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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

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

**For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008**

**OR**

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

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commission File No.: 000-51826**

**MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC.**

*(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Washington**  
*( State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)*

**47-0956945**  
*(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)*

**Suite 2840, 650 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6B 4N8**  
*(Address of office)*

**(604) 684-1099**  
*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

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

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

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

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

The Registrant had 36,401,487 shares of common stock outstanding as at May 5, 2008.

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC.  
INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2008  
(Unaudited)**

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**MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC.**  
**INTERIM CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(Unaudited)  
(In thousands of Euros)

|  | <u>March 31,</u><br><u>2008</u> | <u>December 31,</u><br><u>2007</u> |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                                 |                                    |
| Current Assets   |                                 |                                    |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | € 69,735                        | € 84,848                           |
| Receivables  | 91,241                          | 89,890                             |
| Note receivable, current portion                                       | 5,167                           | 5,896                              |
| Inventories (Note 4)   | 97,181                          | 103,610                            |
| Prepaid expenses and other   | 5,019                           | 6,015                              |
| Total current assets   | <u>268,343</u>                  | <u>290,259</u>                     |
| Long-Term Assets   |                                 |                                    |
| Cash, restricted   | 33,000                          | 33,000                             |
| Property, plant and equipment  | 903,402                         | 933,258                            |
| Investments  | 72                              | 96                                 |
| Deferred note issuance and other costs                                 | 4,955                           | 5,303                              |
| Deferred income tax  | 18,746                          | 17,624                             |
| Note receivable, less current portion                                  | 3,536                           | 3,977                              |
|  | <u>963,711</u>                  | <u>993,258</u>                     |
| Total assets   | <u>€1,232,054</u>               | <u>€1,283,517</u>                  |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>   |                                 |                                    |
| Current Liabilities  |                                 |                                    |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                                  | € 74,331                        | € 87,000                           |
| Pension and other post-retirement benefit obligations, current portion | 438                             | 493                                |
| Debt, current portion  | 35,042                          | 34,023                             |
| Total current liabilities  | <u>109,811</u>                  | <u>121,516</u>                     |
| Long-Term Liabilities  |                                 |                                    |
| Debt, less current portion   | 773,972                         | 815,832                            |
| Unrealized interest rate derivative losses                             | 29,735                          | 21,885                             |
| Pension and other post-retirement benefit obligations (Note 6)         | 17,310                          | 19,983                             |
| Capital leases and other   | 10,754                          | 8,999                              |
| Deferred income tax  | 20,971                          | 18,640                             |
|  | <u>852,742</u>                  | <u>885,339</u>                     |
| Total liabilities  | <u>962,553</u>                  | <u>1,006,855</u>                   |
| <b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>  |                                 |                                    |
| Share capital (Note 7)   | 202,844                         | 202,844                            |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 233                             | 134                                |
| Retained earnings  | 40,288                          | 37,419                             |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income                                 | 26,136                          | 36,265                             |
| Total shareholders' equity   | <u>269,501</u>                  | <u>276,662</u>                     |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity                             | <u>€1,232,054</u>               | <u>€1,283,517</u>                  |

Subsequent event (Note 9)

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



**MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC.**  
**INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME**  
**(Unaudited)**  
**(In thousands of Euros)**

|   | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |                |
|---|---------------------------|----------------|
|   | <b>March 31,</b>          |                |
|   | <b>2008</b>               | <b>2007</b>    |
| Net income  | <u>€ 2,869</u>            | <u>€ 1,086</u> |
| Other comprehensive income:                                       |                           |                |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment                           | (10,104)                  | 1,904          |
| Unrealized (losses) gains on securities arising during the period | <u>(25)</u>               | <u>2</u>       |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income                                 | <u>(10,129)</u>           | <u>1,906</u>   |
| Total comprehensive (loss) income                                 | <u>€ (7,260)</u>          | <u>€ 2,992</u> |

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

**MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC.**  
**INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**(Unaudited)**  
**(In thousands of Euros)**

