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FORM 10-K
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011
of
AGCO CORPORATION
A Delaware Corporation
IRS Employer Identification No. 58-1960019
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AGCO Corporation's Common Stock and Junior Preferred Stock purchase rights are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act and are listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

AGCO Corporation is a well-known seasoned issuer.

AGCO Corporation is required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. AGCO Corporation (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act during the preceding 12 months, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K will be contained in a definitive proxy statement, portions of which are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

AGCO Corporation has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website every Interactive Data File for the periods required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of regulation S-T.

The aggregate market value of AGCO Corporation's Common Stock (based upon the closing sales price quoted on the New York Stock Exchange) held by non-affiliates as of June 30, 2011 was approximately \$3.6 billion. For this purpose, directors and officers have been assumed to be affiliates. As of February 10, 2012, 97,194,732 shares of AGCO Corporation's Common Stock were outstanding.

AGCO Corporation is a large accelerated filer and is not a shell company.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of AGCO Corporation's Proxy Statement for the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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PART I

Item 1. Business

AGCO Corporation ("AGCO," "we," "us," or the "Company") was incorporated in Delaware in April 1991. Our executive offices are located at 4205 River Green Parkway, Duluth, Georgia 30096, and our telephone number is (770) 813-9200. Unless otherwise indicated, all references in this Form 10-K to the Company include our subsidiaries.

General

We are a leading manufacturer and distributor of agricultural equipment and related replacement parts throughout the world. We sell a full range of agricultural equipment, including tractors, combines, self-propelled sprayers, hay tools, forage equipment and implements. We also manufacture and distribute grain storage and handling equipment systems as well as protein production systems. Our products are widely recognized in the agricultural equipment industry and are marketed under a number of well-known brands, including: Challenger®, Fendt®, Massey Ferguson® and Valtra®. We distribute most of our products through a combination of approximately 3,100 independent dealers and distributors in more than 140 countries. In addition, we provide retail financing through our retail finance joint ventures with Coöperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank B.A., which we refer to as "Rabobank."

Products

Tractors

We offer a full range of tractors in the high horsepower segment (primarily 100 to 585 horsepower). Our high horsepower tractors typically are used on larger farms and on cattle ranches for hay production. Our compact tractors (under 40 horsepower) are typically used on small farms and in specialty agricultural industries, such as dairies, landscaping and residential areas. We also offer a full range of tractors in the utility tractor category (40 to 100 horsepower), including two-wheel and all-wheel drive versions. Our utility tractors are typically used on small- and medium-sized farms and in specialty agricultural industries, including dairy, livestock, orchards and vineyards. Tractors accounted for approximately 66% of our net sales in 2011, 68% in 2010 and 67% in 2009.

Combines

Our combines are sold with a variety of threshing technologies. All combines are complemented by a variety of crop-harvesting heads, available in different sizes, that are designed to maximize harvesting speed and efficiency while minimizing crop loss. Combines accounted for approximately 7% of our net sales in 2011 and 6% in both 2010 and 2009.

Application Equipment

We offer self-propelled, three- and four-wheeled vehicles and related equipment for use in the application of liquid and dry fertilizers and crop protection chemicals. We manufacture chemical sprayer equipment for use both prior to planting crops, known as "pre-emergence," and after crops emerge from the ground, known as "post-emergence." Application equipment accounted for approximately 4% of our net sales in each of 2011, 2010 and 2009.

Hay Tools and Forage Equipment, Implements and Other Products

Our hay tools and forage equipment include both round and rectangular balers, self-propelled windrowers, disc mowers, spreaders and mower conditioners and are used for the harvesting and packaging of vegetative feeds used in the beef cattle, dairy, horse and alternative fuel industries.

We also distribute a wide range of implements, planters and other equipment for our product lines. Tractor-pulled implements are used in field preparation and crop management. Implements include: disc harrows, which improve field performance by cutting through crop residue, leveling seed beds and mixing chemicals with the soil; heavy tillage, which break up soil and mix crop residue into topsoil, with or without prior discing; and field cultivators, which prepare a smooth seed bed and destroy weeds. Tractor-pulled planters apply fertilizer and place seeds in the field. Other equipment primarily includes loaders, which are used for a variety of tasks including lifting and transporting hay crops.

Hay tools and forage equipment, implements, engines, grain storage and protein production systems, and other products accounted for approximately 8% of our net sales in 2011, 7% in 2010 and 9% in 2009.

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Grain Storage and Protein Production Systems

On November 30, 2011, we acquired GSI Holdings Corp. ("GSI"), a leading manufacturer of grain storage and protein production systems. GSI manufactures and distributes grain storage bins and related drying and handling equipment systems, and swine and poultry feed storage and delivery, ventilation and watering systems. We sell our grain storage and protein production systems primarily under our GSI®, DMC®, FFI, Zimmerman, AP, Cumberland®, Hired Hand and Agromarau brand names.

Engines

Our AGCO Sisu Power engines division produces diesel engines, gears and generating sets. The diesel engines are manufactured for use in a portion of our tractors, combines and sprayers, and are also sold to third parties. The engine division specializes in the manufacturing of off-road engines in the 50 to 500 horsepower range.

Precision Farming Technologies

We provide a variety of precision farming technologies that are developed, manufactured, distributed and supported on a worldwide basis. A majority of these technologies are developed by third parties and are installed in our products. These technologies provide farmers with the capability to enhance productivity and profitability on the farm. AGCO also offers other advanced technology precision farming products that gather information such as yield data, allowing our customers to produce yield maps for the purpose of maximizing planting and fertilizer applications. While these products do not generate significant revenues, we believe that these products and related services are highly valued by professional farmers around the world and are integral to the growth of our machinery sales.

Replacement Parts

In addition to sales of new equipment, our replacement parts business is an important source of revenue and profitability for both us and our dealers. We sell replacement parts, many of which are proprietary, for all of the products we sell. These parts help keep farm equipment in use, including products no longer in production. Since most of our products can be economically maintained with parts and service for a period of ten to 20 years, each product that enters the marketplace provides us with a potential long-term revenue stream. In addition, sales of replacement parts typically generate higher gross profit margins and historically have been less cyclical than new product sales. Replacement parts accounted for approximately 15% of our net sales in 2011 and 2010 and 14% in 2009.

Marketing and Distribution

We distribute products primarily through a network of independent dealers and distributors. Our dealers are responsible for retail sales to the equipment's end user in addition to after-sales service and support of the equipment. Our distributors may sell our products through a network of dealers supported by the distributor. Our sales are not dependent on any specific dealer, distributor or group of dealers. We intend to maintain the separate strengths and identities of our core brand names and product lines.

