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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2000

Commission File Number 333-18723

MAXXAM GROUP HOLDINGS INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

76-0518669

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

5847 San Felipe, Suite 2600

Houston, Texas

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

77057

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 975-7600**

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 ☐

Number of shares of common stock outstanding at November 6, 2000: 1,000

Registrant meets the conditions set forth in General Instruction H(1)(a) and (b) of Form 10SQ and is therefore filing this Form with the reduced disclosure format.

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MAXXAM GROUP HOLDINGS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
(In millions of dollars, except share amounts)

	<u>September 30,</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>1999</u>
	(Unaudited)	
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 88.3	\$ 189.8
Marketable securities	61.1	43.8
Receivables:		
Trade	11.8	10.9
Other	2.9	9.1
Inventories	58.4	44.6
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	23.0	17.7
Total current assets	<u>245.5</u>	<u>315.9</u>
Timber and timberlands, net of accumulated depletion of \$187.9 and \$180.6, respectively	250.5	254.1
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$100.3 and \$93.7, respectively	101.0	100.4
Note receivable from MAXXAM Inc.	164.5	147.8
Investment in Kaiser Aluminum Corporation	24.0	21.9
Deferred financing costs, net	20.9	23.6
Deferred income taxes	104.5	100.3
Restricted cash and marketable securities	112.2	158.9
Other assets	8.0	8.8
	<u>\$ 1,031.1</u>	<u>\$ 1,131.7</u>
Liabilities and Stockholder's Deficit		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 6.0	\$ 6.1
Accrued interest	14.1	34.5
Accrued compensation and related benefits	9.6	3.7
Deferred income taxes	7.1	7.0
Other accrued liabilities	2.4	5.3
Short-term borrowings and current maturities of long-term debt	42.4	16.0
Total current liabilities	<u>81.6</u>	<u>72.6</u>
Long-term debt, less current maturities	906.8	969.4
Deferred income taxes	100.2	78.8
Other noncurrent liabilities	25.7	45.8
Total liabilities	<u>1,114.3</u>	<u>1,166.6</u>
Contingencies		
Stockholder's deficit:		
Common stock, \$1.00 par value; 3,000 shares authorized; 1,000 shares issued ..	—	—
Additional capital	123.2	123.2
Accumulated deficit	(206.6)	(157.7)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	0.2	(0.4)
Total stockholder's deficit	<u>(83.2)</u>	<u>(34.9)</u>
	<u>\$ 1,031.1</u>	<u>\$ 1,131.7</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

MAXXAM GROUP HOLDINGS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(In millions of dollars)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
	(Unaudited)			
Net sales:				
Lumber and logs	\$ 43.0	\$ 42.4	\$ 137.7	\$ 120.6
Other	<u>6.4</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>15.0</u>	<u>16.5</u>
	<u>49.4</u>	<u>49.0</u>	<u>152.7</u>	<u>137.1</u>
Operating expenses:				
Cost of goods sold	40.5	45.3	112.3	121.3
Selling, general and administrative expenses	3.5	3.8	11.3	11.6
Depletion and depreciation	<u>5.3</u>	<u>3.8</u>	<u>14.8</u>	<u>13.0</u>
	<u>49.3</u>	<u>52.9</u>	<u>138.4</u>	<u>145.9</u>
Operating income (loss)	0.1	(3.9)	14.3	(8.8)
Other income (expense):				
Gain on sale of Headwaters Timberlands	—	—	—	239.8
Equity in earnings (loss) of Kaiser Aluminum Corporation	(5.9)	(13.8)	2.1	(32.9)
Investment, interest and other income (expense), net ..	10.6	10.1	34.6	33.5
Interest expense	<u>(19.7)</u>	<u>(20.9)</u>	<u>(59.8)</u>	<u>(62.1)</u>
Income (loss) before income taxes	(14.9)	(28.5)	(8.8)	169.5
Credit (provision) in lieu of income taxes	<u>2.1</u>	<u>9.2</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>(79.3)</u>
Income (loss) before extraordinary item	(12.8)	(19.3)	(5.9)	90.2
Extraordinary item:				
Gain on repurchase of debt, net of income tax provision of \$0.3 and \$1.3, respectively ..	<u>0.6</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>—</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (12.2)</u>	<u>\$ (19.3)</u>	<u>\$ (3.9)</u>	<u>\$ 90.2</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

