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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2010

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-225

KIMBERLY-CLARK CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

39-0394230
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

P. O. Box 619100

Dallas, Texas

75261-9100

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(972) 281-1200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

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

As of October 29, 2010, there were 407,793,089 shares of the Corporation's common stock outstanding.

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Table of Contents**PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements.****KIMBERLY-CLARK CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**

(Unaudited)

| (Millions of dollars, except per share amounts) | Three Months | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | September 30 2010 | September 30 2009 | September 30 2010 | September 30 2009 |
| Net Sales | \$ 4,979 | \$ 4,913 | \$ 14,671 | \$ 14,133 |
| Cost of products sold | 3,365 | 3,186 | 9,766 | 9,379 |
| Gross Profit | 1,614 | 1,727 | 4,905 | 4,754 |
| Marketing, research and general expenses | 909 | 852 | 2,719 | 2,524 |
| Other (income) and expense, net | 7 | 4 | 112 | 122 |
| Operating Profit | 698 | 871 | 2,074 | 2,108 |
| Interest income | 5 | 7 | 16 | 21 |
| Interest expense | (59) | (67) | (180) | (211) |
| Income Before Income Taxes and Equity Interests | 644 | 811 | 1,910 | 1,918 |
| Provision for income taxes | (195) | (240) | (617) | (562) |
| Income Before Equity Interests | 449 | 571 | 1,293 | 1,356 |
| Share of net income of equity companies | 40 | 40 | 130 | 116 |
| Net Income | 489 | 611 | 1,423 | 1,472 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (20) | (29) | (72) | (80) |
| Net Income Attributable to Kimberly-Clark Corporation | \$ 469 | \$ 582 | \$ 1,351 | \$ 1,392 |
| Per Share Basis: | | | | |
| Net Income Attributable to Kimberly-Clark Corporation | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 1.14 | \$ 1.40 | \$ 3.27 | \$ 3.35 |
| Diluted | 1.14 | 1.40 | 3.25 | 3.35 |
| Cash Dividends Declared | \$.66 | \$.60 | \$ 1.98 | \$ 1.80 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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(Unaudited)

| (Millions of dollars) | September 30, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 533 | \$ 798 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 2,413 | 2,566 |
| Notes receivable | 218 | |
| Inventories | 2,402 | 2,033 |
| Other current assets | 526 | 467 |
| Total Current Assets | 6,092 | 5,864 |
| Property | | |
| Property | 17,606 | 16,934 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | 9,418 | 8,901 |
| Net Property | 8,188 | 8,033 |
| Investments in Equity Companies | 402 | 355 |
| Goodwill | 3,348 | 3,275 |
| Long-Term Notes Receivable | 392 | 607 |
| Other Assets | 1,064 | 1,075 |
| | \$ 19,486 | \$ 19,209 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Debt payable within one year | \$ 731 | \$ 610 |
| Accounts payable | 2,123 | 1,920 |
| Accrued expenses | 1,975 | 2,064 |
| Other current liabilities | 330 | 329 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 5,159 | 4,923 |
| Long-Term Debt | | |
| Long-Term Debt | 4,710 | 4,792 |
| Noncurrent Employee Benefits | | |
| Long-Term Income Taxes Payable | 213 | 168 |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 402 | 377 |
| Other Liabilities | 227 | 218 |
| Redeemable Preferred and Common Securities of Subsidiaries | 1,052 | 1,052 |
| Stockholders Equity | | |
| Kimberly-Clark Corporation | 5,660 | 5,406 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 274 | 284 |
| Total Stockholders Equity | 5,934 | 5,690 |
| | \$ 19,486 | \$ 19,209 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Table of Contents**KIMBERLY-CLARK CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

(Unaudited)

| (Millions of dollars) | Nine Months Ended September 30 | |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 |
| Operating Activities | | |
| Net income | \$ 1,423 | \$ 1,472 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 607 | 563 |
| Stock-based compensation | 41 | 63 |
| (Increase) decrease in operating working capital | (175) | 988 |
| Deferred income taxes | 20 | (18) |
| Net losses on asset dispositions | 19 | 33 |
| Equity companies' earnings in excess of dividends paid | (63) | (61) |
| Postretirement benefits | (145) | (535) |
| Other | 69 | (25) |
| Cash Provided by Operations | 1,796 | 2,480 |
| Investing Activities | | |
| Capital spending | (611) | (563) |
| Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired | | (165) |
| Proceeds from sales of investments | 29 | 31 |
| Proceeds from dispositions of property | 4 | 9 |
| Investments in time deposits | (114) | (193) |
| Maturities of time deposits | 168 | 122 |
| Other | 12 | 11 |
| Cash Used for Investing | (512) | (748) |
| Financing Activities | | |
| Cash dividends paid | (796) | (737) |
| Net increase (decrease) in short-term debt | 146 | (303) |
| Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt | 281 | 2 |
| Repayments of long-term debt | (470) | (39) |
| Cash paid on redeemable preferred securities of subsidiary | (40) | (40) |
| Shares purchased from noncontrolling interests | | (278) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | 117 | 40 |
| Acquisitions of common stock for the treasury | (695) | (6) |
| Other | (49) | (8) |
| Cash Used for Financing | (1,506) | (1,369) |
| Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents | (43) | 23 |
| (Decrease) increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents | (265) | 386 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year | 798 | 364 |

| | | |
|--|--------|--------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of period | \$ 533 | \$ 750 |
|--|--------|--------|

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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(Unaudited)

| (Millions of dollars) | Three Months | | Nine Months | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| | Ended September 30 | | Ended September 30 | |
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Net Income | \$ 489 | \$ 611 | \$ 1,423 | \$ 1,472 |
| Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax: | | | | |
| Unrealized currency translation adjustments | 615 | 313 | 264 | 598 |
| Employee postretirement benefits | (6) | 1 | 47 | 178 |
| Other | (44) | (4) | (37) | (19) |
| Total Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax | 565 | 310 | 274 | 757 |
| Comprehensive Income | 1,054 | 921 | 1,697 | 2,229 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests | 36 | 29 | 79 | 82 |
| Comprehensive Income Attributable to Kimberly-Clark Corporation | \$ 1,018 | \$ 892 | \$ 1,618 | \$ 2,147 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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(Unaudited)

Note 1. Accounting Policies***Basis of Presentation***

The accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included.

For further information, refer to the Consolidated Financial Statements and footnotes included in the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Note 2. Fair Value Measurements

The following fair value information is based on a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The three levels in the hierarchy used to measure fair value are:

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets accessible at the reporting date for identical assets and liabilities.

Level 2 Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets. Quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not considered active or financial instruments for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 Prices or valuations that require inputs that are significant to the valuation and are unobservable.

During the third quarter of 2010, there were no significant transfers among level 1, 2, or 3 fair value determinations.

Set forth below are the assets and liabilities that are measured on a recurring basis at fair value as of September 30, 2010, together with the inputs used to develop those fair value measurements.

| | September 30, 2010 | Fair Value Measurements | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| (Millions of dollars) | | | | |
| Assets | | | | |
| Company-owned life insurance (COLI) | \$ 44 | \$ | \$ 44 | \$ |
| Available-for-sale securities | 19 | 14 | | 5 |
| Derivatives | 86 | | 86 | |
| Total | \$ 149 | \$ 14 | \$ 130 | \$ 5 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Derivatives | \$ 75 | \$ | \$ 75 | \$ |

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The COLI policies are a source of funding primarily for the Corporation's nonqualified employee benefits and are included in other assets. Available-for-sale securities are included in other current assets and other assets, as appropriate. The derivative assets and liabilities are included in other current assets, other assets, accrued expenses and other liabilities, as appropriate.

Level 1 Fair Values - The fair values of certain available-for-sale securities are based on quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets. Unrealized losses on these securities aggregating \$4 million are recorded in other comprehensive income until realized. The unrealized losses have not been recognized in earnings because the Corporation has both the intent and ability to hold the securities for a period of time sufficient to allow for an anticipated recovery of fair value to the cost of such securities.

Level 2 Fair Values - The fair value of the COLI policies is derived from investments in a mix of money market, fixed income and equity funds managed by unrelated fund managers. The fair values of derivatives used to manage interest rate risk and commodity price risk are based on LIBOR rates and interest rate swap curves and NYMEX price quotations, respectively. The fair value of hedging instruments used to manage foreign currency risk is based on quotations of spot currency rates and forward points, which are converted into implied forward currency rates. Additional information on the Corporation's use of derivative instruments is contained in Note 9.

Level 3 Fair Values - The fair value of certain available-for-sale securities is based on quoted market prices for the exchange-traded securities, adjusted to reflect the restrictions placed on the sale of these securities. There was no significant change in the fair value from the date of acquisition through September 30, 2010.

