



DIVISION OF  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-4631

Mail Stop 4631

June 2, 2009

**Via U.S. mail and facsimile**

Mr. Carlos E. Agüero  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Metalico, Inc.  
186 North Avenue East  
Cranford, NJ 07016

**RE: Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008  
Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2009  
Form 8-K filed on May 8, 2009  
File No. 001-32453**

Dear Mr. Agüero:

We have reviewed your response letter dated May 14, 2009 and have the following additional comments. If you disagree with any comments, we will consider your explanation as to why the comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or on any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

**FORM 10-Q FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2009**

**General**

1. Where a comment below requests additional disclosures or other revisions to be made, please show us in your supplemental response what the revisions will look like. These revisions should be included in your future filings, including your interim filings.

Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 9 – Short and Long-Term Debt, page 8

2. We note your response to comment 20 from our letter dated April 17, 2009. It appears from your disclosures on pages 8 and 9 that as of March 31, 2009 it was reasonably likely you may breach some of the debt covenants pertaining to your Loan Agreement and your Financing Agreement including the Minimum EBITDA, Trailing Twelve Month EBITDA, and Leverage Ratios. As described in Section IV.C of the SEC Interpretive Release No. 33-8350, please revise to disclose the following:

- Steps you are taking to avoid a breach of your debt covenants;
- Reasonably likely impact that a breach would have on your financial condition and operating performance; and
- Alternate sources of funding to payoff resulting obligations or replace funding if necessary (and the consequences of accessing these alternate sources of funding).

Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Critical Accounting Policies and Use of Estimates: Goodwill, page 20

3. We note your response to comment 10 from our letter dated April 17, 2009 and your revised critical accounting policy disclosures starting on page 20. You disclose on page 21 that if cash flows for your reporting units were to decrease by 10% for the next fiscal quarter, you could have additional goodwill impairment charges in your PGM reporting units. Please revise to disclose the amount of goodwill at your PGM reporting units that is considered at risk for impairment.

Critical Accounting Policies and Use of Estimates: Intangible Assets and Other Long-Lived Assets, page 21

4. We note your response to comment 11 from our letter dated April 17, 2009. You disclose on page 21 that you estimate the useful lives of your intangible assets by reference to contractual arrangements such as non-compete covenants and current and projected cash flows for supplier and customer lists. Your disclosures on page 7 indicate that approximately \$34 million of your intangible assets as of March 31, 2009 consisted of supplier relationships. Please tell us how you determined that the weak economic conditions which led to a goodwill impairment charge of \$36 million during 2008 did not impact the recoverability of your supplier relationship intangible assets as of either December 31, 2008 or March 31, 2009.

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General

5. Your Form 8-K includes a discussion of operating losses “before impairment and inventory write-downs” and Lead Fabrication segment operating income “excluding corporate overhead charges”. These figures appear to represent non-GAAP measures. Please tell us how you determined that your presentation of these measures is consistent with the requirements of Item 100 of Regulation G.

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Please respond to these comments within 10 business days or tell us when you will provide us with a response. Please provide us with a response letter that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested information. Detailed letters greatly facilitate our review. Please furnish your response on EDGAR as a correspondence file. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your responses to our comments.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please direct them to Lisa Haynes, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3424 or, in her absence, to the undersigned at (202) 551-3689.

Sincerely,

John Hartz  
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant