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

For the quarterly period ended September 26, 1998

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

Commission File Number 0-22684

UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Michigan

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2801 East	Beltline I	NE, Grand	Rapids,	Michigan	49525
(Address o	f principa	l executiv	ve office	es)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (616) 364-6161

NONE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 X No

Indicate the number of shares of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

Class	Outstanding as of November 1, 1998
Common stock, no par value	20,710,138

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UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except share data)

	·	tember 26, 1998	De	ecember 27, 1997
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of	\$	2,285	\$	3,157
\$1,956 and \$449) Inventories:		82,447		35,616
Raw materials Finished goods		35,755 68,487		38,240 72,923
Other current assets		104,242 6,127		111,163 7,701
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		195,101		157,637
OTHER ASSETS GOODWILL AND NON-COMPETE AGREEMENTS, NET		4,941 93,597		4,474 2,525
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT: Property, plant and equipment, at cost Accumulated depreciation and amortization		182,700 (60,024)		116,715 (51,968)
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET		122,676		64,747
	\$	416,315	\$	229,383
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY CURRENT LIABILITIES: Notes payable Accounts payable Accrued liabilities: Compensation and benefits Other Current portion of long-term debt and capital lease obligations TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		95,600 43,771 21,078 6,617 13,885 	\$	4,500 34,053 16,345 3,167 9,789 67,854
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LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS, less current portion DEFERRED INCOME TAXES OTHER LIABILITIES		33,330 7,162 5,709		39,752 1,766 4,113
<pre>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY: Preferred stock, no par value; shares authorized 1,000,000; issued and outstanding, none Common stock, no par value; shares authorized 40,000,000; issued and outstanding, 20,705,622 and 17,572,262 Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings Foreign currency translation adjustment</pre>		20,706 77,467 92,726 (923)		17,572 29,855 70,253 (882)
Officers' stock notes receivable		189,976 (813)		116,798 (900)
		189,163		115,898
	\$ ===	416,315	\$ ===	229,383 ======

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three	Months Ended	Nine Months Ended				
	1998	6, September 27, 3 1997	1998	1997			
NET SALES	\$ 341,071	\$ 292,264	\$ 967,945	\$ 859,774			
COST OF GOODS SOLD	298,192	267,141	854,178	780,687			
GROSS PROFIT	42,879	25,123	113,767	79,087			
SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	26,406	15,886	68,927				
EARNINGS FROM OPERATIONS	16,473	9,237	44,840	31,828			
OTHER EXPENSE (INCOME): Interest expense Interest income Other, net	(125) 166	(92)	7,301 (204 25) (238) (138)			
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	2,610	852	7,122	2,977			
EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	13,863	8,385	37,718	28,851			
INCOME TAXES	5,365	2,889	14,520	10,212			
NET EARNINGS	\$ 8,498 ======	\$ 5,496 =======	\$ 23,198 =======	\$ 18,639 =======			
EARNINGS PER SHARE - BASIC	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.31	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.06			
EARNINGS PER SHARE - DILUTED	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.30	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.02			
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING - BASIC	20,705	17,569	19,652	17,514			
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING - DILUTED	21,371	18,311	20,344	18,249			

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

(in thousands)

	Nine Mon	ths Ended
	September 26, 1998	September 27, 1997
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net earningsAdjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:	\$ 23,198	\$ 18,639
Depreciation and amortization of capital leases Amortization of non-compete agreements and goodwill (Gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment Stock Gift Program and Directors' Stock Grant Program expense Changes in:	8,875 1,648 114 25	6,907 395 (38) 3
Accounts receivable Inventories	(28,193) 22,930	(26,620) (2,714)
Other Accounts payable Accrued liabilities	(888) 6,934 9,103	(881) 29,146 (1,307)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	43,746	23,530
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Collection of notes receivable Purchases of property, plant and equipment Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment Acquisitions, net of cash received Other	105 (18,002) 431 (92,931) (159)	231 (9,500) 248 0 (172)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(110,556)	(9,193)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Net borrowings of notes payable Proceeds from issuance of common stock Cash dividends to shareholders CBC shareholder distributions Repayment of long-term debt Repurchase of common stock	91,100 446 (725) 0 (24,883) 0	0 577 (515) (18) (3,234) (1,118)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	65,938	(4,308)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(872)	10,029
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	3,157	1,330
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$ 2,285	\$ 11,359
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION: Cash paid during the period for:		• • • • • •
Interest Income taxes	\$ 6,385 10,560	\$ 2,451 10,460
NON-CASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Note payable issued in exchange for non-compete agreements Note payable issued in business combination Property, plant and equipment acquired through capital leases Fair market value of common stock issued in business combinations Officer's stock note receivable	\$ 2,373 820 179 50,511	\$ 400