Fair Value Disclosures

The following table includes the fair value of the Corporation's financial instruments as of September 30, 2010, for which fair value disclosure is required:

| (Millions of dollars) | Carrying Amount | Estimated Fair Value |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents ^(a) | \$ 533 | \$ 533 |
| Time deposits (included in other current assets) ^(b) | 141 | 141 |
| Notes receivable ^(c) | 610 | 594 |
| Liabilities and redeemable preferred and common securities of subsidiaries | | |
| Short-term debt ^(d) | 254 | 254 |
| Monetization loan ^(c) | 397 | 397 |
| Long-term debt ^(e) | 4,790 | 5,604 |
| Redeemable preferred and common securities of subsidiaries ^(f) | 1,052 | 1,151 |

^(a) Cash equivalents are comprised of certificates of deposit, time deposits and other interest-bearing investments with original maturity dates of 90 days or less, all of which are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value.

^(b) Time deposits are comprised of deposits with original maturities of more than 90 days but less than one year, all of which are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value.

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- (c) Notes receivable represent held-to-maturity securities, which arose from the sale of nonstrategic timberlands and related assets. The notes are backed by irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by money center banks. A consolidated variable interest entity (VIE) has an outstanding long-term monetization loan secured by the related note held by this VIE (indicated by Note 1 and Loan 1 below). The following summarizes the terms of the notes and the monetization loan as of September 30, 2010 (millions of dollars):

| Description | Face Value | Carrying Amount | Maturity | Interest Rate ⁽¹⁾ |
|-------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------------|
| Note 1 | \$ 397 | \$ 392 | 09/30/2014 | LIBOR |
| Note 2 | 220 | 218 | 07/07/2011 | LIBOR minus 12.5 bps |
| Loan 1 | 397 | 397 | 01/31/2011 | LIBOR plus 127 bps |

⁽¹⁾ Payable quarterly, 3-month LIBOR

The difference between the carrying amount of the notes and their fair value represents an unrealized loss position for which an other-than-temporary impairment has not been recognized in earnings because the Corporation has both the intent and ability to hold the notes for a period of time sufficient to allow for an anticipated recovery of fair value to the carrying amount of the notes. Neither the notes nor the monetization loan is traded in active markets. Accordingly, their fair values were calculated using a floating rate pricing model that compared the stated spread to the fair value spread to determine the price at which each of the financial instruments should trade. The model used the following inputs to calculate fair values: face value, current LIBOR rate, fair value credit spread, stated spread, maturity date and interest payment dates.

- (d) Short-term debt is comprised of U.S. commercial paper with original maturities up to 90 days and other similar short-term debt issued by non-U.S. subsidiaries, all of which are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value.
- (e) Long-term debt includes long-term debt instruments and the portion payable within the next twelve months (\$80 million). Fair values were estimated based on quoted prices for financial instruments for which all significant inputs were observable, either directly or indirectly.
- (f) The redeemable preferred securities are not traded in active markets. Accordingly, their fair values were calculated using a pricing model that compares the stated spread to the fair value spread to determine the price at which each of the financial instruments should trade. The model used the following inputs to calculate fair values: face value, current benchmark rate, fair value spread, stated spread, maturity date and interest payment dates. Management determines fair value and carrying amount of the redeemable common securities of \$41 million based on various inputs, including an independent third-party appraisal, adjusted for current market conditions.

Note 3. Highly Inflationary Accounting for Venezuelan Operations

In 2003, the Venezuelan government enacted currency restrictions which have affected the ability of the Corporation's Venezuelan subsidiary (K-C Venezuela) to obtain U.S. dollars at the official exchange rate to pay for significant imports of U.S. dollar-denominated finished goods, raw materials and services to support its operations. For transactions that did not qualify for settlement at the official exchange rate, an unregulated market existed for the acquisition and exchange of bolivar- and U.S. dollar-denominated bonds, effectively resulting in a parallel market exchange rate substantially unfavorable to the official exchange rate.

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In instances during 2009 when the U.S. dollar-denominated imports did not receive government approval to be settled at the official exchange rate of 2.15 bolivars to the U.S. dollar, K-C Venezuela measured the transactions from U.S. dollars to bolivars at the exchange rate in the parallel market that was used to pay for these imports. In instances during 2009 when the U.S. dollar-denominated imports received government approval to be settled at the official exchange rate, K-C Venezuela measured the transactions from U.S. dollars to bolivars at the official exchange rate. During 2009, K-C Venezuela used the official rate to translate its operating results from the bolivar functional currency into U.S. dollars, based on its dividend remittance history at that rate. For the full year 2009, K-C Venezuela represented approximately 3 percent of consolidated net sales, and 1 percent of consolidated operating profit and net income attributable to the Corporation.

The cumulative inflation in Venezuela for the three years ended December 31, 2009 was more than 100 percent, based on the Consumer Price Index/National Consumer Price Index. As a result, effective January 1, 2010, K-C Venezuela began accounting for its operations as highly inflationary, as required by GAAP. Under highly inflationary accounting, K-C Venezuela's functional currency became the U.S. dollar, and its income statement and balance sheet are measured into U.S. dollars using both current and historical rates of exchange. The effect of changes in exchange rates on bolivar-denominated monetary assets and liabilities is reflected in earnings in other (income) and expense, net. As of September 30, 2010, K-C Venezuela had a bolivar-denominated net monetary asset position of \$77 million.

For the first quarter 2010, the Corporation determined that, under highly inflationary accounting, the parallel exchange rate was the appropriate exchange rate to measure K-C Venezuela's bolivar-denominated transactions into U.S. dollars as this was the rate at which K-C Venezuela had substantially converted the bolivars it generated from its operations during the first quarter of 2010 into U.S. dollars to pay for its imports.

As a result of the adoption of highly inflationary accounting, the Corporation recorded an after-tax charge of \$96 million in first quarter 2010 to remeasure K-C Venezuela's bolivar-denominated net monetary asset position into U.S. dollars at a parallel exchange rate of approximately 6 bolivars per U.S. dollar. In the Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement, this non-cash charge was included in Other in Cash Provided by Operations. This charge was recorded in the following Consolidated Income Statement line items:

| | Millions of dollars |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cost of products sold | \$ 19 |
| Other (income) and expense, net | 79 |
| Provision for income taxes | (2) |
| Net charge | \$ 96 |

Consistent with the first quarter of 2010, for the period April 1, 2010 through May 17, 2010, the Corporation used the parallel exchange rate to measure its bolivar-denominated transactions into U.S. dollars. On May 18, 2010, the Venezuelan government enacted reforms to its currency exchange regulations to close the parallel market. On June 9, 2010, the Central Bank of Venezuela began a regulated currency exchange system (the central bank system) that replaced the previous unregulated parallel market. Under the central bank system, entities domiciled in Venezuela (e.g., K-C Venezuela) are currently limited to convert bolivars into U.S. dollars at a volume of \$50 thousand per day, up to a maximum of \$350 thousand per month. This volume limitation is insufficient to convert K-C Venezuela's bolivar-denominated cash into U.S. dollars to pay for the historical levels of U.S. dollar-denominated imports to support its operations.

Table of Contents**Note 3.** (Continued)

As a result of the currency exchange regulations imposed on May 18, 2010, the Corporation determined that the central bank system rate of 5.4 bolivars per U.S. dollar was the appropriate exchange rate to measure K-C Venezuela's bolivar-denominated transactions into U.S. dollars during the period May 18, 2010 through September 30, 2010.

At September 30, 2010, the Corporation's net investment in K-C Venezuela was \$162 million.

Note 4. Organization Optimization Initiative

In June 2009, the Corporation announced actions to reduce its worldwide salaried workforce by approximately 1,600 positions by the end of 2009. These actions resulted in cumulative pretax charges of \$128 million in 2009. Accrued expenses related to these actions have been substantially paid.