|   | Three Months Ended |                 |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|
|   | March 31,          |                 |
|   | 2008               | 2007            |
| Cash flows from (used in) operating activities:                             |                    |                 |
| Net income  | € 2,869            | € 1,086         |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash flows from operating activities |                    |                 |
| Unrealized loss on derivatives  | 7,850              | 248             |
| Unrealized foreign exchange gain on debt                                    | (6,031)            | (1,254)         |
| Gain on sale of assets  | (1,022)            | (92)            |
| Operating depreciation and amortization                                     | 14,121             | 13,729          |
| Non-operating amortization  | 71                 | 63              |
| Minority interest   | (3,183)            | (1,048)         |
| Deferred income taxes   | 1,204              | 3,252           |
| Stock compensation expense  | 146                | 233             |
| Pension and other post-retirement expense                                   | 515                | 450             |
| Pension and other post-retirement benefit funding                           | (449)              | (390)           |
| Other   | (57)               | 500             |
| Changes in current assets and liabilities                                   |                    |                 |
| Receivables   | (3,833)            | (21,732)        |
| Inventories   | 706                | (19,950)        |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                                       | (11,380)           | 6,171           |
| Other   | 2,097              | 1,133           |
| Net cash from (used in) operating activities                                | <u>3,624</u>       | <u>(17,601)</u> |
| Cash flows (used in) from investing activities:                             |                    |                 |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment                                   | (3,002)            | (6,025)         |
| Proceeds on sale of property, plant and equipment                           | 960                | 110             |
| Cash restricted   | —                  | 12,000          |
| Notes receivable  | —                  | 268             |
| Net cash (used in) from investing activities                                | <u>(2,042)</u>     | <u>6,353</u>    |
| Cash flows used in financing activities:                                    |                    |                 |
| Repayment of notes payable and debt   | (16,891)           | (17,431)        |
| Repayment of capital lease obligations                                      | (638)              | (1,184)         |
| Decrease in construction costs payable                                      | —                  | (907)           |
| Proceeds from borrowings of notes payable and debt                          | —                  | 5,210           |
| Issuance of common shares   | —                  | 246             |
| Net cash used in financing activities                                       | <u>(17,529)</u>    | <u>(14,066)</u> |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents                | <u>834</u>         | <u>965</u>      |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents                                   | (15,113)           | (24,349)        |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>               | 84,848             | 69,804          |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period <sup>(2)</sup>                     | <u>€ 69,735</u>    | <u>€ 45,455</u> |

(1) Includes amounts related to discontinued operations of: 2008 — €nil (2007 — €437)

(2) Includes amounts related to discontinued operations of: 2008 — €nil (2007 — €485)

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**MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC.**  
**INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (continued)**  
**(Unaudited)**  
**(In thousands of Euros)**

|   | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |             |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>March 31,</b>          |             |
|   | <b>2008</b>               | <b>2007</b> |
| <b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>                      |                           |             |
| Cash paid during the period for:  |                           |             |
| Interest  | €26,486                   | €29,048     |
| Income taxes  | 14                        | —           |
| <b>Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities:</b>  |                           |             |
| Acquisition of production and other equipment under capital lease obligations | € 2,722                   | € 2,019     |
| Common shares issued in satisfaction of floating rate note                    | —                         | 6,728       |

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**MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC.**  
**NOTES TO INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Unaudited)**  
**(In thousands of Euros, except per share data)**

**Note 1. Basis of Presentation**

*Basis of Presentation*

The interim consolidated financial statements contained herein include the accounts of Mercer International Inc. (“Mercer Inc.”) and its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company”). The Company’s shares of common stock are quoted and listed for trading on the NASDAQ Global Market and the Toronto Stock Exchange, respectively.

The interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company pursuant to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). The year-end consolidated balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements. The footnote disclosure included herein has been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted for interim financial statements in the United States. The interim consolidated financial statements should be read together with the audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in the Company’s latest annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. In the opinion of the Company, the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements contained herein contain all adjustments necessary to fairly present the results of the interim periods included. The results for the periods included herein may not be indicative of the results for the entire year.

Certain prior year amounts in the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

*New Accounting Standards*

In February 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* (“FAS 159”). FAS 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. FAS 159 is intended to improve financial reporting by mitigating volatility in reported earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions. The Company adopted FAS 159 effective January 1, 2008, the impact of which was not material.

In March 2008, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* (“FAS 161”). FAS 161 requires enhanced disclosures about how and why companies use derivatives, how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for and how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect a company’s financial position, financial performance and cash flows. The provisions of FAS 161 are effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008, with early adoption encouraged. Consequently, FAS 161 will be effective for the Company’s quarter ended March 31, 2009. The Company is in the process of determining the impact, if any, the adoption of FAS 161 will have on its financial statement disclosures.

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**Note 2. Stock-Based Compensation**

The Company has a non-qualified stock option plan which provides for options to be granted to officers and employees to acquire a maximum of 3,600,000 common shares including options for 130,000 shares to directors who are not officers or employees. During 2004, the Company adopted a stock incentive plan which provides for options, stock appreciation rights and restricted shares to be awarded to employees and outside directors to a maximum of 1,000,000 common shares. During the quarter, the Company implemented a new form of stock-based compensation called performance stock under its existing 2004 stock incentive plan.

*Stock Options*

Following is a summary of the status of options outstanding at March 31, 2008:

| <u>Outstanding Options</u>                              |               |  | <u>Exercisable Options</u>   |               |  |
|---|---------------|--|--|---------------|--|
| <u>Exercise Price Range</u><br><u>(In U.S. Dollars)</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life</u><br><u>(Years)</u> | <u>Weighted Average Exercise price</u><br><u>(In U.S. Dollars)</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Weighted Average Exercise Price</u><br><u>(In U.S. Dollars)</u> |
| \$5.65 - 6.375  | 830,000       | 2.25   | \$6.29   | 830,000       | \$6.29   |
| 7.30  | 30,000        | 7.25   | 7.30   | 30,000        | 7.30   |
| 7.92  | 68,334        | 7.50   | 7.92   | 68,334        | 7.92   |

During the three month period ended March 31, 2008 no options were exercised, cancelled or expired.