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except share data)		Common Stock	 Additional Paid-In Capital	etained arnings	Curi Trans	eign rency slation stment	S1 No	icers' tock otes ivable	_	Total
BALANCE AS OF 12/27/97	\$	17,572	\$ 29,855	\$ 70,253	(\$	882)	(\$	900)	\$	115,898
Net earnings				3,577						3,577
Issuance of 4,585 shares		5	51							56
Foreign currency translation adjustment						266				266
Payments received on officers' stock notes receivable			 	 				66		66
BALANCE AS OF 3/28/98	\$	17,577	\$ 29,906	\$ 73,830	(\$	616)	(\$	834)	\$	119,863
Net earnings				11,123						11,123
Dividend paid				(725)						(725)
Issuance of 3,123,090 shares		3,123	47,482							50,605
Foreign currency translation adjustment						(131)				(131)
Payments received on officers' stock notes receivable			 	 				16		16
BALANCE AS OF 6/27/98	\$	20,700	\$ 77,388	\$ 84,228	(\$	747)	(\$	818)	\$	180,751
Net earnings				8,498						8,498
Issuance of 5,685 shares		6	79							85
Foreign currency translation adjustment						(176)				(176)
Payments received on officers' stock notes receivable			 	 				5		5
BALANCE AS OF 9/26/98	\$ ===	20,706	\$ 77,467	\$ 92,726	(\$ ====	923)	(\$	813)	\$ ==:	189,163

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UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except share data)		Common Stock	A(dditional Paid-In Capital		Retained Earnings	Curr Trans	eign ency lation stment	S N	icers' tock otes ivable	 Total
BALANCE AS OF 12/28/96	\$	17,438	\$	28,446	\$	56,426	(\$	830)	(\$	665)	\$ 100,815
Net earnings						3,627					3,627
Issuance of 32,253 shares		32		392							424
Foreign currency translation adjustment								64			64
Issuance of officers' stock notes receivable										(400)	(400)
Payments received on officers' stock notes receivable										128	 128
BALANCE AS OF 3/29/97	\$	17,470	\$	28,838	\$	60,053	(\$	766)	(\$	937)	\$104,658
Net earnings						9,517					9,517
Dividend paid						(515)					(515)
Issuance of 180,105 shares		180		346							526
Repurchase of 82,502 shares		(82)				(1,036)					(1,118)
CBC shareholder distributions						(18)					(18)
Foreign currency translation adjustment								(80)			(80)
Payments received on officers' stock notes receivable										28	 28
BALANCE AS OF 6/28/97	\$	17,568	\$	29,184	\$	68,001	(\$	846)	(\$	909)	\$ 112,998
Net earnings						5,496					5,496
Issuance of 2,235 shares		2		28							30
Foreign currency translation adjustment								81			81
Payments received on officers' stock notes receivable										4	 4
BALANCE AS OF 9/27/97	\$ ==	17,570 ======	\$ ==:	29,212 ======	\$ ==:	73,497	(\$ =====	765) ======	•	905) =====	118,609 ======

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated condensed financial statements (the "Financial Statements") of Universal Forest Products, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries and partnerships (together, the "Company"), have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, the Financial Statements do not include all of the information and footnotes normally included in the annual consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

In the opinion of management, the Financial Statements contain all material adjustments necessary to present fairly the consolidated financial position, results of operations, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows of the Company for the interim periods presented. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. These Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, and footnotes thereto, included in the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 27, 1997.

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 1997 consolidated condensed statement of earnings to conform to the classifications used in 1998.

B. EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

In February 1997, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128 ("SFAS 128"), "Earnings Per Share." SFAS 128 requires companies with complex capital structures that have publicly held common stock or common stock equivalents to present both basic and diluted earnings per share ("EPS") on the face of the income statement. The presentation of basic EPS replaces the presentation of primary EPS previously required by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 15 ("APB No. 15"), "Earnings Per Share." Basic EPS is calculated as net earnings available to common shareholders divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS (previously referred to as fully diluted EPS) is calculated using an approach similar to the "if converted" method for convertible securities and the treasury stock method for options and warrants as previously prescribed by APB No. 15. This new statement was effective for financial statements issued for the interim and annual periods ending after December 15, 1997.

UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Pursuant to the above-mentioned accounting standard, basic EPS is calculated based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the periods presented, while diluted EPS is calculated based on the weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding during the periods presented, giving effect to stock options granted in 1993 and 1998, utilizing the "treasury stock" method.

A reconciliation of the changes in the numerator and the denominator from the calculation of basic EPS to the calculation of diluted EPS follows (in thousands, except per share amounts).

