity	275,810	315,212	364,675	370,438	392,029
Debt-to-capitalization ratio	45.1%	42.5%	39.0%	38.3%	30.9%
CASH FLOW DATA:					
Cash provided by operating activities	\$ 193,507	\$ 251,470	\$ 215,722	\$ 183,574	\$ 190,271
Repurchases of Toro common stock	135,777	115,283	110,355	182,843	146,543
Cash dividends per share of Toro common stock	0.72	0.60	0.60	0.48	0.36
OTHER STATISTICAL DATA:					
Market price range					
High sales price	\$ 58.50	\$ 42.03	\$ 59.16	\$ 63.69	\$ 52.52
Low sales price	36.47	20.26	27.16	42.06	36.30
Average number of employees	4,607	4,612	5,133	5,320	5,343

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Average net working capital is defined as monthly average accounts receivable plus inventory less trade payables.

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") provides material historical and prospective disclosures intended to enable investors and other readers to assess our financial condition and results of operations. Statements that are not historical are forward-looking and involve risks and uncertainties, including those discussed in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this report. These risks could cause our actual results to differ materially from any future performance suggested below.

OVERVIEW

We design, manufacture, and market professional turf maintenance equipment and services, turf and agricultural micro-irrigation systems, landscaping equipment, and residential yard and snow removal products worldwide. We sell our products worldwide through a network of distributors, dealers, hardware retailers, home centers, mass retailers, and over the Internet. Our businesses are organized into three reportable business segments: Professional, Residential, and Distribution. Our Distribution segment, which consists of our company-owned domestic distributorships, has been combined with our corporate activities and is shown as "Other." Our emphasis is to provide innovative, well-built, and dependable products supported by an extensive service network. A significant portion of our revenues have historically been, and we expect they will continue to be, attributable to new and enhanced products. We define new products as those introduced in the current and previous two fiscal years.

Summary of Fiscal 2010 Results

Fiscal 2010 was a recovery year after experiencing a difficult year during fiscal 2009. Our fiscal 2010 results included the following items of significance:

Net sales for fiscal 2010 increased by 11.0 percent to \$1,690.4 million compared to fiscal 2009. This increase was primarily attributable to increased demand for our products largely resulting from improved economic conditions in the U.S. and certain international markets where we conduct business, the successful introduction of new products that were well received by customers, and the significant reduction in field inventory levels during fiscal 2009 that was not duplicated in fiscal 2010.

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Professional segment net sales, which represented over 64 percent of our total consolidated net sales in fiscal 2010, grew 12.4 percent to \$1,085.5 million in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009 due to strong sales in the golf market and customer acceptance of new products introduced, particularly for landscape contractor equipment.

Our residential segment net sales were also up by 10.7 percent to \$589.7 million in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009 as a result of continued strong demand for our products and additional product placement for our zero-turn radius riding mowers. Shipments of snow thrower products also increased due to strong demand from heavy snow falls during the winter season of 2009-2010 and the timing of the introduction for our redesigned offering of snow thrower products.

International net sales for fiscal 2010 were up 10.3 percent to \$537.6 million compared to fiscal 2009, due to increased demand as a result of new golf development projects, mainly in Asia, additional manufacturing capacity that increased production and sales of our water conserving products for agricultural markets to meet growing worldwide demand, and improved economic conditions in certain international markets resulting in increased demand for our products. Approximately \$12 million of this net sales growth was the result of the weakening of the U.S. dollar compared to other currencies in which we transact business. International net sales comprised 31.8 percent of our total consolidated net sales in fiscal 2010 compared to 32.0 percent in fiscal 2009 and 32.4 percent in fiscal 2008.

Fiscal 2010 net earnings rose 48.4 percent to \$93.2 million compared to fiscal 2009, and diluted net earnings per share increased 61.3 percent to \$2.79 compared to fiscal 2009. Our one-year initiative, "5 in One: Back on Course," was successful as we surpassed our goal of five percent profit after tax as a percentage of net sales for fiscal 2010 by achieving 5.5 percent profit after tax as a percentage of net sales.

Gross margin was 34.1 percent in fiscal 2010, up 60 basis points from 33.5 percent in fiscal 2009. As we experienced increased demand for our products in fiscal 2010, our manufacturing costs were lower from increased plant utilization, which benefited our gross margin in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009. In addition, our gross margin for fiscal 2010 was positively impacted by increased sales of our higher-margin products as compared to fiscal 2009 and continued cost reduction efforts. However, higher commodity prices in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009 hindered our gross margin growth rate.

Although selling, general, and administrative ("SG&A") expense was up 7.4 percent in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009, primarily from higher employee incentive compensation related to improved financial performance, most other SG&A costs were down, reflecting structural cost reductions and continued spending discipline. SG&A expense as a percentage of net sales in fiscal 2010 was down to 25.1 percent compared to 26.0 percent in fiscal 2009.

We continued to place emphasis on, and take proactive measures related to, reducing working capital and improving asset management. As a result of these efforts, we achieved our long-term goal to reduce average net working capital (accounts receivable plus inventory less trade payables) as a percent of net sales below 20 percent, or "to the teens," in fiscal 2010. Our average net working capital as a percent of net sales as of the end of fiscal 2010 was 13.9 percent. Our domestic field inventory levels were also slightly down as of the end of fiscal 2010 compared to the end of fiscal 2009 due in part to our continued focus to improve field inventory management.

We continued our history of paying cash dividends and we increased our fiscal 2010 quarterly cash dividend by 20 percent to \$0.18 per share compared to our quarterly cash dividend in fiscal 2009 of \$0.15 per share.

Our stock repurchase program returned a significant amount of cash to our shareholders during fiscal 2010, which reduced our number of shares outstanding. This reduction resulted in a benefit to our diluted net earnings per share of approximately \$0.22 per share in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009.

Outlook for Fiscal 2011

While worldwide economic uncertainty remains, we are encouraged by the financial results we achieved in fiscal 2010. We understand the path to economic recovery will occur at different times and at different rates across our markets and the regions of the world in which we compete. As a result, we have taken, and continue to take, proactive measures to manage through this volatile economic environment to ensure we are positioned to drive strong financial results and gain market share throughout the recovery. We believe the key drivers for our fiscal 2011 financial performance will include, among many others, the following main factors:

We intend to continue to focus on international markets to grow our revenues. We plan to continue investing in new products designed specifically for international markets and in infrastructure around the world that will connect us more closely to international customers, increasing our global presence. For example, during fiscal 2011, we plan to open a new facility in Eastern Europe to manufacture micro-irrigation products as we anticipate market demand for our water conserving products to increase in and around that geographic region, which should reduce transportation and other manufacturing costs and increase operating efficiencies. Sales in

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Australia and Asia were strong in fiscal 2010 and we expect continued growth in fiscal 2011 in those regions of the world. A long-term goal is for international sales to comprise a larger percentage of our total consolidated net sales.

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As we anticipate economic conditions in some international markets to improve, we expect our international sales to increase in fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010.

We anticipate fiscal 2011 net sales in our professional segment to increase compared to those in fiscal 2010, as we expect continued strong demand for our landscape contractor equipment, namely new products that we plan to introduce in fiscal 2011 together with products we introduced within the past two fiscal years, to positively impact our professional segment net sales during fiscal 2011. We also anticipate the golf market to continue to grow and sales of our golf market products to increase in fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010 as we plan to continue to enhance our product offering for that market with innovative new and improved products, which should drive higher sales. However, we expect governmental budgets to remain tight in fiscal 2011, impacting our sales to municipalities and other governmental units. We anticipate growth in the irrigation market for products that help conserve the use of water, namely for the commercial, residential, and agricultural markets, as the need to become more efficient in water use is expected to drive demand for our products. We plan to invest in new products, manufacturing capacity, and infrastructure globally as products used for water conservation are expected to be a long-term focus for us. Our long-term goal is for water related products to comprise a larger percentage of our total consolidated net sales.

As we anticipate a continued slow economic recovery in fiscal 2011 for residential consumers, we expect our residential segment net sales to slightly increase compared to fiscal 2010. We anticipate our broad array of new riding product offerings to continue to be well received by customers in fiscal 2011.

During fiscal 2011, we anticipate our gross margin rate to slightly increase compared to fiscal 2010. We anticipate average prices for commodities to be higher in fiscal 2011 compared to the average prices paid for commodities in fiscal 2010. We plan to mitigate anticipated higher commodity costs by continuing to aggressively pursue cost reduction efforts.

We expect net earnings and diluted net earnings per share to be up in fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010, driven mainly by our expectation of sales growth, leveraging of SG&A expense, and an improvement in our gross margin rate, as well as a reduction in our diluted shares outstanding due to anticipated repurchases of our common stock.

In fiscal 2011, we plan to continue our focus on efficient asset utilization. We anticipate our average net working capital as a percentage of net sales in fiscal 2011 to be relatively even compared to fiscal 2010. Consistent with our focus on asset management, we believe our domestic field inventory levels are currently appropriate and we anticipate field inventory levels to be approximately even as of the end of fiscal 2011 compared to the end of fiscal 2010.

We will continue to keep a cautionary eye on the global economies and the pace and degree of recovery, retail demand, field inventory levels, commodity prices, weather, competitive actions, expenses, and other factors identified in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" of this report, which could cause our actual results to differ from our anticipated outlook.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Fiscal 2010 net earnings were \$93.2 million compared to \$62.8 million in fiscal 2009, an increase of 48.4 percent. Fiscal 2010 diluted net earnings per share were \$2.79, an increase of 61.3 percent from \$1.73 per share in fiscal 2009. The primary factors contributing to the net earnings improvement were higher sales volumes, an increase in gross margin, and an increase in other income, somewhat offset by higher SG&A expenses. In addition, our net earnings per diluted share were benefited by approximately \$0.22 per share in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009 as a result of reduced shares outstanding from repurchases of our common stock.

Fiscal 2009 net earnings were \$62.8 million compared to \$119.7 million in fiscal 2008, a decrease of 47.5 percent. Fiscal 2009 diluted net earnings per share were \$1.73, a decrease of 44.2 percent from \$3.10 per share in fiscal 2008. The primary factors contributing to the net earnings decline were lower sales volumes, a decline in gross margin, and an increase in other expense, somewhat offset by lower SG&A expenses. However, our net earnings per diluted share were benefited by approximately \$0.10 per share in fiscal 2009 compared to fiscal 2008 as a result of reduced shares outstanding from repurchases of our common stock.

The following table summarizes our results of operations as a percentage of our consolidated net sales.

Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	(65.9)	(66.5)	(65.2)

Gross margin	34.1	33.5	34.8
SG&A expense	(25.1)	(26.0)	(24.2)
Interest expense	(1.0)	(1.1)	(1.0)
Other income (expense), net	0.4	(0.1)	0.1
Provision for income taxes	(2.9)	(2.2)	(3.3)
Net earnings	5.5%	4.1%	6.4%

Fiscal 2010 Compared With Fiscal 2009

Net Sales. Worldwide net sales in fiscal 2010 were \$1,690.4 million compared to \$1,523.4 million in fiscal 2009, an increase of 11.0 percent. This net sales improvement was primarily driven by:

Higher shipments of worldwide professional segment products largely resulting from improved economic conditions, a significant reduction in field inventory levels during fiscal 2009 that was not duplicated during fiscal 2010, the successful introduction of new products that were well received by customers resulting in

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increased sales, and additional manufacturing capacity that increased production and sales of our water conserving products for agricultural markets to meet growing worldwide demand.

An increase in residential segment net sales attributable to continued strong demand, resulting in part from customer acceptance of and additional product placement for zero-turn radius riding mowers. In addition, shipments of snow thrower products were up due to increased demand from heavy snow falls during the winter season of 2009-2010 and the timing of the introduction for our redesigned offering of snow thrower products that shipped to customers in the first quarter of fiscal 2010 instead of the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009.

International net sales were also up for both our professional and residential segments due also to increased demand primarily from improved economic conditions in our key international markets and the successful introduction of new products that were well received by customers, as well as a weaker average U.S. dollar compared to other currencies in which we transact business that accounted for approximately \$12 million of our net sales increase.

Partially offsetting those positive factors was a decline in net sales for our other segment due to the elimination of Toro Credit Company ("TCC"), our wholly owned financing company, floor plan interest costs resulting from the establishment of Red Iron Acceptance LLC ("Red Iron"), our financing joint venture with TCF Inventory Finance, Inc. ("TCFIF"), as well as lower net sales at our wholly owned Midwestern distributorship.

Gross Margin. Gross margin represents gross profit (net sales less cost of sales) as a percentage of net sales. See Note 1 of the notes to our consolidated financial statements, in the section entitled "Cost of Sales," for a description of expenses included in cost of sales. Gross margin increased by 60 basis points to 34.1 percent in fiscal 2010 from 33.5 percent in fiscal 2009. This improvement was mainly the result of the following factors:

A higher proportionate share of professional segment sales that carry higher average gross margins than residential segment sales.

Lower manufacturing costs from higher plant utilization, mainly related to increased demand for our products.

Cost reduction efforts implemented during the past two fiscal years.

Somewhat offsetting those positive factors were:

Higher average prices paid for commodities in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009.

An increase in our last-in first-out ("LIFO") reserve of \$0.6 million in fiscal 2010, as compared to a reduction in our LIFO reserve in fiscal 2009 that benefited our gross margin by \$3.3 million in fiscal 2009.

An increase in freight expense due to higher fuel prices.

Selling, General, and Administrative (SG&A) Expense. SG&A expense increased \$29.3 million, or 7.4 percent, from fiscal 2009. See Note 1 of the notes to our consolidated financial statements, in the section entitled "Selling, General, and Administrative Expense," for a description of expenses included in SG&A expense. SG&A expense rate represents SG&A expenses as a percentage of net sales. SG&A expense rate in fiscal 2010 decreased to 25.1 percent compared to 26.0 percent in fiscal 2009 due to fixed SG&A costs spread over higher sales volumes. The following factors increased our SG&A expense:

An increase of \$21.2 million in employee incentive compensation expense as a result of improved financial performance in fiscal 2010, as compared to fiscal 2009.

Higher marketing and warehousing costs of nearly \$9 million as a result of increased sales volumes.

An increase in product liability expense of \$2.5 million as a result of unfavorable claims experience.

Somewhat offsetting those increases were costs incurred in fiscal 2009 for work force adjustments of \$4.3 million that were not duplicated in fiscal 2010.

Interest Expense. Interest expense for fiscal 2010 decreased by 2.6 percent compared to fiscal 2009 as a result of lower average debt levels.

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Other Income (Expense), Net. Other income (expense), net consists mainly of interest income, litigation settlements and recoveries, currency exchange rate gains and losses, equity income and losses from investments, and financing revenue. Other income for fiscal 2010 was \$7.1 million compared to other expense of \$1.8 million in fiscal 2009. This increase in other income, net was due mainly to the following factors:

Expenses incurred in fiscal 2009 for several legal matters in the aggregate of \$6.8 million that were not duplicated in fiscal 2010.

An increase in income from equity investments of nearly \$3 million.

Somewhat offsetting those increases was a decline in financing revenue of \$1.8 million.

Provision for Income Taxes. The effective tax rate for fiscal 2010 was 34.0 percent compared to 34.4 percent in fiscal 2009. The realization of deferred tax assets is assessed and a valuation allowance is recorded to the extent it is more likely than not that any portion of the deferred tax asset will not be recognized. The decrease in the effective tax rate was due to a valuation allowance recorded in fiscal 2009 of \$1.5 million for foreign subsidiaries' net operating loss carry-forwards that was not duplicated in fiscal 2010 and the favorable resolution of a transfer pricing issue. This decrease was somewhat offset by the expiration of the domestic research tax credit on December 31, 2009.

We anticipate our tax rate for fiscal 2011 to be lower than fiscal 2010 due to the extension of the domestic research tax credit in mid-December 2010.

Fiscal 2009 Compared With Fiscal 2008

Net Sales. Worldwide net sales in fiscal 2009 were \$1,523.4 million compared to \$1,878.2 million in fiscal 2008, a decrease of 18.9 percent. This net sales decline was primarily driven by:

Lower shipments of domestic professional segment products largely resulting from the global recession.

A significant decline in international sales due also to reduced demand as a result of recessionary conditions affecting our key international markets, as well as a stronger average U.S. dollar compared to other currencies in which we transact business that accounted for approximately \$32 million of our net sales decrease.

A slight decline in residential segment net sales by 1.9 percent in fiscal 2009 compared to fiscal 2008 primarily attributable to lower demand of riding products as a result of poor economic conditions, despite customer acceptance for our new line of zero-turn radius riding mowers, a decrease in electric blower product sales, and a decrease in sales of snow thrower products due to the timing of the introduction for our redesigned offering of snow thrower products that shipped to customers in the first quarter of fiscal 2010.

Lower domestic field inventory levels as of the end of fiscal 2009 compared to the end of fiscal 2008 as our shipments decline more than retail demand, as well as improved field inventory management.

Partially offsetting those negative factors were strong shipments of walk power mowers due to additional product placement at a key retailer and a new and broader line of walk power mowers.

Gross Margin. Gross margin decreased by 130 basis points to 33.5 percent in fiscal 2009 from 34.8 percent in fiscal 2008. This decline was mainly the result of the following factors:

Lower sales of our higher-margin products.

Higher manufacturing costs from lower plant utilization as we cut production to align it with the decline in sales volumes, combined with our ongoing efforts to lower inventory levels.

A stronger average U.S. dollar compared to most other currencies in which we transact business.

Somewhat offsetting those negative factors were:

A reduction in our LIFO reserve of \$3.3 million that benefited our gross margin due to a significant decline in our inventory levels.

A decline in freight expense.

Selling, General, and Administrative (SG&A) Expense. SG&A expense decreased \$58.5 million, or 12.9 percent, from fiscal 2008. SG&A expense rate in fiscal 2009 increased to 26.0 percent compared to 24.2 percent in fiscal 2008 due to fixed SG&A costs spread over significantly lower sales volumes. The following factors decreased our SG&A expense:

Overall reduced spending in response to the worldwide recessionary economic conditions during fiscal 2009.

A decline in incentive compensation expense of \$5.7 million due to lower than planned financial performance in fiscal 2009.

Offsetting those decreases were:

An increase in product liability costs of \$5.3 million as a result of unfavorable claims experience.

Higher bad debt expense and costs for distributor changes of \$4.0 million.