MAXXAM GROUP HOLDINGS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(In millions of dollars)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2000	1999
	(Unaudited)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ (3.9)	\$ 90.2
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used for operating activities:		
Depletion and depreciation	14.8	13.0
Gain on sale of Headwaters Timberlands	—	(239.8)
Extraordinary gain on repurchase of debt, net	(2.0)	—
Equity in undistributed loss (earnings) of Kaiser Aluminum Corporation	(2.1)	32.9
Amortization of deferred financing costs	1.7	1.8
Net purchases of marketable securities	(6.1)	(17.4)
Net gain on marketable securities	(11.1)	(9.3)
Deferral of interest payment on note receivable from MAXXAM Inc.	(16.7)	(12.2)
Increase (decrease) in cash resulting from changes in:		
Receivables	2.4	(1.4)
Inventories, net of depletion	(13.6)	1.2
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(5.4)	(2.9)
Accounts payable	(0.6)	4.6
Accrued interest	(20.4)	(19.8)
Accrued and deferred income taxes	(2.4)	79.3
Other accrued liabilities	3.2	1.2
Long-term assets and long-term liabilities	1.2	(2.1)
Net cash used for operating activities	<u>(61.0)</u>	<u>(80.7)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net proceeds from dispositions of property and investments	0.3	298.2
Capital expenditures	(11.0)	(20.0)
Restricted cash withdrawals used to acquire timberlands	0.8	12.9
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	<u>(9.9)</u>	<u>291.1</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net borrowings under revolving credit agreements	25.9	21.6
Redemption, repurchases of and principal payments on long-term debt	(21.8)	(8.3)
Restricted cash withdrawals (deposits), net	10.3	(290.6)
Dividends paid to stockholder	(45.0)	—
Other	—	(0.2)
Net cash used for financing activities	<u>(30.6)</u>	<u>(277.5)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(101.5)	(67.1)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	189.8	150.8
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 88.3</u>	<u>\$ 83.7</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Interest paid, net of capitalized interest	\$ 78.4	\$ 80.1
Tax allocation payments from MAXXAM	0.5	—
Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Repurchases of debt using restricted cash and marketable securities	\$ 36.1	\$ —

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

MAXXAM GROUP HOLDINGS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. General

The information contained in the following notes to the consolidated financial statements is condensed from that which would appear in the annual consolidated financial statements; accordingly, the consolidated financial statements included herein should be reviewed in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto contained in the Form 10-K. Any capitalized terms used but not defined in these Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are defined in the "Glossary of Defined Terms" contained in Appendix A. All references to the "Company" include MAXXAM Group Holdings Inc. and its subsidiary companies unless otherwise noted or the context indicates otherwise. Accounting measurements at interim dates inherently involve greater reliance on estimates than at year end. The results of operations for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year.

The consolidated financial statements included herein are unaudited; however, they include all adjustments of a normal recurring nature which, in the opinion of management, are necessary to present fairly the consolidated financial position of the Company at September 30, 2000, the consolidated results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000 and 1999 and the consolidated cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 and 1999. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of MAXXAM. Certain reclassifications of prior period information have been made to conform to the current presentation.

SFAS No. 133 requires companies to recognize all derivative instruments as assets or liabilities in the balance sheet and to measure those instruments at fair value. SFAS No. 137 delayed the required implementation date of SFAS No. 133 to no later than January 1, 2001. SFAS No. 138, which amends certain requirements of SFAS No. 133, was issued in September 2000. Kaiser, the Company's equity investee, has hedging programs which use various derivative products to "lock-in" a price (or range of prices) for products sold or used so that earnings and cash flows are subject to a reduced risk of volatility. Under SFAS Nos. 133 and 138, Kaiser will be required to "mark-to-market" its hedging positions at the end of each period in advance of the period of recognition for the transactions to which the hedges relate. Changes in the fair value of Kaiser's open hedging positions resulting from the "mark-to-market" process will represent unrealized gains or losses. Such unrealized gains and losses may change based on prevailing market prices at each subsequent balance sheet date, until the transaction date occurs. Kaiser will reflect changes in the fair value of its open hedging positions as an increase or reduction in stockholders' equity through either other comprehensive income or net income depending on the nature of the hedging instrument used and its effectiveness at offsetting changes in market prices for the hedged item. To the extent that changes in the fair value of Kaiser's hedging positions are initially recorded in other comprehensive income, such changes will be reversed from other comprehensive income (net of any fluctuations in other "open" positions) and will be reflected in traditional net income upon occurrence of the transactions to which the hedges relate. Under the equity method of accounting which the Company follows in accounting for its investment in Kaiser, the Company will reflect its equity share of Kaiser's adjustments to stockholder's equity through either other comprehensive income or traditional net income, as appropriate. As of September 30, 2000, the amount of the Company's other comprehensive income adjustments is not significant so there is not a significant difference between net income and comprehensive income. However, differences between comprehensive income and net income may become significant in future periods as a result of the impact of SFAS Nos. 133 and 138 which is attributable to the Company recording its equity share of Kaiser's other comprehensive income and net income. In general, SFAS Nos. 133 and 138 will result in material fluctuations in comprehensive income, net income and stockholder's equity in periods of price volatility.

SAB No. 101 provides interpretive guidance on the proper recognition, presentation and disclosure of revenues in financial statements. The Company has reviewed its revenue recognition policies and determined that they are in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles and the related interpretive guidance set forth in SAB No. 101.

2. Headwaters Transactions

On March 1, 1999, the United States and California acquired the Headwaters Timberlands, approximately 5,600 acres of timberlands containing a significant amount of virgin old growth timber, from Salmon Creek and Pacific Lumber. Salmon Creek received \$299.9 million for its 4,900 acres, and for its 700 acres, Pacific Lumber received the 7,700 acre Elk River Timberlands, which Pacific Lumber contributed to Scotia LLC in June 1999. See Note 8 below for a discussion of additional agreements entered into on March 1, 1999.

