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Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following table presents our available sources of liquidity as of June 27, 2009:

Source of Liquidity	Facility Amount	Amount Outstanding (In millions)	Available
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 101.2
Investments in available-for-sale securities	—	—	5.9
Debt facilities:			
DIP Credit Agreement expiring 2009	450.0	—	348.6 (a)(b)
Revolving credit facility expiring 2011	42.1	42.1	—

- (a) Actual borrowings by the Company under the DIP Credit Agreement are subject to a borrowing base, which is a formula based on certain eligible inventory and eligible receivables. The borrowing base at June 27, 2009 was \$348.6 million.
- (b) At July 30, 2009, total funds available for borrowing under the DIP Credit Agreement were \$363.0 million and there were no outstanding borrowings under the DIP Credit Agreement. On July 15, 2009, the Company entered into the Amendment, which is subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court. In connection with the Amendment, the Company agreed to reduce the total available Commitments under the DIP Credit Agreement from \$450 million to \$350 million.

At June 27, 2009, the Company had \$216.8 million outstanding under its revolving credit facility expiring in 2013 and \$1,126.4 million outstanding under its revolver/term credit agreement expiring in 2016. At that time, the Company was party to outstanding standby letters of credit totaling \$68.3 million. The filing of the Chapter 11 petitions constituted an event of default under, among other of our debt obligations, the revolving credit facility expiring in 2013 and the revolver/term credit agreement expiring in 2016. Outstanding obligations under these facilities became automatically and immediately due and payable, subject to an automatic stay of any action to collect, assert, or recover a claim against the Company and the application of applicable bankruptcy law. Funds are no longer available for borrowing under these two facilities.

Debt Obligations

As previously discussed, on December 1, 2008, the Debtors filed voluntary petitions in the Bankruptcy Court seeking reorganization relief under the Bankruptcy Code. The filing of the Chapter 11 petitions constituted an event of default under certain of our debt obligations, and those debt obligations became automatically and immediately due and payable, subject to an automatic stay of any action to collect, assert, or recover a claim against the Company and the application of applicable bankruptcy law. As a result, the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 27, 2008 includes reclassifications of \$1,872.1 million to reflect as current certain long-term debt under the Company's credit facilities that, absent the stay, would have become automatically and immediately due and payable. Because of the bankruptcy petition, most of the Company's pre-petition long-term debt is included in Liabilities subject to compromise at June 27, 2009. The Company classifies pre-petition liabilities subject to compromise as a long-term liability because management does not believe the Company will use existing current assets or create additional current liabilities to fund these obligations.

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On December 2, 2008, the Bankruptcy Court granted interim approval authorizing the Company and the Subsidiaries to enter into the Initial DIP Credit Agreement with the DIP Agent and the lenders party thereto. On December 2, 2008, the Company, the US Subsidiaries and the other parties entered into the Initial DIP Credit Agreement, subject to final approval of the Bankruptcy Court. On December 30, 2008, the Bankruptcy Court granted final approval authorizing the Company and the Subsidiaries to enter into the DIP Credit Agreement.

The DIP Credit Agreement provides for an aggregate commitment of up to \$450 million, which permits borrowings on a revolving basis. The commitment includes a \$25 million sub-limit for swingline loans and a \$20 million sub-limit for standby letters of credit. Outstanding borrowings under the DIP Credit Agreement will bear interest at a per annum rate equal to 8.0% plus the greatest of (i) the prime rate as established by the DIP Agent from time to time, (ii) the average federal funds rate plus 0.5%, or (iii) the LIBOR rate plus 1.0%, payable monthly. The weighted average interest rates for the three and nine months ended June 27, 2009 were 11.25% and 11.33%, respectively. The loans under the Initial DIP Credit Agreement were used to repurchase all receivables sold under the Company's RPA. Loans under the DIP Credit Agreement may be used to fund the working capital requirements of the Company and its subsidiaries according to a budget as approved by the required lenders under the DIP Credit Agreement. For additional information on the RPA, see "Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements."