Interest Expense. Interest expense for fiscal 2009 decreased by 9.1 percent compared to fiscal 2008 as a result of lower average short-term debt levels and a decline in average interest rates.

Other Income (Expense), Net. Other expense, net for fiscal 2009 was \$1.8 million compared to other income, net of \$2.2 million in fiscal 2008. This increase in other expense, net was due mainly to the following factors:

Expenses of \$6.8 million in the aggregate for several legal matters.

A decline in financing revenue of \$1.5 million.

Lower interest income of \$1.0 million.

Somewhat offsetting those increases were foreign currency exchange rate gains in fiscal 2009 of \$0.6 million compared to foreign currency exchange losses in fiscal 2008 of \$5.0 million.

Provision for Income Taxes. The effective tax rate for fiscal 2009 was 34.4 percent compared to 34.0 percent in fiscal 2008. The increase in the effective tax rate was due to a valuation allowance of \$1.5 million for foreign subsidiaries' net operating loss carry-forwards and other deferred tax assets reflecting the uncertainty over their future realization. This increase was partially offset by the tax impact of income from foreign jurisdictions subject to lower tax rates.

PERFORMANCE BY BUSINESS SEGMENT

As more fully described in Note 12 of the notes to consolidated financial statements, we operate in three reportable business segments: Professional, Residential, and Distribution. Our Distribution segment, which consists of our company-owned domestic distributorships, has been combined with our corporate activities and is shown as "Other." Operating earnings for our Professional and Residential segments are defined as earnings from operations plus other income (expense), net. Operating loss for the Other segment includes earnings (loss) from wholly owned domestic distribution company operations, corporate activities, other income (expense), and interest expense.

The following information provides perspective on our business segments' net sales and operating results.

Professional

Professional segment net sales represented 64 percent of consolidated net sales for fiscal 2010, 63 percent for fiscal 2009, and

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68 percent for fiscal 2008. The following table shows the professional segment net sales, operating earnings, and operating earnings as a percent of net sales.

(Dollars in millions) Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008
Net sales	\$ 1,085.5	\$ 965.9	\$ 1,304.1
% change from prior year	12.4%	(25.9)%	0.9%
Operating earnings	\$ 173.8	\$ 127.6	\$ 233.4
As a percent of net sales	16.0%	13.2%	17.9%

Net Sales. Worldwide net sales for the professional segment in fiscal 2010 were up by 12.4 percent compared to fiscal 2009 primarily from higher shipments for most domestic and international product categories as a result of improved economic conditions and a significant reduction in field inventory levels during fiscal 2009 that was not duplicated in fiscal 2010. In addition, professional segment sales increased due to the following other factors:

Higher shipments of worldwide golf maintenance equipment and irrigation systems as customers increased capital spending after delayed investments during the past two fiscal years from poor economic conditions and new golf development projects, particularly in Asia, as well as the positive customer response for new products we introduced.

Strong sales of landscape contractor equipment as a result of the successful introduction of new products that were well received by customers.

Increased net sales of micro-irrigation products due to our investments in additional manufacturing capacity that increased production of our water conserving products to meet the growing worldwide market demand.

A weaker average U.S. dollar compared to most other currencies in which we transact business.

Our domestic field inventory levels of our professional segment products were slightly down as of the end of fiscal 2010 as compared to the end of fiscal 2009 due to continued field inventory management.

Worldwide net sales for the professional segment in fiscal 2009 were significantly down by 25.9 percent compared to fiscal 2008 primarily from lower shipments for most domestic and international product categories due to decreased demand largely as a result of the worldwide recessionary economic conditions during fiscal 2009. Sales of golf maintenance equipment and irrigation systems declined as customers delayed investments in new equipment at existing golf courses and new golf course construction slowed, and sales of residential/commercial irrigation systems were down as a result of weakness in the housing and commercial construction markets. In addition, landscape contractor equipment net sales decreased, despite the fact that our new products, which included our next generation of zero-turn radius riding mowers and Toro GrandStand® stand-on mowers, were well received by customers. A stronger average U.S. dollar compared to most other currencies in which we transact business also negatively impacted our net sales. Our domestic field inventory levels were also down as of the end of fiscal 2009 as compared to the end of fiscal 2008 as our shipments declined more than retail demand, as well as improved field inventory management.

Operating Earnings. Operating earnings for the professional segment in fiscal 2010 increased 36.2 percent compared to fiscal 2009. Expressed as a percentage of net sales, professional segment operating margins increased to 16.0 percent in fiscal 2010 compared to 13.2 percent in fiscal 2009. The following factors impacted professional segment operating earnings:

Higher gross margins in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009 as a result of increased sales volumes and lower manufacturing costs from increased plant utilization due to increased demand for our products, combined with our continued cost reduction efforts. However, increased freight expense driven by higher fuel prices and rising commodity prices hampered our professional segment gross margin improvement.

A decline in SG&A expense rate in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009 due mainly to leveraging SG&A costs over higher sales volumes.

Operating earnings for the professional segment in fiscal 2009 decreased 45.3 percent compared to fiscal 2008. Expressed as a percentage of net sales, professional segment operating margins decreased to 13.2 percent in fiscal 2009 compared to 17.9 percent in fiscal 2008. The operating profit decline was due mainly to lower gross margins as a result of higher manufacturing costs from lower plant utilization as we cut

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production to align it with the decline in sales volumes, a stronger average U.S. dollar compared to most other currencies in which we transact business, and higher tooling costs from investments in tools for new products. A higher SG&A expense rate also hampered operating earnings due mainly to fixed SG&A costs spread over lower sales volumes, as well as higher product liability expense.

Residential

Residential segment net sales represented 35 percent of consolidated net sales for fiscal 2010 and fiscal 2009, and 30 percent for fiscal 2008. The following table shows the residential segment net sales, operating earnings, and operating earnings as a percent of net sales.

(Dollars in millions)

Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008
Net sales	\$ 589.7	\$ 532.7	\$ 542.9
% change from prior year	10.7%	(1.9)%	0.3%
Operating earnings	\$ 58.0	\$ 46.4	\$ 35.3
As a percent of net sales	9.8%	8.7%	6.5%

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Net Sales. Worldwide net sales for the residential segment in fiscal 2010 were up by 10.7 percent compared to fiscal 2009 primarily as a result of the following factors:

Strong shipments of zero-turn radius riding mowers attributable to continued strong demand, resulting in part from customer acceptance of new products and additional product placement.

An increase in sales of snow thrower products due to increased demand from heavy snow falls during the winter season of 2009-2010 and the timing of the introduction for our redesigned offering of snow thrower products that shipped to customers in the first quarter of fiscal 2010 instead of the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009.

A weaker average U.S. dollar compared to most other currencies in which we transact business.

Worldwide net sales for the residential segment in fiscal 2009 were slightly down by 1.9 percent compared to fiscal 2008. This decrease was due primarily to decreased demand primarily resulting from the global recessionary economic conditions, as well as a stronger U.S. dollar compared to most other currencies in which we transact business. Electric blower product sales were also down as a result of lost product placement at a mass retailer, and sales of snow thrower products were lower as a result of the timing of the introduction for our redesigned offering of snow thrower products that shipped to customers in the first quarter of fiscal 2010. Somewhat offsetting those positive factors were increased shipments of walk power mowers as a result of additional product placement at a key retailer and a new and broader line of walk power mowers, as well as positive customer response for our new line of zero-turn radius riding mowers.

Operating Earnings. Operating earnings for the residential segment in fiscal 2010 increased 25.0 percent compared to fiscal 2009. Expressed as a percentage of net sales, residential segment operating margins improved to 9.8 percent in fiscal 2010 compared to 8.7 percent in fiscal 2009. The following factors impacted residential segment operating earnings:

An improvement in gross margins primarily from increased sales volumes of higher-margin products and the resulting effects of cost reduction efforts. These favorable benefits were somewhat offset by higher commodity costs, an increase in freight expense, and higher manufacturing costs due to operating inefficiencies as a result of higher than anticipated customer demand.

An increase in SG&A expense from higher spending for marketing, product liability, incentive compensation, and warehousing costs.

Operating earnings for the residential segment in fiscal 2009 increased 31.3 percent compared to fiscal 2008. Expressed as a percentage of net sales, residential segment operating margins improved to 8.7 percent compared to 6.5 percent in fiscal 2008 due to a slight improvement in gross margins and a decline in SG&A expense from lower spending for marketing, engineering, administration, and warehousing costs as a result of budget reductions.

Other

(Dollars in millions)

Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008
Net sales	\$ 15.2	\$ 24.8	\$ 31.2
% change from prior year	(38.5)%	(20.5)%	(27.2)%
Operating loss	\$ (90.4)	\$ (78.2)	\$ (87.4)

Net Sales. Net sales for the Other segment includes sales from our wholly owned domestic distribution companies less sales from the Professional and Residential segments to those distribution companies. In fiscal 2009, the Other segment also included elimination of the professional and residential segments' floor plan interest costs from TCC. With the establishment of Red Iron beginning in fiscal 2010, net sales for the Other segment no longer includes corporate financing activities, including the elimination of floor plan costs from TCC, which results in lower net sales for the other segment. The other segment net sales in fiscal 2010 decreased 38.5 percent compared to fiscal 2009 as a result of the elimination of TCC floor plan interest costs, as well as lower net sales at our wholly owned Midwestern distributorship.

The other segment net sales in fiscal 2009 decreased 20.5 percent compared to fiscal 2008 due to reduced demand largely resulting from the domestic economic recession, as well as a reduction in the elimination of floor plan interest costs as a result of lower receivables with TCC and a reduction in interest rates.

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Operating Loss. Operating loss for the other segment in fiscal 2010 increased by 15.7 percent compared to fiscal 2009. This loss increase was primarily attributable to an increase in employee incentive compensation expense due to improved financial performance in fiscal 2010, as compared to fiscal 2009, and the elimination of TCC floor plan costs. Somewhat offsetting those factors was a decline in expenses incurred in fiscal 2009 for several legal matters that were not duplicated in fiscal 2010, income from our investment in Red Iron, overall reduced spending from our leaner cost structure as a result of actions we implemented in fiscal 2009, as well as elimination of costs incurred in fiscal 2009 for workforce adjustments.

Operating loss for the other segment in fiscal 2009 decreased by 10.5 percent compared to fiscal 2008. This loss decrease was primarily attributable to overall reduced spending in response to the economic downturn, foreign currency exchange rate gains in fiscal 2009 compared to foreign currency exchange rate losses in fiscal 2008, a decrease in incentive compensation expense, and a decline in interest expense, somewhat offset by expenses for several legal matters, an increase in bad debt expense, and higher costs for distributor changes.

FINANCIAL CONDITION**Working Capital**

We have taken proactive measures to improve working capital utilization, including managing our assets, controlling costs, and adjusting production plans. As such, our financial condition remains strong. We continue to place emphasis on asset management, with a focus on minimizing the amount of working capital in the supply chain and maintaining or improving order replenishment and service levels to end users. In connection with the established of Red Iron, our financing joint venture with TCFIF, we sold certain receivables, including floor plan and open account receivables, from most U.S. and Canadian distributors and dealers of our products at a purchase price equal to the face value of the receivables or the purchase price paid for such receivables. Red Iron began financing floor plan receivables in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009. Red Iron also began financing open account receivables, as well as floor plan receivables previously financed by a third party financing company, during our first quarter of fiscal 2010. The sale of these receivables enables us to use our working capital for strategic purposes, such as research and development of innovative new products, improvements in the quality and performance of existing products, strategic acquisitions and investments, and return value to shareholders through share repurchases and cash dividends.

The following table highlights several key measures of our working capital performance.

(Dollars in millions)		
Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009
Average cash and cash equivalents	\$ 175.3	\$ 86.2
Average receivables, net	174.4	273.6
Average inventories, net	188.7	213.3
Average accounts payable	128.3	87.2
Average days outstanding for receivables	38	66
Average inventory turnover	5.90x	4.75x

Average net receivables decreased 36.3 percent in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009, and average days outstanding for receivables decreased to 38 days in fiscal 2010 compared to 66 days in fiscal 2009 due mainly to the sale of our floor plan and open account receivables to Red Iron during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009 and the first quarter of fiscal 2010, respectively. Average net inventories decreased 11.5 percent in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009, and average inventory turnover improved by 24.2 percent in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009 as we continued our focus on improving asset management and greater than expected demand during fiscal 2010. In addition, as part of our working capital initiative, average accounts payable increased 47.1 percent in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009, driven by our supply chain initiatives and higher levels of production due to increased demand for our products. As a result of the culmination of these efforts, in fiscal 2010 we achieved our long-term goal to reduce average net working capital (accounts receivable plus inventory less trade payables) as a percentage of net sales at a level below 20 percent, or "to the teens." Our average net working capital as a percentage of net sales as of the end of fiscal 2010 was 13.9 percent.

We expect average receivables to increase slightly and average days outstanding for receivables in fiscal 2011 to remain flat as compared to fiscal 2010. We anticipate average inventory turnover to decline in fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010 as demand exceeded our expectations in fiscal 2010 resulting in lower than average inventory levels. Therefore, we expect to increase our average inventory levels in fiscal 2011 to meet anticipated higher demand for our products. We also anticipate average accounts payable to increase slightly in fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010 driven by our supply chain initiatives.

Capital Expenditures and Other Long-Term Assets

Fiscal 2010 capital expenditures of \$48.7 million were 28.4 percent higher compared to fiscal 2009. This increase was primarily attributable to production equipment and tooling expenditures for new products, as well as investments in additional manufacturing capacity that increased production for our water conserving products. Capital expenditures for fiscal 2011 are anticipated to be approximately \$60 million as we expect to continue to invest in new product tooling, replacement production equipment, expansion of our vertical integration capabilities, as well as a new micro-irrigation manufacturing facility in Eastern Europe.

Long-term assets as of October 31, 2010 were \$300.6 million compared to \$290.5 million as of October 31, 2009, a slight increase of 3.5 percent. This increase was due primarily to the addition of intangible assets from an acquisition.

Capital Structure

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The following table details the components of our total capitalization and key ratios.

(Dollars in millions)

October 31	2010	2009
Short-term debt	\$ 1.0	\$ 4.5
Long-term debt, including current portion	225.5	228.8
Stockholders' equity	275.8	315.2
Debt-to-capitalization ratio	45.1%	42.5%

Our debt-to-capitalization ratio was higher in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009 due to a decrease in stockholders' equity as we continued to repurchase shares of our common stock.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our businesses are seasonally working capital intensive and require funding for purchases of raw materials used in production, replacement parts inventory, payroll and other administrative costs,

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capital expenditures, expansion and upgrading of existing facilities, as well as for financing receivables from customers. We believe that cash generated from operations, together with our fixed rate long-term debt, bank credit lines, and cash on hand, will provide us with adequate liquidity to meet our anticipated operating requirements. One of the purposes of establishing Red Iron, our previously discussed joint venture with TCFIF is to free up our working capital for strategic purposes, which may include, among other things, research and development of innovative new products, improvements in the quality and performance of existing products, strategic acquisitions and investments, and returning value to shareholders through share repurchases and cash dividends. We believe that the funds available through existing financing arrangements and forecasted cash flows will be sufficient to provide the necessary capital resources for our anticipated working capital needs, capital expenditures, investments, debt repayments, quarterly cash dividend payments, and stock repurchases for at least the next twelve months.

Cash Dividends

Each quarter in fiscal 2010, our Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.18 per share, which was a 20 percent increase over our cash dividend of \$0.15 per share paid each quarter in fiscal 2009. Our Board of Directors recently increased our first quarter of fiscal 2011 quarterly cash dividend by 11 percent to \$0.20 per share from the quarterly cash dividend paid in the first quarter of fiscal 2010.

Cash Flow

Cash flows provided by (used in) operating, investing, and financing activities during the past three fiscal years are shown in the following table.

(Dollars in millions) Fiscal years ended October 31	Cash Provided by (Used in)		
	2010	2009	2008
Operating activities	\$ 193.5	\$ 251.5	\$ 215.7
Investing activities	(60.8)	(46.0)	(51.5)
Financing activities	(142.3)	(121.3)	(124.0)
Effect of exchange rates on cash	(0.8)	4.2	(2.8)
Net cash (used) provided	\$ (10.4)	\$ 88.4	\$ 37.4
Cash and cash equivalents as of fiscal year end	\$ 177.4	\$ 187.8	\$ 99.4

Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities. Our primary source of funds is cash generated from operations. In fiscal 2010, cash provided by operating activities decreased \$58.0 million, or 23.0 percent, from fiscal 2009. This decrease was primarily attributable to cash received in fiscal 2009 from the initial sale of floor plan receivables to Red Iron and an increase in inventory levels, somewhat offset by higher net earnings and an increase in trade payables, all in fiscal 2010 as compared to fiscal 2009. In fiscal 2010, net earnings accounted for nearly 50 percent of our cash flows from operations, whereas in fiscal 2009, 25 percent of our cash flows from operations was attributable to net earnings.

Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities. Capital expenditures and acquisitions are our primary uses of capital resources. These investments are intended to enable sales growth in new markets and expand existing markets, help us to meet product demand, and increase our manufacturing efficiencies and capacity. Cash used in investing activities was up 32.3 percent in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009 due mainly to an increase in purchases of property, plant, and equipment and higher amounts of cash used for acquisitions.

Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities. Cash used in financing activities increased 17.3 percent in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009. This increase was primarily attributable to higher levels of funds used to repurchase our common stock in fiscal 2010 compared to fiscal 2009.

Credit Lines and Other Capital Resources

Our businesses are seasonal, with accounts receivable balances historically increasing between January and April, as a result of higher sales volumes and extended payment terms made available to our customers and decreasing between May and December when payments are received. The seasonality of production and shipments causes our working capital requirements to fluctuate during the year. As of October 31, 2010, seasonal cash requirements were financed from operations and with short-term financing arrangements, including our unsecured senior five-year revolving credit facility that expires in January 2012. Interest expense on this credit facility is determined based on a LIBOR rate plus a basis point spread defined in the credit agreement. We had no outstanding short-term debt under this revolving credit facility as of October 31, 2010 and 2009. We intend to amend or replace this credit facility prior to its expiration in January 2012. In addition, our non-U.S. operations maintain unsecured short-term lines of credit in the aggregate amount of approximately \$19 million. These facilities bear interest at various rates depending on the rates in their respective countries of operation. As of October 31, 2010, we had \$0.8 million outstanding short-term debt under

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these lines of credit. We also have a letter of credit subfacility as part of our credit agreement. As of October 31, 2010, we had \$10.4 million of outstanding standby letters of credit. As of October 31, 2010, we had \$232.6 million of unutilized availability under our credit agreements. Significant financial covenants in our credit agreement during fiscal 2010 included interest coverage and debt-to-capitalization ratios.