During the three month period ended March 31, 2007, 30,000 options were exercised at an exercise price of \$6.375 and 16,666 options were exercised at an exercise price of \$7.92 for cash proceeds of \$323,245. The average intrinsic value of the options exercised was \$5.12 per option.

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**Note 2. Stock-Based Compensation (continued)**

*Restricted Stock*

The fair value of restricted stock is determined based upon the number of shares granted and the quoted price of the Company's stock on the date of grant. Restricted stock generally vests over two years. Expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. Expense recognized for the three month period ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 was € 51 and € 72, respectively.

As at March 31, 2008, the total remaining unrecognized compensation cost related to restricted stock amounted to € 65, which will be amortized over their remaining vesting period.

During the three month periods ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, no restricted stock awards were granted or cancelled.

As at March 31, 2008, the total number of restricted stock awards outstanding was 211,685.

*Performance Stock*

Grants of performance stock comprise rights to receive stock at a future date that are contingent on the Company and the grantee achieving certain performance objectives. During the three months ended March 31, 2008, estimated awards of performance stock totaled 285,297 shares, which vest on December 31, 2010. Expense recognized for the three month periods ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 was € 99 and nil.

As at March 31, 2008, the total remaining unrecognized compensation cost associated with the performance stock totaled € 1,486, which will be amortized over their remaining vesting period.

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**Note 3. Income Per Share**

|   | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |            |
|---|---------------------------------|------------|
|   | 2008                            | 2007       |
| Net income from continuing operations – basic and diluted | € 2,869                         | € 1,093    |
| Net income from continuing operations per share:          |                                 |            |
| Basic and diluted   | € 0.08                          | € 0.03     |
| Net income from continuing operations                     | € 2,869                         | € 1,093    |
| Net loss from discontinued operations                     | —                               | (7)        |
| Net income – basic and diluted                            | € 2,869                         | € 1,086    |
| Net income per share:                                     |                                 |            |
| Basic and diluted   | € 0.08                          | € 0.03     |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:     |                                 |            |
| Basic   | 36,285,027                      | 35,486,904 |
| Effect of dilutive instruments:                           |                                 |            |
| Stock options and awards                                  | 150,235                         | 492,578    |
| Diluted   | 36,435,262                      | 35,979,482 |

The calculation of diluted income per share does not include the exercise of instruments that would have an anti-dilutive effect on earnings per share. Convertible notes and performance rights excluded from the calculation of diluted income per share for the three months ended March 31, 2008 because they are anti-dilutive represented 8,678,065 (2007 — 9,428,022) and 285,297 (2007 — nil), respectively.

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**Note 4. Inventories**

|                                    | <u>March 31, 2008</u> | <u>December 31, 2007</u> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Raw materials                      | € 29,033              | € 38,045                 |
| Work in process and finished goods | 68,148                | 65,565                   |
|                                    | <u>€ 97,181</u>       | <u>€ 103,610</u>         |

**Note 5 . Derivatives Transactions**

|   | <u>Three Months Ended March 31,</u> |                |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|
|   | <u>2008</u>                         | <u>2007</u>    |
| Realized net gain on foreign exchange derivatives       | € —                                 | € 6,820        |
| Unrealized net (loss) gain on interest rate derivatives | € (7,850)                           | € 5,685        |
| Unrealized net loss on foreign exchange derivatives     | —                                   | (5,933)        |
| Unrealized net loss on derivative financial instruments | <u>€ (7,850)</u>                    | <u>€ (248)</u> |

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**Note 6. Pension and Other Post-Retirement Benefit Obligations**

Included in pension and other post-retirement benefit obligations are amounts related to the Company's Celgar and German mills.

The largest component of this obligation is with respect to the Celgar mill which maintains defined benefit pension and post-retirement benefit plans for certain employees. Pension benefits are based on employees' earnings and years of service. The pension plans are funded by contributions from the Company based on actuarial estimates and statutory requirements. Pension contributions for the three month period ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007 totaled € 379 and € 390, respectively.

The Company anticipates based on actuarial estimates that it will make contributions to the pension plan of approximately € 1,195 (C\$1.8 million) in 2008.

|                                | <b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b> |                                 |                         |                                 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                | <b>2008</b>                         | <b>2007</b>                     | <b>2008</b>             | <b>2007</b>                     |
|                                | <b>Pension Benefits</b>             | <b>Post-Retirement Benefits</b> | <b>Pension Benefits</b> | <b>Post-Retirement Benefits</b> |
| Service cost                   | € 205                               | € 130                           | € 201                   | € 113                           |
| Interest cost                  | 351                                 | 207                             | 327                     | 178                             |
| Expected return on plan assets | (399)                               | —                               | (400)                   | —                               |
| Recognized net loss            | —                                   | 21                              | —                       | 15                              |
| Net periodic benefit cost      | <u>€ 157</u>                        | <u>€ 358</u>                    | <u>€ 128</u>            | <u>€ 306</u>                    |

**Note 7. Share Capital**

*Authorized*

Preferred shares with U.S. \$1 par value issuable in series: 50,000,000 (2007 – 50,000,000)

Series A: 2,000,000 (2007 – 2,000,000)

Common shares with U.S. \$1 par value: 200,000,000 (2007 – 200,000,000)

*Issued and Outstanding*

Common shares – 36,285,027 (2007 – 36,285,027)

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**MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC.**  
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**Note 8. Restricted Group Supplemental Disclosure**

The terms of the indenture governing our 9.25% senior unsecured notes requires that we provide the results of operations and financial condition of Mercer International Inc. and our restricted subsidiaries under the indenture, collectively referred to as the “Restricted Group”. As at and during the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, the Restricted Group was comprised of Mercer International Inc., certain holding subsidiaries and our Rosenthal and Celgar mills. The Restricted Group excludes the Stendal mill.