As a result of the disposition of the Headwaters Timberlands, the Company recognized a pre-tax gain of \$239.8 million (\$142.1 million net of deferred taxes) in 1999. This amount represents the gain attributable to the portion of the Headwaters Timberlands for which the Company received \$299.9 million in cash. With respect to the remaining portion of the Headwaters Timberlands for which the Company received the Elk River Timberlands, no gain has been recognized as this represented an exchange of substantially similar productive assets. These timberlands have been reflected in the Company's financial statements at an amount which represents the Company's historical cost for the timberlands which were transferred to the United States.

Scotia LLC and Pacific Lumber also entered into agreements with California for the future sale of two timber properties known as the Owl Creek grove and the Grizzly Creek grove. Under these agreements, Scotia LLC would sell the Owl Creek grove to California, no later than June 30, 2001, for the lesser of the appraised fair market value or \$79.7 million, and California must purchase from Pacific Lumber, no later than October 31, 2000, all or a portion of the Grizzly Creek grove for a purchase price determined based on its fair market value, but not to exceed \$19.9 million. The October 31, 2000 date for completing the sale of the Grizzly Creek grove has been extended to December 31, 2000. California also has a five year option under the Grizzly Creek agreement to purchase additional property in the Grizzly Creek grove. The sale of the Owl Creek grove or Grizzly Creek grove will not be reflected in the Company's financial statements until each has been concluded.

3. Restricted Cash and Marketable Securities

Cash and marketable securities include the following amounts which are restricted (in millions):

	<u>September 30, 2000</u>	<u>December 31, 1999</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Amounts held as security for short positions in marketable securities	<u>\$ 41.6</u>	<u>\$ 27.1</u>
Marketable securities, restricted:		
Amounts held in SAR Account	<u>16.3</u>	<u>15.9</u>
Long-term restricted cash and marketable securities:		
Amounts held in SAR Account	143.4	153.2
Amounts held in Prefunding Account	2.5	3.3
Other amounts restricted under the Timber Notes Indenture	0.4	0.4
Other long-term restricted cash	2.0	2.0
Less: Amounts attributable to Timber Notes held in SAR Account	<u>(36.1)</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>112.2</u>	<u>158.9</u>
Total restricted cash and marketable securities	<u><u>\$ 170.1</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 201.9</u></u>

4. Inventories

Inventories consist of the following (in millions):

	<u>September 30, 2000</u>	<u>December 31, 1999</u>
Lumber	<u>\$ 32.4</u>	<u>\$ 23.2</u>
Logs	<u>26.0</u>	<u>21.4</u>
	<u><u>\$ 58.4</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 44.6</u></u>

5. Investment in Kaiser

The Company owns the 27,938,250 Kaiser Shares, of which 26,737,443 shares are pledged as collateral for the MGHI Notes as of September 30, 2000. Kaiser operates in several principal aspects of the aluminum industry through the following business segments: bauxite and alumina, primary aluminum, flat-rolled products and engineered products. Kaiser uses a portion of its bauxite, alumina and primary aluminum production for additional processing at certain downstream facilities. Kaiser's common stock is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "KLU." The Kaiser Shares represent a 35.1% equity interest in Kaiser at September 30, 2000.

The market value for the Kaiser Shares based on the price per share quoted at the close of business on November 6, 2000 was \$139.7 million. There can be no assurance that such value would be realized should the Company dispose of its investment in the Kaiser Shares.

The following tables contain summarized financial information of Kaiser (in millions).

	September 30, 2000 (Unaudited)	December 31, 1999
Current assets	\$ 962.6	\$ 973.9
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,128.1	1,053.7
Other assets	1,217.4	1,171.2
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,308.1</u>	<u>\$ 3,198.8</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 663.2	\$ 637.9
Long-term debt, less current maturities	957.8	972.5
Other liabilities	1,498.5	1,405.4
Minority interests	116.7	117.7
Stockholders' equity	71.9	65.3
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 3,308.1</u>	<u>\$ 3,198.8</u>

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	(Unaudited)			
Net sales	\$ 537.1	\$ 520.3	\$ 1,645.3	\$ 1,524.7
Costs and expenses	(534.3)	(532.4)	(1,554.1)	(1,569.1)
Other income (expenses), net	(31.9)	(49.1)	(84.9)	(101.7)
Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interests	(29.1)	(61.2)	6.3	(146.1)
Credit (provision) for income taxes	11.2	21.1	(2.5)	49.9
Minority interests	1.1	0.9	2.1	3.1
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (16.8)</u>	<u>\$ (39.2)</u>	<u>\$ 5.9</u>	<u>\$ (93.1)</u>
Equity in earnings (loss) of Kaiser	<u>\$ (5.9)</u>	<u>\$ (13.8)</u>	<u>\$ 2.1</u>	<u>\$ (32.9)</u>

6. Long-term Debt

Long-term debt consists of the following (in millions):