Costs of these actions were recorded at the business segment and corporate levels as follows:

| (Millions of dollars) | Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| Personal Care | \$ 3 | \$ 44 |
| Consumer Tissue | 5 | 47 |
| K-C Professional & Other | 2 | 16 |
| Health Care | | 6 |
| Corporate & Other | 2 | 9 |
| Total | \$ 12 | \$ 122 |

On a geographic basis, charges were recorded in the following areas:

| (Millions of dollars) | Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| North America | \$ 5 | \$ 81 |
| Europe | (3) | 31 |
| Other | 10 | 10 |
| Total | \$ 12 | \$ 122 |

Table of Contents**Note 4.** (Continued)

The charges were included in the following income statement captions:

| (Millions of dollars) | Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 |
|--|--|---|
| Cost of products sold | \$ 14 | \$ 41 |
| Marketing, research and general expenses | (2) | 81 |
| Provision for income taxes | (3) | (35) |
| Net charges | \$ 9 | \$ 87 |

Note 5. Inventories

The following schedule presents a summary of inventories by major class:

| (Millions of dollars) | September 30, 2010 | | | December 31, 2009 | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|----------|
| | LIFO | Non- LIFO | Total | LIFO | Non- LIFO | Total |
| At the lower of cost determined on the FIFO or weighted-average cost methods or market: | | | | | | |
| Raw materials | \$ 145 | \$ 360 | \$ 505 | \$ 137 | \$ 282 | \$ 419 |
| Work in process | 193 | 140 | 333 | 177 | 111 | 288 |
| Finished goods | 728 | 807 | 1,535 | 573 | 685 | 1,258 |
| Supplies and other | | 292 | 292 | | 277 | 277 |
| | 1,066 | 1,599 | 2,665 | 887 | 1,355 | 2,242 |
| Excess of FIFO or weighted-average cost over LIFO cost | (263) | | (263) | (209) | | (209) |
| Total | \$ 803 | \$ 1,599 | \$ 2,402 | \$ 678 | \$ 1,355 | \$ 2,033 |

The Corporation uses the LIFO method of valuing inventory for financial reporting purposes for most U.S. inventories. Interim LIFO calculations are based on management's estimates of expected year-end inventory levels and costs. An actual valuation of inventory under the LIFO method is made at the end of each year based on the inventory levels and costs at that time.

Table of Contents**Note 6. Employee Postretirement Benefits**

The table below presents benefit cost information for defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefit plans:

| (Millions of dollars) | Defined Benefit Plans | | Other Postretirement Benefit Plans | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| | Three Months Ended September 30 | | | |
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Service cost | \$ 14 | \$ 19 | \$ 3 | \$ 3 |
| Interest cost | 77 | 78 | 11 | 13 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (84) | (69) | | |
| Recognized net actuarial loss | 25 | 20 | | |
| Other | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Net periodic benefit cost | \$ 33 | \$ 51 | \$ 15 | \$ 17 |

| (Millions of dollars) | Defined Benefit Plans | | Other Postretirement Benefit Plans | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| | Nine Months Ended September 30 | | | |
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Service cost | \$ 41 | \$ 52 | \$ 10 | \$ 9 |
| Interest cost | 231 | 232 | 32 | 37 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (251) | (201) | | |
| Recognized net actuarial loss | 74 | 88 | | |
| Curtailment | | 21 | | |
| Other | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Net periodic benefit cost | \$ 100 | \$ 196 | \$ 45 | \$ 49 |

The Corporation made cash contributions to its pension trusts as follows:

| (Millions of dollars) | 2010 | 2009 |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
| First Quarter | \$ 176 | \$ 90 |
| Second Quarter | 52 | 405 |
| Third Quarter | 2 | 223 |
| Nine months ended September 30 | \$ 230 | \$ 718 |

The Corporation currently anticipates contributing about \$240 million for the full year 2010 to its pension trusts.

For the U.S. pension plan, equity option strategies are used to reduce the volatility of returns on investments. Zero-cost equity collars are currently in place on the U.S. equity allocation, which was about \$1.3 billion as of September 30, 2010.

In April 2009, the Corporation took action with respect to its U.S. defined benefit pension plan (other than for certain employees subject to collective bargaining agreements) and supplemental benefit plans, to provide that no future compensation and benefit service will be accrued under these plans for plan years after December 31, 2009 (U.S. DB Pension Freeze). The U.S. DB Pension Freeze

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resulted in a pension curtailment charge aggregating \$21 million in the second quarter of 2009 due to the write-off of applicable unamortized prior service costs. The Corporation also took action with respect to its Incentive Investment Plan (a 401(k) plan) and Retirement Contribution Plan (other than for certain employees subject to collective bargaining agreements) and Retirement Contribution Excess Benefit Program to discontinue all contributions to these plans for future plan years. These changes did not affect benefits earned by participants prior to January 1, 2010.

The Corporation adopted, effective January 1, 2010, a new 401(k) profit sharing plan, and amended its Retirement Contribution Excess Benefit Program, to provide for a matching contribution of 100 percent of a U.S. employee's contributions to the plans, to a yearly maximum of four percent of eligible compensation, as well as a discretionary profit sharing contribution, in which contributions will be based on the Corporation's profit performance. Except for certain employees subject to collective bargaining agreements, U.S. participants' investment balances in the Corporation's existing 401(k) plan and Retirement Contribution Plan were transferred to the new 401(k) plan.

Note 7. Earnings Per Share

There are no adjustments required to be made to net income for purposes of computing basic and diluted EPS. The average number of common shares outstanding is reconciled to those used in the basic and diluted EPS computations as follows:

| (Millions of shares) | Average Common Shares Outstanding | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Three Months | | Nine Months | |
| | Ended September 30 | | Ended September 30 | |
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Average shares outstanding | 409.0 | 414.5 | 412.6 | 414.1 |
| Participating securities | .9 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.6 |
| Basic | 409.9 | 415.9 | 413.7 | 415.7 |
| Dilutive effect of stock options | 1.5 | .6 | 1.1 | .2 |
| Dilutive effect of restricted share and restricted share unit awards | 1.2 | .3 | 1.1 | .2 |
| Diluted | 412.6 | 416.8 | 415.9 | 416.1 |

Options outstanding during the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 to purchase 6.1 million and 13.7 million shares of common stock, respectively, were not included in the computation of diluted EPS mainly because the exercise prices of the options were greater than the average market price of the common shares during the periods.

Options outstanding during the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2009 to purchase 21.7 million and 22.1 million shares of common stock, respectively, were not included in the computation of diluted EPS mainly because the exercise prices of the options were greater than the average market price of the common shares during the periods.

The number of common shares outstanding as of September 30, 2010 and 2009 was 408.0 million and 414.7 million, respectively.

Table of Contents**Note 8. Stockholders' Equity**

Set forth below is a reconciliation of comprehensive income and stockholders' equity attributable to Kimberly-Clark Corporation and noncontrolling interests for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009. Also reconciled for the same periods are the redeemable preferred and common securities of subsidiaries, which are required to be classified outside of stockholders' equity.

| (Millions of dollars) | Comprehensive Income | Stockholders' Equity Attributable to | | Redeemable Securities of Subsidiaries |
|--|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
| | | The Corporation | Noncontrolling Interests | |
| Balance at December 31, 2009 | | \$ 5,406 | \$ 284 | \$ 1,052 |
| Comprehensive Income: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 1,423 | 1,351 | 30 | 42 |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax: | | | | |
| Unrealized translation | 264 | 257 | 6 | 1 |
| Employee postretirement benefits | 47 | 47 | | |
| Other | (37) | (37) | | |
| Total Comprehensive Income | \$ 1,697 | | | |
| Stock-based awards exercised or vested | | 115 | | |
| Income tax benefits on stock-based compensation | | 1 | | |
| Shares repurchased | | (706) | | |
| Recognition of stock-based compensation | | 41 | | |
| Dividends declared | | (816) | (47) | (1) |
| Other | | 1 | 1 | (2) |
| Return on redeemable preferred securities and noncontrolling interests | | | | (40) |
| Balance at September 30, 2010 | | \$ 5,660 | \$ 274 | \$ 1,052 |

The net unrealized currency translation adjustments for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 are primarily due to a weakening of the U.S. dollar versus the Australian dollar and Colombian peso.

In the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Corporation repurchased 11.2 million shares for a total cost of \$700 million. The Corporation expects to repurchase a total of \$800 million of its common stock in 2010.

Table of Contents**Note 8.** (Continued)

| (Millions of dollars) | Stockholders' Equity | | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Attributable to | The Corporation | | Redeemable Securities of Subsidiaries |
| | Comprehensive Income | | Noncontrolling Interests | |
| Balance at December 31, 2008 | | \$ 3,878 | \$ 383 | \$ 1,032 |
| Comprehensive Income: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 1,472 | 1,392 | 38 | 42 |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax: | | | | |
| Unrealized translation | 598 | 596 | 3 | (1) |
| Employee postretirement benefits | 178 | 178 | | |
| Other | (19) | (19) | | |
| Total Comprehensive Income | \$ 2,229 | | | |
| Stock-based awards exercised or vested | | 36 | | |
| Income tax benefits on stock-based compensation | | 1 | | |
| Shares repurchased | | (6) | | |
| Recognition of stock-based compensation | | 63 | | |
| Dividends declared | | (746) | (22) | |
| Additional investment in subsidiary and other | | (182) | (93) | 13 |
| Return on redeemable preferred securities and noncontrolling interests | | | (1) | (40) |
| Balance at September 30, 2009 | | \$ 5,191 | \$ 308 | \$ 1,046 |

Net unrealized currency gains or losses resulting from the translation of assets and liabilities of non-U.S. subsidiaries, except those in highly inflationary economies, are accumulated in a separate section of stockholders' equity. For these operations, changes in exchange rates generally do not affect cash flows; therefore, unrealized translation adjustments are recorded in stockholders' equity rather than income. Upon the sale or substantially complete liquidation of any of these subsidiaries, the applicable unrealized translation adjustment would be removed from stockholders' equity and reported as part of the gain or loss on the sale or liquidation.