**Combined Condensed Balance Sheet**

|  | March 31, 2008      |                              |                   |                       |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
|  | Restricted<br>Group | Unrestricted<br>Subsidiaries | Eliminations      | Consolidated<br>Group |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                     |                              |                   |                       |
| Current  |                     |                              |                   |                       |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | € 53,371            | € 16,364                     | € —               | € 69,735              |
| Receivables  | 46,791              | 44,450                       | —                 | 91,241                |
| Note receivable, current portion                                       | 549                 | 4,618                        | —                 | 5,167                 |
| Inventories  | 64,619              | 32,562                       | —                 | 97,181                |
| Prepaid expenses and other   | 3,800               | 1,219                        | —                 | 5,019                 |
| <b>Total current assets</b>  | <b>169,130</b>      | <b>99,213</b>                | <b>—</b>          | <b>268,343</b>        |
| Cash, restricted   | —                   | 33,000                       | —                 | 33,000                |
| Property, plant and equipment  | 359,497             | 543,905                      | —                 | 903,402               |
| Other  | 5,024               | 3                            | —                 | 5,027                 |
| Deferred income tax  | 10,072              | 8,674                        | —                 | 18,746                |
| Due from unrestricted group  | 58,942              | —                            | (58,942)          | —                     |
| Note receivable, less current portion                                  | 3,536               | —                            | —                 | 3,536                 |
| <b>Total assets</b>  | <b>€ 606,201</b>    | <b>€ 684,795</b>             | <b>€ (58,942)</b> | <b>€ 1,232,054</b>    |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>   |                     |                              |                   |                       |
| Current  |                     |                              |                   |                       |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                                  | € 42,487            | € 31,844                     | € —               | € 74,331              |
| Pension and other post-retirement benefit obligations, current portion | 438                 | —                            | —                 | 438                   |
| Debt, current portion  | —                   | 35,042                       | —                 | 35,042                |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>                                       | <b>42,925</b>       | <b>66,885</b>                | <b>—</b>          | <b>109,811</b>        |
| Debt, less current portion   | 252,236             | 521,736                      | —                 | 773,972               |
| Due to restricted group  | —                   | 58,942                       | (58,942)          | —                     |
| Unrealized derivative loss   | —                   | 29,735                       | —                 | 29,735                |
| Pension and other post-retirement benefit obligations                  | 17,310              | —                            | —                 | 17,310                |
| Capital leases and other   | 7,078               | 3,676                        | —                 | 10,754                |
| Deferred income tax  | 6,120               | 14,851                       | —                 | 20,971                |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>   | <b>325,669</b>      | <b>695,826</b>               | <b>(58,942)</b>   | <b>962,553</b>        |
| <b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>  |                     |                              |                   |                       |
| Total shareholders' equity (deficit)                                   | 280,532             | (11,031)                     | —                 | 269,501               |
| <b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>                      | <b>€ 606,201</b>    | <b>€ 684,795</b>             | <b>€ (58,942)</b> | <b>€ 1,232,054</b>    |

**MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC.**  
**NOTES TO INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**Note 8. Restricted Group Supplemental Disclosure (continued)**