Europe

We market and distribute farm equipment and replacement parts to farmers in European markets through a network of approximately 1,070 independent dealers and distributors. In certain markets, we also sell Valtra tractors and parts directly to end users. In some cases, dealers carry competing or complementary products from other manufacturers. As a result of our acquisition of GSI, we market and distribute grain storage and protein production system to farmers

in Europe through a network of an additional 40 independent distributors. Sales in Europe accounted for approximately 52% of our net sales in 2011, 47% in 2010 and 54% in 2009.

North America

We market and distribute farm equipment and replacement parts to farmers in North America through a network of approximately 890 independent dealers, each representing one or more of our brand names. Dealers may also sell competitive and dissimilar lines of products. Sales in North America accounted for approximately 20% of our net sales in 2011 and 22% in both 2010 and 2009. As a result of our acquisition of GSI, we market and distribute grain storage and protein production system to farmers in North America through a network of an additional 400 independent dealers.

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South America

We market and distribute farm equipment and replacement parts to farmers in South America through several different networks. In Brazil and Argentina, we distribute products directly to approximately 310 independent dealers. In Brazil, dealers are generally exclusive to one manufacturer. Outside of Brazil and Argentina, we sell our products in South America through independent distributors. As a result of our acquisition of GSI, we market and distribute grain storage and protein production systems to farmers in South America through a network of an additional 50 independent distributors. Sales in South America accounted for approximately 21% of our net sales in 2011, 25% in 2010 and 18% in 2009.

Rest of the World

Outside Europe, North America and South America, we operate primarily through a network of approximately 280 independent dealers and distributors, as well as associates and licensees, marketing our products and providing customer service support in approximately 85 countries in Africa, the Middle East, Australia and Asia. With the exception of Australia and New Zealand, where we directly support our dealer network, we generally utilize independent distributors, associates and licensees to sell our products. These arrangements allow us to benefit from local market expertise to establish strong market positions with limited investment. As a result of our acquisition of GSI, we market and distribute grain storage and protein production system to farmers outside Europe, North America and South America, through a network of an additional 60 independent distributors. Sales outside Europe, North America and South America accounted for approximately 7% of our net sales in 2011 and 6% in both 2010 and 2009.

Associates and licensees provide a distribution channel in some markets for our products and/or a source of low-cost production for certain Massey Ferguson and Valtra products. Associates are entities in which we have an ownership interest, most notably in India and Turkey. Licensees are entities in which we have no direct ownership interest, most notably in Pakistan. The associate or licensee generally has the exclusive right to produce and sell Massey Ferguson or Valtra equipment in its home country but may not sell these products in other countries. We generally license to these associates and licensees certain technology, as well as the right to use the Massey Ferguson or Valtra trade names. We also sell products to associates and licensees in the form of components used in local manufacturing operations. Licensee manufacturers sell certain tractor models under the Massey Ferguson or Valtra brand names in the licensed territory and also may become a source of low-cost production for us.

Parts Distribution

Parts inventories are maintained and distributed in a network of master and regional warehouses throughout North America, South America, Europe and Australia in order to provide timely response to customer demand for replacement parts. Our primary Western European master distribution warehouses are located in Desford, United Kingdom; Exeter, United Kingdom; Ennery, France; and Suolahti, Finland; and our North American master distribution warehouses are located in Batavia, Illinois and Kansas City, Missouri. Our South American master distribution warehouses are located in Jundiai, São Paulo, Brazil and in Haedo, Argentina.

Dealer Support and Supervision

We believe that one of the most important criteria affecting a farmer's decision to purchase a particular brand of equipment is the quality of the dealer who sells and services the equipment. We provide significant support to our dealers in order to improve the quality of our dealer network. We monitor each dealer's performance and profitability and establish programs that focus on continual dealer improvement. Our dealers generally have sales territories for which they are responsible.

We believe that our ability to offer our dealers a full product line of agricultural equipment and related replacement parts, as well as our ongoing dealer training and support programs focusing on business and inventory management, sales, marketing, warranty and servicing matters and products, helps ensure the vitality and increase the competitiveness of our dealer network. We also maintain dealer advisory groups to obtain dealer feedback on our operations.

We provide our dealers with volume sales incentives, demonstration programs and other advertising support to assist sales. We design our sales programs, including retail financing incentives, and our policies for maintaining parts and service availability with extensive product warranties to enhance our dealers' competitive position. In general, either party may cancel dealer contracts within certain notice periods.

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Wholesale Financing

Primarily in the United States and Canada, we engage in the standard industry practice of providing dealers with floor plan payment terms for their inventories of farm equipment for extended periods. The terms of our wholesale finance agreements with our dealers vary by region and product line, with fixed payment schedules on all sales, generally ranging from one to 12 months. In the United States and Canada, dealers typically are not required to make an initial down payment, and our terms allow for an interest-free period generally ranging from six to 12 months, depending on the product. All equipment sales to dealers in the United States and Canada are immediately due upon a retail sale of the equipment by the dealer, with the exception of sales of grain storage and protein production systems. If not previously paid by the dealer, installment payments are required generally beginning after the interest-free period with the remaining outstanding equipment balance generally due within 12 months after shipment. We also provide financing to dealers on used equipment accepted in trade. We retain a security interest in a majority of the new and used equipment we finance. Sales of grain and protein production systems generally are payable within 30 days of shipment.

Typically, sales terms outside the United States and Canada are of a shorter duration, generally ranging from 30 to 180 days. In many cases, we retain a security interest in the equipment sold on extended terms. In certain international markets, our sales are backed by letters of credit or credit insurance.

For sales in most markets outside of the United States and Canada, we normally do not charge interest on outstanding receivables from our dealers and distributors. For sales to certain dealers or distributors in the United States and Canada, interest is generally charged at or above prime lending rates on outstanding receivable balances after interest-free periods. These interest-free periods vary by product and generally range from one to 12 months, with the exception of certain seasonal products, which bear interest after periods of up to 23 months that vary depending on the time of year of the sale and the dealer or distributor's sales volume during the preceding year. For the year ended December 31, 2011, 16.9% and 3.2% of our net sales had maximum interest-free periods ranging from one to six months and seven to 12 months, respectively. Net sales with maximum interest-free periods are shorter than suggested by these percentages because receivables from our dealers and distributors in the United States and Canada are generally due immediately upon sale of the equipment to retail customers. Under normal circumstances, interest is not forgiven and interest-free periods are not extended.

We have an agreement to permit transferring, on an ongoing basis, substantially all of our wholesale interest-bearing and non-interest bearing receivables in North America to our U.S. and Canadian retail finance joint ventures. Upon transfer, the receivables maintain standard payment terms, including required regular principal payments on amounts outstanding, and interest charges at market rates. We also have accounts receivable sales agreements in Europe that permit the sale, on an ongoing basis, of a large portion of our wholesale receivables in Germany, France, Austria, Norway and Sweden to the relevant AGCO Finance entities in those countries. Upon transfer, the receivables maintain standard payment terms. Qualified dealers may obtain additional financing through our U.S., Canadian and European retail finance joint ventures at the joint ventures' discretion. In addition, AGCO Finance entities provide wholesale financing to dealers in Brazil.

Retail Financing

Through our AGCO Finance retail financing joint ventures located in the United States, Canada, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Austria, Ireland, the Netherlands, Denmark, Italy, Sweden, Brazil, Argentina and Australia, end users of our products are provided with a competitive and dedicated financing source. These retail finance companies are owned 49% by AGCO and 51% by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rabobank. Besides contributing to our overall

profitability, the AGCO Finance joint ventures can enhance our sales efforts by tailoring retail finance programs to prevailing market conditions. Refer to "Retail Finance Joint Ventures" within Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" for further information.

In addition, Rabobank is the primary lender with respect to our new credit facility and our 4 1/2% senior term loan, as are more fully described in "Liquidity and Capital Resources" within Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." Our historical relationship with Rabobank has been strong and we anticipate their continued long-term support of our business.

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Manufacturing and Suppliers

Manufacturing and Assembly

We manufacture our products in locations intended to optimize capacity, technology or local costs. Furthermore, we continue to balance our manufacturing resources with externally-sourced machinery, components and replacement parts to enable us to better control inventory and our supply of components. We believe that our manufacturing facilities are sufficient to meet our needs for the foreseeable future.

Europe

Our tractor manufacturing operations in Europe are located in Suolahti, Finland; Beauvais, France; and Marktoberdorf, Germany. The Suolahti facility produces 75 to 220 horsepower tractors marketed under the Valtra and Massey Ferguson brand names. The Beauvais facility produces 70 to 370 horsepower tractors marketed under the Massey Ferguson, Challenger, Valtra and AGCO brand names. The Marktoberdorf facility produces 50 to 390 horsepower tractors marketed under the Fendt brand name. We also assemble forklifts in our Kempten, Germany facility for sale to third parties and assemble cabs for our Fendt tractors in Baumenheim, Germany. We have a diesel engine manufacturing facility in Linnavuori, Finland. We have a joint venture with Claas Tractors SAS for the manufacture of driveline assemblies for tractors produced in our facility in Beauvais.

Our harvesting machinery manufacturing operations in Europe are located in Breganze, Italy; Feucht, Germany; and Hohenmoelsen, Germany. The Breganze facility produces straw walker and hybrid combine harvesters from 176 to 500 hp under the Massey Ferguson, Fendt, Laverda and Challenger brand names. The Breganze facility also manufactures free flow and power flow headers. The Hohenmoelsen facility produces self-propelled forage harvesters up to 650 horsepower for the Fendt brand name. The Feucht facility produces hay tools such as mowers, tedders and rakes under the Fella, Massey Ferguson and Challenger brand names.

North America

Our manufacturing operations in North America are located in Beloit, Kansas; Hesston, Kansas; Jackson, Minnesota; and Queretaro, Mexico, and produce products for a majority of our brand names in North America as well as for export outside of North America. The Beloit facility produces tillage and seeding equipment. The Hesston facility produces hay and forage equipment, rotary combines and planters. The Jackson facility produces 270 to 585 horsepower track tractors and four-wheeled drive articulated tractors, as well as self-propelled sprayers. In Queretaro, we assemble tractors for distribution in the Mexican market. In addition, we also have three tractor light assembly operations throughout the United States for the final assembly of imported tractors sold in the North American market. Our main manufacturing operations for grain storage and protein production systems are located in Taylorville, Newton, Flora, and Paris, Illinois and Bremen, Alabama. We also have a 50% interest in AGCO-Amity JV, LLC ("AGCO-Amity JV"), located in North Dakota, which is a joint venture that manufactures air-seeding and tillage equipment.

South America

Our manufacturing operations in South America are located in Brazil. In Canoas, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, we manufacture and assemble tractors, ranging from 50 to 220 horsepower, industrial loader-backhoes and self-propelled application equipment. The tractors are sold primarily under the Massey Ferguson brand name. The self-propelled application equipment are sold under the Massey Ferguson and Valtra brand names. In Mogi das Cruzes, Brazil, we manufacture and assemble tractors, ranging from 50 to 210 horsepower, marketed primarily under the Valtra and

Challenger brand names. We also manufacture diesel engines in the Mogi das Cruzes facility. We manufacture combines marketed under the Massey Ferguson, Valtra and Challenger brand names in Santa Rosa, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. In Ibirubá, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, we manufacture and distribute a line of farm implements, including drills, planters, corn headers and front loaders. We also manufacture protein production systems in Marau, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

Rest of the World

Our tractor and harvesting manufacturing facilities in China are located in Daqing, Changzhou and Yanzhou. The Daqing facility produces 190 to 210 horsepower tractors marketed under the Valtra brand name and the Changzhou facility produces 80 to 120 horsepower tractors marketed under the Massey Ferguson brand name. The Yanzhou Dafeng facility produces harvesting equipment including self-propelled and mounted combines under the Massey Ferguson and Dafeng brand names.

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Third-Party Suppliers

We externally source many of our machinery, components and replacement parts. Our production strategy is intended to optimize our research and development and capital investment requirements and to allow us greater flexibility to respond to changes in market conditions.

We purchase some of the products we distribute from third-party suppliers. We purchase some tractor models from our licensee in India, Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited, as well as Carraro S.p.A. and Iseki & Company, Limited. We also purchase other tractors, implements and hay and forage equipment from various third-party suppliers.

In addition to the purchase of machinery, third-party suppliers supply us with significant components used in our manufacturing operations, such as engines and transmissions. We select third-party suppliers that we believe are low cost, high quality and possess the most appropriate technology. We also assist in the development of these products or component parts based upon our own design requirements. Our past experience with outside suppliers generally has been favorable.

Seasonality

Generally, retail sales by dealers to farmers are highly seasonal and are a function of the timing of the planting and harvesting seasons. To the extent practicable, we attempt to ship products to our dealers and distributors on a level basis throughout the year to reduce the effect of seasonal retail demands on our manufacturing operations and to minimize our investment in inventory. Our financing requirements are subject to variations due to seasonal changes in working capital levels, which typically increase in the first half of the year and then decrease in the second half of the year. The fourth quarter is also typically a period for large retail sales because of our customers' year end tax planning considerations, the increase in availability of funds from completed harvests and the timing of dealer incentives.

Competition

The agricultural industry is highly competitive. We compete with several large national and international full-line suppliers, as well as numerous short-line and specialty manufacturers with differing manufacturing and marketing methods. Our two principal competitors on a worldwide basis are Deere & Company and CNH Global N.V. In certain Western European, South American and Asian countries, we have regional competitors that have significant market share in a single country or a group of countries.

We believe several key factors influence a buyer's choice of farm equipment, including the strength and quality of a company's dealers, the quality and pricing of products, dealer or brand loyalty, product availability, the terms of financing, and customer service. See "Marketing and Distribution" for additional information.

Engineering and Research

We make significant expenditures for engineering and applied research to improve the quality and performance of our products, to develop new products and to comply with government safety and engine emissions regulations. Our expenditures on engineering and research were approximately \$275.6 million, or 3.1% of net sales, in 2011, \$219.6 million, or 3.2% of net sales, in 2010 and \$191.9 million, or 2.9% of net sales, in 2009.

Intellectual Property

We own and have licenses to the rights under a number of domestic and foreign patents, trademarks, trade names and brand names relating to our products and businesses. We defend our patent, trademark and trade and brand name rights primarily by monitoring competitors' machines and industry publications and conducting other investigative work. We consider our intellectual property rights, including our rights to use our trade and brand names, important in the operation of our businesses. However, we do not believe we are dependent on any single patent, trademark or trade name or group of patents or trademarks, trade names or brand names.

Environmental Matters and Regulation

We are subject to environmental laws and regulations concerning emissions to the air, discharges of processed or other types of wastewater, and the generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of waste materials. These laws and regulations are constantly changing, and the effects that they may have on us in the future are impossible to predict with accuracy. It is our policy to comply with all applicable environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, and we

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believe that any expense or liability we may incur in connection with any noncompliance with any law or regulation or the cleanup of any of our properties will not have a materially adverse effect on us. We believe that we are in compliance in all material respects with all applicable laws and regulations.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has issued regulations concerning permissible emissions from off-road engines. Our AGCO Sisu Power engines division, which specializes in the manufacturing of off-road engines in the 40 to 500 horsepower range, currently complies with Com II, Com IIIa, Com IIIb, Tier II, Tier III and Tier 4i emissions requirements set by European and United States regulatory authorities. We also are currently required to comply with other country regulations outside of the United States and Europe. We expect to meet future emissions requirements through the introduction of new technology to our engines and exhaust after-treatment systems, as necessary. In some markets (such as the United States) we must obtain governmental environmental approvals in order to import our products, and these approvals can be difficult or time consuming to obtain or may not be obtainable at all. For example, our AGCO Sisu Power engine division and our engine suppliers are subject to air quality standards, and production at our facilities could be impaired if AGCO Sisu Power and these suppliers are unable to timely respond to any changes in environmental laws and regulations affecting engine emissions. Compliance with environmental and safety regulations has added, and will continue to add, to the cost of our products and increase the capital-intensive nature of our business.

Climate change as a result of emissions of greenhouse gases is a significant topic of discussion and may generate U.S. and other regulatory responses in the near future, including the imposition of a so-called "cap and trade" system. It is impracticable to predict with any certainty the impact on our business of climate change or the regulatory responses to it, although we recognize that they could be significant. The most direct impacts are likely to be an increase in energy costs, which would increase our operating costs (through increased utility and transportations costs) and an increase in the costs of the products we purchase from others. In addition, increased energy costs for our customers could impact demand for our equipment. It is too soon for us to predict with any certainty the ultimate impact of additional regulation, either directionally or quantitatively, on our overall business, results of operations or financial condition.

Our international operations also are subject to environmental laws, as well as various other national and local laws, in the countries in which we manufacture and sell our products. We believe that we are in compliance with these laws in all material respects and that the cost of compliance with these laws in the future will not have a materially adverse effect on us.

Regulation and Government Policy

Domestic and foreign political developments and government regulations and policies directly affect the agricultural industry in the United States and abroad and indirectly affect the agricultural equipment business. The application, modification or adoption of laws, regulations or policies could have an adverse effect on our business.

We are subject to various federal, state and local laws affecting our business, as well as a variety of regulations relating to such matters as working conditions and product safety. A variety of laws regulate our contractual relationships with our dealers. These laws impose substantive standards on the relationships between us and our dealers, including events of default, grounds for termination, non-renewal of dealer contracts and equipment repurchase requirements. Such laws could adversely affect our ability to terminate our dealers.

Employees

As of December 31, 2011, we employed approximately 17,400 employees, including approximately 5,300 employees in the United States and Canada. A majority of our employees at our manufacturing facilities, both domestic and international, are represented by collective bargaining agreements and union contracts with terms that expire on varying dates. We currently do not expect any significant difficulties in renewing these agreements.

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Available Information

Our Internet address is www.agcocorp.com. We make the following reports filed by us available, free of charge, on our website under the heading "SEC Filings" in our website's "Investors" section located under "Company": annual reports on Form 10-K;

quarterly reports on Form 10-Q;

eurrent reports on Form 8-K;

proxy statements for the annual meetings of stockholders; and

Forms 3, 4 and 5

The foregoing reports are made available on our website as soon as practicable after they are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

We also provide corporate governance and other information on our website. This information includes: charters for the committees of our board of directors, which are available under the heading "Committee Charters" in the "Corporate Governance" section of our website's "About AGCO" section located under "Company;" and our Code of Conduct, which is available under the heading "Code of Conduct" in the "Corporate Governance" section of our website's "About AGCO" section located under "Company."

In addition, in the event of any waivers of our Code of Conduct, those waivers will be available under the heading "Office of Ethics and Compliance" in the "Corporate Governance" section of our website's "About AGCO" section located under "Company."

Financial Information on Geographical Areas

For financial information on geographic areas, see Note 14 to the financial statements contained in this Form 10-K under the caption "Segment Reporting," which information is incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 1A. Risk Factors

We make forward-looking statements in this report, in other materials we file with the SEC or otherwise release to the public, and on our website. In addition, our senior management might make forward-looking statements orally to analysts, investors, the media and others. Statements concerning our future operations, prospects, strategies, products, manufacturing facilities, legal proceedings, financial condition, future financial performance (including growth and earnings) and demand for our products and services, and other statements of our plans, beliefs, or expectations, including the statements contained in Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," regarding industry conditions, currency translation impacts, pricing impacts, the impact of recent acquisitions and marketing initiatives, market demand, farm incomes and economics, commodity supply, weather conditions, government financing programs, general economic conditions, availability of financing, net sales and income, working capital, capital expenditure and debt service requirements, gross margin improvements, product development, market expansion, payment of remaining acquisition purchase price, compliance with financial covenants, support of lenders, recovery of amounts under guarantee, funding of our postretirement plans and pensions, uncertain income tax provisions, funding of our pension and postretirement benefit plans, conversion features of our notes, or realization of net deferred tax assets, are forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements we make are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to various assumptions, risks, and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by these forward-looking statements. These factors include, among others, those set forth below and in the other documents that we file with the SEC. There also are other factors that we may not describe, generally because we currently do not perceive them to be material, that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations.

We expressly disclaim any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

Our financial results depend entirely upon the agricultural industry, and factors that adversely affect the agricultural industry generally, including declines in the general economy, increases in farm input costs, lower commodity prices and changes in the availability of credit for our retail customers, will adversely affect us.

Our success depends heavily on the vitality of the agricultural industry. Historically, the agricultural industry, including the agricultural equipment business, has been cyclical and subject to a variety of economic factors, governmental regulations and legislation, and weather conditions. Sales of agricultural equipment generally are related to the health of the agricultural industry, which is affected by farm income, farm input costs, debt levels and land values, all of which reflect levels of commodity prices, acreage planted, crop yields, agricultural product demand including crops used as renewable energy sources, government policies and government subsidies. Sales also are influenced by economic conditions, interest rate and exchange rate levels, and the availability of retail financing. Trends in the industry, such as farm consolidations, may affect the agricultural equipment market. In addition, weather conditions, such as floods, heat waves or droughts, and pervasive livestock diseases can affect farmers' buying decisions. Downturns in the agricultural industry due to these or other factors could vary by market and are likely to result in decreases in demand for agricultural equipment, which would adversely affect our sales, growth, results of operations and financial condition. Moreover, volatility in demand makes it difficult for us to accurately predict sales and optimize production. This, in turn, can result in higher costs, including inventory carrying costs and underutilized manufacturing capacity. During previous downturns in the farm sector, we experienced significant and prolonged declines in sales and profitability, and we expect our business to remain subject to similar market fluctuations in the future.

The agricultural equipment industry is highly seasonal, and seasonal fluctuations significantly impact results of operations and cash flows.

The agricultural equipment business is highly seasonal, which causes our quarterly results and our available cash flow to fluctuate during the year. Farmers generally purchase agricultural equipment in the Spring and Fall in conjunction with the major planting and harvesting seasons. In addition, the fourth quarter typically is a significant period for retail sales because of our customers' year end tax planning considerations, the increase in availability of funds from completed harvests and the timing of dealer incentives. Our net sales and income from operations historically have been the lowest in the first quarter and have increased in subsequent quarters as dealers anticipate increased retail sales in subsequent quarters.

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Most of our sales depend on the retail customers' obtaining financing, and any disruption in their ability to obtain financing, whether due to the current economic downturn or otherwise, will result in the sale of fewer products by us. In addition, the collectability of receivables that are created from our sales, as well as from such retail financing, is critical to our business.

Most retail sales of the products that we manufacture are financed, either by our joint ventures with Rabobank or by a bank or other private lender. During 2011, our joint ventures with Rabobank, which are controlled by Rabobank and are dependent upon Rabobank for financing as well, financed approximately 50% of the retail sales of our tractors and combines in the markets where the joint ventures operate. Any difficulty by Rabobank in continuing to provide that financing, or any business decision by Rabobank as the controlling member not to fund the business or particular aspects of it (for example, a particular country or region), would require the joint ventures to find other sources of financing (which may be difficult to obtain), or us to find another source of retail financing for our customers, or our customers would be required to utilize other retail financing providers. As a result of the recent economic downturn, financing for capital equipment purchases generally became more difficult in certain regions and, in some cases, was expensive to obtain. To the extent that financing is not available or available only at unattractive prices, our sales would be negatively impacted.

In addition, both AGCO and our retail finance joint ventures have substantial accounts receivable from dealers and retail customers, and we would be adversely impacted if the collectability of these receivables was not consistent with historical experience; this collectability is dependent on the financial strength of the farm industry, which in turn is dependent upon the general economy and commodity prices, as well as several of the other factors discussed in this "Risk Factors" section.

Our success depends on the introduction of new products, which requires substantial expenditures.

Our long-term results depend upon our ability to introduce and market new products successfully. The success of our new products will depend on a number of factors, including:
innovation:

customer acceptance;

the efficiency of our suppliers in providing component parts and of our manufacturing facilities in producing final products; and

the performance and quality of our products relative to those of our competitors.

As both we and our competitors continuously introduce new products or refine versions of existing products, we cannot predict the level of market acceptance or the amount of market share our new products will achieve. We have experienced delays in the introduction of new products in the past, and we cannot assure you that we will not experience delays in the future. Any delays or problems with our new product launches will adversely affect our operating results. In addition, introducing new products can result in decreases in revenues from our existing products. Consistent with our strategy of offering new products and product refinements, we expect to continue to use a substantial amount of capital for product development and refinement. We may need more capital for product development and refinement than is available to us, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Our expansion plans in emerging markets could entail significant risks.

Our strategies include establishing a greater manufacturing and marketing presence in emerging markets such as China and Russia. In addition, we are growing our use of component suppliers in these markets. If we progress with these strategies, it will involve a significant investment of capital and other resources and entail various risks. These

include risks attendant to obtaining necessary governmental approvals and the construction of the facilities in a timely manner and within cost estimates, the establishment of supply channels, the commencement of efficient manufacturing operations and, ultimately, the acceptance of the products by our customers. While we expect the expansion to be successful, should we encounter difficulties involving these or similar factors, it may not be as successful as we anticipate.

We face significant competition and, if we are unable to compete successfully against other agricultural equipment manufacturers, we would lose customers and our net sales and profitability would decline.

The agricultural equipment business is highly competitive, particularly in North America, Europe and South America. We compete with several large national and international companies that, like us, offer a full line of agricultural equipment. We also compete with numerous short-line and specialty manufacturers of agricultural equipment. Our two key competitors, Deere & Company and CNH Global N.V., are substantially larger than we are and have greater financial and other resources. In

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addition, in some markets, we compete with smaller regional competitors with significant market share in a single country or group of countries. Our competitors may substantially increase the resources devoted to the development and marketing, including discounting, of products that compete with our products. In addition, competitive pressures in the agricultural equipment business may affect the market prices of new and used equipment, which, in turn, may adversely affect our sales margins and results of operations.