Actual borrowings by the Company under the DIP Credit Agreement are subject to a borrowing base, which is a formula based on certain eligible inventory and eligible receivables. The borrowing base formula is reduced by (i) pre-petition obligations under the Fourth Amended and Restated Secured Credit Agreement dated as of February 8, 2007, among the Company and certain of its subsidiaries, Bank of Montreal, as administrative agent, and the lenders parties thereto, as amended, (ii) administrative and professional expenses incurred in connection with the bankruptcy proceedings, and (iii) the amount owed by the Company and the Subsidiaries to any person on account of the purchase price of agricultural products or services (including poultry and livestock) if that person is entitled to any grower's or producer's lien or other security arrangement. The borrowing base is also limited to 2.22 times the formula amount of total eligible receivables. The DIP Credit Agreement provides that the Company may not incur capital expenditures in excess of \$150 million. The Company must also meet minimum monthly levels of EBITDAR. Under the DIP Credit Agreement, "EBITDAR" means, generally, net income before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, writedowns of goodwill and other intangibles, asset impairment charges, certain closure costs and other specified costs, charges, losses and gains. The DIP Credit Agreement also provides for certain other covenants, various representations and warranties, and events of default that are customary for transactions of this nature. As of June 27, 2009, the applicable borrowing base and the amount available for borrowings under the DIP Credit Agreement were both \$348.6 million as there were no outstanding borrowings under the Credit Agreement.

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The principal amount of outstanding loans under the DIP Credit Agreement, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon, are payable in full at maturity on December 1, 2009, subject to extension for an additional six months with the approval of all lenders thereunder. All obligations under the DIP Credit Agreement are unconditionally guaranteed by the Subsidiaries and are secured by a first priority priming lien on substantially all of the assets of the Company and the Subsidiaries, subject to specified permitted liens in the DIP Credit Agreement.

Under the terms of the DIP Credit Agreement and applicable bankruptcy law, the Company may not pay dividends on the common stock while it is in bankruptcy. Any payment of future dividends and the amounts thereof will depend on our emergence from bankruptcy, our earnings, our financial requirements and other factors deemed relevant by our Board of Directors at the time.

On July 15, 2009, the Company entered into the Amendment, which is subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court. The Amendment amends the DIP Credit Agreement to allow the Company to invest in certain interest bearing accounts and government securities, subject to certain conditions. In connection with the Amendment, the Company also agreed to reduce the total available commitments under the DIP Credit Agreement from \$450 million to \$350 million. The Amendment also allows the Company to enter into certain ordinary course hedging contracts relating to feed ingredients used by the Company and its subsidiaries in their businesses. The Company may only enter into hedging contracts which satisfy the following conditions, among other restrictions: (a) the contract is traded on a recognized commodity exchange; (b) the contract expiration date is no later than March 21, 2010, or a later date if agreed to by the DIP Agent; (c) the Company and its subsidiaries do not have open forward, futures or options positions in the subject commodity, other than commodity hedging arrangements entered into at the request or direction of a customer, in excess of 50% of the Company's other expected usage of such commodity for a specified period; (d) the contract is not entered into for speculative purposes; and (e) the Company will not have more than \$100 million in margin requirements with respect to all such non-customer hedging contracts.

During the first nine months of 2009, the Company borrowed \$616.7 million and repaid \$525.6 million under the secured revolver/term credit agreement expiring in 2016, borrowed \$214.6 million and repaid \$179.7 million under the secured revolving credit facility expiring in 2013, borrowed and repaid \$430.8 million under the DIP Credit Agreement and repaid \$14.5 million under other facilities.

On November 30, 2008, certain non-Debtor Mexico subsidiaries of the Company (the "Mexico Subsidiaries") entered into a Waiver Agreement and Second Amendment to Credit Agreement (the "Waiver Agreement") with ING Capital LLC, as agent (the "Mexico Agent"), and the lenders signatory thereto (the "Mexico Lenders"). Under the Waiver Agreement, the Mexico Agent and the Mexico Lenders waived any default or event of default under the Credit Agreement dated as of September 25, 2006, by and among the Company, the Mexico Subsidiaries, the Mexico Agent and the Mexico Lenders, the administrative agent, and the lenders parties thereto (the "ING Credit Agreement"), resulting from the Company's filing of its bankruptcy petition with the Bankruptcy Court. Pursuant to the Waiver Agreement, outstanding amounts under the ING Credit Agreement now bear interest at a rate per annum equal to: the LIBOR Rate, the Base Rate, or the THE Rate, as applicable, plus the Applicable Margin (as those terms are defined