On November 9, 2010, we amended the terms of our credit agreement for our revolving credit facility to better match our financing needs to our ongoing capital requirements. The amendment included the following changes: (i) replace the debt-to-capitalization covenant with a debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("EBITDA") covenant

that shall not exceed 3.25 to 1.00 for any four-quarter period; (ii) remove language that prohibits us from repurchasing our own debt; and (iii) reduce the total amount of the credit line from \$225.0 million to \$175.0 million. This amendment provides us with more flexibility in the deployment of our capital, while reducing ongoing costs to maintain the amount of credit required for ongoing operations. We were in compliance with all prior and current covenants related to our credit agreement for our revolving credit facility as of October 31, 2010, and we expect to be in compliance with all covenants during fiscal 2011. Our credit agreement for our revolving credit facility requires compliance with all of the covenants defined in the agreement. If we were out of compliance with any debt covenant required by this credit agreement following the applicable cure period, the banks could terminate their commitments unless we could negotiate a covenant waiver from the banks. In addition, our long-term senior notes and debentures could become due and payable if we were unable to obtain a covenant waiver or refinance our short-term debt under our credit agreement. If our credit rating falls below investment grade and/or our average debt to EBITDA ratio rises above 1.50 to 1.00, the interest rate we currently pay on our outstanding short-term debt under the credit agreement would increase. However, the credit commitment could not be cancelled by the banks based solely on a ratings downgrade. Our debt rating for long-term unsecured senior, non-credit enhanced debt was unchanged during fiscal 2010 by Standard and Poor's Ratings Group at BBB- and by Moody's Investors Service at Baa3.

Share Repurchase Plan

During fiscal 2010, we continued repurchasing shares of our common stock thereby reducing our shares outstanding. In addition, our repurchase programs provided shares for use in connection with our equity compensation programs. As of October 31, 2010, 1,329,238 shares remained available for repurchase under our Board authorization.

On December 1, 2010, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to an additional 3,000,000 shares of our common stock in open-market or privately negotiated transactions. This repurchase authorization has no expiration date but may be terminated by our Board of Directors at any time.

The following table provides information with respect to repurchases of our common stock during the past three fiscal years.

(Dollars in millions, except per share data)

Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008
Shares of common stock purchased	2,678,474	3,316,536	2,809,927
Cost to repurchase common stock	\$ 135.8	\$ 115.3	\$ 110.4
Average price paid per share	\$ 50.69	\$ 34.76	\$ 39.27

We expect to continue repurchasing shares of our common stock in fiscal 2011 depending upon market conditions and our cash position.

Customer Financing Arrangements

Wholesale Financing. In fiscal 2009, we established our Red Iron joint venture with TCFIF. The purpose of Red Iron is to provide inventory financing, including floor plan and open account receivable financing, to distributors and dealers of our products in the U.S. and to select distributors of our products in Canada to enable our distributors and dealers to carry representative inventories of our products. Under a separate arrangement, during the first quarter of fiscal 2010, we implemented a program with TCFIF to provide inventory financing to dealers of our products in Canada. Under these financing arrangements, down payments are not required and, depending on the finance program for each product line, finance charges are incurred by us, shared between us and the distributor and/or the dealer, or paid by the distributor or dealer. Red Iron retains a security interest in the distributors' and dealers' financed inventories, and those inventories are monitored regularly. Floor plan terms to the distributors and dealers require payment as the equipment, which secures the indebtedness, is sold to customers, or when payment terms become due, whichever occurs first. Rates are generally indexed to LIBOR plus a fixed percentage that differs based on whether the financing is for a distributor or dealer. Rates may also vary based on the product that is financed. Red Iron purchased \$804.1 million of receivables from us during fiscal 2010, of which \$131.4 million was outstanding as of October 31, 2010.

Some independent international dealers continue to finance their products with third party sources. These third party financing companies purchased \$11.1 million of receivables from us during fiscal 2010, of which \$5.0 million was outstanding as of October 31, 2010.

We also enter into limited inventory repurchase agreements with third party financing companies and Red Iron for receivables financed by third party financing companies and Red Iron. As of October 31, 2010, we were contingently liable to repurchase up to a maximum amount of \$12.1 million of inventory related to receivables under these financing arrangements. We have repurchased immaterial amounts of inventory from third party financing companies over the past three fiscal years. However, a decline in retail sales or financial difficulties of our distributors or dealers could cause this situation to change and thereby require us to repurchase financed product, which could have an adverse effect on our

operating results.

We continue to provide inventory financing to home centers and mass retailers; general line irrigation dealers; international distributors and dealers other than the Canadian distributors and dealers to whom Red Iron provides financing arrangements; and government customers.

End-User Financing. We have agreements with third party financing companies to provide lease-financing options to golf course and sports fields and grounds equipment customers in the

U.S. and Europe. The purpose of these agreements is to increase sales by giving buyers of our products alternative financing options when purchasing our products. During fiscal 2007, we entered into an amended agreement with a third party financing company that eliminated our contingent liability for any residual value risk on the underlying equipment financed under this program. In addition, under the terms of the amended agreement, we are only contingently liable for a portion of the credit collection risk for leases entered into prior to the effective date of the amended agreement. From time to time, we enter into agreements where we provide recourse to the third party finance company in the event of default by the customer for lease payments to the third party finance company. Our maximum exposure for credit collection as of October 31, 2010 was \$7.9 million.

Termination or any material change to the terms of our end-user financing arrangements, availability of credit for our customers, including any delay in securing replacement credit sources, or significant financed product repurchase requirements could have a material adverse impact on our future operating results.

Distributor Financing. From time to time, we enter into long-term loan agreements with some distributors. These transactions are used for expansion of the distributors' businesses, acquisitions, refinancing working capital agreements, or facilitation of ownership changes. As of October 31, 2010 and 2009, we had outstanding notes receivable in the aggregate of \$3.1 million and \$3.2 million, respectively, from two distribution companies. The amounts are included in other current and long-term assets on our consolidated balance sheets.

Contractual Obligations

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations as of October 31, 2010.

(Dollars in thousands) Contractual Obligation	Payments Due By Period				Total
	Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 Years	
Long-term debt¹	\$ 1,970	\$ 220	\$	\$225,000	\$227,190
Short-term debt¹	776				776
Interest payments	16,162	32,171	32,162	276,498	356,993
Deferred compensation arrangements²	799	1,633	1,061	1,501	4,994
Purchase obligations	3,933				3,933
Operating leases³	12,956	17,854	9,128	15,523	55,461
Total	\$ 36,596	\$51,878	\$42,351	\$518,522	\$649,347

1 Principal payments under our lines of credit.

2 The unfunded deferred compensation arrangements, covering certain current and retired management employees, consists primarily of salary and bonus deferrals under our deferred compensation plans. Our estimated distributions in the contractual obligations table are based upon a number of assumptions including termination dates and participant elections. Deferred compensation balances are invested according to the election of the participant in an array of funds that is substantially similar to the array of funds offered under The Toro Company Investment, Savings and Employee Stock Ownership Plan, and are payable at the election of the participant.

3 Operating lease obligations do not include payments to landlords covering real estate taxes and common area maintenance.

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As of October 31, 2010, we also had \$13.3 million in outstanding letters of credit issued during the normal course of business, as required by some vendor contracts. In addition to the above contractual obligations, we may be obligated for additional cash outflows of \$6.8 million of unrecognized tax benefits. The payment and timing of any such payments is affected by the ultimate resolution of the tax years that are under audit or remain subject to examination by the relevant taxing authorities.

Market Risk

Due to the nature and scope of our operations, we are subject to exposures that arise from fluctuations in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, and commodity prices. We are also exposed to equity market risk pertaining to the trading price of our common stock. Additional information is presented in Part II, Item 7A, "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk," and Note 14 of the notes to our consolidated financial statements.

Inflation

We are subject to the effects of inflation, deflation, and changing prices. During fiscal 2010, we experienced higher average commodity costs compared to the average prices paid for commodities in fiscal 2009, particularly in the second half of fiscal 2010, which hampered our gross margin growth rate in fiscal 2010 as compared to fiscal 2009. We will continue to closely follow the commodities that affect our product lines, and we anticipate average prices paid for commodities to be higher in fiscal 2011 as compared to fiscal 2010. We expect to mitigate the impact of inflationary pressures by engaging in proactive vendor negotiations, reviewing alternative sourcing options, substituting materials, engaging in internal cost reduction efforts, and increasing prices on some of our products, all as appropriate.

Acquisitions and Divestiture

On April 30, 2010, we completed the purchase of certain assets and assumed certain liabilities from USPraxis, Inc., a manufacturer of stump grinders, wood chippers, and log splitters for rental centers and landscape professionals. The addition of these products broadens and strengthens our equipment solutions for the rental and landscape markets.

On October 29, 2010, we completed the acquisition of certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of one of our independent U.S. Western-based distributorships. During the first quarter of fiscal 2010, our wholly owned domestic distribution company also completed the acquisition of certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of one of our independent U.S. Midwestern-based distribution companies. During the first quarter of fiscal 2009, we also completed the sale of a portion of the operations of our company-owned distributorship.

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In fiscal 2009, we completed the purchase of certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of Ty-Crop Manufacturing Ltd., a leading manufacturer of topdressing and material handling equipment for golf course and sports fields applications. The acquisition of Ty-Crop's topdressing and material handling equipment enhanced our product offering of application and cultivation equipment to help customers achieve improved agronomic conditions of turf.

In fiscal 2008, we completed the purchase of certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of Southern Green, Inc., a leading manufacturer of deep-tine aeration equipment. The acquisition of Southern Green's versatile line of Soil Reliever® aerators increased our offering of highly-productive turf cultivation equipment and provided entry into a new product category for our golf course and sports field markets.

In fiscal 2008, we also completed the purchase of Turf Guard wireless monitoring technology from JLH Labs, LLC, a leader in wireless soil monitoring technology. The Turf Guard system is designed to measure soil moisture, salinity, and temperature through buried wireless sensors that communicate data to an internet server for processing and presentation to a user through the web.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

In preparing our consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, we must make decisions that impact the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures. Such decisions include the selection of the appropriate accounting principles to be applied and the assumptions on which to base accounting estimates. In reaching such decisions, we apply judgments based on our understanding and analysis of the relevant circumstances, historical experience, and actuarial valuations. Actual amounts could differ from those estimated at the time the consolidated financial statements are prepared.

Our significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 of the notes to our consolidated financial statements. Some of those significant accounting policies require us to make difficult subjective or complex judgments or estimates. An accounting estimate is considered to be critical if it meets both of the following criteria: (i) the estimate requires assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time the accounting estimate is made, and (ii) different estimates reasonably could have been used, or changes in the estimate that are reasonably likely to occur from period to period may have a material impact on the presentation of our financial condition, changes in financial condition, or results of operations. Our critical accounting estimates include the following:

Warranty Reserve. Warranty coverage on our products is for specified periods of time and on select products hours of usage, and generally covers parts, labor, and other expenses for non-maintenance repairs. Warranty coverage generally does not cover operator abuse or improper use. At the time of sale, we accrue a warranty reserve by product line for estimated costs in connection with future warranty claims. We also establish reserves for major rework campaigns. The amount of our warranty reserves is based primarily on the estimated number of products under warranty, historical average costs incurred to service warranty claims, the trend in the historical ratio of claims to sales, and the historical length of time between the sale and resulting warranty claim. We periodically assess the adequacy of our warranty reserves based on changes in these factors and record any necessary adjustments if actual claim experience indicates that adjustments are necessary. Actual claims could be higher or lower than amounts estimated, as the amount and value of warranty claims are subject to variation due to such factors as performance of new products, significant manufacturing or design defects not discovered until after the product is delivered to customers, product failure rates, and higher or lower than expected service costs for a repair. We believe that analysis of historical trends and knowledge of potential manufacturing or design problems provide sufficient information to establish a reasonable estimate for warranty claims at the time of sale. However, since we cannot predict with certainty future warranty claims or costs associated with servicing those claims, our actual warranty costs may differ from our estimates. An unexpected increase in warranty claims or in the costs associated with servicing those claims would result in an increase in our warranty accrual and a decrease in our net earnings.

Sales Promotions and Incentives. At the time of sale to a customer, we record an estimate for sales promotion and incentive costs which are classified as a reduction from gross sales or as a component of SG&A expense. Examples of sales promotion and incentive programs include rebate programs on certain professional products sold to distributors, volume discounts, retail financing support, floor planning, cooperative advertising, commissions, and other sales discounts and promotional programs. The estimates for sales promotion and incentive costs are based on the terms of the arrangements with customers, historical payment experience, field inventory levels, volume purchases, and expectations for changes in relevant trends in the future. Actual results may differ from these estimates if competitive factors dictate the need to enhance or reduce sales promotion and incentive accruals or if customer usage and field inventory levels vary from historical trends. Adjustments to sales promotions and incentive accruals are made from time to time as actual usage becomes known in order to properly estimate the amounts necessary to generate consumer demand based on market conditions as of the balance sheet date.

Inventory Valuation. We value our inventories at the lower of the cost of inventory or net realizable value, with cost determined by either the LIFO method for most U.S. inventories or the first-in, first-out ("FIFO") method for all other inventories. We establish

reserves for excess, slow moving, and obsolete inventory based on inventory levels, expected product life, and forecasted sales demand. Valuation of inventory can also be affected by significant redesign of existing products or replacement of an existing product by an entirely new generation product. In assessing the ultimate realization of inventories, we are required to make judgments as to future demand requirements compared with inventory levels. Reserve requirements are developed according to our projected demand requirements based on historical demand, competitive factors, and technological and product life cycle changes. It is possible that an increase in our reserve may be required in the future if there is a significant decline in demand for our products and we do not adjust our manufacturing production accordingly.

We also record a reserve for inventory shrinkage. Our inventory shrinkage reserve represents anticipated physical inventory losses that are recorded based on historical loss trends, ongoing cycle-count and periodic testing adjustments, and inventory levels. Though management considers reserve balances adequate and proper, changes in economic conditions in specific markets in which we operate could have an effect on the reserve balances required.

Accounts and Notes Receivable Valuation. We value accounts and notes receivable, net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Each fiscal quarter, we prepare an analysis of our ability to collect outstanding receivables that provides a basis for an allowance estimate for doubtful accounts. In doing so, we evaluate the age of our receivables, past collection history, current financial conditions of key customers, and economic conditions. Based on this evaluation, we establish a reserve for specific accounts and notes receivable that we believe are uncollectible, as well as an estimate of uncollectible receivables not specifically known. A deterioration in the financial condition of any key customer, inability of customers to obtain bank credit lines, or a significant slow-down in the economy could have a material negative impact on our ability to collect a portion or all of the accounts and notes receivable. We believe that an analysis of historical trends and our current knowledge of potential collection problems provide us with sufficient information to establish a reasonable estimate for an allowance for doubtful accounts. However, since we cannot predict with certainty future changes in the financial stability of our customers or in the general economy, our actual future losses from uncollectible accounts may differ from our estimates. In the event we determined that a smaller or larger uncollectible accounts reserve is appropriate, we would record a credit or charge to SG&A expense in the period that we made such a determination.

New Accounting Pronouncements to be Adopted

In January 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2010-06, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820)." ASU No. 2010-06 requires new disclosures about recurring and nonrecurring fair-value measurements including significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair-value measurements and a description of the reasons for the transfers. In addition, ASU No. 2010-06 requires new disclosures regarding activity in Level 3 fair value measurements, including information on purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements on a gross basis in the reconciliation of Level 3 fair-value measurements. We adopted the provision of ASU No. 2010-06 for Level 1 and Level 2 fair-value measurements in our second fiscal quarter ended April 30, 2010, as required. We will adopt the provision of ASU No. 2010-06 for Level 3 fair-value measurements for our second fiscal quarter beginning on January 30, 2011, as required. We do not expect the adoption of ASU No. 2010-06 for Level 3 fair value measurements will have a material impact on our disclosures.

In December 2009, the FASB issued ASU No. 2009-16, "Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets," which amends Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 860, "Transfers and Servicing (FASB Statement No. 166, Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets an amendment of FASB Statement No. 140)." This ASU eliminates the qualifying special purpose entities from the consolidation guidance and clarifies the requirements for isolation and limitations on portions of financial assets that are eligible for sale accounting. It requires additional disclosures about the risks from continuing involvement in transferred financial assets accounted for as sales. We adopted ASU No. 2009-16 on November 1, 2010, as required. The adoption did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2009, the FASB issued ASU No. 2009-17, "Improvements to Financial Reporting by Enterprises Involved with Variable Interest Entities," which amends ASC 810, "Consolidation (FASB Statement No. 167, Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R))." This ASU requires a qualitative analysis to determine the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity ("VIE"). The analysis identifies the primary beneficiary as the enterprise that has both the power to direct the activities of a VIE that most significantly impact the VIE's economic performance and the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits that could be significant to the VIE. This ASU also requires additional disclosures about an enterprise's involvement in a VIE. We adopted ASU No. 2009-17 on November 1, 2010, as required. The adoption did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

No other new accounting pronouncement that has been issued but not yet effective for us during fiscal 2010 has had or is expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risk stemming from changes in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates, and commodity prices. We are also exposed to equity market risk pertaining to the trading price of our common stock. Changes in these factors could cause fluctuations in our net earnings and cash flows. See further discussions on these market risks below.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk. In the normal course of business, we actively manage the exposure of our foreign currency exchange rate market risk by entering into various hedging instruments, authorized under company policies that place controls on these activities, with counterparties that are highly rated financial institutions. Our hedging activities involve the primary use of forward currency contracts. We use derivative instruments only in an attempt to limit underlying exposure from currency fluctuations and to minimize earnings and cash flow volatility associated with foreign currency exchange rate changes and not for trading purposes. We are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk arising from transactions in the normal course of business, such as sales and loans to wholly owned foreign subsidiaries, foreign plant operations, and purchases from suppliers. Because our products are manufactured or sourced primarily from the United States and Mexico, a stronger U.S. dollar and Mexican peso generally has a negative impact on our results from operations, while a weaker dollar and peso generally has a positive effect. Our primary currency exchange rate exposures are with the Euro, the Australian dollar, the Canadian dollar, the British pound, the Mexican peso, and the Japanese yen against the U.S. dollar.