	Three M	onths Ended 9/	26/98	Three Months Ended 9/27/97				
	0	Shares (Denominator)		0	Shares (Denominator)	Per Share Amount		
EPS - BASIC Net earnings available to common shareholders	. \$ 8,498	20,705	\$0.41 =====	\$ 5,496	17,569	\$0.31 =====		
EFFECT OF DILUTIVE SECURITIES Options		666			742			
EPS - DILUTED Net earnings available to common shareholders and assumed conversions	. \$ 8,498 =======	21,371 ======	\$0.40 =====	\$ 5,496 =======	18,311 ======	\$0.30 =====		

	Nine M	onths Ended 9/	26/98	Nine Months Ended 9/27/97					
	•	Shares (Denominator)		•	Shares (Denominator)	Per Share Amount			
EPS - BASIC Net earnings available to common shareholders	. \$ 23,198	19,652	\$1.18 =====	\$18,639	17,514	\$1.06 =====			
EFFECT OF DILUTIVE SECURITIES Options		692			735				
EPS - DILUTED Net earnings available to common shareholders and assumed conversions	. \$ 23,198 =======	20,344 =====	\$1.14 =====	\$18,639 ======	18,249 ======	\$1.02 =====			

Options to purchase 305,000 shares of common stock at exercise prices ranging from \$15.77 to \$31.30 were outstanding at September 26, 1998, but were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because the options' exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the common stock and, therefore, would be antidilutive.

C. STOCK BASED COMPENSATION

In January 1998, the Company granted incentive stock options for 346,506 shares of common stock under its Long Term Stock Incentive Plan. Options were granted to certain employees and officers of the Company at exercise prices ranging from \$13.1875 to \$24.46, which equaled or exceeded the market value of the stock on the date of each grant. The options are exercisable on various dates from 2001 through 2013, and the option recipients must be employed by the Company at the time of exercise.

On April 22, 1998, the Company granted incentive stock options for 125,000 shares of common stock under its Long Term Stock Incentive Plan. Options were granted to certain employees and officers of the Company at exercise prices ranging from \$17.4375 to \$31.30, which equaled or exceeded the market value of the stock on the date of each grant. The options are exercisable on various dates from 2001 through 2013, and the option recipients must be employed by the Company at the time of exercise.

On January 1, 1996, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 ("SFAS 123"), "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," which permits entities to continue to apply the provisions of APB Opinion No. 25, providing pro forma net earnings and pro forma earnings per share disclosures. Had compensation cost for these plans been determined consistent with the fair value based method defined in SFAS 123, the Company's net earnings and earnings per share would have been reduced to the following pro forma amounts (in thousands, except per share amounts).

	Three Months Ended September 26, 1998	Nine Months Ended September 26, 1998
Net Earnings: As Reported Pro Forma	\$8,498 8,498	\$23,198 20,621
EPS - Basic: As Reported Pro Forma	\$ 0.41 \$ 0.41	\$ 1.18 \$ 1.05
EPS - Diluted: As Reported Pro Forma	\$ 0.40 \$ 0.40	\$ 1.14 \$ 1.01

Because the fair value based method of accounting has not been applied to options granted prior to fiscal year 1995, the resulting pro forma compensation cost may not be representative of that to be expected in future years.

The fair value of each option granted in 1998 is estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions.

Risk Free Interest Rate	6.20%
Expected Life	8.0 years
Expected Volatility	28.35%
Expected Dividend Yield	0.41%

D. NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Effective January 1, 1998, the Company adopted SFAS No. 130, "Reporting Comprehensive Income." This statement established standards for reporting and display of comprehensive income and its components. Comprehensive income reflects the change in equity of a business enterprise during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances from nonowner sources. The Company's comprehensive income includes net earnings adjusted for foreign currency translation adjustments. Comprehensive income was \$8.3 million and \$5.6 million for the three months ended September 26, 1998 and September 27, 1997, respectively, and \$23.2 million and \$18.7 million for the nine months ended September 26, 1998 and September 27, 1997, respectively.

Effective January 1, 1998, the Company adopted SFAS No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information." This statement establishes standards for reporting information about operating segments in annual financial statements and requires selected information about operating segments in interim financial reports issued to shareholders. It also establishes standards for related disclosures about products and services, geographic areas, and major customers. Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. This statement requires reporting segment profit or loss, certain specific revenue and expense items and segment assets. It also requires reconciliations of total segment revenues, total segment profit or loss, total segment assets, and other amounts disclosed for segments to corresponding amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements. Restatement of comparative information for earlier periods presented is required in the initial year of application. Interim information is not required until the second year of application, at which time comparative information is required. The Company does not expect that the adoption of this new accounting standard will have a significant effect on its consolidated financial statement disclosures.

E. BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

On December 22, 1997, a subsidiary of the Company completed a merger with Consolidated Building Components, Inc. ("CBC"), a manufacturer of engineered trusses, wall panels and I-joist products for commercial and residential builders and producers of manufactured homes. CBC operates two plants in Northwest Pennsylvania. The Company issued approximately 398,000 shares of its common stock in exchange for all of the stock of CBC. This transaction has been accounted for as a pooling of interests; therefore, prior financial statements have been restated to reflect this merger for all periods presented. In addition, CBC's shareholders elected to be taxed as an S-Corporation; therefore, no provision for federal or state income taxes was included in CBC's financial statements for 1997.