Also included in stockholders' equity are the effects of foreign exchange rate changes on intercompany balances of a long-term investment nature and transactions designated as hedges of net foreign investments.

Table of Contents**Note 8.** (Continued)

The purchase of additional ownership in an already controlled subsidiary is recorded as an equity transaction with no gain or loss recognized in consolidated net income or comprehensive income. The following schedule reflects the effect of a change in ownership interest between the Corporation and a noncontrolling interest.

| (Millions of dollars) | Nine Months Ended September 30 2009 |
|---|--|
| Net Income attributable to Kimberly-Clark Corporation | \$ 1,392 |
| Decrease in Kimberly-Clark Corporation's additional paid-in capital for purchase of remaining shares in its Andean region subsidiary ^(a) | (133) |
| Change from net income attributable to Kimberly-Clark Corporation and transfers to noncontrolling interests | \$ 1,259 |

- ^(a) During the first quarter of 2009, the Corporation acquired the remaining 31 percent interest in its Andean region subsidiary, Colombiana Kimberly Colpapel S.A., for \$289 million. The acquisition was recorded as an equity transaction that reduced noncontrolling interests, accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) and additional paid-in capital classified in stockholders' equity by \$278 million and increased investments in equity companies by \$11 million.

Note 9. Objectives and Strategies for Using Derivatives

As a multinational enterprise, the Corporation is exposed to risks, such as changes in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates, commodity prices and investments of its defined benefit pension plans. A number of practices are employed to manage these risks, including operating and financing activities and, where deemed appropriate, the use of derivative instruments. The Corporation's policies allow the use of derivatives for risk management purposes and prohibit their use for speculation. The Corporation's policies also prohibit the use of any leveraged derivative instrument. Foreign currency derivative instruments, interest rate swaps, equity collars and the majority of commodity hedging contracts are entered into with major financial institutions.

On the date the derivative contract is entered into, the Corporation formally designates certain derivatives as cash flow, fair value or net investment hedges (each discussed below), and establishes how the effectiveness of these hedges will be assessed and measured. This process links the derivatives to the transactions or financial balances they are hedging. Changes in the fair value of derivatives not designated as hedging instruments are recorded to earnings when they occur.

Set forth below is a summary of the fair values of the Corporation's derivative instruments as of September 30, classified by the risks they are used to manage:

| (Millions of dollars) | Assets | | Liabilities | |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Foreign currency exchange risk | \$ 61 | \$ 29 | \$ 42 | \$ 92 |
| Interest rate risk | 25 | 28 | 23 | |
| Commodity price risk | | 1 | 10 | 9 |

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| | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Total | \$ 86 | \$ 58 | \$ 75 | \$ 101 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|

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Note 9. (Continued)

Foreign Currency Exchange Risk Management

The Corporation has a centralized U.S. dollar functional currency international treasury operation (In-House Bank) that manages foreign currency exchange risks by netting, on a daily basis, exposures to recorded non-U.S. dollar assets and liabilities and entering into derivative instruments with third parties whenever the net exposure in any single currency exceeds predetermined limits. These derivative instruments are not designated as hedging instruments. Changes in the fair value of these instruments are recorded in earnings when they occur. The In-House Bank also records the gain or loss on the remeasurement of its non-U.S. dollar-denominated monetary assets and liabilities in earnings. Consequently, the effect on earnings from the use of these non-designated derivatives is substantially neutralized by the recorded transactional gains and losses. The In-House Bank's daily notional derivative positions with third parties averaged \$1.0 billion in the first nine months of 2010 and its average net exposure for the period was \$900 million. The In-House Bank used eight counterparties for its foreign exchange derivative contracts.

The Corporation enters into derivative instruments to hedge a portion of the net foreign currency exposures of its non-U.S. operations, principally for their forecasted purchases of pulp, which are priced in U.S. dollars. The derivative instruments used to manage these exposures are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges. The Corporation also hedges a portion of the net foreign currency exposures of its non-U.S. operations for imported intercompany finished goods and work-in-process priced predominately in U.S. dollars and euros through the use of derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges.

Gains and losses on these cash flow hedges, to the extent effective, are recorded in other comprehensive income net of related income taxes and released to earnings as the related finished goods inventory containing the pulp and imported intercompany purchases are sold to unaffiliated customers. As of September 30, 2010, outstanding derivative contracts of \$620 million notional value were designated as cash flow hedges for the forecasted purchases of pulp and intercompany finished goods and work-in-process.

The foreign currency exposure on intercompany balances managed outside the In-House Bank, primarily loans, is hedged with derivative instruments with third parties. At September 30, 2010, the notional amount of these predominately undesignated derivative instruments was \$580 million.

Foreign Currency Translation Risk Management

Translation adjustments result from translating foreign entities' financial statements to U.S. dollars from their functional currencies. Translation exposure, which results from changes in translation rates between functional currencies and the U.S. dollar, generally is not hedged. However, consistent with other years, a portion of the Corporation's net investment in its Mexican affiliate has been hedged. At September 30, 2010, the Corporation had in place net investment hedges of \$60 million for a portion of its investment in its Mexican affiliate. Changes in the fair value of net investment hedges are recognized in other comprehensive income to offset the change in value of the net investment being hedged. There was no significant ineffectiveness on these hedges as of September 30, 2010.

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Note 9. (Continued)

Interest Rate Risk Management

Interest rate risk is managed using a portfolio of variable- and fixed-rate debt composed of short- and long-term instruments and interest rate swaps. The objective is to maintain a cost-effective mix that management deems appropriate. From time to time, interest rate swap contracts, which are derivative instruments, are entered into to facilitate the maintenance of the desired ratio of variable- and fixed-rate debt. These derivative instruments are designated and qualify as fair value hedges. At September 30, 2010, interest rate swap contracts with an aggregate notional value of \$700 million were in place.

From time to time, derivatives are used to hedge the anticipated issuance of fixed-rate debt. These exposures are hedged with forward-starting swaps or treasury locks (e.g., a 10-year treasury lock hedging the anticipated underlying U.S. Treasury interest rate related to issuance of 10-year debt). These swaps are designated as cash flow hedges. At September 30, 2010, outstanding forward-starting swaps with an aggregate notional value of \$300 million were in place.

Commodity Price Risk Management

The Corporation uses derivative instruments to hedge a portion of its exposure to market risk arising from changes in the price of natural gas. Hedging of this risk is accomplished by entering into forward swap contracts, which are designated as cash flow hedges of specific quantities of natural gas expected to be purchased in future months.

As of September 30, 2010, outstanding commodity forward contracts were in place to hedge forecasted purchases of about 25 percent of the Corporation's estimated natural gas requirements for the balance of the current year and a lesser percentage for future periods.

Effect of Derivative Instruments on Results of Operations and Other Comprehensive Income

Fair Value Hedges

Derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are predominately used to manage interest rate risk. The fair values of these instruments are recorded as an asset or liability, as appropriate, with the offset recorded in current earnings. The offset to the change in fair values of the hedged debt instruments also is recorded in current earnings. Any realized gain or loss on the derivatives that hedge interest rate risk is amortized to interest expense over the life of the related debt.

Fair value hedges resulted in no significant ineffectiveness in the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009. For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, no gain or loss was recognized in earnings as a result of a hedged firm commitment no longer qualifying as a fair value hedge.

Cash Flow Hedges

For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges, the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative instrument is initially recorded in other comprehensive income, net of related income taxes, and recognized in earnings in the same period that the hedged exposure affects earnings.

Table of Contents**Note 9.** (Continued)

Cash flow hedges resulted in no significant ineffectiveness in the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009. For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, no gains or losses were reclassified into earnings as a result of the discontinuance of cash flow hedges due to the original forecasted transaction no longer being probable of occurring. At September 30, 2010, \$13 million of after-tax losses are expected to be reclassified from AOCI primarily to cost of products sold during the next twelve months, consistent with the timing of the underlying hedged transactions. The maximum maturity of cash flow hedges in place at September 30, 2010 is October 2012.

Quantitative Information about the Corporation's Use of Derivative Instruments

The following tables display the location and amount of gains and losses reported in the Consolidated Income Statement and Statement of Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) and the location and fair values of derivative instruments presented in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Consolidated Income Statement

for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (millions of dollars)

| Foreign Exchange Contracts | Income Statement Classification | Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income | |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------|
| | | 2010 | 2009 |
| Fair Value Hedges | Other income and (expense), net | \$ | \$ (34) |
| Undesignated Hedging Instruments | Other income and (expense), net ^(a) | \$ 115 | \$ 50 |

| | Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized In AOCI | | Income Statement Classification of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI | Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income | |
|------------------------------|---|----------------|--|---|----------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | | 2010 | 2009 |
| | Cash Flow Hedges | | | | |
| Interest rate contracts | \$ (12) | \$ (7) | Interest expense | \$ 1 | \$ 1 |
| Foreign exchange contracts | (40) | (16) | Cost of products sold | 6 | (10) |
| Commodity contracts | (8) | (4) | Cost of products sold | (2) | (11) |
| Total | \$ (60) | \$ (27) | | \$ 5 | \$ (20) |
| Net Investment Hedges | | | | | |
| Foreign exchange contracts | \$ (2) | \$ | | \$ | \$ |

Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Consolidated Income Statement

for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (millions of dollars)

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| Foreign Exchange Contracts | Income Statement Classification | Gain or (Loss) | |
|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------|
| | | Recognized in Income 2010 | 2009 |
| Fair Value Hedges | Other income and (expense), net | \$ 1 | \$ (48) |
| Undesignated Hedging Instruments | Other income and (expense), net ^(a) | \$ 34 | \$ (29) |

Table of Contents**Note 9.** (Continued)

| | Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized In AOCI | | Income Statement Classification of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI | Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income | |
|------------------------------|--|----------------|--|--|----------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | | 2010 | 2009 |
| | Cash Flow Hedges | | | | |
| Interest rate contracts | \$ (42) | \$ 19 | Interest expense | \$ 2 | \$ 2 |
| Foreign exchange contracts | (7) | (33) | Cost of products sold | (2) | 11 |
| Commodity contracts | (15) | (24) | Cost of products sold | (8) | (34) |
| Total | \$ (64) | \$ (38) | | \$ (8) | \$ (21) |
| Net Investment Hedges | | | | | |
| Foreign exchange contracts | \$ (4) | \$ (13) | | \$ | \$ |

- (a) Gains and (losses) on these instruments primarily relate to derivatives entered into with third parties to manage foreign currency exchange exposure on the remeasurement of non-functional currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities. Consequently, the effect on earnings from the use of these undesignated derivatives is substantially neutralized by the recorded transactional gains and losses.

Fair Values of Derivative Instruments

| (Millions of dollars) | Asset Derivatives at September 30 | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | 2010 Balance Sheet | | 2009 Balance Sheet | |
| | Location | Fair Value | Location | Fair Value |
| Derivatives designated as hedging instruments: | | | | |
| Interest rate contracts | Other current assets | \$ | Other current assets | \$ 22 |
| Interest rate contracts | Other assets | 25 | Other assets | 6 |
| Foreign exchange contracts | Other current assets | 3 | Other current assets | 3 |
| Commodity contracts | Other assets | | Other assets | 1 |
| Total | | \$ 28 | | \$ 32 |
| Undesignated derivatives: | | | | |
| Foreign exchange contracts | Other current assets | \$ 58 | Other current assets | \$ 26 |
| Total asset derivatives | | \$ 86 | | \$ 58 |

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Note 9. (Continued)

Fair Values of Derivative Instruments

| (Millions of dollars) | Liability Derivatives at September 30 | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | 2010 | | 2009 | |
| | Balance Sheet Location | Fair Value | Balance Sheet Location | Fair Value |
| Derivatives designated as hedging instruments: | | | | |
| Interest rate contracts | Other liabilities | \$ 15 | Other liabilities | \$ |
| Foreign exchange contracts | Accrued expenses | 25 | Accrued expenses | 46 |
| Foreign exchange contracts | Other liabilities | 7 | Other liabilities | |
| Commodity contracts | Accrued expenses | 9 | Accrued expenses | 9 |
| Commodity contracts | Other liabilities | 1 | Other liabilities | |
| Total | | \$ 57 | | \$ 55 |
| Undesignated derivatives: | | | | |
| Interest rate contracts | Accrued expenses | \$ 8 | Accrued expenses | \$ |
| Foreign exchange contracts | Accrued expenses | 10 | Accrued expenses | 46 |
| Total | | \$ 18 | | \$ 46 |
| Total liability derivatives | | \$ 75 | | \$ 101 |

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Note 10. Description of Business Segments

The Corporation is organized into operating segments based on product groupings. These operating segments have been aggregated into four reportable global business segments: Personal Care; Consumer Tissue; K-C Professional & Other; and Health Care. The reportable segments were determined in accordance with how the Corporation's executive managers develop and execute the Corporation's global strategies to drive growth and profitability of the Corporation's worldwide Personal Care, Consumer Tissue, K-C Professional & Other and Health Care operations. These strategies include global plans for branding and product positioning, technology, research and development programs, cost reductions including supply chain management, and capacity and capital investments for each of these businesses. Segment management is evaluated on several factors, including operating profit. Segment operating profit excludes other income and (expense), net.

The principal sources of revenue in each global business segment are described below:

The Personal Care segment manufactures and markets disposable diapers, training and youth pants and swimpants; baby wipes; feminine and incontinence care products; and related products. Products in this segment are primarily for household use and are sold under a variety of brand names, including Huggies, Pull-Ups, Little Swimmers, GoodNites, Kotex, Lightdays, Depend, Poise and other brand names.

The Consumer Tissue segment manufactures and markets facial and bathroom tissue, paper towels, napkins and related products for household use. Products in this segment are sold under the Kleenex, Scott, Cottonelle, Viva, Andrex, Scottex, Hakle, Page and other brand names.

The K-C Professional & Other segment manufactures and markets facial and bathroom tissue, paper towels, napkins, wipers and a range of safety products for the away-from-home marketplace. Products in this segment are sold under the Kimberly-Clark, Kleenex, Scott, WypAll, Kimtech, KleenGuard, Kimcare and Jackson brand names.

The Health Care segment manufactures and markets disposable health care products such as surgical drapes and gowns, infection control products, face masks, exam gloves, respiratory products, pain management products and other disposable medical products. Products in this segment are sold under the Kimberly-Clark, Ballard, ON-Q and other brand names.

Table of Contents**Note 10.** (Continued)

The following schedules present information concerning consolidated operations by business segment:

| (Millions of dollars) | Three Months | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------|
| | Ended September 30 2010 | 2009 | September 30 2010 | 2009 |
| NET SALES: | | | | |
| Personal Care | \$ 2,183 | \$ 2,132 | \$ 6,501 | \$ 6,231 |
| Consumer Tissue | 1,643 | 1,625 | 4,778 | 4,754 |
| K-C Professional & Other | 781 | 805 | 2,312 | 2,192 |
| Health Care | 367 | 351 | 1,078 | 984 |
| Corporate & Other | 11 | 11 | 36 | 38 |
| Intersegment sales | (6) | (11) | (34) | (66) |
| Consolidated | \$ 4,979 | \$ 4,913 | \$ 14,671 | \$ 14,133 |

| (Millions of dollars) | Three Months | | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|-------------------------------|--------|----------------------|----------|
| | Ended September 30 2010 | 2009 | September 30 2010 | 2009 |
| OPERATING PROFIT (reconciled to income before income taxes): | | | | |
| Personal Care | \$ 428 | \$ 467 | \$ 1,343 | \$ 1,303 |
| Consumer Tissue | 156 | 232 | 488 | 587 |
| K-C Professional & Other | 116 | 163 | 356 | 345 |
| Health Care | 49 | 78 | 148 | 188 |
| Other income and (expense), net ^(a) | (7) | (4) | (112) | (122) |
| Corporate & Other ^(b) | (44) | (65) | (149) | (193) |
| Total Operating Profit | 698 | 871 | 2,074 | 2,108 |
| Interest income | 5 | 7 | 16 | 21 |
| Interest expense | (59) | (67) | (180) | (211) |
| Income Before Income Taxes | \$ 644 | \$ 811 | \$ 1,910 | \$ 1,918 |

Table of Contents**Note 10.** (Continued)

Notes:

- (a) For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, other income and (expense), net includes a \$79 million charge for the adoption of highly inflationary accounting in Venezuela effective January 1, 2010. See additional information in Note 3 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. In addition, other income and (expense), net includes the following amounts of foreign currency transaction losses:

| | Three Months Ended September 30 | | Nine Months Ended September 30 | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Other income and (expense), net | \$ | \$ (13) | \$ (26) | \$ (109) |

- (b) Included in Corporate & Other for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, is a \$19 million charge related to the adoption of highly inflationary accounting in Venezuela effective January 1, 2010. See additional information in Note 3 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. The charges related to the business segments are as follows:

| | Millions of dollars | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----|
| Personal Care | \$ | 11 |
| Consumer Tissue | | 6 |
| K-C Professional & Other | | 2 |
| Total | \$ | 19 |

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Introduction

This management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is intended to provide investors with an understanding of the Corporation's recent performance, its financial condition and its prospects. The following will be discussed and analyzed:

Overview of Third Quarter 2010 Results

Results of Operations and Related Information

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Environmental Matters

Business Outlook

Overview of Third Quarter 2010 Results

Net sales increased 1.3 percent.