**Combined Condensed Balance Sheet**

|  | December 31, 2007   |                              |                   |                       |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
|  | Restricted<br>Group | Unrestricted<br>Subsidiaries | Eliminations      | Consolidated<br>Group |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                     |                              |                   |                       |
| Current  |                     |                              |                   |                       |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | € 59,371            | € 25,477                     | € —               | € 84,848              |
| Receivables  | 37,482              | 52,408                       | —                 | 89,890                |
| Note receivable, current portion                                       | 589                 | 5,307                        | —                 | 5,896                 |
| Inventories  | 63,444              | 40,166                       | —                 | 103,610               |
| Prepaid expenses and other   | 3,714               | 2,301                        | —                 | 6,015                 |
| Total current assets   | <u>164,600</u>      | <u>125,659</u>               | <u>—</u>          | <u>290,259</u>        |
| Cash, restricted   | —                   | 33,000                       | —                 | 33,000                |
| Property, plant and equipment  | 385,569             | 547,689                      | —                 | 933,258               |
| Other  | 5,399               | —                            | —                 | 5,399                 |
| Deferred income tax  | 10,852              | 6,772                        | —                 | 17,624                |
| Due from unrestricted group  | 57,457              | —                            | (57,457)          | —                     |
| Note receivable, less current portion                                  | 3,977               | —                            | —                 | 3,977                 |
| Total assets   | <u>€ 627,854</u>    | <u>€ 713,120</u>             | <u>€ (57,457)</u> | <u>€ 1,283,517</u>    |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>   |                     |                              |                   |                       |
| Current  |                     |                              |                   |                       |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                                  | € 43,621            | € 43,379                     | € —               | € 87,000              |
| Pension and other post-retirement benefit obligations, current portion | 493                 | —                            | —                 | 493                   |
| Debt, current portion  | —                   | 34,023                       | —                 | 34,023                |
| Total current liabilities  | <u>44,114</u>       | <u>77,402</u>                | <u>—</u>          | <u>121,516</u>        |
| Debt, less current portion   | 273,589             | 542,243                      | —                 | 815,832               |
| Due to restricted group  | —                   | 57,457                       | (57,457)          | —                     |
| Unrealized derivative loss   | —                   | 21,885                       | —                 | 21,885                |
| Pension and other post-retirement benefit obligations                  | 19,983              | —                            | —                 | 19,983                |
| Capital leases and other   | 7,033               | 1,966                        | —                 | 8,999                 |
| Deferred income tax  | 4,553               | 14,087                       | —                 | 18,640                |
| Total liabilities  | <u>349,272</u>      | <u>715,040</u>               | <u>(57,457)</u>   | <u>1,006,855</u>      |
| <b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>  |                     |                              |                   |                       |
| Total shareholders' equity (deficit)                                   | 278,582             | (1,920)                      | —                 | 276,662               |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity                             | <u>€ 627,854</u>    | <u>€ 713,120</u>             | <u>€ (57,457)</u> | <u>€ 1,283,517</u>    |

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**Note 8. Restricted Group Supplemental Disclosure (continued)**

**Combined Condensed Statements of Operations**

|  | <b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2008</b> |                                      |                     |                               |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | <b>Restricted<br/>Group</b>              | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Subsidiaries</b> | <b>Eliminations</b> | <b>Consolidated<br/>Group</b> |
| Revenues   | €101,102                                 | € 77,999                             | € —                 | € 179,101                     |
| Operating costs  | 77,656                                   | 61,785                               | —                   | 139,441                       |
| Operating depreciation and amortization  | 7,421                                    | 6,700                                | —                   | 14,121                        |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses                                       | 3,744                                    | 3,152                                | —                   | 6,896                         |
|  | <u>88,821</u>                            | <u>71,637</u>                        | <u>—</u>            | <u>160,458</u>                |
| Operating income from continuing operations  | <u>12,281</u>                            | <u>6,362</u>                         | <u>—</u>            | <u>18,643</u>                 |
| Other income (expense)   |  |                                      |                     |                               |
| Interest expense   | (6,712)                                  | (10,867)                             | 959                 | (16,620)                      |
| Investment income (expense)  | 1,736                                    | (467)                                | (959)               | 310                           |
| Foreign exchange gain (loss) on debt   | 6,627                                    | (596)                                | —                   | 6,031                         |
| Derivative financial instruments   | —  | (7,850)                              | —                   | (7,850)                       |
| Total other income (expense)   | <u>1,651</u>                             | <u>(19,780)</u>                      | <u>—</u>            | <u>(18,129)</u>               |
| Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interest from continuing operations | 13,932                                   | (13,418)                             | —                   | 514                           |
| Income tax benefit (provision)   | (2,154)                                  | 1,326                                | —                   | (828)                         |
| Income (loss) before minority interest from continuing operations                  | 11,778                                   | (12,092)                             | —                   | (314)                         |
| Minority interest  | —  | 3,183                                | —                   | 3,183                         |
| Net income (loss)  | <u>€ 11,778</u>                          | <u>€ (8,909)</u>                     | <u>€ —</u>          | <u>€ 2,869</u>                |

|  | <b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2007</b> |                                      |                     |                               |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | <b>Restricted<br/>Group</b>              | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Subsidiaries</b> | <b>Eliminations</b> | <b>Consolidated<br/>Group</b> |
| Revenues   | €99,933                                  | € 69,598                             | € —                 | € 169,531                     |
| Operating costs  | 76,930                                   | 56,916                               | —                   | 133,846                       |
| Operating depreciation and amortization  | 6,686                                    | 7,043                                | —                   | 13,729                        |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses                                       | 4,545                                    | 3,661                                | —                   | 8,206                         |
| (Sale) purchase of emission allowances   | (264)                                    | (463)                                | —                   | (727)                         |
|  | <u>87,897</u>                            | <u>67,157</u>                        | <u>—</u>            | <u>155,054</u>                |
| Operating income from continuing operations  | <u>12,036</u>                            | <u>2,441</u>                         | <u>—</u>            | <u>14,477</u>                 |
| Other income (expense)   |  |                                      |                     |                               |
| Interest expense   | (7,458)                                  | (13,525)                             | 915                 | (20,068)                      |
| Investment income  | 1,305                                    | 1,221                                | (915)               | 1,611                         |
| Foreign exchange gain on debt  | 1,254                                    | —                                    | —                   | 1,254                         |
| Derivative financial instruments, net  | —  | 6,572                                | —                   | 6,572                         |
| Total other expense  | <u>(4,899)</u>                           | <u>(5,732)</u>                       | <u>—</u>            | <u>(10,631)</u>               |
| Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interest from continuing operations | 7,137                                    | (3,291)                              | —                   | 3,846                         |
| Income tax provision   | (2,738)                                  | (1,063)                              | —                   | (3,801)                       |
| Income (loss) before minority interest from continuing operations                  | 4,399                                    | (4,354)                              | —                   | 45                            |
| Minority interest  | —  | 1,048                                | —                   | 1,048                         |
| Net income (loss) from continuing operations                                       | 4,399                                    | (3,306)                              | —                   | 1,093                         |
| Net loss from discontinued operations  | —  | (7)                                  | —                   | (7)                           |
| Net income (loss)  | <u>€ 4,399</u>                           | <u>€ (3,313)</u>                     | <u>€ —</u>          | <u>€ 1,086</u>                |