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in the ING Credit Agreement). While the Company is operating in Chapter 11, the Waiver Agreement provides for an Applicable Margin for LIBOR loans, Base Rate loans, and TIE loans of 6.0%, 4.0%, and 5.8%, respectively. The Waiver Agreement further amended the ING Credit Agreement, which expires in 2011, to require the Company to make a mandatory prepayment of the revolving loans, in an aggregate amount equal to 100% of the net cash proceeds received by any Mexico Subsidiary, as applicable, in excess of thresholds specified in the ING Credit Agreement (i) from the occurrence of certain asset sales by the Mexico Subsidiaries; (ii) from the occurrence of any casualty or other insured damage to, or any taking under power of eminent domain or by condemnation or similar proceedings of, any property or asset of any Mexico Subsidiary; or (iii) from the incurrence of certain indebtedness by a Mexico Subsidiary. Any such mandatory prepayments will permanently reduce the amount of the commitment under the ING Credit Agreement. In connection with the Waiver Agreement, the Mexico Subsidiaries pledged substantially all of their receivables, inventory, and equipment and certain fixed assets. The Mexico Subsidiaries are excluded from the US bankruptcy proceedings.

The filing of the bankruptcy petitions constituted an event of default under the secured credit agreement expiring in 2013 and the secured revolver/term credit agreement expiring in 2016 (together, the "Secured Debt") as well as the 7 5/8% Senior Notes due 2015, the 8 3/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2017 and the 9 1/4% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013 (together, the "Unsecured Debt"). The aggregate principal amount owed under these credit agreements and notes was approximately \$2,000.2 million as of June 27, 2009. As a result of such event of default, all obligations under these agreements became automatically and immediately due and payable, subject to an automatic stay of any action to collect, assert, or recover a claim against the Company and the application of applicable bankruptcy law. As a result of the Company's Chapter 11 filing, after December 1, 2008, the Company accrued interest incurred on the Secured Debt at the default rate, which is two percent above the interest rate otherwise applicable under the associated credit agreements. Although the agreements related to the Unsecured Debt call for the accrual of interest after December 1, 2008 at a default rate that is two percent above the interest rate otherwise applicable under the associated note agreements, the Company has elected to accrue interest incurred on the Unsecured Debt, for accounting purposes, at the interest rate otherwise applicable under the associated note agreements until such time, if any, that the Bankruptcy Court approves the payment of interest or default interest incurred on the Unsecured Debt. Had the Company accrued interest incurred on the Unsecured Debt at the default rate, it would have recognized additional interest expense totaling \$3.3 million and \$7.7 million in the three and nine months ended June 27, 2009.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

In June 1999, the Camp County Industrial Development Corporation issued \$25 million of variable-rate environmental facilities revenue bonds supported by letters of credit obtained by us under our secured revolving credit facility expiring in 2013. Prior to our bankruptcy filing, the proceeds were available for the Company to draw from over the construction period in order to construct new sewage and solid waste disposal facilities at a poultry by-products plant in Camp County, Texas. The original proceeds from the issuance of the revenue bonds were held by the trustee of the bonds until we drew on the proceeds for

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the construction of the facility. We had not drawn on the proceeds or commenced construction of the facility prior to our bankruptcy filing. The filing of the bankruptcy petitions constituted an event of default under these bonds. As a result of the event of default, the trustee had the right to accelerate all obligations under the bonds such that they become immediately due and payable, subject to an automatic stay of any action to collect, assert, or recover a claim against the Company and the application of applicable bankruptcy law. In December 2008, the holders of the bonds tendered the bonds for remarketing, which was not successful. As a result, the trustee, on behalf of the holders of the bonds, drew upon the letters of credit supporting the bonds. The resulting reimbursement obligation was converted to borrowings under the secured revolving credit facility expiring in 2013 and secured by our domestic chicken inventories. On January 29, 2009, we obtained approval from the Bankruptcy Court to use the original proceeds of the bond offering held by the trustee to repay and cancel the revenue bonds. We received the proceeds of the bond offering from the trustee in March 2009 and immediately repaid and cancelled the revenue bonds.