On December 29, 1997, a partnership of the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of Structural Lumber Products, Inc. ("SLP"), a manufacturer of engineered trusses and wall panels for residential builders. SLP operates plants in San Antonio, Austin and Dallas, Texas. The total purchase price of the transaction was approximately \$18.5 million, funded through the Company's lines of credit. This transaction has been accounted for as a purchase and, accordingly, the purchase price has been allocated to the assets acquired based on their estimated fair market values at the date of the acquisition. The excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair value of the acquired assets, was approximately \$13.0 million and has been recorded as goodwill, to be amortized on a straight-line basis over 40 years. SLP's results of operations are included in the Company's consolidated condensed financial statements since the date of the acquisition.

On March 30, 1998, a subsidiary of the Company acquired 100% of the outstanding shares of privately held Shoffner Industries, Inc. ("Shoffner") in exchange for \$41.1 million in cash, funded through the Company's lines of credit and 3 million shares of the Company's common stock. Shoffner is a manufacturer of roof and floor trusses for commercial and residential builders with 14 facilities in 7 states. This transaction has been accounted for as a purchase and, accordingly, the purchase price has been allocated to the assets acquired based on their estimated fair market values at the date of the acquisition. The excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair value of the acquired assets was approximately \$66.6 million and has been recorded as goodwill, to be amortized on a straight-line basis over 40 years. Shoffner's results of operations are included in the Company's consolidated condensed financial statements since the date of the acquisition.

On April 14, 1998, a subsidiary of the Company acquired substantially all of the assets and assumed certain liabilities of Atlantic General Packaging, Inc. ("AGP"), a manufacturer of specialty wood packaging products. AGP operates one facility in Warrenton, North Carolina. The total purchase price for the net assets of AGP comprised cash of \$1.0 million, a note payable of \$820,000, and 57,950 shares of the Company's common stock. This transaction has been accounted for as a purchase and AGP's results of operations are included in the Company's consolidated condensed financial statements since the date of the acquisition.

On April 20, 1998, a subsidiary of the Company acquired substantially all of the assets and assumed certain liabilities of Advanced Component Systems, Inc. ("ACS"), a manufacturer of roof trusses and engineered building components for commercial and residential builders. ACS operates one facility in Lafayette, Colorado. The total purchase price for the net assets of ACS was approximately \$27.0 million, funded through the Company's lines of credit. This transaction has been accounted for as a purchase and, accordingly, the purchase price has been allocated to the assets acquired based on their estimated fair market values at the date of the acquisition. The excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair value of the acquired assets was approximately \$10.5 million and has been recorded as goodwill, to be amortized on a straight-line basis over 40 years. ACS's results of operations are included in the Company's consolidated condensed financial statements since the date of the acquisition.

On June 4, 1998, a subsidiary of the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of Industrial Lumber Company, Inc. ("ILC"), a distributor of low grade cut lumber for packaging. ILC's assets will be consolidated with the Company's current operation in Stockton, CA. The total purchase price for the net assets of ILC consisted of \$3.0 million in cash, funded through the Company's lines of credit, and notes payable totaling approximately \$2.2 million exchanged for non-compete agreements. This transaction has been accounted for as a purchase. ILC's results of operations are included in the Company's consolidated condensed financial statements since the date of the acquisition.

In addition, the Company completed other business combinations during the first nine months of 1998 which are insignificant and have been excluded from the discussion above.

UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

The following unaudited pro forma consolidated results of operations for the nine months ended September 26, 1998 and September 27, 1997 assumes the acquisitions of CBC, SLP, Shoffner, and ACS occurred on December 29, 1996 (in thousands, except per share data). The pro forma effects of AGP, ILC and certain other acquisitions are not included because they are not material individually, or in the aggregate.

	Nine Months Ended September 26, 1998	Nine Months Ended September 27, 1997
Net sales	\$998,165	\$973,602
Net earnings	23,765	24,397
Earnings per share: Basic Diluted	\$ 1.15 \$ 1.11	\$ 1.19 \$ 1.15
Weighted average shares outstanding: Basic Diluted	20,674 21,367	20,572 21,307

The pro forma results above include certain adjustments to give effect to amortization of goodwill, interest expense, compensation of management, certain other adjustments, and related income tax effects. The pro forma results are not necessarily indicative of the operating results that would have occurred had the acquisitions been completed as of the beginning of the period presented, nor are they necessarily indicative of future operating results.

UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

RISK FACTORS

Included in this report are certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs of the Company's management as well as on assumptions made by and information currently available to the Company at the time such statements were made. Actual results could differ materially from those included in such forward-looking statements as a result of, among other things, the factors set forth below, the matters included in this report generally and certain economic and business factors, some of which may be beyond the control of the Company. Investors are cautioned that all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainty.

Lumber Market Volatility:

The Company experiences significant fluctuations in the cost of lumber products from primary producers. While the Company attempts to minimize its risk from severe price fluctuations, substantial, prolonged trends in lumber prices can affect the Company's financial results.

Competition:

The Company is subject to competitive selling and pricing pressures in its major markets. While the Company is generally aware of its existing competitors' capabilities, it is subject to entry in its markets by new competitors, which could negatively impact financial results.

Market Growth:

The Company's sales growth is dependent, in part, upon growth within the markets it serves. If the Company's markets do not maintain anticipated growth, or if the Company fails to maintain its market share, financial results could be impaired.

Government Regulations:

The Company is subject to a substantial amount of existing government regulations which create a burden on the Company. Should the Company become subject to additional laws and regulations enacted in the future, or changes in interpretation of existing laws, it could have an adverse affect on the Company's financial results.

Cyclicality:

As a result of recent business combinations, management believes the Company's ability to achieve growth in sales and margins has become more dependent than it was in the past on general economic conditions (i.e. interest rates, housing starts, and unemployment levels). To the extent these conditions change significantly in the future, the Company's financial results could be impacted.

FLUCTUATIONS IN LUMBER PRICES

The following table presents the Random Lengths framing lumber composite price for the nine months ended September 26, 1998 and September 27, 1997:

	Random Average	Lengths \$/MBF
	1998	1997
January	\$360	\$436
February	375	444
March	369	433
April	369	457
May	331	444
June	332	430
July	345	429
August	355	413
September	328	393
Period average	\$352	\$431
Percentage decrease	18.3%	

The Random Lengths composite price is a weighted average of nine key framing lumber prices chosen from major producing areas and species. The composite price is designed as a broad measure of price movement in the commodity lumber market ("Lumber Market"). The effects of the Lumber Market on the Company's results of operations are discussed below under the captions "Net Sales" and "Cost of Goods Sold and Gross Profit." Depending on the extent of the fluctuation, the type of product and other factors, it could take up to a month for a fluctuation in the Lumber Market to be reflected in the Company's selling prices.

Management believes the overall decline in the Lumber Market can be attributed to the following factors which have caused an over supply of lumber in North America.

- - Current economic conditions in Asia resulting in fewer exports of North American lumber products.
- - Greater production efficiencies and increased capacity of sawmills.
- The emergence and growing acceptance of substitute products for solid-sawn lumber. For example, wood I-joists are increasingly used in place of certain sizes of lumber.

SEASONALITY

The Company's business is seasonal in nature and results of operations vary from quarter to quarter. The demand for many of the Company's products is highest during the period of April to August. Accordingly, the Company's sales tend to be greater during its second and third quarters. To support this sales peak, the Company builds its inventory of finished goods throughout the winter and spring. Therefore, quantities of raw materials and finished goods inventories tend to be at their highest, relative to sales, during the Company's first and fourth quarters. As a result, the Company's financial performance may be negatively affected by prolonged declines in the Lumber Market during its primary selling season. The Company attempts to mitigate this risk through certain supply programs with vendors. These programs allow the Company to carry a lower investment in inventories, including those materials which are most susceptible to adverse changes in the Lumber Market.

BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

The Company has strategic objectives which include being the largest manufacturer of engineered wood components (e.g. roof and floor trusses, wall panels, and I-joists) for conventional site built construction, a new market for the Company, and specialty wood packaging products for industrial users. In line with this strategy, the Company completed the following acquisitions in fiscal year 1998:

 On December 29, 1997, a partnership of the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of Structural Lumber Products, Inc. ("SLP"), a manufacturer of engineered trusses and wall panels for residential builders. SLP operates plants in San Antonio, Austin and Dallas, Texas. The total purchase price of the transaction was approximately \$18.5 million, funded through the Company's lines of credit. SLP had net sales in fiscal 1997 totaling approximately \$22.0 million.

- On March 30, 1998, a subsidiary of the Company acquired 100% of the outstanding shares of privately held Shoffner Industries, Inc. ("Shoffner") in exchange for \$41.1 million in cash and 3 million shares of the Company's common stock. Shoffner is a manufacturer of roof and floor trusses for commercial and residential builders with 14 facilities in 7 states. Shoffner had net sales in fiscal 1997 totaling approximately \$90.0 million.
- On April 14, 1998, a subsidiary of the Company acquired substantially all of the assets and assumed certain liabilities of Atlantic General Packaging, Inc. ("AGP"), a manufacturer of specialty wood packaging products. AGP operates one facility in Warrenton, North Carolina. The total purchase price for the net assets of AGP was comprised of cash totaling approximately \$1.0 million, a note payable of \$820,000, and 57,950 shares of the Company's common stock. AGP had net sales in fiscal 1997 totaling approximately \$4.0 million.
- On April 20, 1998, a subsidiary of the Company acquired substantially all of the assets and assumed certain liabilities of Advanced Component Systems, Inc. ("ACS"), a manufacturer of roof trusses and engineered wood components for commercial and residential builders. ACS operates one facility in Lafayette, Colorado. The total purchase price of ACS was approximately \$27.0 million, funded through the Company's lines of credit. ACS had net sales in fiscal 1997 totaling approximately \$39.0 million.
- On June 4, 1998, a subsidiary of the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of Industrial Lumber Company, Inc. ("ILC"), a distributor of low grade cut lumber for packaging. The total purchase price for the net assets of ILC was comprised of cash totaling approximately \$3.0 million and notes payable totaling approximately \$2.2 million, exchanged for non-compete agreements. ILC had net sales in fiscal 1997 totaling approximately \$15.0 million.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table presents, for the periods indicated, the components of the Company's Consolidated Statement of Earnings as a percentage of net sales.