We maintain an independent dealer and distribution network in the markets where we sell products. The financial and operational capabilities of our dealers and distributors are critical to our ability to compete in these markets. In addition, we compete with other manufacturers of agricultural equipment for dealers. If we are unable to compete successfully against other agricultural equipment manufacturers, we could lose dealers and their end customers and our net sales and profitability may decline.

Rationalization or restructuring of manufacturing facilities, including system upgrades at our manufacturing facilities, may cause production capacity constraints and inventory fluctuations.

The rationalization of our manufacturing facilities has at times resulted in, and similar rationalizations or restructurings in the future may result in, temporary constraints upon our ability to produce the quantity of products necessary to fill orders and thereby complete sales in a timely manner. In addition, system upgrades at our manufacturing facilities that impact ordering, production scheduling and other related manufacturing processes are complex, and could impact or delay production targets. A prolonged delay in our ability to fill orders on a timely basis could affect customer demand for our products and increase the size of our product inventories, causing future reductions in our manufacturing schedules and adversely affecting our results of operations. Moreover, our continuous development and production of new products will often involve the retooling of existing manufacturing facilities. This retooling may limit our production capacity at certain times in the future, which could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. In addition the expansion and reconfiguration of existing manufacturing facilities, as well as the start up of new manufacturing operations in emerging markets, such as China and Russia, could increase the risk of production delays, as well as require significant investments of capital.

We depend on suppliers for components, parts and raw materials for our products, and any failure by our suppliers to provide products as needed, or by us to promptly address supplier issues, will adversely impact our ability to timely and efficiently manufacture and sell products. We also are subject to raw material price fluctuations, which can adversely affect our manufacturing costs.

Our products include components and parts manufactured by others. As a result, our ability to timely and efficiently manufacture existing products, to introduce new products and to shift manufacturing of products from one facility to another depends on the quality of these components and parts and the timeliness of their delivery to our facilities. At any particular time, we depend on many different suppliers, and the failure by one or more of our suppliers to perform as needed will result in fewer products being manufactured, shipped and sold. If the quality of the components or parts provided by our suppliers is less than required and we do not recognize that failure prior to the shipment of our products, we will incur higher warranty costs. The timely supply of component parts for our products also depends on our ability to manage our relationships with suppliers, to identify and replace suppliers that fail to meet our schedules or quality standards, and to monitor the flow of components and accurately project our needs. The shift from our existing suppliers to new suppliers, including suppliers in emerging markets in the future, also may impact the quality and efficiency of our manufacturing capabilities, as well as impact warranty costs. A significant increase in the price of any component or raw material could adversely affect our profitability. We cannot avoid exposure to global price fluctuations, such as occurred in the past with the costs of steel and related products, and our profitability depends on, among other things, our ability to raise equipment and parts prices sufficiently enough to recover any such material or component cost increases.

A majority of our sales and manufacturing take place outside the United States, and, as a result, we are exposed to risks related to foreign laws, taxes, economic conditions, labor supply and relations, political conditions and governmental policies. These risks may delay or reduce our realization of value from our international operations.

For the year ended December 31, 2011, we derived approximately \$7,409.5 million, or 84%, of our net sales from sales outside the United States. The foreign countries in which we do the most significant amount of business are Germany, France, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Finland, and Canada. In addition, we have significant manufacturing operations in France, Germany, Brazil, Italy and Finland. Our results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected by the laws, taxes, economic conditions, labor supply and relations, political conditions, and governmental policies of the foreign countries in which we conduct business. Our business practices in these foreign countries must comply with U.S. law, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA"). We have a compliance program in place designed to reduce the likelihood of potential

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violations of the FCPA, but we cannot provide assurances that future violations will not occur. If significant violations were to occur, they could subject us to fines and other penalties as well as increased compliance costs. Some of our international operations also are subject to various risks that are not present in domestic operations, including restrictions on dividends and the repatriation of funds. Foreign developing markets may present special risks, such as unavailability of financing, inflation, slow economic growth, price controls and compliance with U.S. regulations.

Domestic and foreign political developments and government regulations and policies directly affect the international agricultural industry, which affects the demand for agricultural equipment. If demand for agricultural equipment declines, our sales, growth, results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected. The application, modification or adoption of laws, regulations, trade agreements or policies adversely affecting the agricultural industry, including the imposition of import and export duties and quotas, expropriation and potentially burdensome taxation, could have an adverse effect on our business. The ability of our international customers to operate their businesses and the health of the agricultural industry, in general, are affected by domestic and foreign government programs that provide economic support to farmers. As a result, farm income levels and the ability of farmers to obtain advantageous financing and other protections would be reduced to the extent that any such programs are curtailed or eliminated. Any such reductions likely would result in a decrease in demand for agricultural equipment. For example, a decrease or elimination of current price protections for commodities or of subsidy payments for farmers in the European Union, the United States, Brazil or elsewhere in South America could negatively impact the operations of farmers in those regions, and, as a result, our sales may decline if these farmers delay, reduce or cancel purchases of our products. In emerging markets some of these (and other) risks can be greater than they might be elsewhere. In addition, in some cases, the financing provided by our joint ventures with Rabobank or by others is supported by a government subsidy or guarantee. The programs under which those subsidies and guarantees are provided generally are of limited duration and subject to renewal and contain various caps and other limitations. In some markets, for example, Brazil, this support is quite significant. In the event the governments that provide this support elect not to renew these programs, and were financing not available, whether through our joint ventures or otherwise, our sales would be negatively impacted.

As a result of the multinational nature of our business and the acquisitions that we have made over time, our corporate and tax structures are complex, with a significant portion of our operations being held through foreign holding companies. As a result, it can be inefficient, from a tax perspective, for us to repatriate or otherwise transfer funds, and we may be subject to a greater level of tax-related regulation and reviews by multiple governmental units than would companies with a more simplified structure. In addition, our foreign and U.S. operations routinely sell products to, and license technology to other operations of ours. The pricing of these intra-company transactions is subject to regulation and review as well. While we make every effort to comply with all applicable tax laws, audits and other reviews by governmental units could result in our being required to pay additional taxes, interest and penalties.

We recently have experienced substantial and sustained volatility with respect to currency exchange rate and interest rate changes which can adversely affect our reported results of operations and the competitiveness of our products.