	September 30, 2000	December 31, 1999
6.55% Scotia LLC Class A-1 Timber Collateralized Notes due July 20, 2028	\$ 136.7	\$ 152.6
7.11% Scotia LLC Class A-2 Timber Collateralized Notes due July 20, 2028	243.2	243.2
7.71% Scotia LLC Class A-3 Timber Collateralized Notes due July 20, 2028	463.3	463.3
12% MGHI Senior Secured Notes due August 1, 2003	118.8	125.2
Other	1.1	1.1
	<u>963.1</u>	<u>985.4</u>
Less: Current maturities	(16.5)	(16.0)
Timber Notes held in SAR Account	(39.8)	—
	<u>\$ 906.8</u>	<u>\$ 969.4</u>

The amount attributable to the Timber Notes held in the SAR Account of \$36.1 million reflected in Note 3 above represents the amount paid to acquire \$39.8 million of principal amount of Timber Notes. This repurchase resulted in an extraordinary gain of \$1.6 million, net of tax. Subsequent to September 30, 2000, \$16.3 million of funds in the SAR Account were used to repurchase \$20.2 million of principal amount of Timber Notes. This repurchase is expected to result in an extraordinary gain of approximately \$2.3 million, net of tax, in the fourth quarter of 2000.

7. Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) includes the following (in millions):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Net income (loss)	\$ (12.2)	\$ (19.3)	\$ (3.9)	\$ 90.2
Other comprehensive income:				
Change in value of available-for-sale investments	0.6	—	0.6	—
Total comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ (11.6)</u>	<u>\$ (19.3)</u>	<u>\$ (3.3)</u>	<u>\$ 90.2</u>

8. Contingencies

Regulatory and environmental matters play a significant role in the Company's forest products business, which is subject to a variety of California and federal laws and regulations, as well as the HCP and SYP and Pacific Lumber's 2000 timber operator's license, dealing with timber harvesting practices, threatened and endangered species and habitat for such species, and air and water quality. As further described in Note 2 "Headwaters Transactions," on March 1, 1999, Pacific Lumber and MAXXAM consummated the Headwaters Agreement with the United States and California. In addition to the transfer of the Headwaters Timberlands described in Note 2, the SYP and the HCP were approved and the Permits were issued.

The SYP complies with certain California Board of Forestry regulations requiring timber companies to project timber growth and harvest on their timberlands over a 100-year planning period and to demonstrate that their projected average annual harvest for any decade within a 100-year planning period will not exceed the average annual harvest level during the last decade of the 100-year planning period. The SYP is effective for 10 years (subject to review after five years) and may be amended by Pacific Lumber, subject to approval by the CDF. Revised SYPs will be prepared every decade that address the harvest level based upon reassessment of changes in the resource base and other factors. The HCP and the Permits allow incidental "take" of certain species located on the Company's timberlands which have been listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA and/or CESA so long as there is no "jeopardy" to the continued existence of such species. The HCP identifies the measures to be instituted in order to minimize and mitigate the anticipated level of take to the greatest extent practicable. The SYP is also subject to certain of these provisions. The HCP and related Permits have a term of 50 years. The Company believes that the SYP and the HCP should in the long-term expedite the preparation and facilitate approval of its THPs, although the Company is experiencing difficulties in the THP approval process as it implements these agreements.

Under the Federal Clean Water Act, the EPA is required to establish TMDLs in water courses that have been declared to be "water quality impaired." The EPA and the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board are in the process of establishing TMDLs for 17 northern California rivers and certain of their tributaries, including nine water courses that flow within the Company's timberlands. The Company expects this process to continue into 2010. In the December 16, 1999 EPA report dealing with TMDLs on two of the nine water courses, the agency indicated that the requirements under the HCP would significantly address the sediment issues that resulted in TMDL requirements for these water courses. However, the September 11, 2000 report by the staff of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board proposed various actions including restrictions on harvesting beyond those required under the HCP. Hearings concerning these matters are scheduled for February 2001. Establishment of the final TMDL requirements applicable to the Company's timberlands will be a lengthy process, and the final TMDL requirements applicable to the Company's timberlands may require aquatic protection measures that are different from or in addition to the prescriptions to be developed pursuant to the watershed analysis process provided for in the HCP.

Lawsuits are pending and threatened which seek to prevent the Company from implementing the HCP and/or the SYP, implementing certain of the Company's approved THPs or carrying out certain other operations. On December 2, 1997, the *Wrigley lawsuit* and the *Rollins lawsuit* were filed against the Company, certain of its subsidiaries and others. These actions allege, among other things, that the defendants' logging practices have damaged the plaintiffs' properties and property values by contributing to landslides in Stafford, California, (*Rollins lawsuit*) and an increase in flooding and damage to domestic water systems in a portion of the Elk River watershed (*Wrigley lawsuit*). The Company believes that it has strong factual and legal defenses with respect to these matters; however, there can be no assurance that they will not have a material adverse effect on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity. On March 31, 1999, the *EPIC-SYP/Permits lawsuit* was filed alleging various violations of the CESA and the CEQA, and challenging, among other things, the validity and legality of the Permits issued by California and the SYP. On March 31, 1999, the *USWA lawsuit* was filed also challenging the validity and legality of the SYP. The Company believes that appropriate procedures were followed throughout the public review and approval process concerning the HCP and the SYP, and the Company is working with the relevant government agencies to defend these challenges. Although uncertainties are inherent in the final outcome of the *EPIC-SYP/Permits lawsuit* and the *USWA lawsuit*, the Company believes that the resolution of these matters should not result in a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or the ability to harvest timber. While the Company expects environmentally focused objections and lawsuits to continue, it believes that the HCP, the SYP and the Permits should enhance its position in connection with these continuing challenges and, over time, reduce or minimize such challenges.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following should be read in conjunction with the financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Report and Item 7. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and Item 8. “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” of the Form 10-K. Any capitalized terms used but not defined in this Item are defined in the “Glossary of Defined Terms” contained in Appendix A.