In connection with the RPA, the Company sold, on a revolving basis, certain of its trade receivables to a special purpose entity ("SPE") wholly owned by the Company, which in turn sold a percentage ownership interest to third parties. The SPE was a separate corporate entity and its assets were available first and foremost to satisfy the claims of its creditors. The gross proceeds resulting from the sales were included in cash flows from operating activities in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. The loss recognized on the sold receivables during the nine months ended June 27, 2009 was not material. On December 3, 2008, the RPA was terminated and all receivables thereunder were repurchased with proceeds of borrowings under the DIP Credit Agreement.

We are a party to many routine contracts in which we provide general indemnities in the normal course of business to third parties for various risks. Among other considerations, we have not recorded a liability for any of these indemnities as, based upon the likelihood of payment, the fair value of such indemnities would not have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Historical Flow of Funds

Cash used in operating activities was \$53.0 million and \$352.0 million for the nine months ended June 27, 2009 and June 28, 2008, respectively. The improvement in cash flows from operating activities was primarily the result of favorable changes in both operating assets and liabilities and deferred tax benefits partially offset by the larger net loss incurred in the first nine months of 2009 as compared to the net loss incurred in the first nine months of 2008.

Our working capital position increased \$2,077.1 million to a surplus of \$815.0 million and a current ratio of 2.71 at June 27, 2009 compared with a deficit of \$1,262.2 million and a current ratio of 0.53 at September 27, 2008 primarily because of a significant decrease in current maturities of long-term debt and the other working capital changes discussed below. Current maturities of long-term debt decreased from \$1,874.5 million at September 27, 2008 to \$0 at June 27, 2009 as most long-term debt was classified as liabilities subject to compromise because of the bankruptcy proceedings.

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Trade accounts and other receivables increased \$147.0 million, or 102.0%, to \$291.2 million at June 27, 2009 from \$144.2 million at September 27, 2008. This increase resulted primarily from our repurchase of receivables originally sold under the RPA. On December 3, 2008, the RPA was terminated and all receivables thereunder were repurchased with proceeds of borrowings under the DIP Credit Agreement.

Inventories decreased \$237.4 million, or 22.9%, to \$798.8 million at June 27, 2009 from \$1,036.2 million at September 27, 2008 due to lower feed ingredient prices and several restructuring actions taken by the Company. These actions include the Company's previously announced production cutbacks and plant closures that resulted in reduced live flock inventories, feed inventories, and packaging and other supplies inventories. Additionally, the Company made a concerted effort early in the year to sell down surplus inventories in order to generate cash.

Prepaid expenses and other current assets decreased \$77.1 million, or 63.0%, to \$45.3 million at June 27, 2009 from \$122.4 million at September 27, 2008. This decrease occurred primarily because the Company suspended the use of derivative financial instruments in response to its current financial condition. We settled all outstanding derivative financial instruments in October 2008. The Company also sold inventory and collected receivables related to its discontinued turkey business during this period.

Accounts payable decreased \$207.3 million, or 54.7%, to \$171.6 million at June 27, 2009 from \$378.9 million at September 27, 2008. This decrease occurred for various reasons, including lower feed ingredient prices, the impact of the Company's previously announced production cutbacks, the elimination of a negative book cash position maintained with one of the Company's cash management providers and because certain vendors with which the Company previously maintained open trade accounts required prepayments for all future deliveries after learning about the Company's current financial condition. At June 27, 2009, we classified accounts payable totaling \$85.6 million as liabilities subject to compromise because of the bankruptcy.

Accrued expenses decreased \$145.7 million, or 32.5%, to \$303.1 million at June 27, 2009 from \$448.8 million at September 27, 2008. This decrease resulted from reductions in the accrued balances for marketing, restructuring, severance and utilities costs and the transition from a self-insured workers compensation program in prior years to a fully-insured, prepaid workers compensation program in the current year. At June 27, 2009, we classified accrued expenses totaling \$148.5 million as liabilities subject to compromise because of the bankruptcy.