Operating profit and net income attributable to Kimberly-Clark Corporation decreased 19.9 percent and 19.4 percent, respectively.

Cash provided by operations was \$745 million, a decrease of 5.8 percent compared to last year.

Results of Operations and Related Information

This section presents a discussion and analysis of the Corporation's third quarter and first nine months of 2010 net sales, operating profit and other information relevant to an understanding of the results of operations.

Table of Contents*Third Quarter of 2010 Compared With Third Quarter of 2009**Analysis of Net Sales*

By Business Segment

(Millions of dollars)

| Net Sales | 2010 | 2009 |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Personal Care | \$ 2,183 | \$ 2,132 |
| Consumer Tissue | 1,643 | 1,625 |
| K-C Professional & Other | 781 | 805 |
| Health Care | 367 | 351 |
| Corporate & Other | 11 | 11 |
| Intersegment sales | (6) | (11) |
| Consolidated | \$ 4,979 | \$ 4,913 |

Commentary:

| | Percent Change in Net Sales Versus Prior Year | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | Changes Due To | | | | |
| | Total Change | Volume Growth | Net Price | Currency | Mix/Other |
| Consolidated | 1.3 | 2 | | (1) | |
| Personal Care | 2.4 | 5 | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Consumer Tissue | 1.1 | | 2 | (2) | 1 |
| K-C Professional & Other | (3.0) | (3) | 1 | (2) | 1 |
| Health Care | 4.6 | 7 | (2) | | |

Personal care net sales in North America increased 4 percent versus the third quarter of 2009. Sales volumes increased more than 5 percent and changes in currency rates provided a slight increase to net sales. On the other hand, net selling prices fell about 1 percent, driven by a planned increase in promotional activity, and changes in product mix reduced net sales by approximately 1 percent. Feminine care sales volumes grew at a double-digit rate for the third consecutive quarter as a result of the U by Kotex line extension. Adult care volumes also increased double-digits, with benefits from recent innovation in the Poise and Depend brands and supporting marketing campaigns. Child care volumes increased 6 percent in conjunction with market share gains. Huggies diaper volumes were up 1 percent and baby wipe volumes were even with the prior year.

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In Europe, personal care net sales fell 5 percent in the quarter, including a negative currency effect of 9 percent. Sales volumes were up 6 percent, with mid-single digit growth in Huggies diapers and strong performance in baby wipes and child care, while changes in net selling prices reduced net sales by 2 percent.

In K-C's international operations in Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa, personal care net sales increased 4 percent. Sales volumes were up 6 percent, spurred by strong growth in China and most of Latin America, while volumes fell significantly in Venezuela in a difficult foreign currency exchange environment. Overall net selling prices decreased 1 percent, as modest declines in several markets were mostly offset by increases in Venezuela. Changes in currency rates reduced net sales by 1 percent.

In North America, net sales of consumer tissue products increased 2 percent compared to the year-ago period. Changes in product mix, including a shift to premium bathroom tissue products, benefited net sales by 2 percent, and sales volumes advanced 1 percent. On the other hand, net selling prices were off 1 percent, as increased promotional activity was mostly offset by the benefit from sheet count reductions taken earlier in the year. The increased volumes included a 4 percent increase in bathroom tissue, led by improved performance in Cottonelle, and benefits from the Kleenex Hand Towel innovation launched in the first quarter of 2010. Despite improved market shares, Kleenex facial tissue volumes were even with 2009, reflecting overall category weakness. Paper towel volumes fell at a double-digit rate and continue to be impacted by consumer trade-down.

In Europe, consumer tissue net sales declined 5 percent compared with the third quarter of 2009, including unfavorable currency effects of 8 percent. Net selling prices improved about 4 percent in response to inflation in input costs, while sales volumes and product mix were essentially even with the year-ago period.

In the Corporation's international operations in Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa, consumer tissue net sales increased 5 percent. Net selling prices increased 6 percent, with improvements in Asia and Latin America, and product mix benefited net sales by 1 percent. Sales volumes fell 2 percent due to declines in Venezuela.

Net sales of K-C Professional (KCP) & other products decreased 3.0 percent compared with the third quarter of 2009. Sales volumes fell 3 percent, reflecting the challenging economic environment, and changes in currency rates reduced net sales 2 percent. On the other hand, net selling prices and product mix each increased 1 percent, reflecting the Corporation's continued focus on increasing net realized revenue. In North America, KCP's net sales decreased 1 percent. Sales volumes were down 3 percent, while net selling prices rose more than 1 percent and currency rates were slightly favorable. Washroom product volumes declined as high unemployment and office vacancy levels continued to impact demand, while high-margin wiper and safety product volumes grew at a solid rate. In Europe, KCP's net sales fell 12 percent, including a negative currency effect of 8 percent and a 4 percent decline in sales volumes. In the Corporation's international operations in Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa, KCP's net sales increased 6 percent. Net selling prices rose 3 percent and sales volumes advanced 2 percent, with continued gains in Asia. Changes in product mix benefited net sales by 1 percent.

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Net sales of health care products increased 4.6 percent in the third quarter. The acquisition of I-Flow Corporation (I-Flow) benefited net sales by 11 percent, while organic sales volumes declined 4 percent and net selling prices fell 2 percent. The organic volume comparison was adversely affected by approximately 6 percent due to increased demand in 2009 for face masks as a result of the H1N1 flu virus. In addition, overall supply volumes in North America this year were impacted by a modest slowdown in market demand. Meanwhile, organic sales volumes for medical devices rose 9 percent globally in the quarter and supply volumes in Europe advanced at a mid-single digit rate.

By Geography

(Millions of dollars)

| Net Sales | 2010 | 2009 |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| North America | \$ 2,741 | \$ 2,661 |
| Outside North America | 2,429 | 2,407 |
| Intergeographic sales | (191) | (155) |
| Consolidated | \$ 4,979 | \$ 4,913 |

Commentary:

Net sales in North America increased 3.0 percent primarily due to increases in sales volumes, improvements in product mix and favorable currency effects, partially offset by lower net selling prices.

Net sales outside North America increased 0.9 percent as higher sales volumes in a number of markets, including Korea, China and most of Latin America, and higher net selling prices, primarily in Venezuela, were partially offset by unfavorable currency effects.

Analysis of Operating Profit

By Business Segment

(Millions of dollars)

| Operating Profit | 2010 | 2009 ^(a) |
|--|--------|---------------------|
| Personal Care | \$ 428 | \$ 467 |
| Consumer Tissue | 156 | 232 |
| K-C Professional & Other | 116 | 163 |
| Health Care | 49 | 78 |
| Other income and (expense), net ^(b) | (7) | (4) |
| Corporate & Other | (44) | (65) |
| Consolidated | \$ 698 | \$ 871 |

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Notes:

- (a) In 2009, organization optimization initiative charges (as described in Note 4 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements) were included in the business segments as follows:

| | Millions of dollars |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Personal Care | \$ 3 |
| Consumer Tissue | 5 |
| K-C Professional & Other | 2 |
| Health Care | |
| Corporate & Other | 2 |
| Total | \$ 12 |

- (b) Currency transaction losses in 2009 were \$13 million versus none in 2010.

Commentary:

| | Percentage Change in Operating Profit Versus Prior Year Changes Due To | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------|--------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| | Total Change | Volume | Net Price | Input Costs ^(a) | Currency | Other ^(b) |
| Consolidated | (19.9) | 5 | 1 | (31) | | 5 |
| Personal Care | (8.4) | 6 | (5) | (20) | (2) | 13 |
| Consumer Tissue | (32.8) | 4 | 13 | (50) | (1) | 1 |
| K-C Professional & Other | (28.8) | (10) | 6 | (27) | (2) | 4 |
| Health Care | (37.2) | 26 | (9) | (19) | 1 | (36) |

- (a) Includes inflation in input costs.

- (b) Includes cost savings and the impact of the 2009 organization optimization initiative charges.

Consolidated operating profit decreased 19.9 percent compared to the prior year. The benefits of higher net sales, cost savings of \$95 million, and lower pension expense of \$20 million, were offset by inflation in input costs of about \$265 million and a \$10 million increase in both strategic marketing investments and research and development spending. In addition, lower production volumes as a result of production curtailment to manage inventory levels adversely affected third quarter operating profit comparisons by approximately \$20 million. Current year comparisons were also favorably impacted by organization optimization initiative charges of \$12 million in 2009, and a current quarter benefit of \$10 million as a result of the initiative. Selling and general expenses were higher than year-ago levels, driven by the I-Flow acquisition and activity to support growth in K-C International.