We enter into various contracts, principally forward contracts that change in value as foreign currency exchange rates change, to protect the value of existing foreign currency assets, liabilities, anticipated sales, and probable commitments. Decisions on whether to use such contracts are made based on the amount of exposures to the currency involved and an assessment of the near-term market value for each currency. Worldwide foreign currency exchange rate exposures are reviewed monthly. The gains and losses on these contracts offset changes in market values of the related exposures. Therefore, changes in market values of these hedge instruments are highly correlated with changes in market values of underlying hedged items both at inception of the hedge and over the life of the hedge contract. Further information regarding gains and losses on our derivative instruments is presented in Note 14 of the notes to our consolidated financial statements.

The following foreign currency exchange contracts held by us have maturity dates in fiscal 2011 and 2012. All items are non-trading and stated in U.S. dollars. Some derivative instruments we enter into do not meet the cash flow hedging criteria; therefore, changes in fair value are recorded in other income (expense), net. The average contracted rate, notional amount, pre-tax value of derivative instruments in accumulated other comprehensive loss ("AOCL"), and fair value impact of derivative instruments in other income (expense), net as of and for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2010 were as follows:

Dollars in thousands (except average contracted rate)	Average Contracted Rate	Notional Amount	Value in AOCL Income (Loss)	Fair Value Impact (Loss) Gain
Buy U.S. \$/Sell Canadian dollar	0.9535	\$ 8,772.0	\$ (145.0)	\$ (293.0)
Buy U.S. \$/Sell Australian dollar	0.9387	65,537.8	(1,893.7)	(5,157.0)
Buy U.S. \$/Sell Euro	1.3387	76,643.0	(2,844.3)	1,563.1
Buy U.S. \$/Sell British pound	1.5761	2,836.9		(46.9)
Buy Mexican peso/Sell U.S. \$	13.0919	20,088.8	703.9	240.4
Buy Romanian New Lei/Sell Euro	4.263	2,516.6		(8.6)

Our net investment in foreign subsidiaries translated into U.S. dollars is not hedged. Any changes in foreign currency exchange rates would be reflected as a foreign currency translation adjustment, a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss in stockholders' equity, and would not impact net earnings.

Interest Rate Risk. Our market risk on interest rates relates primarily to LIBOR-based short-term debt from commercial banks, as well as the potential increase in fair value of long-term debt resulting from a potential decrease in interest rates. However, we do not have a cash flow or earnings exposure due to market risks on long-term debt. We generally do not use interest rate swaps to mitigate the impact of fluctuations in interest rates. Assuming a hypothetical increase of one percent (100 basis points) in short-term interest rates, with all other variables remaining constant, including the average balance of short-term debt outstanding during fiscal 2010, interest expense would have increased \$12 thousand in fiscal 2010. Included in long-term debt is \$225.5 million of fixed-rate debt that is not subject to variable interest rate fluctuations. As a result, we have no earnings or cash flow exposure due to market risks on our long-term debt obligations. As of October 31, 2010, the estimated fair value of long-term debt with fixed interest rates was \$227.4 million compared to its carrying amount of \$225.5 million. The fair value is

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estimated by discounting the projected cash flows using the rate that similar amounts and terms of debt could currently be borrowed.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2007, we entered into three treasury lock agreements based on a 30-year U.S. Treasury security with a principal balance of \$30 million for two of the agreements and \$40 million for the third agreement. These treasury lock agreements provided for a single payment at maturity, which was April 23, 2007, based on the change in value of the reference treasury security. These agreements were designated as cash flow hedges and resulted in a net settlement of \$0.2 million. This loss was recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss, and will

be amortized to interest expense over the 30-year term of the senior notes.

Commodity Risk. We are subject to market risk from fluctuating market prices of certain purchased commodity raw materials including steel, aluminum, fuel, petroleum-based resin, and linerboard. In addition, we are a purchaser of components and parts containing various commodities, including steel, aluminum, copper, lead, rubber, and others which are integrated into our end products. While such materials are typically available from numerous suppliers, commodity raw materials are subject to price fluctuations. We generally buy these commodities and components based upon market prices that are established with the vendor as part of the purchase process. We generally attempt to obtain firm pricing from most of our suppliers for volumes consistent with planned production. To the extent that commodity prices increase and we do not have firm pricing from our suppliers, or our suppliers are not able to honor such prices, we may experience a decline in our gross margins to the extent we are not able to increase selling prices of our products or obtain manufacturing efficiencies to offset increases in commodity costs. Further information regarding rising prices for commodities is presented in Part II, Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of this report in the section entitled "Inflation."

We enter into fixed-price contracts for future purchases of natural gas in the normal course of operations as a means to manage natural gas price risks. Our manufacturing facilities enter into these fixed-price contracts for approximately 70 to 80 percent of their monthly anticipated usage.

Equity Price Risk. The trading price volatility of Toro common stock impacts compensation expense related to our stock-based compensation plans. Further information is presented in Note 10 of the notes to our consolidated financial statements regarding our stock-based compensation plans.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining an adequate system of internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, for The Toro Company and its subsidiaries. This system is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements and even when determined to be effective, can only provide reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. Also, projection of any evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting to future periods is subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree or compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management, with the participation of the company's Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer and Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2010. In making this evaluation, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework*. Based on this assessment, management concluded that the company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of October 31, 2010.

/s/ Michael J. Hoffman

Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief
Executive Officer

/s/ Stephen P. Wolfe

Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial
Officer

Further discussion of the Company's internal controls and procedures is included in Part II, Item 9A, "Controls and Procedures" of this report.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Stockholders and Board of Directors
The Toro Company:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of The Toro Company and subsidiaries as of October 31, 2010 and 2009 and the related consolidated statements of earnings, stockholders' equity and comprehensive income, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended October 31, 2010. In connection with our audits of the consolidated financial statements, we also have audited the financial statement schedule listed in Item 15(a) 2. We also have audited The Toro Company's internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2010 based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Toro Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements and the identified financial statement schedule, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule and an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Toro Company as of October 31, 2010 and 2009 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended October 31, 2010, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also in our opinion, the identified financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein. Also in our opinion, The Toro Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2010 based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

Minneapolis, Minnesota
December 22, 2010

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS(Dollars and shares in thousands, except per share data) Fiscal
years ended October 31

	2010	2009	2008
Net sales	\$ 1,690,378	\$ 1,523,447	\$ 1,878,184
Cost of sales	1,113,987	1,012,472	1,225,474
Gross profit	576,391	510,975	652,710
Selling, general, and administrative expense	425,125	395,778	454,301
Earnings from operations	151,266	115,197	198,409
Interest expense	(17,113)	(17,578)	(19,333)
Other income (expense), net	7,115	(1,831)	2,213
Earnings before income taxes	141,268	95,788	181,289
Provision for income taxes	48,031	32,951	61,638
Net earnings	\$ 93,237	\$ 62,837	\$ 119,651
Basic net earnings per share of common stock	\$ 2.83	\$ 1.76	\$ 3.17
Diluted net earnings per share of common stock	\$ 2.79	\$ 1.73	\$ 3.10
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding Basic	32,982	35,788	37,736
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding Diluted	33,437	36,240	38,579

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data) October 31	2010	2009
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 177,366	\$ 187,773
Receivables, net:		
Customers (net of \$3,828 and \$4,075 as of October 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, for allowance for doubtful accounts)	128,354	134,627
Other	14,547	9,082
Total receivables, net	142,901	143,709
Inventories, net	194,402	176,275
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	10,766	14,914
Deferred income taxes	59,538	59,467
Total current assets	584,973	582,138
Property, plant, and equipment, net	173,407	166,716
Deferred income taxes	842	3,585
Other assets	17,038	10,512
Goodwill	86,400	86,407
Other intangible assets, net	22,962	23,324
Total assets	\$ 885,622	\$ 872,682
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 1,970	\$ 3,765
Short-term debt	1,034	4,529
Accounts payable	125,138	91,074
Accrued liabilities:		
Warranty	56,934	54,273
Advertising and marketing programs	43,095	45,298
Compensation and benefit costs	58,707	47,214
Insurance	24,858	18,924
Income taxes	7,645	440
Other	48,902	51,284
Total current liabilities	368,283	316,801
Long-term debt, less current portion	223,578	225,046
Deferred revenue	10,944	8,510
Other long-term liabilities	7,007	7,113
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$1.00, authorized 1,000,000 voting and 850,000 non-voting shares, none issued and outstanding		
Common stock, par value \$1.00, authorized 100,000,000 shares, issued and outstanding 31,394,942 shares as of October 31, 2010 and 33,369,486 shares as of October 31, 2009	31,395	33,369
Retained earnings	253,477	291,246
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(9,062)	(9,403)
Total stockholders' equity	275,810	315,212
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 885,622	\$ 872,682

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Dollars in thousands) Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net earnings	\$ 93,237	\$ 62,837	\$ 119,651
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Provision for depreciation and amortization	45,011	44,535	48,194
Equity (income) losses from affiliates	(2,599)	136	859
Gain on disposal of property, plant, and equipment	(85)	(18)	(196)
Gain on sale of a business			(113)
Decrease (increase) in deferred income taxes	2,940	4,691	(5,466)
Stock-based compensation expense	6,442	4,116	5,684
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions:			
Receivables, net	(80)	126,721	14,770
Inventories, net	(9,920)	40,036	29,949
Prepaid expenses and other assets	3,056	(4,360)	719
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities, deferred revenue, and other long-term liabilities	55,505	(27,224)	1,671
Net cash provided by operating activities	193,507	251,470	215,722
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchases of property, plant, and equipment	(48,699)	(37,939)	(48,914)
Proceeds from asset disposals	574	208	1,021
Increase in investments in affiliates	(3,659)	(3,811)	(250)
Decrease (increase) in other assets	635	1,982	(35)
Proceeds from sale of a business			1,048
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(9,657)	(6,400)	(4,430)
Net cash used in investing activities	(60,806)	(45,960)	(51,560)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Increase (decrease) in short-term debt, net	776	(2,326)	2,887
Repayments of long-term debt	(3,646)	(3,422)	(1,497)
Excess tax benefits from stock-based awards	3,396	7,403	3,522
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	16,680	13,726	3,997
Purchases of Toro common stock	(135,777)	(115,283)	(110,355)
Dividends paid on Toro common stock	(23,721)	(21,403)	(22,615)
Net cash used in financing activities	(142,292)	(121,305)	(124,061)
Effect of exchange rates on cash	(816)	4,209	(2,789)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(10,407)	88,414	37,312
Cash and cash equivalents as of the beginning of the fiscal year	187,773	99,359	62,047
Cash and cash equivalents as of the end of the fiscal year	\$ 177,366	\$ 187,773	\$ 99,359
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:			
Cash paid during the fiscal year for:			
Interest	\$ 17,281	\$ 17,724	\$ 19,797
Income taxes	28,569	29,803	55,850
Shares issued in connection with stock-based compensation plans	903	1,524	2,305
Long-term debt issued in connection with acquisitions	440	1,500	3,130

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	Common Stock	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Stockholders' Equity	Comprehensive Income
Balance as of October 31, 2007	\$ 37,951	\$ 335,384	\$ (2,897)	\$ 370,438	
Cash dividends paid on common stock \$0.60 per share		(22,615)		(22,615)	
Issuance of 343,862 shares under stock-based compensation plans	344	9,035		9,379	
Contribution of stock to a deferred compensation trust		302		302	
Purchase of 2,809,927 shares of common stock	(2,810)	(107,545)		(110,355)	
Excess tax benefits from stock options		3,522		3,522	
Retirement benefits adjustment, net of tax			359	359	\$ 359
Foreign currency translation adjustments			(18,367)	(18,367)	(18,367)
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments, net of tax			12,361	12,361	12,361
Net earnings		119,651		119,651	119,651
Total comprehensive income					\$ 114,004
Balance as of October 31, 2008	\$ 35,485	\$ 337,734	\$ (8,544)	\$ 364,675	
Cash dividends paid on common stock \$0.60 per share		(21,403)		(21,403)	
Issuance of 1,201,256 shares under stock-based compensation plans	1,201	16,524		17,725	
Contribution of stock to a deferred compensation trust		118		118	
Purchase of 3,316,536 shares of common stock	(3,317)	(111,967)		(115,284)	
Excess tax benefits from stock options		7,403		7,403	
Retirement benefits adjustment, net of tax			(2,633)	(2,633)	\$ (2,633)
Foreign currency translation adjustments			13,286	13,286	13,286
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments, net of tax			(11,512)	(11,512)	(11,512)
Net earnings		62,837		62,837	62,837
Total comprehensive income					\$ 61,978
Balance as of October 31, 2009	\$ 33,369	\$ 291,246	\$ (9,403)	\$ 315,212	
Cash dividends paid on common stock \$0.72 per share		(23,721)		(23,721)	
Issuance of 703,930 shares under stock-based compensation plans	704	22,348		23,052	
Contribution of stock to a deferred compensation trust		70		70	
Purchase of 2,678,474 shares of common stock	(2,678)	(133,099)		(135,777)	

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Excess tax benefits from stock options		3,396		3,396	
Retirement benefits adjustment, net of tax			681	681	\$ 681
Foreign currency translation adjustments			(640)	(640)	(640)
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments, net of tax			300	300	300
Net earnings		93,237		93,237	93,237
Total comprehensive income					\$ 93,578
Balance as of October 31, 2010	\$	31,395	\$	253,477	\$ (9,062)
					\$ 275,810

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND RELATED DATA

Basis of Presentation and Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the company and its majority-owned subsidiaries. The company uses the equity method to account for investments over which it has the ability to exercise significant influence over operating and financial policies. Consolidated net earnings include the company's share of the net earnings (losses) of these companies. The cost method is used to account for investments in companies that the company does not control and for which it does not have the ability to exercise significant influence over operating and financial policies. These investments are recorded at cost. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated from the consolidated financial statements.

Accounting Estimates

In preparing the consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), management must make decisions that impact the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, and the related disclosures, including disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Such decisions include the selection of the appropriate accounting principles to be applied and the assumptions on which to base accounting estimates. Estimates are used in determining, among other items, sales promotions and incentives accruals, inventory valuation, warranty reserves, allowance for doubtful accounts, pension and postretirement accruals, useful lives for intangible assets, and future cash flows associated with impairment testing for goodwill and other long-lived assets. These estimates and assumptions are based on management's best estimates and judgments. Management evaluates its estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors that management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, including the current economic environment. Management adjusts such estimates and assumptions when facts and circumstances dictate. A number of these factors are discussed in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" of this report, which include, among others, economic conditions, foreign currency exchange rate impact, commodity costs, credit conditions, and consumer spending and confidence levels, all of which may increase the uncertainty inherent in such estimates and assumptions. As future events and their effects cannot be determined with precision, actual amounts could differ significantly from those estimated at the time the consolidated financial statements are prepared. Changes in those estimates resulting from changes in the economic environment will be reflected in the consolidated financial statements in future periods.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents and are stated at cost, which approximates fair value.

Receivables

The company's financial exposure to collection of accounts receivable is reduced due to its Red Iron Acceptance, LLC ("Red Iron") joint venture with TCF Inventory Finance, Inc. ("TCFIF"), as further discussed in Note 3. For receivables not serviced through the company's joint venture with TCFIF, the company grants credit to customers in the normal course of business, performs on-going credit evaluations of customers, and maintains allowances for potential credit losses. Receivables are recorded at original carrying amount less reserves for estimated uncollectible accounts.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value, with cost determined by the last-in, first-out ("LIFO") method for most inventories. The first-in, first-out ("FIFO") method is used for all other inventories, constituting approximately 33 percent of total inventories as of October 31, 2010 and 2009. The company establishes a reserve for excess, slow-moving, and obsolete inventory that is equal to the difference between the cost and estimated net realizable value for that inventory. These reserves are based on a review and comparison of current inventory levels to the planned production and product life, as well as planned and historical sales of the inventory.

During fiscal 2010, no LIFO inventory layers were reduced. During fiscal 2009, LIFO inventory layers were reduced that resulted in charging lower inventory costs prevailing in previous years to cost of sales, thus reducing cost of sales by \$3,284 in fiscal 2009 below the amount that would have resulted from replacing the liquidated inventory at end of year prices.

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Inventories as of October 31 were as follows:

	2010	2009
Raw materials and work in progress	\$ 66,152	\$ 56,679
Finished goods and service parts	183,992	169,739
Total FIFO value	250,144	226,418
Less: adjustment to LIFO value	55,742	50,143
Total	\$ 194,402	\$ 176,275

Property and Depreciation

Property, plant, and equipment are carried at cost. The company provides for depreciation of plant and equipment utilizing the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Buildings, including leasehold improvements, are generally depreciated over 10 to 45 years, and equipment over three to seven years. Tooling costs are generally depreciated over three to five years using the straight-line method. Software and web site development costs are generally amortized over two to five years utilizing the straight-line method. Expenditures for major renewals and improvements, which substantially increase the useful lives of existing assets, are capitalized, and maintenance and repairs are charged to operating expenses as incurred. Interest is capitalized during the construction period for significant capital projects. During the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, the company capitalized \$131, \$98, and \$419 of interest, respectively.

Property, plant, and equipment as of October 31 was as follows:

	2010	2009
Land and land improvements	\$ 24,667	\$ 22,736
Buildings and leasehold improvements	115,480	114,905
Machinery and equipment	396,228	358,575
Computer hardware and software	57,695	55,531
Subtotal	594,070	551,747
Less: accumulated depreciation	420,663	385,031
Total property, plant, and equipment, net	\$ 173,407	\$ 166,716

During fiscal years 2010, 2009, and 2008, the company recorded depreciation expense of \$42,108, \$42,031, and \$46,099, respectively.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of net assets of businesses acquired and accounted for by the purchase method of accounting. Other intangible assets with determinable lives consist primarily of patents, non-compete agreements, customer relationships, and developed technology that are amortized on a straight-line basis over periods ranging from two to 13 years.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The company reviews indefinite-life intangible assets and goodwill, for impairment annually during each fourth fiscal quarter or more frequently if changes in circumstances or the occurrence of events suggest the remaining value may not be recoverable. An asset is deemed impaired and written down to its fair value if estimated related future cash flows are less than its carrying amount.