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Cash used in investing activities was \$4.2 million and \$85.1 million for the first nine months of 2009 and 2008, respectively. Capital expenditures of \$65.6 million and \$97.6 million for the nine months ended June 27, 2009 and June 28, 2008, respectively, were primarily incurred for the routine replacement of equipment and to improve efficiencies and reduce costs. Capital expenditures for 2009 will be restricted to routine replacement of equipment in our current operations in addition to important projects we began in 2008 and cannot exceed \$150 million as allowed under the terms of the DIP Credit Agreement. Cash was used to purchase investment securities totaling \$16.1 million and \$25.5 million in the first nine months of 2009 and 2008, respectively. Cash proceeds in the first nine months of 2009 and 2008 from the sale or maturity of investment securities were \$12.2 million and \$18.8 million, respectively. Restricted cash increased \$12.9 million in the first nine months of 2009 to collateralize self insurance obligations. Cash proceeds from property disposals for the nine months ended June 27, 2009 and June 28, 2008 were \$78.2 million and \$19.2 million, respectively.

Cash provided by financing activities was \$99.5 million and \$424.8 million for the nine months ended June 27, 2009 and June 28, 2008, respectively. Cash proceeds in the first nine months of 2009 from short-term notes payable were \$430.8 million. Cash was used to repay short-term notes payable totaling \$430.8 million in the first nine months of 2009. Cash proceeds in the first nine months of 2009 and 2008 from long-term debt were \$831.2 million and \$1,217.0 million, respectively. Cash was used to repay long-term debt totaling \$719.7 million and \$1,017.0 million in the first nine months of 2009 and 2008, respectively. Cash proceeds in the first nine months of 2008 from the sale of common stock were \$177.2 million. Cash used in the first nine months of 2009 because of a decrease in outstanding cash management obligations totaled \$11.2 million. Cash provided in the first nine months of 2008 because of an increase in outstanding cash management obligations totaled \$57.7 million. Cash was used for other financing activities totaling \$0.8 million in the first nine months of 2009. Cash was used to pay dividends totaling \$4.7 million in the first nine months of 2008.

The only material changes during the nine months ended June 27, 2009, outside the ordinary course of business, in the specified contractual commitments presented in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2008 were the borrowings and repayments under the DIP Credit Agreement. At June 27, 2009, there were no outstanding borrowings under the DIP Credit Agreement.

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Accounting Pronouncements

Discussion regarding our recent adoption Financial Accounting Standards Board Staff Position ("FSP") FAS157-1, Application of FASB Statement No. 157 to FASB Statement No. 13 and Other Accounting Pronouncements that Address Fair Value Measurements for Purposes of Lease Classification or Measurement under Statement 13; FSP FAS157-2, Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157; FSP FAS157-3, Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset When the Market for That Asset Is Not Active; FSP FAS157-4, Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly; FSP FAS115-2 and FAS124-2, Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments; FSP FAS107-1 and APB28-1, Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments, and Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 165, Subsequent Events, is included in Note B—Basis of Presentation to our Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this report.

Discussion regarding our pending adoption of SFAS No. 141(R), Business Combinations; SFAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements—an amendment of ARB No. 51; FSP FAS142-3, Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets, and FSP FAS132(R)-1, Employers' Disclosures about Postretirement Benefit Plan Assets, is included in Note B—Basis of Presentation to our Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this report.

Critical Accounting Policies

During the nine months ended June 27, 2009, (i) we did not change any of our existing critical accounting policies, (ii) no existing accounting policies became critical accounting policies because of an increase in the materiality of associated transactions or changes in the circumstances to which associated judgments and estimates relate, and (iii) there were no significant changes in the manner in which critical accounting policies were applied or in which related judgments and estimates were developed.