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**Note 9. Subsequent Event**

In April 2008, as part of a new energy project for the Celgar mill, the Company entered into a contract for the purchase of a new 48 MW condensing turbine-generator set. The value of the contract is approximately € 6,800 (C\$11.0 million), and an advance payment of approximately € 292 (C\$0.47 million) was made upon signing of the contract. Under the terms of the contract if the Company cancels the contract, other than for cause, termination fees will apply on an increasing scale as a cumulative percentage of the contract price.

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

In this document: (i) unless the context otherwise requires, references to “we”, “our”, “us”, the “Company” or “Mercer” mean Mercer International Inc. and its subsidiaries; (ii) references to “Mercer Inc.” mean the Company excluding its subsidiaries; (iii) information is provided as of March 31, 2008, unless otherwise stated; (iv) all references to monetary amounts are to “Euros”, the lawful currency adopted by most members of the European Union, unless otherwise stated; (v) “€” refers to Euros, “\$” refers to U.S.dollars and C\$ refers to Canadian dollars; and (vi) “ADMTs” refers to air-dried metric tonnes.

We operate three NBSK pulp mills through our wholly owned subsidiaries, Rosenthal and Celgar, and our 70.6% owned subsidiary, Stendal, which have a consolidated annual production capacity of approximately 1.4 million ADMTs.

The following discussion and analysis of our results of operations and financial condition for the three months ended March 31, 2008 should be read in conjunction with our interim consolidated financial statements and related notes included in this quarterly report, as well as our most recent annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the SEC.

### Results of Operations

#### *Three Months Ended March 31, 2008 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2007*

Selected production, sales and exchange rate data for the three months ended March 2008 and 2007 is as follows:

|   | <b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b> |             |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2008</b>                         | <b>2007</b> |
| Pulp Production ('000 ADMTs)                            | 360.9                               | 347.3       |
| Scheduled Production Downtime ('000 ADMTs)              | 1.5                                 | nil         |
| Pulp Sales ('000 ADMTs)                                 | 348.2                               | 329.1       |
| Revenues (in millions)                                  | € 179.1                             | € 169.5     |
| NBSK pulp list prices in Europe (\$/ADMT)               | \$ 880                              | \$ 757      |
| NBSK pulp list prices in Europe (€/ADMT)                | € 586                               | € 578       |
| Average pulp sales realizations (€/ADMT) <sup>(1)</sup> | € 510                               | € 512       |
| Average Spot Currency Exchange Rates                    |                                     |             |
| € / \$ <sup>(2)</sup>                                   | 0.6666                              | 0.7630      |
| C\$ / \$ <sup>(2)</sup>                                 | 1.0015                              | 1.1716      |
| C\$ / € <sup>(3)</sup>                                  | 1.5060                              | 1.5354      |

(1) List price less discounts and commissions.

(2) Average Federal Reserve Bank of New York noon spot rate over the reporting period.

(3) Average Bank of Canada noon spot rate over the reporting period.

Revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2008 increased by 5.7% to € 179.1 million from € 169.5 million in the comparative quarter of 2007, primarily due to higher list pulp prices, in large part offset by a 13% weakening of the U.S. dollar versus the Euro. Although list prices for NBSK pulp in Europe were approximately U.S.\$120 higher in the current quarter from the prior year quarter, because of the slumping U.S. dollar, in Euro terms, the increase was only € 8.

List prices for NBSK pulp in Europe were approximately € 586 (\$880) per ADMT in the first quarter of 2008, approximately € 587 (\$850) per ADMT in the fourth quarter of 2007 and

approximately €578 (\$757) in the first quarter of 2007. Increases in U.S. dollar list prices were largely offset by the weakening of the U.S. dollar versus the Euro.

Pulp sales volume increased to 348,176 ADMTs in the first quarter of 2008 from 329,135 ADMTs in the comparative quarter of 2007.

Our Celgar mill pulp inventories were approximately 50% higher in the current quarter from the comparative quarter of 2007, as we and other producers work through a shipment backlog resulting from congestion and slowdowns at the Port of Vancouver in late 2007 which have delayed shipments to China. This inventory is generally already committed to customer orders but we do not record the sale until the pulp is loaded. We currently expect to work through such shipping backlog and have our Celgar pulp inventories returned to normalized levels over the second and third quarters of 2008.