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains statements which constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements appear in a number of places in this section, in Item 3. “Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk,” and in Part II. Item 1. “Legal Proceedings.” Such statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “believes,” “expects,” “may,” “estimates,” “will,” “should,” “plans” or “anticipates” or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy. Readers are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve significant risks and uncertainties, and that actual results may vary materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. These factors include the effectiveness of management’s strategies and decisions, general economic and business conditions, developments in technology, new or modified statutory or regulatory requirements and changing prices and market conditions. This Form 10-Q and the Form 10-K identify other factors that could cause such differences between such forward-looking statements and actual results. No assurance can be given that these are all of the factors that could cause actual results to vary materially from the forward-looking statements.

Results of Operations

The Company’s wholly owned subsidiary, MGI, and its operating subsidiaries, Pacific Lumber and Britt, are engaged in forest products operations. The Company’s business is somewhat seasonal, and its net sales have been historically higher in the months of April through November than in the months of December through March. Management expects that the Company’s revenues and cash flows will continue to be seasonal. Accordingly, the Company’s results for any one quarter are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the full year.

Due to Pacific Lumber’s difficulties in implementing the Environmental Plans and the resulting lower harvests on its property, Pacific Lumber’s production of redwood lumber has decreased. Furthermore, logging costs have increased due to the harvest of smaller diameter logs and compliance with environmental regulations and the Environmental Plans. Pacific Lumber has been able to lessen the impact of these factors by instituting a number of measures at its sawmills during the past several years designed to enhance the efficiency of its operations, such as modernization and expansion of its manufactured lumber facilities and other improvements in lumber recovery. See also “—Trends.”

The following table presents selected operational and financial information for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000 and 1999.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
(In millions of dollars, except shipments and prices)				
Shipments:				
Lumber: ⁽¹⁾				
Redwood upper grades	4.0	4.9	11.3	19.1
Redwood common grades	33.4	33.4	110.0	101.0
Douglas-fir upper grades	2.7	3.0	8.4	7.5
Douglas-fir common grades	20.1	18.3	59.0	46.0
Other	0.5	1.8	5.2	6.2
Total lumber	<u>60.7</u>	<u>61.4</u>	<u>193.9</u>	<u>179.8</u>
Wood chips ⁽²⁾	<u>48.8</u>	<u>48.1</u>	<u>133.3</u>	<u>124.7</u>
Average sales price:				
Lumber: ⁽³⁾				
Redwood upper grades	\$ 1,820	\$ 1,633	\$ 1,760	\$ 1,500
Redwood common grades	719	646	740	607
Douglas-fir upper grades	1,374	1,267	1,340	1,286
Douglas-fir common grades	356	467	383	433
Wood chips ⁽⁴⁾	70	78	68	78
Net sales:				
Lumber, net of discount	\$ 42.0	\$ 42.3	\$ 135.8	\$ 120.5
Wood chips	3.4	3.8	9.0	9.7
Cogeneration power	1.6	1.4	3.2	2.7
Other	2.4	1.5	4.7	4.2
Total net sales	<u>\$ 49.4</u>	<u>\$ 49.0</u>	<u>\$ 152.7</u>	<u>\$ 137.1</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ 0.1</u>	<u>\$ (3.9)</u>	<u>\$ 14.3</u>	<u>\$ (8.8)</u>
Operating cash flow ⁽⁵⁾	<u>\$ 5.4</u>	<u>\$ (0.1)</u>	<u>\$ 29.1</u>	<u>\$ 4.2</u>
Income (loss) before income taxes ⁽⁶⁾	<u>\$ (14.9)</u>	<u>\$ (28.5)</u>	<u>\$ (8.8)</u>	<u>\$ 169.5</u>
Net income (loss) ⁽⁷⁾	<u>\$ (12.2)</u>	<u>\$ (19.3)</u>	<u>\$ (3.9)</u>	<u>\$ 90.2</u>
Capital expenditures	<u>\$ 5.0</u>	<u>\$ 2.4</u>	<u>\$ 11.0</u>	<u>\$ 20.0</u>

(1) Lumber shipments are expressed in millions of board feet.

(2) Wood chip shipments are expressed in thousands of bone dry units of 2,400 pounds.

(3) Dollars per thousand board feet.

(4) Dollars per bone dry unit.

(5) Operating income before depletion and depreciation, also referred to as "EBITDA."

(6) 1999 results include a \$239.8 million gain on the sale of the Headwaters Timberlands.

(7) 2000 results include an extraordinary gain of \$1.4 million, net of tax, on the repurchase of the Timber Notes.