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ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Feed Ingredients

We purchase certain commodities, primarily corn and soybean meal, for use as ingredients in the feed we either sell commercially or consume in our live operations. As a result, our earnings are affected by changes in the price and availability of such feed ingredients. In the past, we have from time to time attempted to minimize our exposure to the changing price and availability of such feed ingredients using various techniques, including, but not limited to, (i) executing purchase agreements with suppliers for future physical delivery of feed ingredients at established prices and (ii) purchasing or selling derivative financial instruments such as futures and options. Pursuant to a covenant in the DIP Credit Agreement, we agreed that we would not enter into any derivative financial instruments without the prior written approval of lenders holding more than 50% of the commitments under the DIP Credit Agreement, except for commodity derivative instruments entered into at the request or direction of a customer, and in any case, only with financial institutions in connection with bona fide activities in the ordinary course of business and not for speculative purposes. However, on July 15, 2009, the Company entered into the Amendment to the DIP Credit Agreement. Subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court, the Amendment allows the Company to enter into certain ordinary course hedging contracts relating to feed ingredients used by the Company and its subsidiaries in their businesses. The Company may only enter into hedging contracts which satisfy the following conditions, among other restrictions: (a) the contract is traded on a recognized commodity exchange; (b) the contract expiration date is no later than March 21, 2010, or a later date if agreed to by the DIP Agent; (c) the Company and its subsidiaries do not have open forward, futures or options positions in the subject commodity, other than commodity hedging arrangements entered into at the request or direction of a customer, in excess of 50% of the Company's expected usage of such commodity for a specified period; (d) the contract is not entered into for speculative purposes; and (e) the Company will not have more than \$100 million in margin requirements with respect to all such non-customer hedging contracts.

Market risk is estimated as a hypothetical 10% increase in the weighted-average cost of our primary feed ingredients as of June 27, 2009. Based on our feed consumption during the nine months ended June 27, 2009, such an increase would have resulted in an increase to cost of sales of approximately \$183.8 million, excluding the impact of any feed ingredients derivative financial instruments in that period. A 10% change in ending feed ingredients inventories at June 27, 2009 would be \$7.1 million, excluding any potential impact on the production costs of our chicken inventories.

Interest Rates

Our earnings are affected by changes in interest rates due to the impact those changes have on our variable-rate debt instruments and the fair value of our fixed-rate debt instruments. Our variable-rate debt instruments represented 57.0% of our long-term debt at June 27, 2009. Holding other variables constant, including levels of indebtedness, a 25-basis-points increase in interest rates would have increased our interest expense by \$2.2 million for the first nine months of 2009. These amounts are determined by considering the impact of the hypothetical interest rates on our variable-rate long-term debt at June 27, 2009.

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Due to our current financial condition, our public fixed-rate debt is trading at a discount. As of June 27, 2009, the most recent trades of our 7 5/8% senior unsecured notes and 8 3/8% senior subordinated unsecured notes were executed at average prices of \$88.19 per \$100.00 par value and \$78.30 per \$100.00 par value, respectively. Management expects that the fair value of our non-public fixed-rate debt has also decreased, but cannot reliably estimate the fair value at this time. Interest rate risk related to the Company's investments is not significant.

Foreign Currency

Our earnings are also affected by foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations related to the Mexican peso net monetary position of our Mexican subsidiaries. We manage this exposure primarily by attempting to minimize our Mexican peso net monetary position. We are also exposed to the effect of potential currency exchange rate fluctuations to the extent that amounts are repatriated from Mexico to the US. However, we currently anticipate that the cash flows of our Mexico subsidiaries will be reinvested in our Mexico operations. In addition, the Mexican peso exchange rate can directly and indirectly impact our financial condition and results of operations in several ways, including potential economic recession in Mexico because of devaluation of their currency. The impact on our financial position and results of operations resulting from a hypothetical change in the exchange rate between the US dollar and the Mexican peso cannot be reasonably estimated. Foreign currency exchange gains and losses, representing the change in the US dollar value of the net monetary assets of our Mexican subsidiaries denominated in Mexican pesos, was a gain of \$0.3 million in the first nine months of 2009 and a gain of \$0.7 million in the first nine months of 2008. The average exchange rates for the first nine months of 2009 and 2008 were 13.57 Mexican pesos to 1 US dollar and 10.71 Mexican pesos to 1 US dollar, respectively. No assurance can be given as to how future movements in the Mexican peso could affect our future financial condition or results of operations.