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Personal care segment operating profit decreased 8.4 percent as inflation in input costs, lower net selling prices, higher research and general expenses and unfavorable currency effects were partially offset by benefits from cost savings and higher sales volumes. In North America, operating profit decreased from the prior year as inflation in input costs, lower net selling prices, higher research and general expenses and unfavorable product mix were partially offset by cost savings and higher sales volumes. Operating profit in Europe decreased as inflation in input costs, lower sales volumes and increased general expenses were partially offset by cost savings. In K-C's international operations in Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa, operating profit decreased as lower net selling prices, increased research and general expenses, inflation in input costs and unfavorable currency effects were partially offset by cost savings and higher sales volumes.

Consumer tissue segment operating profit decreased 32.8 percent as the benefits from cost savings, higher net selling prices and slightly higher sales volumes were more than offset by inflation in input costs and the adverse effect of lower production volumes as a result of production curtailment to manage inventory levels. Operating profit in North America decreased as inflation in input costs, production curtailment, increases in strategic marketing spending and lower net selling prices were partially offset by cost savings and improvements in product mix. In Europe, operating profit increased as higher net selling prices, cost savings, lower marketing, research and general expenses, and higher sales volumes were partially offset by inflation in input costs. Operating profit in K-C's international operations in Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa decreased because inflation in input costs and the adverse effect of production curtailment were partially offset by higher selling prices.

Operating profit for K-C Professional & other products decreased 28.8 percent due to inflation in input costs, lower sales volumes and higher general costs, partially offset by higher net selling prices and cost savings.

Health care segment operating profit decreased 37.2 percent because increased sales volumes and cost savings were more than offset by higher selling and general expenses, in part as a result of the I-Flow acquisition, inflation in input costs and lower net selling prices.

By Geography

(Millions of dollars)

| Operating Profit | 2010 | 2009 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| North America | \$ 499 | \$ 660 |
| Outside North America | 250 | 280 |
| Other income and (expense), net ^(a) | (7) | (4) |
| Corporate & Other | (44) | (65) |
| Consolidated | \$ 698 | \$ 871 |

Notes:

^(a) Currency transaction losses in 2009 were \$13 million versus none in 2010.

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Operating profit in North America decreased 24.4 percent as inflation in input costs, increased marketing, research and general expenses, lower net selling prices and an adverse effect from lower manufacturing volumes as a result of production curtailment were partially offset by cost savings and higher sales volumes.

Operating profit outside North America decreased 10.7 percent as inflation in input costs and increased marketing, research and general expenses, were partially offset by cost savings, higher net selling prices and higher sales volumes.

Additional Income Statement Commentary

Interest expense for the third quarter of 2010 was \$8 million lower than the prior year due to lower interest rates.

The Corporation's effective tax rate for the third quarter of 2010 was 30.3 percent compared to 29.6 percent in the prior year.

The Corporation's share of net income of equity companies in the third quarter of 2010 was \$40 million, even with year-ago results. Higher earnings at Kimberly-Clark de Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V. (Kimberly-Clark de Mexico), mostly due to a mid-single digit increase in organic net sales, were essentially offset by modestly lower results at other equity affiliates.

Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests was \$20 million in the third quarter of 2010 compared with \$29 million in the prior year.

The decrease was primarily due to lower earnings at majority-owned subsidiaries in Asia and the Middle East.

First Nine Months of 2010 Compared With First Nine Months of 2009***Analysis of Net Sales***

By Business Segment

(Millions of dollars)

| Net Sales | 2010 | 2009 |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Personal Care | \$ 6,501 | \$ 6,231 |
| Consumer Tissue | 4,778 | 4,754 |
| K-C Professional & Other | 2,312 | 2,192 |
| Health Care | 1,078 | 984 |
| Corporate & Other | 36 | 38 |
| Intersegment sales | (34) | (66) |
| Consolidated | \$ 14,671 | \$ 14,133 |

Table of ContentsCommentary:

| | Percent Change in Net Sales Versus Prior Year Changes Due To | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|
| | Total Change | Volume Growth | Net Price | Currency | Mix/ Other |
| Consolidated | 3.8 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| Personal Care | 4.3 | 3 | | 1 | |
| Consumer Tissue | 0.5 | (3) | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| K-C Professional & Other | 5.5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | |
| Health Care | 9.6 | 10 | (2) | 1 | 1 |

Personal care net sales increased 4.3 percent due to higher sales volumes and favorable currency effects overall, primarily in Brazil, Korea and Australia, partly offset by unfavorable currency effects in Venezuela.

Consumer tissue net sales increased 0.5 percent because higher net selling prices, favorable currency effects, and improvements in product mix were mostly offset by lower sales volumes. The currency effects primarily occurred in the same countries as personal care.

Net sales of K-C Professional & other products increased 5.5 percent due to higher net selling prices, higher sales volumes as a result of the acquisition of Jackson Products, Inc., and favorable currency effects, primarily in Australia.

Health care net sales increased 9.6 percent due to higher sales volumes as a result of the I-Flow acquisition, and favorable currency effects, partially offset by lower net selling prices.

By Geography

(Millions of dollars)

| Net Sales | 2010 | 2009 |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| North America | \$ 8,055 | \$ 7,794 |
| Outside North America | 7,170 | 6,823 |
| Intergeographic sales | (554) | (484) |
| Consolidated | \$ 14,671 | \$ 14,133 |

Commentary:

Net sales in North America increased 3.3 percent due to higher sales volumes, higher net selling prices, favorable currency effects, and improvements in product mix.

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Net sales outside North America increased 5.1 percent due to higher sales volumes, favorable currency effects as noted in the segment analysis above, and higher net selling prices.

Table of Contents*Analysis of Operating Profit*

By Business Segment

(Millions of dollars)

| Operating Profit | 2010 | 2009^(a) |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Personal Care | \$ 1,343 | \$ 1,303 |
| Consumer Tissue | 488 | 587 |
| K-C Professional & Other | 356 | 345 |
| Health Care | 148 | 188 |
| Other income and (expense), net ^(b) | (112) | (122) |
| Corporate & Other ^(c) | (149) | (193) |
| Consolidated | \$ 2,074 | \$ 2,108 |

Notes:

- (a) Organization optimization initiative charges of \$122 million are included in 2009 as described in Note 4 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (b) Other income and (expense), net included a \$79 million charge for the adoption of highly inflationary accounting in Venezuela effective January 1, 2010. See additional information in Note 3 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. In addition, foreign currency transaction losses totaled \$26 million in 2010 and \$109 million in the prior year.
- (c) Included in Corporate & Other in 2010 is a \$19 million charge related to the adoption of highly inflationary accounting in Venezuela.

Table of ContentsCommentary:

| | Percentage Change in Operating Profit Versus Prior Year | | | | | Other ^(b) |
|--------------------------|---|--------|-----------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| | Total Change | Volume | Net Price | Input Costs ^(a) | Currency | |
| Consolidated | (1.6) | 2 | 6 | (27) | | 17 |
| Personal Care | 3.1 | 3 | 1 | (15) | (2) | 16 |
| Consumer Tissue | (16.9) | (5) | 12 | (41) | (6) | 23 |
| K-C Professional & Other | 3.2 | (6) | 16 | (29) | (3) | 25 |
| Health Care | (21.3) | 34 | (9) | (21) | 2 | (27) |

(a) Includes inflation in input costs.

(b) Includes cost savings and the impact of the 2009 organization optimization initiative charges. Consolidated also includes the charge related to the adoption of highly inflationary accounting in Venezuela.

Consolidated operating profit decreased 1.6 percent compared to the prior year. For the first nine months of 2010, factors contributing to the decrease in operating profit included inflation in input costs of about \$575 million and increased marketing, research and general expenses, which included higher strategic marketing spending of about \$110 million and increases related to the I-Flow acquisition and to support future growth in K-C International. These factors were partially offset by increases in sales volumes and higher net selling prices, cost savings of \$280 million, organization optimization charges of \$122 million in 2009 to streamline the organization and benefits of \$80 million in 2010 from the streamlining initiative. In addition, lower pension expense of \$95 million and increased manufacturing volumes as a result of production curtailment in the year-ago period benefited comparisons by approximately \$45 million.

The Corporation recorded charges in 2010 of \$19 million in cost of products sold, and \$79 million in other income and (expense), net related to the adoption of highly inflationary accounting in Venezuela effective January 1, 2010. Other income and (expense), net also included foreign currency transaction losses of \$26 million in the first nine months of 2010 and \$109 million in the year-ago period.

Personal care segment operating profit increased 3.1 percent as cost savings, higher sales volumes, a positive impact from increased manufacturing volumes as a result of production curtailment in the year-ago period, and higher net selling prices were partially offset by inflation in input costs, unfavorable currency effects, and increased marketing, research and general expenses, including strategic marketing spending.

Consumer tissue segment operating profit declined 16.9 percent as cost savings and higher net selling prices were more than offset by inflation in input costs, unfavorable currency effects, lower sales volumes, and increases in strategic marketing spending.