	For the Thre	ee Months Ended	For the Nine Months Ended		
	September 26,	September 27,	September 26,	September 27,	
	1998	1997	1998	1997	
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Cost of goods sold	87.4	91.4	88.3	90.8	
Gross profit Selling, general, and administrative expenses	12.6 7.8	8.6 5.4	11.7 7.1	9.2 5.5	
Earnings from operations	4.8	3.2	4.6	3.7	
Other expense, net	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.3	
Earnings before income taxes	4.1	2.9	3.9	3.4	
Income taxes	1.6	1.0	1.5	1.2	
Net earnings	2.5% =====	1.9% =====	2.4%	2.2% =====	

NET SALES

The Company manufactures, treats and distributes lumber and other products to the do-it-yourself (DIY), manufactured housing, wholesale lumber, industrial and conventional site built construction markets. Its operations comprise a single industry segment. The Company's strategic objectives relative to sales include:

- Diversifying the Company's end market sales mix by increasing its sales to industrial users of specialty wood packaging and builders of conventional site-built housing and commercial structures.
- Maximizing its sales of "value-added" products. Value-added product sales consist primarily of items sold to the DIY market under the Company's Fence Fundamentals(TM), Lattice Basics(TM), Deck Necessities(R), Outdoor Essentials(R), Storage Solutions(TM), and specialty wood packaging sold to industrial users, and engineered wood components. Value-added products generally carry higher gross margins than sales of commodity-based products and are somewhat less susceptible to

Lumber Market volatility. A long-term goal of the Company is to achieve a ratio of value-added sales to total sales of at least 50%.

- - Increasing unit sales to each of the Company's core markets, DIY and manufactured housing.

In order to measure its progress toward attaining these objectives, management analyzes the following financial data relative to sales:

- - Sales by market classification.
- The percentage change in sales attributable to changes in overall selling prices versus changes in the quantity of units shipped.

- The ratio of value-added product sales to total sales.

This information is presented in the narrative and tables which follow.

The following table presents, for the periods indicated, the Company's net sales (in thousands) and percentage of total net sales by market classification.

	For the Three Months Ended				For the Nine Months Ended			
Market Classification	Sept. 26, 1998	%	Sept. 27, 1997	%	Sept. 26, 1998	%	Sept. 27, 1997	%
DIY Manufactured Housing Site Built Construction Wholesale Lumber Industrial	\$154,815 103,387 42,388 18,624 21,857	45.4% 30.3 12.4 5.5 6.4	\$141,970 106,772 5,918 22,161 15,443	48.6% 36.5 2.0 7.6 5.3	\$463,629 303,248 85,903 57,283 57,882	47.9% 31.3 8.9 5.9 6.0	\$427,175 309,317 15,725 64,385 43,172	49.7% 36.0 1.8 7.5 5.0
Total	\$341,071 =======	100.0% =====	\$292,264 =======	100.0% =====	\$967,945 =======	100.0%	\$859,774 =======	100.0% =====

1997 sales by market include sales attributable to CBC, whose financial results have been pooled with the Company's.

Net sales in the third quarter of 1998 increased \$48.8 million, or 16.7%, compared to the third quarter of 1997, reflecting an estimated 26.4% increase in units shipped offset by an estimated 9.7% decrease in overall selling prices. Net sales in the first nine months of 1998 increased \$108.2 million, or 12.6% compared to the same period of 1997 due to an estimated 20.7% increase in units shipped offset by an estimated 8.1% decrease in overall selling prices. The increase in units shipped were primarily driven by sales from the plants acquired from SLP, Shoffner, and ACS, while the overall decrease in price was due to the Lumber Market. The average level of the Lumber Market

for the first nine months of 1998 was 18.3% lower compared to the same period of 1997. (See table, Page 16.)

The following table presents, for the periods indicated, the Company's percentage of value added and commodity-based sales to total sales.

	Three Mor	iths Ended	Nine Months Ended		
	September 26,	September 27,	September 26,	September 27,	
	1998	1997	1998	1997	
Value-Added		27.3%	38.1%	29.6%	
Commodity Based		72.7%	61.9%	70.4%	

The ratios above include the effect of pooling CBC.