Average pulp sales realizations were € 510 per ADMT in the first quarter of 2008 compared to € 512 per ADMT in the first quarter of 2007, as higher prices were offset by the weakening of the U.S. dollar versus the Euro and the Canadian dollar.

Pulp production in the current quarter increased to 360,881 ADMTs from 347,256 in the same quarter of 2007, primarily due to increased productivity as all of our mills generally performed well and our Rosenthal mill had its highest first quarter production ever. In the second quarter of 2008, we have a total of 11 days scheduled maintenance downtime planned at our mills.

Operating costs and selling, general, administrative and other expenses in the first quarter of 2008 increased to € 160.5 million from € 155.8 million in the comparative quarter of 2007, as higher sales were partially offset by lower fiber costs.

On average, fiber costs decreased by approximately 6% in the first quarter of 2008 versus the same period in 2007. Our fiber costs in Germany were lower because of increased availability resulting from damage to forests caused by storms in Germany and Austria in the quarter and lower fiber demand caused by production curtailments in the European board industry. Fiber costs at our Celgar mill were also lower in the current quarter from the prior period of 2007 because of various initiatives to increase fiber supply including incremental whole log chipping and woodroom optimization. However, the deterioration of the housing and lumber markets in North America has sharply reduced sawmilling activity and residual chip supply in western Canada. This is expected to put slight upward pressure on the fiber costs for our Celgar mill during the balance of 2008.

In the current quarter, we had no sales of emission allowances, compared to € 0.7 million in the first quarter of 2007. In the current quarter, sales of surplus energy were largely unchanged from the same period in 2007.

Operating depreciation and amortization increased marginally to € 14.1 million from € 13.7 million in the comparative quarter of 2007.

For the first quarter of 2008, operating income increased by approximately 28% to € 18.6 million from € 14.5 million in the first quarter of 2007, primarily due to higher pulp prices and sales volumes.

Interest expense in the first quarter of 2008 decreased to € 16.6 million from € 20.1 million in the year ago period, primarily due to lower indebtedness at Stendal and the absence of cross currency swaps which were settled in the first quarter of 2007.

Due to the decrease in long-term interest rates, we recorded an unrealized loss of € 7.9 million before minority interests on Stendal's outstanding interest rate derivatives during the first quarter of 2008. In the comparative quarter of 2007, we recorded a gain of € 6.6 million before minority interests on Stendal's then outstanding currency and interest rate derivatives, including a realized cash gain of € 6.8 million from the settlement of currency swaps.

In the first quarter of 2008, we recorded an unrealized gain of € 6.0 million on our foreign currencydenominated debt as a result of the weakening of the U.S. dollar during the period, compared to an unrealized gain of € 1.3 million in the first quarter of 2007.

In the first quarter of 2008, minority interest, representing the minority shareholder's proportionate interest in the Stendal mill's income for the period, was € 3.2 million, compared to € 1.0 million in the first quarter of 2007.

We reported net income from continuing operations for the first quarter of 2008 of € 2.9 million, or €0.08 per basic and diluted share, which included an unrealized foreign exchange gain on our long-term debt of € 6.0 million. In the first quarter of 2007, we reported net income from continuing operations of € 1.1 million, or € 0.03 per basic and diluted share, which included a net gain of € 7.8 million on our derivatives and foreign currency denominated debt.

Operating EBITDA increased by 16% to € 32.8 million in the first quarter of 2008 from € 28.3 million in the three months ended March 31, 2007.

Operating EBITDA is defined as operating income from continuing operations plus depreciation and amortization and non-recurring capital asset impairment charges. Management uses Operating EBITDA as a benchmark measurement of its own operating results, and as a benchmark relative to its competitors. Management considers it to be a meaningful supplement to operating income as a performance measure primarily because depreciation expense and non-recurring capital asset impairment charges are not an actual cash cost, and depreciation expense varies widely from company to company in a manner that management considers largely independent of the underlying cost efficiency of their operating facilities. In addition, we believe Operating EBITDA is commonly used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties to evaluate our financial performance. Operating EBITDA does not reflect the impact of a number of items that affect our net income, including financing costs and the effect of derivative instruments. Operating EBITDA is not a measure of financial performance under GAAP, and should not be considered as an alternative to net income or income from operations as a measure of operational performance, nor as an alternative to net cash from operating activities as a measure of liquidity.

Operating EBITDA has significant limitations as an analytical tool, and should not be considered in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are that Operating EBITDA does not reflect: (i) our cash expenditures, or future requirements, for capital expenditures or contractual commitments; (ii) changes in, or cash requirements for, working capital needs; (iii) the significant interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments, on our outstanding debt; (iv) minority interests on our Stendal NBSK pulp mill operations; (v) the impact of realized or

marked to market changes in our derivative positions, which can be substantial; and (vi) the impact of impairment charges against our investments or assets. Because of these limitations, Operating EBITDA should only be considered as a supplemental operational performance measure and should not be considered as a measure of liquidity or cash available to us to invest in the growth of our business. See the Statement of Cash Flows set out in our interim consolidated financial statements included herein. Because all companies do not calculate Operating EBITDA in the same manner, Operating EBITDA as calculated by us may differ from Operating EBITDA or EBITDA as calculated by other companies. We compensate for these limitations by using Operating EBITDA as a supplemental measure of our operational performance and relying primarily on our GAAP financial statements.