Net Sales

Net sales for the quarter ended September 30, 2000, were largely unchanged from the comparable prior year period as the impact of lower shipments of upper grade redwood lumber and lower prices for common grade Douglas-fir lumber were offset by higher prices for redwood lumber. Net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, increased over the comparable prior year period due to higher prices for redwood lumber and higher shipments of common grade redwood and Douglas-fir lumber. These improvements were offset in part by lower shipments of upper grade redwood lumber due to continuing reductions in the volume of old-growth logs available for the production of lumber. The failure of government agencies to approve THPs in a timely manner continues to adversely affect log supply.

Operating Income (Loss)

The Company had operating income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000, as compared to operating losses for the comparable 1999 periods. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, this was primarily due to the increase in net sales discussed above. In addition, operating income improved for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000, as a result of a decrease in cost of sales and operations as a percentage of net sales due to increased efficiencies at the sawmills and a reduction in logging costs.

Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes

The loss before income taxes for the quarter ended September 30, 2000, decreased from the comparable 1999 period primarily due to higher operating income discussed above and a decrease in the equity in losses from Kaiser. Income before income taxes for the first nine months of 2000 decreased from the comparable prior year period principally due to the gain on the sale of the Headwaters Timberlands of \$239.8 million (\$142.1 million net of deferred taxes) offset by the improvement in operating income discussed above and improved equity in earnings from Kaiser.

Financial Condition and Investing and Financing Activities

This section contains statements which constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. See above for cautionary information with respect to such forward-looking statements.

As of September 30, 2000, the Company and its subsidiaries had cash and marketable securities, including short and long-term restricted amounts, of \$261.6 million compared to \$392.5 million as of December 31, 1999. In addition to the principal payments, repurchases of debt and the dividend payment discussed below, the decline in cash and marketable securities was the result of expenditures for certain working capital items and the need to fund losses. With respect to changes in working capital, \$39.4 million of the decrease in cash and marketable securities was a result of the following three items: an increase in inventories as the Company is rebuilding its lumber and log inventory levels; an increase in prepaid expenses primarily related to THP preparation costs; and a reduction in accrued interest payable. Short and long-term restricted cash and marketable securities include \$159.7 million held in the SAR Account (including \$36.1 million of repurchased Timber Notes). The fair value of the SAR Account, including the re-acquired Timber Notes, was \$162.7 million as of September 30, 2000. The Company (excluding its subsidiaries) had cash and marketable securities of \$52.1 million as of September 30, 2000.

Long-term debt, excluding current maturities, was \$906.8 million as of September 30, 2000, as compared to \$969.4 million at December 31, 1999. The decrease in long-term debt was primarily due to the repurchase of \$39.8 million principal amount of Timber Notes. In addition, long-term debt declined as a result of \$15.8 million of principal payments on the Timber Notes. On the July 20, 2000 note payment date for the Timber Notes, Scotia LLC had \$3.1 million in cash available to pay the \$31.1 million of interest due. Scotia LLC borrowed the remaining \$28.0 million in funds under the Scotia LLC Line of Credit. In addition, Scotia LLC repaid \$2.9 million of principal on the Timber Notes using funds held in the SAR Account. As of September 30, 2000, \$4.6 million was outstanding under the Scotia LLC Line of Credit which was subsequently paid on October 20, 2000.

As of September 30, 2000, \$14.5 million of unused borrowing availability was available under the Pacific Lumber Credit Agreement, \$21.3 million in borrowings were outstanding and letters of credit outstanding amounted to \$12.7 million. Subsequent to September 30, 2000, Pacific Lumber borrowed \$7.3 million under the facility.

MGI repaid principal and interest of \$10.0 million on a \$45.0 million intercompany loan from Pacific Lumber subsequent to September 30, 2000.

Pacific Lumber expects that near-term cash flows from operations will be adversely affected by an inadequate supply of logs and a related slowdown in lumber production. Pacific Lumber anticipates that it will require funds available under Pacific Lumber's revolving credit agreement, repayments by MGI of an intercompany loan and/or capital contributions from MGI to enable it to meet its working capital and capital expenditure requirements for the remainder of 2000 and until mid-2001. With respect to long-term liquidity, although Pacific Lumber expects that its existing cash and cash equivalents should provide sufficient funds to meet its working capital and capital expenditure requirements, until such time as Pacific Lumber has adequate cash flows from operations and/or dividends from Scotia LLC, there can be no assurance that this will be the case.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2000, the Company repurchased \$6.4 million of MGHI Notes, reducing the outstanding balance to \$118.8 million.

The indenture governing the MGHI Notes, among other things, restricts the ability of the Company to incur additional indebtedness and liens, engage in transactions with affiliates, pay dividends and make investments. During the nine months ended September 30, 2000, the Company received an aggregate of \$108.4 million in dividends from MGI, \$90.0 million of which were made available using proceeds from the sale of the Headwaters Timberlands. The Company in turn paid a \$45.0 million dividend to MAXXAM.