Quality of Investments

The Company and certain retirement plans that it sponsors invest in a variety of financial instruments. In response to the continued turbulence in global financial markets, we have analyzed our portfolios of investments and, to the best of our knowledge, none of our investments, including money market funds units, commercial paper and municipal securities, have been downgraded because of this turbulence, and neither we nor any fund in which we participate hold significant amounts of structured investment vehicles, auction rate securities, collateralized debt obligations, credit derivatives, hedge funds investments, fund of funds investments or perpetual preferred securities. Certain postretirement funds in which the Company participates hold significant amounts of mortgage-backed securities. However, none of the mortgages collateralizing these securities are considered subprime.

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Forward Looking Statements

Statements of our intentions, beliefs, expectations or predictions for the future, denoted by the words "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "project," "plan," "imply," "intend," "foresee" and similar expressions, are forward-looking statements that reflect our current views about future events and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Such risks, uncertainties and assumptions include the following:

- Matters affecting the chicken industry generally, including fluctuations in the commodity prices of feed ingredients and chicken;
- Actions and decisions of our creditors and other third parties with interests in our Chapter 11 proceedings;
- Our ability to obtain court approval with respect to motions in the Chapter 11 proceedings prosecuted from time to time;
- Our ability to develop, prosecute, confirm and consummate a plan of reorganization with respect to the Chapter 11 proceedings;
- Our ability to obtain and maintain commercially reasonable terms with vendors and service providers;
- Our ability to maintain contracts that are critical to our operations;
- Our ability to retain management and other key individuals;
- Our ability to successfully enter into, obtain court approval of and close anticipated asset sales under Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- Certain of the Company's restructuring activities, including selling assets, idling facilities, reducing production and reducing workforce, will result in reduced capacities and sales volumes and may have a disproportionate impact on our income relative to the cost savings.
- Risks associated with third parties seeking and obtaining court approval to terminate or shorten the exclusivity period for us to propose and confirm a plan of reorganization, to appoint a Chapter 11 trustee or to convert the cases to Chapter 7 cases;
- Risk that the amounts of cash from operations together with amounts available under our DIP Credit Agreement will not be sufficient to fund our operations;
- Management of our cash resources, particularly in light of our bankruptcy proceedings and our substantial leverage;
- Restrictions imposed by, and as a result of, our bankruptcy proceedings and our substantial leverage;
- Additional outbreaks of avian influenza or other diseases, either in our own flocks or elsewhere, affecting our ability to conduct our operations and/or demand for our poultry products;
- Contamination of our products, which has previously and can in the future lead to product liability claims and product recalls;
- Exposure to risks related to product liability, product recalls, property damage and injuries to persons, for which insurance coverage is expensive, limited and potentially inadequate;
- Changes in laws or regulations affecting our operations or the application thereof;
- New immigration legislation or increased enforcement efforts in connection with existing immigration legislation that cause our costs of business to increase, cause us to change the way in which we do business or otherwise disrupt our operations;
- Competitive factors and pricing pressures or the loss of one or more of our largest customers;

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- Currency exchange rate fluctuations, trade barriers, exchange controls, expropriation and other risks associated with foreign operations;
- Disruptions in international markets and distribution channels; and
- The impact of uncertainties of litigation as well as other risks described herein and under "Risk Factors" in our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Actual results could differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements as a result of these factors, among others, many of which are beyond our control.

In making these statements, we are not undertaking, and specifically decline to undertake, any obligation to address or update each or any factor in future filings or communications regarding our business or results, and we are not undertaking to address how any of these factors may have caused changes to information contained in previous filings or communications. Although we have attempted to list comprehensively these important cautionary risk factors, we must caution investors and others that other factors may in the future prove to be important and affecting our business or results of operations.

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ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As of June 27, 2009, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Senior Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")). Based on that evaluation, the Company's management, including the Senior Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, concluded the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and that information we are required to disclose in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Senior Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

In connection with the evaluation described above, the Company's management, including the Senior Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, identified no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's quarter ended June 27, 2009 and that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.