Operating profit for K-C Professional & Other products increased 3.2 percent due to higher net selling prices and cost savings, partially offset by inflation in input costs, lower sales volumes, increased general expenses, and unfavorable currency effects.

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Health care segment operating profit decreased 21.3 percent as higher sales volumes and cost savings were more than offset by increased selling and general expenses and inflation in input costs.

By Geography

(Millions of dollars)

| Operating Profit | 2010 | 2009 |
|--|-----------------|-------------|
| North America | \$ 1,560 | \$ 1,664 |
| Outside North America | 775 | 759 |
| Other income and (expense), net ^(a) | (112) | (122) |
| Corporate & Other ^(b) | (149) | (193) |
| Consolidated | \$ 2,074 | \$ 2,108 |

Notes:

^(a) Other income and (expense), net in 2010 includes a \$79 million charge for the adoption of highly inflationary accounting in Venezuela. In addition, foreign currency transaction losses totaled \$26 million in 2010 and \$109 million in 2009.

^(b) Included in Corporate and Other is a \$19 million charge related to the adoption of highly inflationary accounting in Venezuela.

Commentary:

Operating profit in North America decreased 6.3 percent as cost savings, higher net selling prices, and the positive impact from increased manufacturing volumes as a result of production curtailment in the year-ago period, were more than offset by inflation in input costs, increases in marketing, research and general expenses and lower sales volumes.

Operating profit outside North America increased 2.1 percent as cost savings, higher sales volumes, higher net selling prices, and the positive impact from increased manufacturing volumes as a result of production curtailment in the year-ago period, were partially offset by inflation in input costs, unfavorable currency effects and increases in marketing, research and general expenses.

Additional Income Statement Commentary

Interest expense for the first nine months of 2010 was \$31 million lower than the prior year primarily due to a lower average level of debt and lower interest rates.

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For the first nine months, the Corporation's effective tax rate was 32.3 percent in 2010 compared with 29.3 percent in 2009. The difference includes the nondeductible currency losses resulting from the adoption of highly inflationary accounting in Venezuela and changes in tax law related to U.S. health care reform legislation, including a charge related to the Medicare Part D subsidy.

The Corporation's share of net income of equity companies for the first nine months of 2010 increased to \$130 million from \$116 million in 2009, principally due to higher net income at Kimberly-Clark de Mexico.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash provided by operations for the first nine months of 2010 was \$1.8 billion, a decrease of approximately 28 percent from \$2.5 billion in the prior year. The decrease is primarily related to an increase in working capital in 2010 compared to a significant decrease in the prior year. On the other hand, pension plan contributions to the Corporation's defined benefit pension plans totaled approximately \$230 million in 2010 versus \$718 million in 2009.

Capital spending for the first nine months was \$611 million compared with \$563 million last year. The Corporation anticipates that full year 2010 capital spending will be between \$900 million and \$1.0 billion.

At September 30, 2010, total debt and redeemable securities was \$6.5 billion, essentially even with December 31, 2009.

The Corporation's short-term debt as of September 30, 2010 was \$254 million (included in Debt payable within one year on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet) and consisted mainly of commercial paper, as well as short-term bank financing by certain affiliates of the Corporation. The average month-end balance of short-term debt for the third quarter of 2010 was \$423 million. These short-term borrowings provide supplemental funding for supporting the Corporation's operations. The level of short-term debt during a quarter generally fluctuates depending upon the business' operating cash flows and the timing of customer receipts and payments for items such as dividends and income taxes.

During the third quarter of 2010, the Corporation issued \$250 million 3.265% Notes due August 1, 2020, and used the net proceeds to repay floating rate notes that matured on July 30, 2010.

During the third quarter of 2010, the Corporation repurchased approximately 3.1 million shares of its common stock at a cost of about \$200 million. Year-to-date, the Corporation has repurchased approximately 11.2 million shares for a total cost of \$700 million. The Corporation expects to repurchase \$800 million of its common stock in 2010.

In 2003, the Venezuelan government enacted currency restrictions, which have affected the ability of K-C Venezuela to obtain U.S. dollars at the official exchange rate to pay for significant imports of finished goods, raw materials and services to support its operations. These exchange restrictions have negatively impacted K-C Venezuela because it has had to meet its foreign currency needs at rates which are substantially unfavorable to the official exchange rate. During the second quarter 2010, the Venezuelan government enacted reforms to its currency exchange regulations that include a volume limitation that is insufficient to convert K-C Venezuela's bolivar-denominated cash into U.S. dollars to pay for the historical levels of U.S. dollar-denominated imports to support its operations.

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For the full year 2009, K-C Venezuela represented approximately 3 percent of consolidated net sales, and 1 percent of consolidated operating profit and net income attributable to the Corporation. However, the currency exchange limitations have negatively impacted K-C Venezuela's ability to import U.S. dollar-denominated finished goods and raw materials. While this has not had a material effect on the Corporation's 2010 earnings, third quarter sales volumes of K-C Venezuela were significantly lower than 2009 levels, a trend which is expected to continue in the fourth quarter of the year. At September 30, 2010, the Corporation's net investment in K-C Venezuela was \$162 million.

See Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more details about the accounting for K-C Venezuela's financial results and the previously discussed charge resulting from the January 1, 2010 adoption of highly inflationary accounting in Venezuela.

Management believes that the Corporation's ability to generate cash from operations and its capacity to issue short-term and long-term debt are adequate to fund operations, capital spending, payment of dividends and other needs in the foreseeable future.

Environmental Matters

The Corporation has been named a potentially responsible party under the provisions of the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, or analogous state statutes, at a number of waste disposal sites, none of which, individually or in the aggregate, in management's opinion, is likely to have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, financial condition, results of operations, or liquidity.

Business Outlook

The Corporation plans to continue to strengthen its brands, pursue targeted growth initiatives and invest for future growth with higher levels of marketing and innovation spending. The Corporation continues to expect that strategic marketing spending will rise at a faster pace than sales in 2010. Management continues to closely monitor the overall economic environment, particularly market demand in North America. The Corporation continues to focus on reducing costs, generating incremental cost savings and controlling discretionary spending.

Information Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

Certain matters contained in this report concerning the business outlook, including economic conditions, anticipated raw material and energy costs, anticipated currency rates and exchange risk, anticipated impact of acquisitions, cost savings, distributor and end user purchases, cash flow and uses of cash, capital spending, discretionary spending levels, marketing and innovation spending, anticipated financial and operating results, revenue realization strategies, contingencies and anticipated transactions of the Corporation constitute forward-looking statements and are based upon management's expectations and beliefs concerning future events impacting the Corporation. There can be no assurance that these future events will occur as anticipated or that the Corporation's results will be as estimated. For a description of certain factors that could cause the Corporation's future results to differ materially from those expressed in any such forward-looking statements, see Item 1A of the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 entitled "Risk Factors."

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

As of September 30, 2010, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Corporation's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, the Corporation's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, concluded that the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2010. There have been no significant changes during the quarter covered by this report in the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting or in other factors that could significantly affect internal control over financial reporting.

Table of Contents**PART II OTHER INFORMATION****Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.**

Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

The Corporation repurchases shares of Kimberly-Clark common stock from time to time pursuant to publicly announced share repurchase programs. During 2010, the Corporation anticipates purchasing \$800 million of its common stock. All share repurchases by the Corporation during the first nine months of 2010 were made through a broker in the open market.

The following table contains information for shares repurchased during the third quarter of 2010. None of the shares in this table was repurchased directly from any officer or director of the Corporation.

| Period (2010) | Total Number of Shares Purchased ^(a) | Average Price Paid Per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| July 1 to 31 | 659,000 | \$ 62.80 | 26,811,411 | 23,188,589 |
| August 1 to 31 | 1,250,000 | 64.90 | 28,061,411 | 21,938,589 |
| September 1 to 30 | 1,171,000 | 66.09 | 29,232,411 | 20,767,589 |
| Total | 3,080,000 | | | |

^(a) Share repurchases were made pursuant to a share repurchase program authorized by the Corporation's Board of Directors on July 23, 2007 that allows for the repurchase of 50 million shares in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion.

In addition, during the third quarter of 2010, the Corporation purchased 3,657 shares for a cost of \$226,366 and 3,104 shares for a cost of \$199,636 in July and August, respectively, from current or former employees in connection with the exercise of employee stock options and other awards.

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Item 6. Exhibits.

(a) Exhibits.

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Exhibit No. (3)b. By-Laws, as amended April 30, 2009, incorporated by reference to Exhibit No. (3)b of the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 1, 2009.

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SIGNATURES

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

KIMBERLY-CLARK CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Mark A. Buthman
Mark A. Buthman
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(principal financial officer)

By: /s/ Michael T. Azbell
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November 8, 2010

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