The Company anticipates that existing cash, cash equivalents, marketable securities, funds available from the SAR Account and available sources of financing will be sufficient to fund its working capital and capital expenditure requirements for the next year. With respect to long-term liquidity, although the Company believes that its existing cash and cash equivalents should provide sufficient funds to meet the working capital and capital expenditure requirements and the required debt service obligations for itself and its subsidiaries, until such time as Pacific Lumber has adequate cash flows from operations, and/or dividends from Scotia LLC, there can be no assurance that this will be the case. Furthermore, due to its highly leveraged condition, the Company is more sensitive than less leveraged companies to factors affecting its operations, including governmental regulation and litigation affecting its timber harvesting practices (see Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements), increased competition from other lumber producers or alternative building products and general economic conditions.

Trends

This section contains statements which constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. See above for cautionary information with respect to such forward-looking statements.

The Company’s forest products operations are conducted by MGI through Pacific Lumber and Britt. Regulatory and environmental matters play a significant role in Pacific Lumber’s operations. See Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Item 1. “Business – Forest Products Operations” of the Form 10-K for a discussion of these matters. Compliance with such laws, regulations and judicial and administrative interpretations, and related litigation have increased the cost of logging operations and at times have delayed or reduced harvest. The Company’s forest products segment has also been adversely affected by a lack of available logs as a result of a severely diminished supply of available THPs. Prior to the consummation of the Headwaters Agreement on March 1, 1999, the reduced number of approved THPs was attributable to several factors, including a significantly reduced level of THPs submitted by Pacific Lumber to the CDF during the second half of 1998 and during the first two months of 1999. See Item 7. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Trends” of the Form 10-K for a discussion of other factors which affected THP submissions and approvals during the above time period.

With the consummation of the Headwaters Agreement, Pacific Lumber has completed its work in connection with preparation of the Environmental Plans; however, significant additional work continues to be required in connection with their implementation. As a result of the implementation process, 1999 was a transition period for Pacific Lumber with respect to the filing and approval of its THPs. The transition period has continued into 2000 and is expected to continue into 2001. Although the rate of submissions and approvals of THPs during the nine months ended September 30, 2000, is higher than that for 1999, monthly submissions and approvals continue to be slower than Pacific Lumber’s expectations and slower than Pacific Lumber had experienced prior to 1998, principally because government agencies have failed to approve THPs in a timely manner. Nevertheless, Pacific Lumber anticipates that after a transition period, the implementation of the Environmental Plans will streamline the process of preparing THPs and potentially shorten the time to obtain approval of THPs.

There can be no assurance that Pacific Lumber will not continue to experience difficulties in receiving approvals of its THPs similar to those it has been experiencing. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that certain pending legal, regulatory and environmental matters or future governmental regulations, legislation or judicial or administrative decisions, or adverse weather conditions, would not have a material adverse effect on the Company’s financial position, results of operations or liquidity. See Part II. Item 1. “Legal Proceedings” and Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information regarding regulatory and legal proceedings affecting the Company’s operations.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

This section contains statements which constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. See Item 2. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” for cautionary information with respect to such forward-looking statements.

This item is not applicable for the Company and its subsidiaries; however, Kaiser, the Company’s equity investee, utilizes hedging transactions to lock-in a specified price or range of prices for certain products which it sells or consumes and to mitigate its exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. See Item 3. “Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk” from Kaiser’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed for the period ended March 31, 2000 included as Exhibit 99.1 to the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed for the period ended March 31, 2000 for information relative to Kaiser’s hedging activities.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Reference is made to Item 3 of the Form 10-K for information concerning material legal proceedings with respect to the Company. The following material developments have occurred with respect to such legal proceedings subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K.

Timber Harvesting Litigation

On March 10, 2000, the *EPIC/THP 97-520 lawsuit* was filed in the Superior Court of Humboldt County. Plaintiffs allege, among other things, that the CDF violated the Forest Practices Act and the California Public Resources Code by approving an amendment to THP 97-520 (which covers approximately 700 acres of timberlands adjoining the Headwaters Timberlands) as a “minor” amendment. The plaintiffs seek an order requiring the CDF to withdraw its approval of the minor amendment to THP 97-520, and enjoining Pacific Lumber from harvesting under THP 97-520. In July 2000, the Court issued a preliminary injunction enjoining Pacific Lumber from harvesting under THP 97-520. The *EPIC/THP 97-520 lawsuit* has been set for trial on March 5, 2001. On October 19, 2000, the CDF accepted for filing a “major” amendment of THP 97-520 which allows for winter operations and restates the changes in the minor amendment. The Company believes that if the CDF approves the plan as submitted, it should be able to obtain relief from the injunction and begin harvesting. Therefore, although it is impossible for the Company to assess the potential impact of this matter in the short term, it believes that the matter will not in the long term have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

With respect to the *Rollins lawsuit* described in the Form 10-K, in April and June 2000, the Court dismissed five of the plaintiffs’ ten causes of action, including their allegations that the defendants had violated the California business and professions code and dismissed the plaintiffs’ claim for punitive damages. On August 30, 2000, the judge presiding over this matter was disqualified.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

a. Exhibits:

*27 Financial Data Schedule for the nine months ended September 30, 2000

* Included with this filing.

b. Reports on Form 8-K:

None.

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, who have signed this report on behalf of the Registrant and as the principal financial and accounting officers of the Registrant.

MAXXAM GROUP HOLDINGS INC.