DIY:

Net sales to the DIY market increased approximately \$12.8 million, or 9% in the third quarter of 1998, compared to the third quarter of 1997, due to an increase in unit sales, as overall selling prices declined compared to the prior period. The increase in unit sales is primarily due to sales of engineered wood components from recently acquired plants to certain national retail customers and lumber yards. Net sales to the DIY market for the first nine months of 1998 increased \$36.5 million, or 9% due primarily to increased unit sales to certain national retail customers as discussed above, supplemented by increased value-added sales at certain of the Company's existing facilities.

Manufactured Housing:

Net sales to the manufactured housing market decreased approximately \$3.4 million, or 3%, in the third quarter of 1998, compared to the third quarter of 1997. Net sales to this market for the first nine months of 1998 decreased approximately \$6.1 million, or 2%, compared to the same period of 1997. These decreases are primarily due to a decline in overall selling prices offset by an increase in unit sales. Overall selling prices to this market decreased as a result of the lower level of the Lumber Market during the first nine months of 1998, compared to the first nine months of 1997.

Site Built Construction:

Net sales to the site built construction market increased approximately \$36.5 million and \$70.2 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 1998, respectively, compared to the same periods of 1997, due to increased unit sales driven by Company's recent business combinations. Sales in the

third quarter and first nine months of 1997 primarily represent the commercial and residential sales of CBC.

Wholesale:

Net sales to the wholesale market decreased approximately \$3.5 million, or 16%, in the third quarter of 1998, compared to the third quarter of 1997. Net sales to this market decreased \$7.1 million, or 11%, for the first nine months of 1998, compared to the first nine months of 1997. The decrease in sales for the third quarter and the first nine months of 1998 is primarily due to an overall decrease in selling prices attributable to the comparatively lower level of the Lumber Market during these periods.

Industrial:

Net sales to the industrial market increased approximately \$6.4 million and \$14.7 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 1998, compared to the same periods of 1997, primarily due to an increase in unit sales. The Company continues to obtain market share through its internal growth strategy, combined with its recent business combinations.

COST OF GOODS SOLD AND GROSS PROFIT

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales increased to 12.6% in the third quarter of 1998 compared to 8.6% in the third quarter of 1997. Gross profit as a percentage of net sales increased to 11.7% for the first nine months of 1998 compared to 9.2% for the same period of 1997. These increases were primarily due to a combination of the following factors:

- The effect of increased sales of engineered wood components as a result of acquisitions.
- - Increased sales of value-added products in certain regions of the country.
- Increased sales of specialty wood packaging and components to the industrial market.

SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased approximately \$10.5 million, or 66%, comparing the third quarter of 1998 to the same period of 1997. Selling, general and administrative expenses for the first nine months of 1998 increased approximately \$21.6 million, or 46%, compared to the same period of 1997. These increases were primarily due to:

- - Expenses added through business acquisitions, combined with the new wood preservation facility in Lodi, Ohio.
- - General increases in selling and administrative headcount to support the growth of the business.
- Increases in accrued incentive compensation expenses related to profitability.
- - Increases in certain variable selling and marketing expenses tied to sales.

OTHER EXPENSE, NET

Other expense, net is primarily comprised of interest expense and interest income. Net interest costs (interest expense less interest income) increased approximately \$1.5 million, comparing the third quarter of 1998 to the third quarter of 1997, due to an increase in short-term debt. The company funded the cash portion of the purchase price for recent acquisitions utilizing its lines of credit. Net interest costs for the first nine months of 1998 increased approximately \$4.0 million compared to the same period of 1997 due to the factors mentioned above, combined with short term borrowings to fund its working capital requirements as average investment in inventories at its existing plants increased during the first six month of 1998 in order to support strong second quarter 1998 sales.

INCOME TAXES

The Company's effective tax rate is 38.7% for the third quarter of 1998 compared to 34.4% for the third quarter of 1997. Effective tax rates differ from statutory federal income tax rates, primarily due to provisions for state and local income taxes which can vary from year to year based on changes in income generated by the Company in each of the states in which it operates. The Company recognized a comparatively higher effective tax rate in the third quarter of 1998 due to an expected increase in state and local income taxes combined with a permanent tax differences related to a recent acquisition. The Company's 1997 tax rate is unusually low due to the effect of pooling the pre-tax earnings of CBC (a former S-Corporation) for 1997. The Company's effective tax rate for the first nine months of 1998 was 38.4%, compared to 35.3% for the same period of 1997, due to the same factors discussed above.

REORGANIZATION AND OTHER COSTS

In the fourth quarter of 1997, the Company announced a plan of reorganization, which was discussed in the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 27, 1997. Management believes the reorganization will allow the Company to be more

efficient in its procurement of raw materials, improve the utilization of its assets, and take advantage of its national presence to create new business opportunities with national customers and vendors.