We conduct operations in a variety of currencies. Our production costs, profit margins and competitive position are affected by the strength of the currencies in countries where we manufacture or purchase goods relative to the strength of the currencies in countries where our products are sold. In addition, we are subject to currency exchange rate risk to the extent that our costs are denominated in currencies other than those in which we earn revenues and to risks associated with translating the financial statements of our foreign subsidiaries from local currencies into United States dollars. Similarly, changes in interest rates affect our results of operations by increasing or decreasing borrowing costs and finance income. Our most significant transactional foreign currency exposures are the Euro, the Brazilian real and the Canadian dollar in relation to the United States dollar, and the Euro in relation to the British pound. Where naturally offsetting currency positions do not occur, we attempt to manage these risks by economically hedging some,

but not necessarily all, of our exposures through the use of foreign currency forward exchange or option contracts. As with all hedging instruments, there are risks associated with the use of foreign currency forward exchange or option contracts, interest rate swap agreements and other risk management contracts. While the use of such hedging instruments provides us with protection for a finite period of time from certain fluctuations in currency exchange and interest rates, we potentially forego the benefits that might result from favorable fluctuations in currency exchange and interest rates. In addition, any default by the counterparties to these transactions could adversely affect us. Despite our use of economic hedging transactions, currency exchange rate or interest rate fluctuations may adversely affect our results of operations, cash flow and financial condition.

We are subject to extensive environmental laws and regulations, and our compliance with, or our failure to comply with, existing or future laws and regulations could delay production of our products or otherwise adversely affect our business.

We are subject to increasingly stringent environmental laws and regulations in the countries in which we operate. These regulations govern, among other things, emissions into the air, discharges into water, the use, handling and disposal of

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hazardous substances, waste disposal and the remediation of soil and groundwater contamination. Our costs of complying with these or any other current or future environmental regulations may be significant. For example, the European Union and the United States have adopted more stringent environmental regulations regarding emissions into the air, and it is possible that the U.S. Congress will pass emissions-related legislation in connection with concerns regarding greenhouse gases. We may be adversely impacted by costs, liabilities or claims with respect to our operations under existing laws or those that may be adopted in the future. If we fail to comply with existing or future laws and regulations, we may be subject to governmental or judicial fines or sanctions, or we may not be able to sell our products and, therefore, our business and results of operations could be adversely affected.

In addition, the products that we manufacture or sell, particularly engines, are subject to increasingly stringent environmental regulations. As a result, we will likely incur increased engineering expenses and capital expenditures to modify our products to comply with these regulations. Further, we may experience production delays if we or our suppliers are unable to design and manufacture components for our products that comply with environmental standards established by regulators. For instance, we are required to meet more stringent emissions requirements both now and in the future, and we expect to meet these requirements through the introduction of new technology to our engines and exhaust after-treatment systems, as necessary. Failure to meet such requirements could materially affect our business and results of operations.

Our labor force is heavily unionized, and our contractual and legal obligations under collective bargaining agreements and labor laws subject us to the risks of work interruption or stoppage and could cause our costs to be higher.

Most of our employees, most notably at our manufacturing facilities, are subject to collective bargaining agreements and union contracts with terms that expire on varying dates. Several of our collective bargaining agreements and union contracts are of limited duration and, therefore, must be re-negotiated frequently. As a result, we incur various administrative expenses associated with union representation of our employees. Furthermore, we are at greater risk of work interruptions or stoppages than non-unionized companies, and any work interruption or stoppage could significantly impact the volume of products we have available for sale. In addition, collective bargaining agreements, union contracts and labor laws may impair our ability to reduce our labor costs by streamlining existing manufacturing facilities and in restructuring our business because of limitations on personnel and salary changes and similar restrictions.

We have significant pension obligations with respect to our employees and our available cash flow may be adversely affected in the event that payments became due under any pension plans that are unfunded or underfunded. Declines in the market value of the securities used to fund these obligations result in increased pension expense in future periods.

A portion of our active and retired employees participate in defined benefit pension plans under which we are obligated to provide prescribed levels of benefits regardless of the value of the underlying assets, if any, of the applicable pension plan. To the extent that our obligations under a plan are unfunded or underfunded, we will have to use cash flow from operations and other sources to pay our obligations either as they become due or over some shorter funding period. In addition, since the assets that we already have provided to fund these obligations are invested in debt instruments and other securities, the value of these assets varies due to market factors. Recently, these fluctuations have been significant and adverse, and there can be no assurances that they will not be significant in the future. As of December 31, 2011, we had approximately \$307.9 million in unfunded or underfunded obligations related to our pension and other postretirement health care benefits.

Our business routinely is subject to claims and legal actions, some of which could be material.

We routinely are a party to claims and legal actions incidental to our business. These include claims for personal injuries by users of farm equipment, disputes with distributors, vendors and others with respect to commercial matters, and disputes with taxing and other governmental authorities regarding the conduct of our business. While these matters generally are not material, it is entirely possible that a matter will arise that is material to our business.

We have a substantial amount of indebtedness, and, as a result, we are subject to certain restrictive covenants and payment obligations that may adversely affect our ability to operate and expand our business.

We have a substantial amount of indebtedness. As of December 31, 2011, we had total long-term indebtedness, including current portions of long-term indebtedness of approximately \$1,487.7 million, total stockholders' equity of approximately \$3,031.2 million and a ratio of total indebtedness to equity of approximately 0.49 to 1.0. We also had short-term obligations of \$224.3 million, capital lease obligations of \$4.9 million, unconditional purchase or other long-term obligations of \$594.9 million. In addition, we had guaranteed indebtedness owed to third parties and our retail finance joint ventures of approximately \$134.6 million, primarily related to dealer and end-user financing of equipment.

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Holders of our 1¹/4% convertible senior subordinated notes due 2036 may convert the notes if, during any fiscal quarter, the closing sales price of our common stock exceeds 120% of the conversion price of \$40.73 per share for at least 20 trading days in the 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the preceding fiscal quarter. Future classification between current and long-term debt of our 1½% convertible senior subordinated notes depends on the closing sales price of our common stock during future quarters. In the event the notes are converted in the future, we believe we will be able to repay the notes with available cash on hand, funds from our credit facility or a combination of these sources.

Our substantial indebtedness could have important adverse consequences. For example, it could:

require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our indebtedness, which would reduce the availability of our cash flow to fund future working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes;

increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

4 imit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate; restrict us from introducing new products or pursuing business opportunities;

place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have relatively less indebtedness; and limit, along with the financial and other restrictive covenants in our indebtedness, among other things, our ability to borrow additional funds, pay cash dividends or engage in or enter into certain transactions.

Our business increasingly is subject to regulations relating to privacy and data protection, and if we violate any of those regulations we could be subject to significant liability.

Increasingly the United States, the European Union and other governmental entities are imposing regulations designed to protect the collection, maintenance and transfer of personal information. Other regulations govern the collection and transfer of financial data and data security generally. These regulations generally impose penalties in the event of violations. In addition, we also could be subject to cyber attacks that, if successful, could compromise out information technology systems and our ability to conduct business.