The company reviewed the fair value of its reporting units that have goodwill on their respective balance sheets with their corresponding carrying amount (with goodwill) during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2010. The company determined that it has seven reporting units, which are the same as its seven operating segments. Five reporting units contain goodwill on their respective balance sheets. As of August 27, 2010, the company performed a discounted cash flow analysis for all of its reporting units to estimate their respective fair values. The carrying amount is based on the assets and liabilities associated with the operations of each reporting unit, which includes an allocation of corporate assets and liabilities based on key financial ratios, such as a proportion of the total account balances to net sales or cost of sales of the respective reporting unit. Growth rates for sales and profits are determined using inputs from the company's annual long-range planning process. Management also makes estimates of discount rates, perpetuity growth assumptions, and other factors.

The company also performed an assessment of its indefinite-life intangible assets, mainly trade names, as of October 31, 2010. The company's estimate of the fair value of its trade names are based on a discounted cash flow model using inputs which included: projected revenues from the company's annual plan; assumed royalty rates that could be payable if the company did not own the trade name; and a discount rate.

Other long-lived assets, including property, plant, and equipment and definite-life intangible assets, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset (or asset group) may not be recoverable. An impairment loss would be recognized when estimated undiscounted future cash flows from the operation or disposition of the asset group are less than the carrying amount of the asset group. Asset groups have identifiable cash flows and are largely independent of other asset groups. Measurement of an impairment loss is based on the excess of the carrying amount of the asset group over its fair value. Fair value is measured using a discounted

cash flow model or independent appraisals, as appropriate. For long-lived assets to be abandoned, the company tests for potential impairment. If the company commits to a plan to abandon a long-lived asset before the end of its previously estimated useful life, depreciation estimates are revised.

Based on the company's impairment analysis, the company wrote down \$348, \$1,071, and \$3,843 of long-lived assets during fiscal 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively.

Accounts Payable

In fiscal 2009, the company entered into a customer-managed services agreement with a third party to provide a web-based platform that facilitates participating suppliers' ability to finance payment obligations from the company with a designated third party financial institution. Participating suppliers may, at their sole discretion, make offers to finance one or more payment obligations of the company prior to their scheduled due dates at a discounted price to a participating financial institution.

The company's obligations to its suppliers, including amounts due and scheduled payment dates, are not impacted by suppliers'

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decisions to finance amounts under this arrangement. However, the company's right to offset balances due from suppliers against payment obligations is restricted by this arrangement for those payment obligations that have been financed by suppliers. As of October 31, 2010 and 2009, \$7,312 and \$2,752, respectively, of the company's outstanding payment obligations had been placed on the accounts payable tracking system.

Insurance

The company is self-insured for certain losses relating to medical, dental, and workers' compensation claims, and product liability occurrences. Specific stop loss coverages are provided for catastrophic claims in order to limit exposure to significant claims. Losses and claims are charged to operations when it is probable a loss has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. Accrued insurance liabilities are based on claims filed and estimates of claims incurred but not reported.

Accrued Warranties

The company provides an accrual for estimated future warranty costs at the time of sale. The company also establishes accruals for major rework campaigns. The amount of warranty accruals is based primarily on the estimated number of products under warranty, historical average costs incurred to service warranty claims, the trend in the historical ratio of claims to sales, and the historical length of time between the sale and resulting warranty claim. The company periodically assesses the adequacy of its warranty accruals based on changes in these factors and records any necessary adjustments if actual claim experience indicates that adjustments are necessary.

The changes in accrued warranties were as follows:

Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009
Beginning Balance	\$ 54,273	\$ 58,770
Warranty provisions	36,540	32,721
Warranty claims	(32,570)	(38,225)
Changes in estimates	(1,334)	907
Addition from acquisitions	25	100
 Ending Balance	 \$ 56,934	 \$ 54,273

Derivatives

Derivatives, consisting mainly of forward currency contracts, are used to hedge most foreign currency transactions, including forecasted sales and purchases denominated in foreign currencies. Derivatives are recognized on the consolidated balance sheet at fair value. If the derivative is designated as a cash flow hedge, the effective portion of the change in the fair value of the derivative is recorded to a separate component of stockholders' equity, captioned accumulated other comprehensive loss, and recognized in earnings when the hedged item affects earnings. Derivatives that do not meet the requirements for hedge accounting are adjusted to fair value through other income (expense), net in the consolidated statements of earnings.

Foreign Currency Translation and Transactions

The functional currency of the company's foreign operations is the applicable local currency. The functional currency is translated into U.S. dollars for balance sheet accounts using current exchange rates in effect as of the balance sheet date and for revenue and expense accounts using a weighted-average exchange rate during the fiscal year. The translation adjustments are deferred as a separate component of stockholders' equity captioned accumulated other comprehensive loss. Gains or losses resulting from transactions denominated in foreign currencies are included in other income (expense), net in the consolidated statements of earnings.

Income Taxes

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years that those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is provided when, in management's judgment, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax asset will not be

realized. The company has reflected the necessary deferred tax assets and liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Management believes the future tax deductions will be realized principally through carryback to taxable income in prior years, future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, and future taxable income.

The company recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not of being sustained. Recognized income tax positions are measured at the largest amount that is greater than 50 percent likely of being realized. Changes in recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which the change in judgment occurs. The company also records interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense.

Revenue Recognition

The company recognizes revenue for product sales when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, title and risk of ownership passes, the sales price is fixed or determinable, and collectibility is probable. These criteria are typically met at the time product is shipped, or in the case of certain agreements, when product is delivered. A provision is made at the time the related revenue is recognized for estimated product returns, floor plan costs, rebates, and other sales promotional expenses. Sales, use, value-added,

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and other excise taxes are not recognized in revenue. Freight revenue billed to customers is included in net sales.

Retail customers may obtain financing through third-party financing companies to assist in their purchase of the company's products. Most of these leases are classified as sales-type leases. However, based on the terms and conditions of the financing agreements, some transactions are classified as operating leases, which results in recognition of revenue over the lease term on a straight-line basis.

The company ships some of its products to a key retailer's seasonal distribution centers on a consignment basis. The company retains title of its products stored at the seasonal distribution centers. As the company's products are removed from the seasonal distribution centers by the key retailer and shipped to the key retailer's stores, title passes from the company to the key retailer. At that time, the company invoices the key retailer and recognizes revenue for these consignment transactions. The company does not offer a right of return for products shipped to the key retailer's stores from the seasonal distribution centers. The amount of consignment inventory as of October 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$12,819 and \$11,103, respectively.

Revenue earned from service and maintenance contracts is recognized ratably over the contractual period. Revenue from extended warranty programs is deferred at the time the contract is sold and amortized into net sales using the straight-line method over the extended warranty period.

Sales Promotions and Incentives

At the time of sale, the company records an estimate for sales promotion and incentive costs. Examples of sales promotion and incentive programs include rebate programs on certain professional products sold to distributors, volume discounts, retail financing support, cooperative advertising, commissions, and other sales discounts and promotional programs. The estimates of sales promotion and incentive costs are based on the terms of the arrangements with customers, historical payment experience, field inventory levels, volume purchases, and expectations for changes in relevant trends in the future. The expense of each program is either classified as a reduction from gross sales or as a component of selling, general, and administrative expense.

Cost of Sales

Cost of sales primarily comprises direct materials and supplies consumed in the manufacture of product, as well as manufacturing labor, depreciation expense, and direct overhead expense necessary to convert purchased materials and supplies into finished product. Cost of sales also includes inbound freight costs, outbound freight costs for shipping products to customers, obsolescence expense, cost of services provided, and cash discounts on payments to vendors.

Selling, General, and Administrative Expense

Selling, general, and administrative expense primarily comprises payroll and benefit costs, occupancy and operating costs of distribution and corporate facilities, warranty expense, depreciation and amortization expense on non-manufacturing assets, advertising and marketing expenses, selling expenses, engineering and research costs, information systems costs, incentive and profit sharing expense, and other miscellaneous administrative costs, such as legal costs for internal and outside services that are expensed as incurred.

Cost of Financing Distributor/Dealer Inventory

The company enters into limited inventory repurchase agreements with a third party financing company and Red Iron. The company has repurchased immaterial amounts of inventory under these repurchase agreements over the last three fiscal years. However, an adverse change in retail sales could cause this situation to change and thereby require the company to repurchase a portion of financed product. See Note 13 for additional information regarding the company's repurchase arrangements.

Included as a reduction to net sales are costs associated with programs under which the company shares the expense of financing distributor and dealer inventories, referred to as floor plan expenses. This charge represents interest for a pre-established length of time based on a predefined rate from a contract with third party financing sources to finance distributor and dealer inventory purchases. These financing arrangements are used by the company as a marketing tool to assist customers to buy inventory. The financing costs for distributor and dealer inventories were \$14,490, \$9,452, and \$12,597 for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively.

Advertising

General advertising expenditures and the related production costs are expensed in the period incurred or the first time advertising takes place. Cooperative advertising represents expenditures for shared advertising costs that the company reimburses to customers. These obligations are accrued and expensed when the related revenues are recognized in accordance with the programs established for various product lines. Advertising costs were \$39,281, \$33,496, and \$43,137 for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively.

Stock-Based Compensation

The company's stock-based compensation awards include performance shares issued to key employees that are contingent on the achievement of performance goals of the company, as well as non-qualified stock options and limited restricted stock awards. Compensation expense equal to the grant date fair value is recognized for these awards over the vesting period. See Note 10 for additional information regarding stock-based compensation plans.

Net Earnings Per Share

Basic net earnings per share is calculated using net earnings available to common stockholders divided by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the year plus the assumed issuance of contingent shares. Diluted net earnings per share is similar to basic net earnings per share except that the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding plus the assumed issuance of contingent shares is increased to include the number of additional shares of common stock that would have been outstanding assuming the issuance of all potentially dilutive shares, such as common stock to be issued upon exercise of options, contingently issuable shares, and non-vested restricted shares.

Reconciliations of basic and diluted weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding are as follows:

BASIC

(Shares in thousands)

Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock	32,980	35,784	37,730
Assumed issuance of contingent shares	2	4	6
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock and assumed issuance of contingent shares	32,982	35,788	37,736

DILUTED

(Shares in thousands)

Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock and assumed issuance of contingent shares	32,982	35,788	37,736
Effect of dilutive securities	455	452	843
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock, assumed issuance of contingent and restricted shares, and effect of dilutive securities	33,437	36,240	38,579

Options to purchase an aggregate of 330,555, 1,406,871, and 763,802 shares of common stock outstanding during fiscal 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively, were excluded from the diluted net earnings per share calculation because their exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the company's common stock during the same respective periods.

Cash Flow Presentation

The consolidated statements of cash flows are prepared using the indirect method which reconciles net earnings to cash flow from operating activities. The necessary adjustments include the removal of timing differences between the occurrence of operating receipts and payments and their recognition in net earnings. The adjustments also remove from operating activities cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which are presented separately from operating activities. Cash flows from foreign currency transactions and operations are translated at an average exchange rate for the period. Cash paid for acquisitions is classified as investing activities.

Statement of Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income Information

Components of accumulated other comprehensive loss as of October 31 were as follows:

2010	2009	2008
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Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$ 3,008	\$ 2,368	\$ 15,654
Adjustments to employee retirement benefits, net of tax	3,261	3,942	1,309
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments, net of tax	2,793	3,093	(8,419)
Total accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ 9,062	\$ 9,403	\$ 8,544

New Accounting Pronouncements Adopted

In April 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued revised guidance on determining the useful life of intangible assets. The revised guidance amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset. The revised guidance applies to intangible assets that are acquired individually or with a group of other assets and both intangible assets acquired in business combinations and asset acquisitions. The company adopted this revised guidance on November 1, 2009, as required and the adoption only has a prospective impact on its financial position or results of operations.

In December 2007, the FASB issued guidance for business combinations that requires most identifiable assets, liabilities, noncontrolling interests, and goodwill acquired to be recorded at full fair value. It also establishes disclosure requirements that will enable users to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. The company adopted this new guidance for any business combination occurring on or after November 1, 2009, as required. The adoption of the new guidance did not have a material impact on the company's financial position or results of operations.

In September 2006, the FASB issued guidance that establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. In February 2008, the FASB deferred the implementation for certain nonfinancial assets and liabilities. The company adopted the authoritative guidance issued by the FASB for nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are not required to be measured on a recurring basis during the first quarter of fiscal 2010, as required, and for Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements during the second quarter of fiscal 2010, as required. The adoption of the guidance had no impact on the company's financial position or results of operations.

2 ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTITURE

On October 29, 2010, the company completed the acquisition of certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of one of its independent U.S. Western-based distribution companies. On April 30, 2010, the company completed the purchase of certain assets and assumed certain liabilities from USPraxis, Inc., a manufacturer of stump grinders, wood chippers, and log splitters for rental centers and landscape professionals. On December 1, 2009, the company's wholly owned domestic distribution company completed the acquisition of certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of one of the company's independent U.S. Midwestern-based distribution companies. The aggregate estimated net purchase price of these acquisitions during fiscal 2010 was \$9,137, which included cash payments, the issuance of a long-term note, and an estimated earnout consideration.

On October 13, 2009, the company completed the purchase of certain assets and assumed certain liabilities for Ty-Crop Manufacturing Ltd., a leading manufacturer of topdressing and material handling equipment for golf course and sports fields applications. The purchase price was \$7,900, with \$6,400 paid in cash and \$1,500 in a long-term note. During the first quarter of fiscal 2009, the company also completed the sale of a portion of the operations of its company-owned distributorship.

On October 10, 2008, the company completed the purchase of certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of Southern Green, Inc., a leading manufacturer of deep-tine aeration equipment. On December 6, 2007, the company completed the purchase of Turf Guard wireless monitoring technology from JLH Labs, LLC, a leader in wireless soil monitoring technology. In accordance with the terms of the asset purchase agreement, as amended, the company may be obligated to make earn-out payments to JLH Labs, LLC over the six-year period ending October 31, 2013 based on the financial results of Turf Guard systems.

The aggregate purchase price of these acquisitions during fiscal 2008 was \$7,560, with \$4,430 paid in cash and \$3,130 in long-term notes.

The purchase price of these acquisitions was allocated to the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on estimates of their fair value, with the excess purchase price for business acquisitions recorded as goodwill. These acquisitions were immaterial based on the company's consolidated financial condition and results of operations. See Note 5 for further details related to the acquired intangible assets.

3 INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURE

On August 12, 2009, the company and TCFIF, a subsidiary of TCF National Bank, established Red Iron as a joint venture to provide inventory financing, including floor plan and open account receivable financing, to distributors and dealers of the company's products in the U.S. and to select distributors of the company's products in Canada. The initial term of Red Iron will continue until October 31, 2014, subject to unlimited automatic two-year extensions thereafter. Either the company or TCFIF may elect not to extend the initial term or any subsequent term by giving one-year notice to the other party of its intention not to extend the term. Additionally, in connection with the joint venture, the company and an affiliate of TCFIF entered into an arrangement to provide inventory financing to dealers of the company's products in Canada. In connection with the establishment of Red Iron, the company terminated its agreement with a third party financing company that previously provided floor plan financing to dealers of the company's products in the U.S. and Canada. During the first quarter of fiscal 2010, Red Iron began financing open account receivables, as well as floor plan receivables previously financed by such third party financing company. Red Iron also began financing floor plan receivables during the company's fourth quarter of fiscal 2009.

The company sold to Red Iron certain inventory receivables, including floor plan and open account receivables, from distributors and dealers of the company's products, at a purchase price equal to the face value of the receivables. The initial transactions occurred during the company's fourth quarter of fiscal 2009 and included the sale of the company's floor plan receivables in the aggregate amount of \$72,757. A subsequent transaction occurred during the company's first quarter of fiscal 2010 and included the sale of open account receivables for customers whose floor plan receivables were sold to Red Iron in October 2009, as well as for customers whose floor plan receivables were previously financed by a third party financing company, in the aggregate amount of \$18,108. As the company sold receivables to Red Iron, the company derecognized receivables from its books upon receipt of cash from Red Iron for receivables sold. Red Iron purchased \$804,083 of receivables from the company during fiscal 2010.

On October 29, 2010, the company and Red Iron amended their repurchase agreement under which Red Iron provides financing for certain dealers and distributors. Instead of transactions under the agreements being characterized as a sale of receivables from the company to Red Iron, the transactions are structured as an advance in the form of a payment by Red Iron to the company on behalf of a distributor or dealer with respect to invoices financed by Red Iron that extinguishes the obligation of the dealer or distributor to make payment to the company under the terms of the invoice. Under separate agreements between Red Iron and the dealers

and distributors, Red Iron provides loans to the dealers and distributors for the advances paid by Red Iron to the company.

The company owns 45 percent of Red Iron and TCFIF owns 55 percent of Red Iron. The company accounts for its investment in Red Iron under the equity method of accounting. Red Iron is managed through a management committee consisting of eight persons, four of whom are designated by the company and four of whom are designated by TCFIF. Each of the company and TCFIF contributed a specified amount of the estimated cash required to enable Red Iron to purchase the company's inventory financing receivables and to provide financial support for Red Iron's inventory financing programs. Red Iron borrows the remaining requisite estimated cash utilizing a \$450,000 secured revolving credit facility established under a credit agreement between Red Iron and TCFIF. The company's total investment in Red Iron as of October 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$9,693 and \$3,535, respectively. The company has not guaranteed the outstanding indebtedness of Red Iron. The company has agreed to repurchase products repossessed by Red Iron and the TCFIF Canadian affiliate, up to a maximum aggregate amount of \$7,500 in a calendar year. In addition, the company has provided recourse to Red Iron for certain outstanding receivables, which amounted to a maximum amount of \$731 and \$4,529 as of October 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

As of October 31, 2010 and 2009, Red Iron's total assets were \$190,732 and \$65,894, respectively and total liabilities were \$169,193 and \$58,038, respectively. Red Iron's net income for fiscal 2010 was \$5,850 and Red Iron's net loss for fiscal 2009 was \$613.

4 OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE), NET

Other income (expense) is as follows:

Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008
Interest income	\$ 1,056	\$ 898	\$ 1,856
Gross finance charge revenue		543	1,032
Retail financing revenue	779	1,716	2,717
Foreign currency exchange rate gain (loss)	813	641	(5,041)
Equity income (losses) from investments	2,599	(136)	(859)
Litigation recovery (settlements), net	57	(6,811)	1,025
Miscellaneous	1,811	1,318	1,483
Total other income (expense), net	\$ 7,115	\$ (1,831)	\$ 2,213

5 GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Goodwill The changes in the net carrying amount of goodwill for fiscal 2010 and 2009 were as follows:

	Professional Segment	Residential Segment	Total
Balance as of October 31, 2008	\$ 75,456	\$ 10,736	\$86,192
Translation adjustment	58	157	215
Balance as of October 31, 2009	\$ 75,514	\$ 10,893	\$86,407
Translation and other adjustments	(92)	85	(7)
Balance as of October 31, 2010	\$ 75,422	\$ 10,978	\$86,400

The components of other intangible assets were as follows:

October 31, 2010	Estimated Life	Gross Carrying	Accumulated Amortization	Net
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	(Years)	Amount	
Patents	5-13	\$ 8,703	\$ (7,034) \$ 1,669
Non-compete agreements	2-10	3,039	(1,910) 1,129
Customer-related	6-13	7,471	(2,061) 5,410
Developed technology	2-10	13,984	(4,511) 9,473
Other		800	(800)
Total amortizable		33,997	(16,316) 17,681
Non-amortizable trade name		5,281	5,281
Total other intangible assets, net		\$ 39,278	\$ (16,316) \$22,962

October 31, 2009	Estimated Life (Years)	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net
Patents	5-13	\$ 8,654	\$ (6,641)	\$ 2,013
Non-compete agreements	2-10	2,839	(1,517)	1,322
Customer-related	10-13	6,549	(1,458)	5,091
Developed technology	2-10	12,799	(3,182)	9,617
Other		800	(800)	
Total amortizable		31,641	(13,598)	18,043
Non-amortizable trade name		5,281		5,281
Total other intangible assets, net		\$ 36,922	\$ (13,598)	\$23,324

Amortization expense for intangible assets for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008 was \$2,903, \$2,504, and \$1,938, respectively. Estimated amortization expense for the succeeding fiscal years is as follows: 2011, \$2,852; 2012, \$2,816; 2013, \$2,623; 2014, \$2,288; 2015, \$2,115; and after 2015, \$4,987.

6 SHORT-TERM CAPITAL RESOURCES

As of October 31, 2010, the company had a \$225,000 unsecured senior five-year revolving credit facility that expires in January 2012. The company had no outstanding borrowings under this credit facility as of October 31, 2010 or 2009. Interest expense on this credit line is determined based on a LIBOR rate plus a basis point spread defined in the credit agreement. The company had no outstanding short-term debt as of October 31, 2010 and 2009 under this line of credit. On November 9, 2010, the company amended the terms of its credit agreement to better match its financing needs to its ongoing capital requirements. The amendment included the following changes: (i) replace the debt-to-capitalization covenant with a debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("EBITDA") covenant that shall not exceed 3.25 to 1.00 for any four-quarter period; (ii) remove language that prohibits the company from repurchasing its own debt; and (iii) reduce the total amount of the credit line from \$225,000 to \$175,000. This amendment provides the company more flexibility in the deployment of its capital, while reducing ongoing costs to maintain the amount of credit required for ongoing operations. In addition, the company's non-U.S. operations maintain unsecured short-term lines of credit in the aggregate amount of \$18,785. These facilities bear interest at various rates depending on the rates in their respective countries of operation. The company had \$776 of outstanding short-term debt as of October 31, 2010 under these lines of credit. In addition, the company had \$258 and \$4,529 in short-term debt for certain receivables the company has provided recourse with Red Iron as of October 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The company was in compliance with all covenants related to the lines of credit described above as of October 31, 2010 and 2009.

7 LONG-TERM DEBT

A summary of long-term debt as of October 31 is as follows:

	2010	2009
7.800% Debentures, due June 15, 2027	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
6.625% Senior Notes, due May 1, 2037	123,358	123,296
Other	2,190	5,515
Total long-term debt	225,548	228,811
Less current portion	1,970	3,765
Long-term debt, less current portion	\$ 223,578	\$ 225,046

On April 26, 2007, the company issued \$125,000 in aggregate principal amount of 6.625% senior notes due May 1, 2037. The senior notes were priced at 98.513% of par value, and the resulting discount of \$1,859 associated with the issuance of these senior notes is being amortized over the term of the notes using the effective interest rate method. The underwriting fee and direct debt issue costs totaling \$1,524 will be amortized over the life of the notes. Although the coupon rate of the senior notes is 6.625%, the effective interest rate is 6.741% after taking into account the issuance discount. Interest on the senior notes is payable semi-annually on May 1 and November 1 of each year. The senior notes are unsecured senior obligations of the company and rank equally with the company's other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness from time to time outstanding. The indentures under which the senior notes were issued contain customary covenants and event of default provisions. The company may redeem some or all of the senior notes at any time at the greater of the full principal amount of the senior notes being redeemed or the present value of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis at the treasury rate plus 30 basis points, plus, in both cases, accrued and unpaid interest. In the event of the occurrence of both (i) a change of control of the company, and (ii) a downgrade of the notes below an investment grade rating by both Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services within a specified period, the company would be required to make an offer to purchase the senior notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the senior notes plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of repurchase.

In connection with the issuance in June 1997 of \$175,000 in long-term debt securities, the company paid \$23,688 to terminate three forward-starting interest rate swap agreements with notional amounts totaling \$125,000. These swap agreements had been entered into to reduce exposure to interest rate risk prior to the issuance of the new long-term debt securities. As of the inception of one of the swap agreements, the company had received payments that were recorded as deferred income to be recognized as an adjustment to interest expense over the term of the new debt securities. As of the date the swaps were terminated, this deferred income totaled \$18,710. The excess termination fees over the deferred income recorded has been deferred and is being recognized as an adjustment to interest expense over the term of the debt securities issued.

Principal payments required on long-term debt in each of the next five fiscal years ending October 31 are as follows: 2011, \$1,970; 2012, \$220; 2013, \$0; 2014, \$0; 2015, \$0; and after 2015, \$225,000.

8 STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Stock repurchase program. The company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of shares of the company's common stock as follows:

In May 2008, 4,000,000 shares

In July 2009, 5,000,000 shares

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During fiscal 2010, 2009, and 2008, the company paid \$135,777, \$115,283, and \$110,355 to repurchase an aggregate of 2,678,474, 3,316,536 shares, and 2,809,927 shares, respectively. As of October 31, 2010, 1,329,238 shares remained authorized for repurchase.

On December 1, 2010, the company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to an additional 3,000,000 shares of its common stock in open-market or privately negotiated transactions. This repurchase authorization has no expiration date but may be terminated by the company's Board of Directors at any time.

Shareholder rights plan. On June 14, 2008, the Rights Agreement, dated as of May 20, 1998, as amended, between the company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, and the related preferred share purchase rights, expired by their terms.

Treasury shares. As of October 31, 2010, the company had 22,637,278 treasury shares at a cost of \$876,620. As of October 31, 2009, the company had 20,662,734 treasury shares at a cost of \$764,015.

9 INCOME TAXES

A reconciliation of the statutory federal income tax rate to the company's consolidated effective tax rate is summarized as follows:

Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008
Statutory federal income tax rate	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
Increase (reduction) in income taxes resulting from:			
Domestic manufacturer's deduction	(1.1)	(0.8)	(1.2)
State and local income taxes, net of federal income tax benefit	1.4	1.2	1.7
Effect of foreign source income	0.2	0.1	0.4
Other, net	(1.5)	(1.1)	(1.9)
Consolidated effective tax rate	34.0%	34.4%	34.0%

Components of the provision for income taxes were as follows:

Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008
Provision for income taxes:			
Current			
Federal	\$ 34,582	\$ 23,954	\$ 57,211
State	2,918	1,951	4,456
Non-U.S.	4,436	4,972	1,488
Current provision	\$ 41,936	\$ 30,877	\$ 63,155
Deferred			
Federal	\$ 5,305	\$ 1,948	\$ (3,229)
State	198	(110)	383
Non-U.S.	592	236	1,329
Deferred benefit	6,095	2,074	(1,517)
Total provision for income taxes	\$ 48,031	\$ 32,951	\$ 61,638

As of October 31, 2010, the company had net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$5,988 in foreign jurisdictions with unlimited expiration.

Earnings before income taxes were as follows:

Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008
Earnings before income taxes:			
U.S.	\$ 127,508	\$ 83,357	\$ 175,172
Non-U.S.	13,760	12,431	6,117
Total	\$ 141,268	\$ 95,788	\$ 181,289

During the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively, \$3,397, \$7,403, and \$3,522 was added to stockholders' equity reflecting the permanent book to tax difference in accounting for tax benefits related to employee stock-based award transactions.

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to the net deferred income tax assets are presented below:

October 31	2010	2009
Deferred tax assets (liabilities):		
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 1,865	\$ 2,062
Inventory items	1,750	(1,837)
Warranty reserves and other accruals	40,156	37,643
Employee benefits	16,159	17,081
Depreciation	(2,411)	168
Other	7,399	12,833
Deferred tax assets	\$ 64,918	\$ 67,950
Valuation allowance	(4,538)	(4,898)
Net deferred tax assets	\$ 60,380	\$ 63,052

The valuation allowance as of October 31, 2010 and 2009 principally applies to capital loss carryforwards and foreign net operating loss carryforwards that are expected to expire prior to utilization.

As of October 31, 2010, the company had approximately \$44,624 of accumulated undistributed earnings from subsidiaries outside the United States that are considered to be reinvested indefinitely. No deferred tax liability has been provided for such earnings.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

Balance as of October 31, 2009	\$ 5,264
Increase as a result of tax positions taken during a prior period	712
Increase as a result of tax positions taken during the current period	259
Decrease relating to settlements with taxing authorities	(386)
Reduction as a result of a lapse of the applicable statute of limitations	(97)
Balance as of October 31, 2010	\$ 5,752

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Included in the balance of unrecognized tax benefits as of October 31, 2010 are potential benefits of \$4,278 that, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate from continuing operations.

The company recognizes potential accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as a component of the provision for income taxes. In addition to the liability of \$5,752 for unrecognized tax benefits as of October 31, 2010 was an amount of approximately \$1,049 for accrued interest and penalties. To the extent interest and penalties are not assessed with respect to uncertain tax positions, the amounts accrued will be revised and reflected as an adjustment to the provision for income taxes.

The company anticipates that total unrecognized tax benefits will not change significantly within the next 12 months.

The company is subject to U.S. federal income tax as well as income tax of numerous state and foreign jurisdictions. The company is generally no longer subject to U.S. federal tax examinations for taxable years before fiscal 2008 and with limited exceptions, state and foreign income tax examinations for fiscal years before 2006.

10 STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION PLANS

Under the company's equity-based compensation plans, option awards are granted with an exercise price equal to the closing price of the company's common stock on the date of grant, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange. Options are generally granted to non-employee directors, officers, and other key employees in the first quarter of the company's fiscal year. Option awards generally vest one-third each year over a three-year period and have a ten-year term. The company also issues limited restricted stock awards with varying vesting terms. Compensation expense equal to the grant date fair value is generally recognized for these awards over the vesting period. However, if a non-employee director has served on the company's Board of Directors for ten full fiscal years or longer, the fair value of the options granted is fully expensed as of the date of the grant. Similarly, options granted to officers and other key employees are also subject to accelerated expensing if the option holder meets the retirement definition set forth in the applicable equity-based compensation plan. In that case, the fair value of the options is expensed in the year of grant because the option holder must be employed as of the end of the fiscal year in which the options are granted in order for the option to continue to vest following retirement.

The company also grants to key employees long-term performance share awards pursuant to which they are entitled to the right to receive shares of common stock or performance share units contingent on the achievement of performance goals of the company, which are generally measured over a three-year period. The number of shares of common stock a participant receives will be increased (up to 200 percent of target levels) or reduced (down to zero) based on the level of achievement of performance goals and vest over a three-year period. Performance share awards are granted in the first quarter of the company's fiscal year. Compensation expense is recognized for these awards on a straight-line basis over the vesting period based on the fair value as of the date of grant and the probability of achieving performance goals.

The number of unissued shares of common stock available for future equity-based grants under the company's equity-based compensation plans was 2,747,525 as of October 31, 2010.

A summary of activity under the plans previously described is presented below:

	Options Outstanding	Price ¹	Life ²	Aggregate Intrinsic Value	Performance Shares Potentially Issuable
Outstanding as of October 31, 2009	2,231,025	\$ 36.20	4.7	\$ 11,979	344,868
Granted	390,958	40.42			119,200
Exercised/earned	(509,328)	32.18			(20,104)
Cancelled/forfeited	(19,421)	42.54			(102,964)
Outstanding as of October 31, 2010	2,093,234	\$ 37.91	5.4	\$ 39,461	341,000
Exercisable as of October 31, 2010	1,396,770	\$ 38.03	3.9	\$ 26,157	

Weighted-average exercise price

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Weighted-average contractual life in years

Total stock-based compensation expense for these plans was \$6,442, \$4,116, and \$5,684 for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively. The total intrinsic value of options (the amount by which the stock price exceeded the strike price of the option on the date of exercise) that were exercised during the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008 was \$8,198, \$18,394, and \$8,398, respectively.

The table below presents the unvested options and performance share awards as of October 31, 2010 and changes during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2010:

	Stock Options	Weighted- Average Fair Value at Date of Grant	Performance Shares	Weighted- Average Fair Value at Date of Grant
Unvested as of October 31, 2009	717,326	\$ 10.76	344,868	\$ 42.25
Granted	390,958	12.33	119,200	40.73
Vested/earned	(405,449)	11.45	(20,104)	44.90
Forfeited/cancelled	(6,371)	10.18	(102,964)	44.90
Unvested as of October 31, 2010	696,464	\$ 11.25	341,000	\$ 40.87

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As of October 31, 2010, there was \$2,189 of total unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested stock option compensation arrangements. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.3 years. As of October 31, 2010, there was \$3,469 of total unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested performance share compensation arrangements. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.9 years.

The fair value of each share-based option is estimated on the date of grant using a Black-Scholes valuation method that uses the assumptions noted in the table below. The expected life is a significant assumption as it determines the period for which the risk-free interest rate, volatility, and dividend yield must be applied. The expected life is the average length of time that non-employee director and employee groups are expected to exercise their options, which is based on historical experience with similar grants. Separate groups of employees that have similar historical exercise behavior are considered separately for valuation purposes. Expected volatilities are based on the movement of the company's common stock over the most recent historical period equivalent to the expected life of the option. The risk-free interest rate for periods within the contractual life of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury rate over the expected life at the time of grant. Dividend yield is estimated over the expected life based on the company's dividend policy, historical cash dividends paid, expected future cash dividends, and expected changes in the company's stock price.

The following table illustrates the valuation assumptions of stock-based compensation in the following fiscal years.

Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008
Stock option valuation assumptions:			
Expected life of option in years	6	6	3 6.5
Expected volatility	33.0%	30.6%	24.8%
	33.1%		25.8%
Weighted-average volatility	33.0%	30.60%	25.26%
Risk-free interest rate	2.51%	2.26%	3.10%
	2.87%	3.16%	4.08%
Expected dividend yield	1.52%	1.53%	0.92%
	1.68%	1.81%	0.95%
Weighted-average dividend yield	1.54%	1.79%	0.94%
Grant date weighted-average fair value of stock options	\$12.33	\$7.93	\$13.87
Performance share grant date fair value	\$40.73	\$28.62	\$58.96

11 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS

The company maintains The Toro Company Investment, Savings, and Employee Stock Ownership Plan for eligible employees. The company's expenses under this plan were \$15,500, \$15,200, and \$16,150 for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively.

In addition, the company and its subsidiaries have defined benefit, supplemental, and other retirement plans covering certain employees in the U.S. and the United Kingdom. The projected benefit obligation of these plans as of October 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$38,696 and \$39,114, respectively, and the net liability amount recognized in the consolidated balance sheets as of October 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$4,272 and \$8,911, respectively. The accumulated benefit obligation of these plans as of October 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$36,685 and \$36,076, respectively. The funded status of these plans as of October 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$10,022 and \$15,574, respectively. The fair value of the plan assets as of October 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$28,674 and \$23,540, respectively. The net expense recognized in the consolidated financial statements for these plans was \$326, \$1,629, and \$1,803 for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively.

Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss consisted of:

October 31	Defined Benefit Pension	Other Postretirement Benefit Plans	Total
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Plans

2010			
Net actuarial loss	\$ 1,309	\$ 2,221	\$3,530
Net prior service cost (credit)	248	(517)	(269)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ 1,557	\$ 1,704	\$3,261
2009			
Net actuarial loss	\$ 2,577	\$ 1,627	\$4,204
Net prior service cost (credit)	376	(638)	(262)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ 2,953	\$ 989	\$3,942

The following amounts are included in accumulated other comprehensive loss as of October 31, 2010 and are expected to be recognized as components of net periodic benefit cost during fiscal 2011.

	Defined Benefit Pension Plans	Other Postretirement Benefit Plans	Total
Net loss	\$ 292	\$ 184	\$ 476
Net prior service cost (credit)	67	(193)	(126)

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Amounts recognized in net periodic benefit cost and other comprehensive income consisted of:

Fiscal years ended October 31	Defined Benefit Pension Plans	Other Postretirement Benefit Plans	Total
2010			
Net (gain) loss	\$ (411)	\$ 669	\$ 258
Curtailement gain	(578)		(578)
Amortization of unrecognized prior service (credit) cost	(56)	121	65
Amortization of unrecognized actuarial gain	(351)	(75)	(426)
Total recognized in other comprehensive (income) loss	\$ (1,396)	\$ 715	\$ (681)
Total recognized in net periodic benefit cost and other comprehensive (income) loss	\$ (1,621)	\$ 1,266	\$ (355)
2009			
Net loss (gain)	\$ 2,545	\$ (675)	\$ 1,870
Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost	130	122	252
Amortization of unrecognized actuarial loss (gain)	632	(121)	511
Total recognized in other comprehensive loss (income)	\$ 3,307	\$ (674)	\$ 2,633
Total recognized in net periodic benefit cost and other comprehensive loss	\$ 4,020	\$ 242	\$ 4,262

The company has omitted the remaining disclosures for its defined benefit plans and postretirement healthcare plan as the company deems these plans to be immaterial to its consolidated financial position and results of operations.