Date: November 9, 2000

By: PAUL N. SCHWARTZ
Paul N. Schwartz
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Director
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: November 9, 2000

By: ELIZABETH D. BRUMLEY
Elizabeth D. Brumley
Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Glossary of Defined Terms

Britt: Britt Lumber Co., Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of MGI

CDF: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

CESA: California Endangered Species Act

Company: MAXXAM Group Holdings Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of MAXXAM

Environmental Plans: The HCP and the SYP

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

EPIC-SYP/Permits lawsuit: An action entitled *Environmental Protection Information Association, Sierra Club v. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, California Department of Fish and Game, The Pacific Lumber Company, Scotia Pacific Company LLC, Salmon Creek Corporation, et al.* filed on March 31, 1999, in the Superior Court of Sacramento County (No. 99CS00639) and transferred on July 13, 1999 to the Superior Court of Humboldt County (No. CV-990445)

EPIC/THP 97-520 lawsuit: A lawsuit entitled *Environmental Protection Information Center, Sierra Club v. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Does I-X, Scotia Pacific Holding Company, Pacific Lumber Company and Does XI-XX (THP 520)* (No. CV-000170) filed on March 10, 2000 in the Superior Court of Humboldt County

ESA: The federal Endangered Species Act

Forest Practice Act: The California Forest Practice Act

Form 10-K: The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999

HCP: The habitat conservation plan covering multiple species approved on March 1, 1999 in connection with the consummation of the Headwaters Agreement

Headwaters Agreement: The September 28, 1996 agreement between Pacific Lumber, Scotia LLC, Salmon Creek, the United States and California which provided the framework for the acquisition by the United States and California of the Headwaters Timberlands

Headwaters Timberlands: Approximately 5,600 acres of Pacific Lumber timberlands consisting of two forest groves commonly referred to as the Headwaters Forest and the Elk Head Springs Forest which were sold to the United States and California on March 1, 1999

Kaiser: Kaiser Aluminum Corporation, an equity investee of the Company engaged in aluminum operations

Kaiser Shares: 27,938,250 shares of the common stock of Kaiser, of which 26,737,443 shares are pledged as collateral for the MGHI Notes

MAXXAM: MAXXAM Inc.

MGHI Notes: 12% Senior Secured Notes of the Company due August 1, 2003

MGI: MAXXAM Group Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company

Pacific Lumber: The Pacific Lumber Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of MGI

Pacific Lumber Credit Agreement: The revolving credit agreement between Pacific Lumber and a bank which provides for borrowings of up to \$60.0 million, all of which may be used for revolving borrowings, \$20.0 million of which may be used for standby letters of credit and \$30.0 million of which may be used for timberland acquisitions.

Permits: The incidental take permits issued by the United States and California pursuant to the HCP

Prefunding Account: Restricted cash held in an account by the trustee under the indenture governing the Timber Notes to enable Scotia LLC to acquire timberlands

Rollins lawsuit: An action entitled *Jennie Rollins, et al. v. Charles Hurwitz, John Campbell, Pacific Lumber, MAXXAM Group Holdings Inc., Scotia Pacific Holding Company, MAXXAM Group Inc., MAXXAM Inc., Barnum Timber Company* (No. 9700400) filed on December 2, 1997 in the Superior Court of Humboldt County

Salmon Creek: Salmon Creek LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Pacific Lumber

SAR Account: Funds held in a reserve account to support principal payments on the Timber Notes

Scotia LLC: Scotia Pacific Company LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Pacific Lumber

Scotia LLC Line of Credit: The agreement between a group of lenders and Scotia LLC pursuant to which it may borrow in order to pay interest on the Timber Notes

SFAS No. 133: Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, “Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities”

SFAS No. 137: Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 137, “Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities - Deferral of Effective Date of SFAS No. 133”

SFAS No. 138: Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 138, “Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities - An Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133”

SYP: The sustained yield plan approved on March 1, 1999 in connection with the consummation of the Headwaters Agreement

THP: Timber harvesting plan required to be filed with and approved by the CDF prior to the harvesting of timber

Timber Notes: Scotia LLC’s \$867.2 million original aggregate principal amount of 6.55% Series B Class A-1 Timber Collateralized Notes, 7.11% Series B Class A-2 Timber Collateralized Notes and 7.71% Series B Class A-3 Timber Collateralized Notes due July 20, 2028

Timber Notes Indenture: The indenture governing the Timber Notes

TMDLs: Total maximum daily load limits

USWA lawsuit: An action entitled *United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO, CLC, and Donald Kegley v. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, The Pacific Lumber Company, Scotia Pacific Company LLC and Salmon Creek Corporation* filed on March 31, 1999, in the Superior Court of Sacramento County (No. 99CS00626) and transferred on July 13, 1999 to the Superior Court of Humboldt County (No. CV-990452)

Wrigley lawsuit: An action entitled *Kristi Wrigley, et al. v. Charles Hurwitz, John Campbell, Pacific Lumber, MAXXAM Group Holdings Inc., Scotia Pacific Holding Company, MAXXAM Group Inc., MAXXAM Inc., Scotia Pacific Company LLC and Federated Development Company* (No. 9700399) filed on December 2, 1997 in the Superior Court of Humboldt County