In addition, our business relies on the Internet as well as other electronic communications systems that, by their nature, may be subject to efforts by so-call "hacker" to either disrupt our business or steal data or funds. While we strive to maintain customary protections against hackers, there can be no assurance that at some point a hacker will breach those safeguards and damage our business, possibly materially.

We may encounter difficulties in integrating GSI into our business and may not fully achieve, or achieve within a reasonable time frame, expected strategic objectives and other expected benefits of the acquisition.

We expect to realize strategic and other benefits as a result of our acquisition of GSI, including, among other things, the opportunity to extend our reach in the agricultural industry and provide our customers with an even wider range of products and services, including grain storage and protein production systems. However, it is impossible to predict with certainty whether, or to what extent, these benefits will be realized or whether we will be able to integrate GSI in a timely and effective manner. In addition:

the costs of integrating GSI and its operations may be higher than we expect and may require significant attention from our management; and

our ability to successfully carry out our growth strategy for GSI will be affected by, among other things, our ability to maintain and enhance our relationships with existing GSI customers, our ability to provide additional product distribution opportunities to GSI through our existing distribution channels, changes in the spending patterns and

preferences of customers and potential customers, fluctuating economic and competitive conditions and our ability to retain key GSI personnel.

In addition, GSI is subject to regulations, demands and risks that differ in some ways to our traditional business. As a result, we may be unable to achieve the same growth, sales levels and profitability as GSI has in the past.

Our ability to address these issues will determine the extent to which we are able to successfully integrate, develop and grow the GSI business and to realize the expected benefits of the transaction. Our failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, operating results and financial condition following the transaction.

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Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not applicable.

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Item 2. Properties

Our principal properties as of January 31, 2012, were as follows:

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Location	Description of Property	Leased (Sq. Ft.)	Owned (Sq. Ft.)	
United States:				
Batavia, Illinois	Parts Distribution	310,200		
Beloit, Kansas	Manufacturing		232,500	
Duluth, Georgia	Corporate Headquarters	125,000		
Hesston, Kansas	Manufacturing		1,296,100	
Assumption, Illinois	Manufacturing, Sales and Administrative Office		933,900	
Taylorville, Illinois	Manufacturing	236,000		
Paris, Illinois	Manufacturing		243,200	
Bremen, Alabama	Manufacturing/Sales Office	169,500		
Jackson, Minnesota	Manufacturing	20,000	671,000	
Wahpeton, North Dakota	Manufacturing	340,000		
Kansas City, Missouri International:	Parts Distribution/Warehouse	612,800		
Neuhausen, Switzerland	Regional Headquarters	20,200		
Stoneleigh, United Kingdom	Sales and Administrative Office	85,000		
Desford, United Kingdom	Parts Distribution	298,000		
Exeter, United Kingdom	Parts Distribution and Administrative Office		103,800	
Beauvais, France (1)	Manufacturing		1,144,400	
Ennery, France	Parts Distribution		417,500	
Marktoberdorf, Germany	Manufacturing	110,000	1,394,400	
Baumenheim, Germany	Manufacturing	62,400	513,300	
Hohenmoelsen, Germany	Manufacturing		318,300	
Breganze, Italy	Manufacturing		716,800	
Linnavuori, Finland	Manufacturing		313,700	
Suolahti, Finland	Manufacturing/Parts Distribution		550,900	
Sunshine, Victoria, Australia	Regional Headquarters/Parts Distribution		94,600	
Randers, Denmark ⁽²⁾	Engineering Office		143,400	
Haedo, Argentina	Parts Distribution/Sales Office	32,000		
Canoas, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil	Regional Headquarters/Manufacturing/ Parts Distribution		615,300	
Marau, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil	Manufacturing/Sales Office		135,500	
Santa Rosa, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil	Manufacturing		386,500	
Mogi das Cruzes, Brazil	Manufacturing		722,200	
Ibirubá, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil	Manufacturing		136,800	
Jundiaí, São Paulo, Brazil	Parts Distribution	188,400		
Changzhou, China	Manufacturing	201,700		
Daging, China	Manufacturing	104,400		
Yanzhou, China	Manufacturing		140,400	
Penang, Malaysia	Manufacturing/Sales Office	118,300		

⁽¹⁾ Includes our joint venture with GIMA, in which we own a 50% interest.

(2) This property is currently being marketed for sale.

We consider each of our facilities to be in good condition and adequate for its present use. We believe that we have sufficient capacity to meet our current and anticipated manufacturing requirements.

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Item 3. Legal Proceedings

On June 27, 2008, the Republic of Iraq filed a civil action in a federal court in New York, Case No. 08 CIV 59617, naming as defendants our French subsidiary and two of our other foreign subsidiaries that participated in the United Nations Oil for Food Program (the "Program"). Ninety-one other entities or companies also were named as defendants in the civil action due to their participation in the Program. The complaint purports to assert claims against each of the defendants seeking damages in an unspecified amount. Although our subsidiaries intend to vigorously defend against this action, it is not possible at this time to predict the outcome of this action or its impact, if any, on us, although if the outcome was adverse, we could be required to pay damages. In addition, the French government also is investigating our French subsidiary in connection with its participation in the Program.

In August 2008, as part of a routine audit, the Brazilian taxing authorities disallowed deductions relating to the amortization of certain goodwill recognized in connection with a reorganization of our Brazilian operations and the related transfer of certain assets to our Brazilian subsidiaries. The amount of the tax disallowance through December 31, 2011, not including interest and penalties, was approximately 90.6 million Brazilian reais (or approximately \$48.6 million). The amount ultimately in dispute will be greater because of interest and penalties. We have been advised by our legal and tax advisors that our position with respect to the deductions is allowable under the tax laws of Brazil. We are contesting the disallowance and believe that it is not likely that the assessment, interest or penalties will be required to be paid. However, the ultimate outcome will not be determined until the Brazilian tax appeal process is complete, which could take several years.

We are a party to various other legal claims and actions incidental to our business. We believe that none of these claims or actions, either individually or in the aggregate, is material to our business or financial statements as a whole, including our results of operations and financial condition.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not Applicable.

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PART II

Item 5. Market For Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") and trades under the symbol AGCO. As of the close of business on February 10, 2012, the closing stock price was \$51.26, and there were 424 stockholders of record (this number does not include stockholders who hold their stock through brokers, banks and other nominees). The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices for our common stock for each quarter within the last two years, as reported on the NYSE.

	High	Low
2011		
First Quarter	\$56.77	\$49.75
Second Quarter	58.13	45.31
Third Quarter	52.88	34.57
Fourth Quarter	46.82	32.39
	High	Low