12 SEGMENT DATA

The company's businesses are organized, managed, and internally grouped into segments based on differences in products and services. Segment selection was based on the manner in which management organizes segments for making operating decisions and assessing performance. The company has identified seven operating segments and has aggregated those segments into three reportable segments: Professional, Residential, and Distribution. The aggregation of the company's segments is based upon the segments having the following similarities: economic characteristics, types of products and services, types of production processes, type or class of customers, and method of distribution. The company's Distribution segment, which consists of company-owned domestic distributorships, has been combined with the company's corporate activities and elimination of intersegment revenues and expenses and is shown as "Other" due to the insignificance of the segment.

The Professional segment consists of turf equipment and irrigation products. Turf equipment products include sports fields and grounds maintenance equipment, golf course mowing and maintenance equipment, landscape contractor mowing equipment, landscape creation equipment, and other maintenance equipment. Irrigation products consist of sprinkler heads, electric and hydraulic valves, controllers, computer irrigation central control systems, and micro-irrigation drip tape and hose products. These products are sold mainly through a network of distributors and dealers to professional users engaged in maintaining golf courses, sports fields, municipal properties, agricultural fields, and residential and commercial landscapes, as well as directly to government customers and rental companies.

The Residential segment consists of walk power mowers, riding mowers, snow throwers, replacement parts, and home solutions products, including trimmers, blowers, blower-vacuums, and underground and hose-end retail irrigation products sold in Australia. These products are sold to homeowners through a network of distributors and dealers, and through a broad array of home centers, hardware retailers, and mass retailers, as well as over the Internet.

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The Other segment consists of the company's distribution segment and corporate activities and elimination of intersegment revenues and expenses. Corporate activities include general corporate expenditures (finance, human resources, legal, information services, public relations, and similar activities) and other unallocated corporate assets and liabilities, such as corporate facilities, parts inventory, and deferred tax assets.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies in Note 1. The company evaluates the performance of its Professional and Residential business segment results based on earnings from operations plus other income (expense), net. Operating loss for the Other segment includes earnings (loss) from domestic wholly owned distribution companies operations, corporate activities, other income (expense), and interest expense. The business segment's operating profits or losses include direct costs incurred at the segment's operating level plus allocated expenses, such as profit sharing and manufacturing expenses. The allocated expenses represent costs that these operations would have incurred otherwise but do not include general corporate expenses, interest expense, and income taxes. The company accounts for intersegment gross sales at current market prices.

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The following table shows summarized financial information concerning the company's reportable segments:

Fiscal years ended October 31	Professional	Residential	Other	Total
2010				
Net sales	\$ 1,085,457	\$ 589,677	\$ 15,244	\$1,690,378
Intersegment gross sales	17,271	487	(17,758)	
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	173,752	57,956	(90,440)	141,268
Total assets	437,987	173,919	273,716	885,622
Capital expenditures	34,017	8,599	6,083	48,699
Depreciation and amortization	27,261	10,259	7,491	45,011
2009				
Net sales	\$ 965,935	\$ 532,707	\$ 24,805	\$1,523,447
Intersegment gross sales	20,208	1,079	(21,287)	
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	127,609	46,351	(78,172)	95,788
Total assets	418,806	171,892	281,984	872,682
Capital expenditures	25,871	7,531	4,537	37,939
Depreciation and amortization	25,197	11,040	8,298	44,535
2008				
Net sales	\$ 1,304,101	\$ 542,886	\$ 31,197	\$1,878,184
Intersegment gross sales	29,849	8,337	(38,186)	
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	233,359	35,304	(87,374)	181,289
Total assets	460,241	187,371	284,648	932,260
Capital expenditures	35,140	8,948	4,826	48,914
Depreciation and amortization	22,841	16,403	8,950	48,194

The following table presents the details of the other segment operating loss before income taxes:

Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008
Corporate expenses	\$ (74,758)	\$ (70,802)	\$ (77,297)
Interest expense	(17,113)	(17,578)	(19,333)
Finance charge revenue		543	1,032
Elimination of corporate financing expense		7,052	9,960
Other income (expense)	1,431	2,613	(1,736)
Total	\$ (90,440)	\$ (78,172)	\$ (87,374)

The following table presents net sales for groups of similar products and services:

Fiscal years ended October 31	2010	2009	2008
Equipment	\$ 1,371,615	\$ 1,227,023	\$ 1,511,230
Irrigation	318,763	296,424	366,954
Total	\$ 1,690,378	\$ 1,523,447	\$ 1,878,184

Sales to one customer accounted for 13 percent of consolidated net sales in fiscal 2010, 14 percent in fiscal 2009, and 10 percent in fiscal 2008.

Geographic Data

The following geographic area data includes net sales based on product shipment destination. Long-lived assets consist of net property, plant, and equipment, which is determined based on physical location in addition to allocated capital tooling from U.S. plant facilities.

Fiscal years ended October 31	United States	Foreign Countries	Total
2010			
Net sales	\$ 1,152,790	\$ 537,588	\$ 1,690,378
Long-lived assets	145,409	27,998	173,407
2009			
Net sales	\$ 1,036,253	\$ 487,194	\$ 1,523,447
Long-lived assets	142,045	24,671	166,716
2008			
Net sales	\$ 1,269,905	\$ 608,279	\$ 1,878,184
Long-lived assets	140,723	28,144	168,867

13 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Leases

Total rental expense for operating leases was \$19,401, \$20,108, and \$20,428 for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively. As of October 31, 2010, future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases amounted to \$55,461 as follows: 2011, \$12,956; 2012, \$9,812; 2013, \$8,042; 2014, \$5,036; 2015, \$4,092 and after 2015, \$15,523.

Customer Financing

Wholesale Financing. During October 2009, Toro Credit Company ("TCC") sold its receivable portfolio to Red Iron, the company's joint venture with TCFIF. See Note 3 for additional information related to Red Iron. Independent Toro dealers that did not finance through TCC, as well as Exmark distributors and dealers, financed their inventories with third party financing sources. Beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2010, Red Iron began financing open account receivables, as well as floor plan receivables previously financed by a third party financing company. Some products sold to independent dealers in Australia finance their products with third party sources. Excluding Red Iron, third party financing companies purchased \$11,090 of receivables from the company during fiscal 2010. As of October 31, 2010, \$12,711 of receivables financed by third party financing companies, excluding Red Iron, was outstanding.

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The company also enters into limited inventory repurchase agreements with third party financing companies and Red Iron for receivables financed by third party financing companies and Red Iron. As of October 31, 2010, the company was contingently liable to repurchase up to a maximum amount of \$12,109 of inventory related to receivables under these financing arrangements. The company has repurchased only immaterial amounts of inventory under these repurchase agreements.

End-User Financing. The company has agreements with third party financing companies to provide lease-financing options to golf course and sports fields and grounds equipment customers in the U.S. and Europe. During fiscal 2007, the company entered into an amended agreement with a third party financing company that eliminated the company's contingent liability for any residual value risk on the underlying equipment financed under this program. In addition, under the terms of the amended agreement, the company is only contingently liable for a portion of the credit collection risk for leases entered into prior to the effective date of the amended agreement. From time to time, the company enters into agreements where it provides recourse to the third party finance company in the event of default by the customer for lease payments to the third party finance company. The company's maximum exposure for credit collection as of October 31, 2010 was \$7,886.

Purchase Commitments

As of October 31, 2010, the company had \$3,933 of noncancelable purchase commitments with some suppliers for materials and supplies as part of the normal course of business.

Letters of Credit

Letters of credit are issued by the company during the normal course of business, as required by some vendor contracts. As of October 31, 2010 and 2009, the company had \$13,269 and \$12,792, respectively, in outstanding letters of credit.

Customs Duties

The company is liable for customs duties for certain products that are imported and exported between countries. The company has determined that it has a potential liability for unpaid customs duties on certain products. The company accrued an estimate of this liability and is currently working to resolve the matter with the appropriate governmental officials. Although the ultimate resolution of this matter could potentially be different than the original estimate, the matter is not expected to have a material impact on the consolidated operating results or financial position of the company.

Litigation

General. The company is party to litigation in the ordinary course of business. Litigation occasionally involves claims for punitive as well as compensatory damages arising out of use of the company's products. Although the company is self-insured to some extent, the company maintains insurance against certain product liability losses. The company is also subject to administrative proceedings with respect to claims involving the discharge of hazardous substances into the environment. Some of these claims assert damages and liability for remedial investigations and clean up costs. The company is also typically involved in commercial disputes, employment disputes, and patent litigation cases in the ordinary course of business. To prevent possible infringement of the company's patents by others, the company periodically reviews competitors' products. To avoid potential liability with respect to others' patents, the company regularly reviews certain patents issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") and foreign patent offices. Management believes these activities help minimize its risk of being a defendant in patent infringement litigation. The company is currently involved in patent litigation cases where it is asserting patent infringement.

Lawnmower Engine Horsepower Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation. In June 2004, individuals who claim to have purchased lawnmowers in Illinois and Minnesota filed a class action lawsuit in Illinois state court against the company and other defendants alleging that the horsepower labels on the products the plaintiffs purchased were inaccurate. Those individuals later amended their complaint to add additional plaintiffs and an additional defendant. The plaintiffs asserted violations of the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) and state statutory and common law claims. The plaintiffs sought certification of a class of all persons in the United States who, beginning January 1, 1994 purchased a lawnmower containing a two-stroke or four-stroke gas combustible engine up to 30 horsepower that was manufactured or sold by the defendants. The amended complaint also sought an injunction, unspecified compensatory and punitive damages, treble damages under RICO, and attorneys' fees. In May 2006, the case was removed to federal court in the Southern District of Illinois.

In May 2008, the Court issued a memorandum and order that, among other things, (i) dismissed the RICO claim in its entirety; and (ii) dismissed all non-Illinois state-law claims but with instructions that such claims could be re-filed in local courts. The plaintiffs subsequently (i) re-filed the Illinois claims with the court; and (ii) filed non-Illinois claims in federal courts throughout the U.S. with essentially the same state law claims.

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In September 2008, the company and other defendants filed a motion with the MDL Panel that sought to transfer the multiple actions for coordinated pretrial proceedings. In December 2008, the MDL Panel issued an order that (i) transferred the lawsuits for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings; (ii) selected the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin as the transferee district; and (iii) provided that additional lawsuits would be treated as "tag-along" actions in accordance with its rules.

In January 2009, at the initial hearing held in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, the Court (i) appointed lead plaintiffs' counsel, and (ii) entered a stay of all litigation so that the parties could explore mediation. The company and certain other defendants entered into a settlement agreement with plaintiffs in February 2010 and, ultimately, all defendants entered into various settlement agreements with the plaintiffs. The company's settlement agreement provides for, among other things, (i) a monetary settlement, (ii) an additional warranty period for some engines that are subject to the litigation, and (iii) injunctive relief relating to power rating labeling practices. The plaintiffs filed a motion for preliminary approval of the company's settlement agreement and for certification of the settlement class. The court granted the motion.

Notice was given to the settlement class and, in June 2010, the Court conducted a hearing to consider objections from certain members of the settlement class and to determine whether the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. In August 2010, the Court filed an order and judgment in which it determined that the company's settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and approved the settlement. The Court filed similar orders and judgments approving the settlements entered into by other defendants. Also in August 2010, certain objectors filed notices with the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (the "Appellate Court") to appeal the order and judgment approving the company's settlement and the other orders and judgments approving the settlements with the other defendants. At this time, management is unable to provide assurance that the Appellate Court will uphold the Court's approval of the company's settlement or that the settlement will become final for all purposes. In the event the appeal is not withdrawn, the company's settlement will not become final for all purposes until the settlement order is affirmed on appeal and the affirmance is no longer subject to the possibility of further appeal or review.

In March 2010, individuals who claim to have purchased lawnmowers in Canada filed class action litigation against the company and other defendants that (i) contains allegations under applicable Canadian law that are similar to the allegations made by the United States plaintiffs, (ii) seeks certification of a class of all persons in Canada who, beginning January 1, 1994 purchased a lawnmower containing a gas combustible engine up to 30 horsepower that was manufactured or sold by the defendants, and (iii) seeks under applicable Canadian law unspecified compensatory and punitive damages, attorneys' costs and fees, and equitable relief.

Management continues to evaluate this litigation. If the settlement with the United States plaintiffs becomes final, the company's obligations under the settlement agreement will not have a material adverse effect on the company's operating results or financial position. The expected costs of the company's settlement obligations are consistent with accruals established in prior periods. In the event the settlement with the United States plaintiffs does not become final for all purposes or in the event that the company is unable to favorably resolve the Canadian litigation, management is unable to assess at this time whether this litigation would have a material adverse effect on the company's annual consolidated operating results or financial condition, although an unfavorable resolution or outcome could be material to the company's consolidated operating results for a particular period.

14 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the company to concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of accounts receivable that are concentrated in two business segments: Professional and Residential markets for outdoor landscape equipment and irrigation systems. The credit risk associated with these segments is limited because of the large number of customers in the company's customer base and their geographic dispersion, except for the residential segment that has significant sales to The Home Depot.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The company is exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk arising from transactions in the normal course of business, such as sales to third party customers, sales and loans to wholly owned foreign subsidiaries, foreign plant operations, and purchases from suppliers. The company actively manages the exposure of its foreign currency exchange rate market risk by entering into various hedging instruments, authorized under company policies that place controls on these activities, with counterparties that are highly rated financial institutions. The company's hedging activities involve the primary use of forward currency contracts. The company uses derivative instruments only in an attempt to limit underlying exposure from foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and to minimize earnings and cash flow volatility associated with foreign currency exchange rate changes. Decisions on whether to use such contracts are made based on the amount of exposure to the currency involved, and an assessment of the near-term market value for each currency. The company's policy is not to allow the use of derivatives for trading or speculative purposes. The company's primary foreign currency exchange rate exposures are with the Euro, the Australian dollar, the Canadian dollar, the British pound, the Mexican peso, and the Japanese yen against the U.S. dollar.

Cash flow hedges. The company recognizes all derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities at fair value on the consolidated balance sheet and formally documents relationships between cash flow hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its

risk-management objective and strategy for undertaking hedge transactions. This process includes linking all derivatives to the forecasted transactions, such as sales to third parties and foreign plant operations. Derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a cash flow hedge, all changes in fair values of outstanding cash flow hedge derivatives, except the ineffective portion, are recorded in other comprehensive income (OCI), until net earnings is affected by the variability of cash flows of the hedged transaction. Gains and losses on the derivative representing either hedge ineffectiveness or hedge components excluded from the assessment of effectiveness are recognized in net earnings. The consolidated statement of earnings classification of effective hedge results is the same as that of the underlying exposure. Results of hedges of sales and foreign plant operations are recorded in net sales and cost of sales, respectively, when the underlying hedged transaction affects net earnings. The maximum amount of time the company hedges its exposure to the variability in future cash flows for forecasted trade sales and purchases is two years.

The company formally assesses at a hedge's inception and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivatives that are used in the hedging transaction have been highly effective in offsetting changes in the cash flows of the hedged items and whether those derivatives may be expected to remain highly effective in future periods. When it is determined that a derivative is not, or has ceased to be, highly effective as a hedge, the company discontinues hedge accounting prospectively. When the company discontinues hedge accounting because it is no longer probable, but it is still reasonably possible that the forecasted transaction will occur by the end of the originally expected period or within an additional two-month period of time thereafter, the gain or loss on the derivative remains in accumulated other comprehensive loss (AOCL) and is reclassified to net earnings when the forecasted transaction affects net earnings. However, if it is probable that a forecasted transaction will not occur by the end of the originally specified time period or within an additional two-month period of time thereafter, the gains and losses that were accumulated in other comprehensive income are recognized immediately in net earnings. In all situations in which hedge accounting is discontinued and the derivative remains outstanding, the company carries the derivative at its fair value on the balance sheet, recognizing future changes in the fair value in other income (expense), net. For the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010 and 2009, there were no gains or losses on contracts reclassified into earnings as a result of the discontinuance of cash flow hedges. As of October 31, 2010, the notional amount outstanding of forward contracts designated as cash flow hedges was \$101,866.

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments. The company also enters into forward currency contracts to mitigate the change in fair value of specific assets and liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet. These contracts are not designated as hedging instruments. Accordingly, changes in the fair value of hedges of recorded balance sheet positions, such as cash, receivables, payables, intercompany notes, and other various contractual claims to pay or receive foreign currencies other than the functional currency, are recognized immediately in other income (expense), net, on the consolidated statements of earnings together with the transaction gain or loss from the hedged balance sheet position.

The following table presents the fair value of the company's derivatives and consolidated balance sheet location.

	Asset Derivatives				Liability Derivatives			
	October 31, 2010		October 31, 2009		October 31, 2010		October 31, 2009	
	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments								
Foreign exchange contracts	Prepaid expenses	\$	Prepaid expenses	\$	Accrued liabilities	\$ 3,886	Accrued liabilities	\$ 4,311
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments								
Foreign exchange contracts	Prepaid expenses		Prepaid expenses		Accrued liabilities	2,626	Accrued liabilities	2,468
Total Derivatives		\$		\$		\$ 6,512		\$ 6,779

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The following table presents the impact of derivative instruments on the consolidated statements of earnings for the company's derivatives designed as cash flow hedging instruments for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

For the fiscal year ended	Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivatives (Effective Portion)		Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCL into Income (Effective Portion)	Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCL into Income (Effective Portion)		Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives (Ineffective Portion and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives (Ineffective Portion and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)	
	October 31, 2010	October 31, 2009		October 31, 2010	October 31, 2009		October 31, 2010	October 31, 2009
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ (6,177)	\$ 7,371	Net sales	\$ (1,294)	\$ 11,777	Other income (expense), net	\$ (55)	\$ 183
Foreign exchange contracts	976	(4,444)	Cost of sales	272	(4,205)			
Total	\$ (5,201)	\$ 2,927		\$ (1,022)	\$ 7,572			

As of October 31, 2010, the company anticipates to reclassify approximately \$3,737 of losses from AOCL to earnings during the next twelve months.

The following table presents the impact of derivative instruments on the consolidated statements of earnings for the company's derivatives not designated as hedging instruments.

	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Net Earnings	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Net Earnings Fiscal Year Ended	
		October 31, 2010	October 31, 2009
Foreign exchange contracts	Other income (expense), net	\$ 1,619	\$ (10,282)

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During the second quarter of fiscal 2007, the company entered into three treasury lock agreements based on a 30-year U.S. Treasury security with a principal balance of \$30,000 for two of the agreements and \$40,000 for the third agreement. These treasury lock agreements provided for a single payment at maturity, which was April 23, 2007, based on the change in value of the reference treasury security. These agreements were designated as cash flow hedges and resulted in a net settlement of \$182, which was recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss, and will be amortized to interest expense over the 30-year term of the senior notes. The unrecognized loss portion of the fair value of these agreements in accumulated other comprehensive loss as of October 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$161 and \$167, respectively.

Fair Value

The company categorizes its assets and liabilities into one of three levels based on the assumptions (inputs) used in valuing the asset or liability. Level 1 provides the most reliable measure of fair value, while Level 3 generally requires significant management judgment. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs reflecting management's assumptions about the inputs used in pricing the asset or liability.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, as of October 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, are summarized below:

October 31, 2010	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 177,366	\$ 177,366		
Total assets	\$ 177,366	\$ 177,366		
Liabilities:				
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 6,512		\$ 6,512	
Deferred compensation liabilities	4,994		4,994	
Total liabilities	\$ 11,506		\$ 11,506	
October 31, 2009	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$187,773	\$187,773		
Total assets	\$187,773	\$187,773		
Liabilities:				
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 6,779		\$ 6,779	
Deferred compensation liabilities	5,814		5,814	
Total liabilities	\$ 12,593		\$ 12,593	

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Cash and cash equivalents are valued at their carrying amounts in the consolidated balance sheets, which are reasonable estimates of their fair value due to their short maturities. Foreign currency forward exchange contracts are valued at fair market value using the market approach based on exchange rates as of the reporting date, which is the amount the company would receive or pay to terminate the contracts. The unfunded deferred compensation liability is primarily subject to changes in fixed-income investment contracts based on current yields. For accounts receivable

and accounts payable, carrying amounts is a reasonable estimate of fair value given their short-term nature.

As of October 31, 2010, the estimated fair value of long-term debt with fixed interest rates was \$227,388 compared to its carrying amount of \$227,190. As of October 31, 2009, the estimated fair value of long-term debt with fixed interest rates was \$232,891 compared to its carrying amount of \$230,515. The fair value is estimated by discounting the projected cash flows using the rate at which similar amounts of debt could currently be borrowed.

15 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The company evaluated all subsequent events and concluded that no additional subsequent events have occurred that would require recognition in the financial statements or disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

16 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (unaudited)

Summarized quarterly financial data for fiscal 2010 and 2009 are as follows:

Fiscal year ended

October 31, 2010

Quarter	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Net sales	\$ 331,358	\$ 562,819	\$ 458,890	\$ 337,311
Gross profit	116,391	187,412	161,633	110,955
Net earnings	10,918	45,661	33,414	3,244
Basic net earnings per share¹	0.32	1.35	1.03	0.10
Diluted net earnings per share¹	0.32	1.34	1.01	0.10

Fiscal year ended

October 31, 2009

Quarter	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Net sales	\$ 340,172	\$ 499,852	\$ 394,859	\$ 288,564
Gross profit	118,260	161,225	133,798	97,692
Net earnings	6,731	36,861	19,777	(532)
Basic net earnings (loss) per share¹	0.19	1.01	0.55	(0.02)
Diluted net earnings (loss) per share¹	0.18	1.00	0.54	(0.02)

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Net earnings per share amounts do not sum to equal full year total due to changes in the number of shares outstanding during the periods and rounding.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The company maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, the company recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives, and management is required to apply judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible internal controls. The company's management evaluated, with the participation of the company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of the design and operation of the company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Based on that evaluation, the company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of such period to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in our Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information relating to the company and its consolidated subsidiaries is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. The company's management report on internal control over financial reporting is included in this report in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" under the caption "Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting." The report of KPMG LLP, the company's independent registered public accounting firm, regarding the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting is included in this report in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" under the caption "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm." There was no change in the company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the company's fourth fiscal quarter ended October 31, 2010 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the company's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Information on executive officers required by this item is incorporated by reference from "Executive Officers of the Registrant" in Part I of this report. Additional information on certain executive officers and other information required by this item is incorporated by reference to information to be contained under the captions "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance," "Proposal One Election of Directors Information About Board Nominees and Continuing Directors," "Corporate Governance Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics for our CEO and Senior Financial Officers," and "Corporate Governance Board Committees Audit Committee," in the company's proxy statement for its 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the SEC.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2010, the company did not make any material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the board of directors, as described in the company's proxy statement for its 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The company has a Code of Ethics for its CEO and Senior Financial Officers, a copy of which is posted on the company's web site at www.thetorocompany.com (select the "Investor Information" link and then the "Corporate Governance" link). The company intends to satisfy the disclosure requirements of Item 5.05 of Form 8-K regarding amendments to or waivers from any provision of its code of ethics by posting such information on its web site at www.thetorocompany.com (select the "Investor Information" link and then the "Corporate Governance" link).

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Information required by this item is incorporated by reference to information to be contained under the captions "Executive Compensation" and "Corporate Governance Director Compensation" in the company's proxy statement for its 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the SEC.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

Information required by this item is incorporated by reference to information to be contained under the captions "Stock Ownership" and "Equity Compensation Plan Information" in the company's proxy statement for its 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the SEC.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Information required by this item is incorporated by reference to information to be contained under the caption "Corporate Governance Director Independence" and "Corporate Governance Policies and Procedures Regarding Related Person Transactions" in the company's proxy statement for its 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the SEC.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

Information required by this item is incorporated by reference to information to be contained under the captions "Proposal Two Ratification of Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Audit, Audit-Related, Tax and Other Fees" and "Proposal Two Ratification of Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures" in the company's proxy statement for its 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the SEC.

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a) 1. List of Financial Statements

The following consolidated financial statements of The Toro Company and its consolidated subsidiaries are included in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this report:

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

Consolidated Statements of Earnings for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008.

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008.

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

(a) 2. List of Financial Statement Schedules

The following financial statement schedule of The Toro Company and its subsidiaries is included herein:

Schedule II Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

All other schedules are omitted because the required information is inapplicable or the information is presented in the consolidated financial statements or related notes.

(a) 3. List of Exhibits

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The following exhibits are incorporated herein by reference or are filed or furnished with this report as indicated below:

Exhibit Number	Description
2.1 (1)	Agreement to Form Joint Venture dated August 12, 2009 by and between The Toro Company and TCF Inventory Finance, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 12, 2009, Commission File No. 1-8649).**
2.2 (1)	Limited Liability Company Agreement of Red Iron Acceptance, LLC dated August 12, 2009 by and between Red Iron Holding Corporation and TCFIF Joint Venture I, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.2 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 12, 2009, Commission File No. 1-8649).**
2.3	Receivable Purchase Agreement, by and among Toro Credit Company, as Seller, The Toro Company, and Red Iron Acceptance, LLC, as Buyer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 1, 2009, Commission File No. 1-8649).**
2.4	Second Amended and Restated Repurchase Agreement, dated as of October 29, 2010, by and between The Toro Company and Red Iron Acceptance, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 29, 2010, Commission File No. 1-8649).**

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- 3.1 and 4.1** Restated Certificate of Incorporation of The Toro Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 17, 2008, Commission File No. 1-8649).
- 3.2 and 4.2** Amended and Restated Bylaws of The Toro Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 17, 2008, Commission File No. 1-8649).
- 4.3** Specimen Form of Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(c) to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 1, 2008, Commission File No. 1-8649).
- 4.4** Indenture dated as of January 31, 1997, between Registrant and First National Trust Association, as Trustee, relating to The Toro Company's 7.80% Debentures due June 15, 2027 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(a) to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 24, 1997, Commission File No. 1-8649).
- 4.5** Indenture dated as of April 20, 2007, between Registrant and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee, relating to The Toro Company's 6.625% Notes due May 1, 2037 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 23, 2007, Registration No. 333-142282).
- 4.6** First Supplemental Indenture dated as of April 26, 2007, between Registrant and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee, relating to The Toro Company's 6.625% Notes due May 1, 2037 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 23, 2007, Commission File No. 1-8649).
- 4.7** Form of The Toro Company 6.625% Note due May 1, 2037 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 23, 2007, Commission File No. 1-8649).
- 10.1** Form of Employment Agreement in effect for certain executive officers of The Toro Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(a) to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 30, 1999, Commission File No. 1-8649).*
- 10.2** The Toro Company First Amendment to Employment Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended January 30, 2009, Commission File No. 1-8649).*
- 10.3** The Toro Company 2010 Equity and Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 16, 2010, Commission File No. 1-8649).*
- 10.4** The Toro Company 1993 Stock Option Plan, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(f) to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 30, 1999, Commission File No. 1-8649).*
- 10.5** The Toro Company Performance Share Plan (As Amended January 15, 2008) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 15, 2008, Commission File No. 1-8649).*
- 10.6** The Toro Company 2000 Stock Option Plan (As Amended December 3, 2008) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2008, Commission File No. 1-8649).*
- 10.7** The Toro Company Supplemental Benefit Plan, Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(d) to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 1, 2008, Commission File No. 1-8649).*
- 10.8** The Toro Company Deferred Compensation Plan, Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(a) to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 1, 2008, Commission File No. 1-8649).*
- 10.9** The Toro Company Deferred Compensation Plan for Officers, Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(b) to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for

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the quarter ended August 1, 2008, Commission File No. 1-8649).*

10.10 The Toro Company Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors, Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(c) to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 1, 2008, Commission File No. 1-8649).*

10.11 The Toro Company 2000 Directors Stock Plan (As Amended March 18, 2009) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 1, 2009, Commission File No. 1-8649).*

10.12 Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement between The Toro Company and its Non-Employee Directors under The Toro Company 2000 Directors Stock Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2008, Commission File No. 1-8649).*

10.13 Form of Nonemployee Director Stock Option Agreement between The Toro Company and its Non-Employee Directors under The Toro Company 2010 Equity and Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 30, 2010, Commission File No. 1-8649).*

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10.14 Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement between The Toro Company and its Officers and other employees under The Toro Company 2000 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2008, Commission File No. 1-8649).*

10.15 Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement between The Toro Company and its Officers and other employees under The Toro Company 2010 Equity and Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 30, 2010, Commission File No. 1-8649).*

10.16 Form of Performance Share Award Agreement between The Toro Company and its Officers and other employees under The Toro Company Performance Share Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(t) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2007, Commission File No. 1-8649).*

10.17 Form of Performance Share Award Agreement between The Toro Company and its officers and certain other employees under The Toro Company 2010 Equity and Incentive Plan (filed herewith).*

10.18 Form of Annual Performance Award Agreement between The Toro Company and its officers and certain other employees under The Toro Company 2010 Equity and Incentive Plan (filed herewith).*

10.19 Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement between The Toro Company and its Officers and other employees under The Toro Company 2010 Equity and Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 30, 2010, Commission File No. 1-8649).*

10.20 Indemnification Agreement with the members of the Board of Directors (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(u) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2006, Commission File No. 1-8649).*

10.21 Restricted Stock Agreement Judy Altmaier (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009, Commission File No. 1-8649).*

10.22 Post-Retirement Consulting and Noncompetition Agreement dated as of December 31, 2005 between The Toro Company and Kendrick B. Melrose (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 31, 2005, Commission File No. 1-8649).*

10.23 Credit Agreement dated as of September 8, 2004, among The Toro Company, Toro Credit Company, Toro Manufacturing LLC, Exmark Manufacturing Company Incorporated, and Certain Subsidiaries, as Borrowers, the Lenders from time to time party thereto, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and Letter of Credit Issuer and Banc of America Securities LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(a) to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 8, 2004, Commission File No. 1-8649).

10.24 Amendment No. 1 to Credit Agreement dated as of October 25, 2005, among The Toro Company, Toro Credit Company, Toro Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, and Certain Subsidiaries, as Borrowers, the Lenders from time to time party thereto, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and Letter of Credit Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(s) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2005, Commission File No. 1-8649).

10.25 Amendment No. 2 to Credit Agreement dated as of January 10, 2007, among The Toro Company, Toro Credit Company, Toro Manufacturing LLC, Exmark Manufacturing Company Incorporated, and certain subsidiaries, as Borrowers, the lenders from time to time party thereto, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swingline Lender and Letter of Credit Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(a) to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 10, 2007, Commission File No. 1-8649).

10.26 Amendment No. 3 to Credit Agreement executed and delivered as of April 10, 2007 but effective as of February 28, 2007, by and among The Toro Company, Toro Credit Company, Toro Manufacturing LLC, Exmark Manufacturing Company Incorporated, and certain subsidiaries, as Borrowers, the lenders from time to

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time party thereto, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swingline Lender and Letter of Credit Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 10, 2007, Commission File No. 1-8649).

10.27 Amendment No. 4 to Credit Agreement, dated as of February 29, 2008, among The Toro Company, Toro Credit Company, Toro Manufacturing LLC, Exmark Manufacturing Company Incorporated, and certain subsidiaries as Borrowers, the lenders from time to time party thereto, and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender, and Letter of Credit Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 29, 2008, Commission File No. 1-8649).

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10.28 Amendment No. 5 to Credit Agreement, dated as of November 9, 2010, by and among The Toro Company, Toro Credit Company, Toro Manufacturing LLC, Exmark Manufacturing Company Incorporated, Toro International Company, Tover Overseas B.V., and Toro Factoring Company Limited, each as a Borrower, each lender from time to time party thereto, and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender, and L/C Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 9, 2010, Commission File No. 1-8649).

10.29 Underwriting Agreement, dated as of April 23, 2007, between The Toro Company and Banc of America Securities LLC, as representative of the several underwriters named therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 23, 2007, Commission File No. 1-8649).

10.30 (1) Credit and Security Agreement dated August 12, 2009 by and between Red Iron Acceptance, LLC and TCF Inventory Finance, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 12, 2009, Commission File No. 1-8649).

10.31 Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 8, 2005, by and among Editland Limited, Toro Hayter (Guernsey) Limited, Hayter Limited, and The Toro Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 8, 2005, Commission File No. 1-8649).

12 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges (filed herewith).

21 Subsidiaries of Registrant (filed herewith).

23 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (filed herewith).

31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) (Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002) (filed herewith).

31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) (Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002) (filed herewith).

32 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith).

101 The following financial information from The Toro Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2010, filed with the SEC on December 22, 2010, formatted in eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) Consolidated Statements of Earnings for each of the fiscal years in the three-year period ended October 31, 2010, (ii) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of October 31, 2010 and 2009, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for each of the fiscal years in the three-year period ended October 31, 2010, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income for each of the fiscal years in the three-year period ended October 31, 2010, and (v) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged as blocks of text.***

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Portions of this exhibit have been redacted and are subject to an order granting confidential treatment under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (File No. 001-08649, CF # 24035). The redacted material was filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement required to be filed as an exhibit to this Annual Report on Form 10-K pursuant to Item 15(b) of Regulation S-K.

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All exhibits and schedules to this exhibit have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. Toro will furnish the omitted exhibits and schedules to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Pursuant to Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the XBRL related information in Exhibit 101 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be deemed part of a registration statement, prospectus or other document filed under Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of those sections, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filings.

(b) Exhibits

See Item 15(a)(3) above.

(c) Financial Statement Schedules

See Item 15(a)(2) above.

SCHEDULE II**THE TORO COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES**
Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

(Dollars in thousands)	Balance as of the beginning of the fiscal year	Charged to costs and expenses ¹	Other ²	Deductions ³	Balance as of the end of the fiscal year
Fiscal year ended October 31, 2010					
Allowance for doubtful accounts and notes receivable reserves	\$ 4,151	\$ 666	\$ 70	\$ 983	\$ 3,904
Fiscal year ended October 31, 2009					
Allowance for doubtful accounts and notes receivable reserves	2,726	1,811		386	4,151
Fiscal year ended October 31, 2008					
Allowance for doubtful accounts and notes receivable reserves	4,147	(291)		1,130	2,726

- 1 Provision/(recovery).
- 2 Addition, net due to acquisitions and divestitures.
- 3 Uncollectible accounts charged off.

(Dollars in thousands)	Balance as of the beginning of the fiscal year	Charged to costs and expenses ¹	Deductions ²	Balance as of the end of the fiscal year
Fiscal year ended October 31, 2010				
Accrued advertising and marketing programs	\$ 45,298	\$ 191,799	\$ 194,002	\$ 43,095
Fiscal year ended October 31, 2009				
Accrued advertising and marketing programs	48,412	187,724	190,838	45,298

Fiscal year ended October 31, 2008

Accrued advertising and marketing programs	53,765	202,435	207,788	48,412
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Provision consists of rebates, cooperative advertising, floor planning costs, commissions, and other promotional program expenses. The expense of each program is either classified as a reduction of net sales or as a component of selling, general, and administrative expense.

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Claims paid.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE TORO COMPANY

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Stephen P. Wolfe

Dated: December 22, 2010

Stephen P. Wolfe
Vice President, Finance and
Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Michael J. Hoffman _____ Michael J. Hoffman	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer)	December 22, 2010
/s/ Stephen P. Wolfe _____ Stephen P. Wolfe	Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)	December 22, 2010
/s/ Blake M. Grams _____ Blake M. Grams	Vice President, Corporate Controller (principal accounting officer)	December 22, 2010
/s/ Robert C. Buhrmaster _____ Robert C. Buhrmaster	Director	December 22, 2010
/s/ Janet K. Cooper _____ Janet K. Cooper	Director	December 22, 2010
/s/ Gary L. Ellis _____ Gary L. Ellis	Director	December 22, 2010
/s/ Jeffrey M. Ettinger _____ Jeffrey M. Ettinger	Director	December 22, 2010
/s/ Katherine J. Harless _____ Katherine J. Harless	Director	December 22, 2010
/s/ Robert H. Nassau	Director	December 22, 2010

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Robert H. Nassau

/s/ Gregg W. Steinhafel

Director

December 22, 2010

Gregg W. Steinhafel

/s/ Inge G. Thulin

Director

December 22, 2010

Inge G. Thulin

/s/ Christopher A. Twomey

Director

December 22, 2010

Christopher A. Twomey

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