The Company has incurred \$446,000 in charges related to the reorganization during the first nine months of 1998 and expects to incur an additional \$1.1 million for the balance of 1998. Capital expenditures related to the reorganization totaled approximately \$1.2 million in the third quarter of 1998, while remaining capital expenditures are expected to total \$2.3 million for the balance of 1998.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash flows provided by operating activities for the first nine months of 1998 improved to approximately \$43.7 million versus the first nine months of 1997 when cash flows provided by operating activities totaled \$23.5 million. The increase in cash from operating activities was primarily due to a reduction in inventory levels at the end of the third quarter, combined with an increase in accrued liabilities, offset by a decrease in accounts payable.

Due to the seasonality of its business and the effects of the Lumber Market, management believes the Company's cash cycle (days sales outstanding plus days supply of inventory less days payables outstanding) is a better indicator of its working capital management. The Company's cash cycle increased to 47.3 days for the first nine months of 1998 from 42.8 days for the first nine months of 1997, due in part to an increase in the Company's average investment in inventories relative to sales.

Cash flows used in investing activities increased to approximately \$110.6 million for the first nine months of 1998, compared to approximately \$9.2 million for the first nine months of 1997. The Company used approximately \$92.9 million for business combinations. Capital expenditures totaled \$18.0 million for the first nine months of 1998, primarily to replace existing machinery and equipment, expand current operating capacity, improve production efficiencies, and set up conventional site built truss manufacturing lines at two existing facilities. Also included in this total is approximately \$3.1 million in capital expenditures for two new facilities, and approximately \$1.9 million in capital expenditures at facilities recently acquired which were not included in the Company's original budgeted capital expenditures. The Company plans to spend approximately \$24.0 million for the year on capital expenditures.

Cash flows provided by financing activities for the first nine months of 1998 consisted primarily of net borrowings on notes payable to fund recent acquisitions and working capital requirements, offset by cash dividends paid to shareholders totaling \$.035 per share and repayments of long-term debt. The Company had amounts outstanding on lines of credit totaling \$95.6 million on September 26, 1998, and had approximately \$97.0 million which remained available on such

lines. Management is currently pursuing up to \$250 million in available long-term financing (variable and fixed rate) to replace its lines of credit, including a five year revolving credit facility and private placement of debt. In connection with this long term financing, the Company entered into a treasury lock swap agreement on September 14, 1998, based on a 10 year U.S. Treasury rate of 4.9%, a \$50 million notional amount, and a determination date of December 18, 1998.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS AND REGULATIONS

The Company is self-insured for environmental impairment liability, and accrues for the estimated cost of remedial actions when situations requiring such action arise. The Company owns and operates sixteen facilities throughout the United States that chemically treat lumber products. In connection with the ownership and operation of these and other real properties, and the disposal or treatment of hazardous or toxic substances, the Company may, under various federal, state and local environmental laws, ordinances and regulations, be potentially liable for removal and remediation costs, as well as other potential costs, damages and expenses. Remediation activities are currently being conducted or planned at the Company's Granger, Indiana; North East, Maryland; Union City, Georgia; and Elizabeth City, North Carolina treatment facilities.

The Company has accrued, in other current and long-term liabilities, amounts totaling \$2.1 million and \$1.5 million at September 26, 1998 and September 27, 1997, respectively. These represent estimated costs to complete remediation efforts currently in process and those expected to occur in the future. Management believes that the potential future costs of known remediation efforts will not have a material adverse effect on its future financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

"THE YEAR 2000"

The Company has undertaken a complete review of its business and financial systems, and has concluded it will not have any material "Year 2000" issues with the computer programs which drive these systems. Accordingly, management does not expect to incur any significant programming costs in this area. The Company continues to review its other ancillary systems and the systems of its significant customers and vendors to ensure there are no material issues with respect to these programs. The Company does not believe that adverse findings in the review of its significant customers' and vendors' systems would have a material effect on its operating results.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 2. Changes in Securities.

(a) None.

(b) None.

(c) Sales of equity securities not registered under the Securities Act.

	Date of Sale	Class of Stock	Number of Shares	Purchasers	Consideration Exchanged
Employee Stock Gift Program	Various	Common	125	Eligible officers and employees	None

Item 5. Other Information

In connection with the solicitation by the Company of proxies for shares to be voted at the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders in 1999, holders of such proxies shall be entitled to exercise discretionary voting on any matters submitted for consideration by shareholders, and not included in the Company's Proxy Statement, unless the Company receives notice of the matter on or before January 30, 1999. In addition, the Company's Bylaws contain certain notice and procedural requirements applicable to shareholder proposals that are not to be included in the Company's proxy materials in compliance with Rule 14a-8 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. A copy of the Company's Bylaws has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and can be obtained from the public reference section of the Commission or from the Company.

SIGNATURE

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

UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC.

Date:	November 10, 1998	By:	/s/ William G. Currie
		Its:	William G. Currie President and Chief Executive Officer
Date:	November 10, 1998	By:	/s/ Elizabeth A. Bowman
		Its:	Elizabeth A. Bowman Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)

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