The following table provides a reconciliation of net income from continuing operations to Operating EBITDA for the periods indicated:

|   | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |                |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------|
|   | 2008                            | 2007           |
|   | (in thousands)                  |                |
| Net income from continuing operations       | € 2,869                         | € 1,093        |
| Minority interest                           | (3,183)                         | (1,048)        |
| Income taxes                                | 828                             | 3,801          |
| Interest expense                            | 16,620                          | 20,068         |
| Investment income                           | (310)                           | (1,611)        |
| Unrealized foreign exchange gain on debt    | (6,031)                         | (1,254)        |
| Derivative financial instruments, net       | 7,850                           | (6,572)        |
| Operating income from continuing operations | 18,643                          | 14,477         |
| Add: Depreciation and amortization          | 14,192                          | 13,792         |
| Operating EBITDA                            | <u>€32,835</u>                  | <u>€28,269</u> |

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following table is a summary of selected financial information for the periods indicated:

|                               | As at<br>March 31,<br>2008 | As at<br>December 31,<br>2007 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                               | (in thousands)             |                               |
| <b>Financial Position</b>     |                            |                               |
| Cash and cash equivalents     | € 69,735                   | € 84,848                      |
| Working capital               | 158,532                    | 168,743                       |
| Property, plant and equipment | 903,402                    | 933,258                       |
| Total assets                  | 1,232,054                  | 1,283,517                     |
| Long-term liabilities         | 852,742                    | 885,339                       |
| Shareholders' equity          | 269,501                    | 276,662                       |

As at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, our cash and cash equivalents were € 69.7 million and € 84.8 million, respectively. We also had € 33.0 million of restricted cash in a debt service account related to the financing for the Stendal mill at the end of the first quarter of 2008 and December 31, 2007. As at March 31, 2008, we had not drawn any amount under the € 40.0 million Rosenthal revolving term credit facility and had drawn approximately € 15.2 million under the C\$40.0 million Celgar revolving credit facility.

We expect to meet our interest and debt service obligations and the working and maintenance capital requirements for our operations from cash flow from operations, cash on hand and the two revolving working capital facilities for the Rosenthal and Celgar mills.

We currently expect to meet the capital requirements for the Stendal mill, including working capital, interest and principal service expenses through cash on hand, cash flow from operations and the Stendal Loan Facility (“Stendal Facility”). Pursuant to the Stendal Facility, Stendal established a restricted cash debt service reserve account, the target balance of which is the scheduled interest and principal payments for the ensuing year. Under the Stendal Facility, Stendal is currently restricted from making certain payments, including paying dividends to us and its other shareholder as it does not meet prescribed financial performance ratios and the debt service reserve account balance requirements.

### ***Operating Activities***

Operating activities in the first three months of 2008 provided cash of € 3.6 million, compared to using cash of € 17.6 million in the comparative period of 2007. An increase in receivables used cash of € 3.8 million in the first three months of 2008, compared to an increase in receivables using cash of € 21.7 million in the comparative period of 2007.

During the first quarter of 2008, our raw material inventories were brought down to € 29.0 million from € 38.0 million at the end of 2007, as we drew down the large seasonal build up of fiber supply at our German mills following enhanced purchases of storm damaged wood in 2007. In the three months ended March 31, 2008, finished goods inventories were slightly higher than in the comparative period in 2007, primarily as a result of higher pulp inventories at our Celgar mill caused by shipment backlogs at the Port of Vancouver.

Working capital is subject to cyclical operating needs, such as the timing of collections and sales and the payment of payables.

### ***Investing Activities***

Investing activities in the three months ended March 31, 2008 used cash of €2.0 million, primarily due to the purchase of equipment at our mills. In the three months ended March 31, 2007 investing activities provided cash of € 6.4 million primarily due to a drawdown of funds from our debt service reserve account under the Stendal Facility to repay principal.

Capital expenditures used cash of € 3.0 million and € 6.0 million in the first three months of 2008 and 2007, respectively.

As part of our continued focus on energy production and sales, we have commenced a new energy project at our Celgar mill to increase its production of “green energy” and optimize its power generation capacity. It is designed to be a high return capital project with an estimated cost of approximately €35.0 million. This project will take about two years to complete and includes the installation of a second turbo generator with a design capacity of 48 MW and upgrades to the bark boiler and steam facilities. Upon completion, the project is expected to provide the mill with between approximately 25 to 30 megawatts of incremental power that should be available for sale on a continuous basis. We have ordered the generator, which has a delivery lead time of approximately 18 months and costs approximately € 7.0million.

### ***Financing Activities***

Financing activities used cash of € 17.5 million in the three months ended March 31, 2008, of which €16.9 million was used for scheduled repayments of indebtedness under the Stendal

Facility in the first three months of 2008. In the comparative period in 2007, financing activities used cash of € 14.1 million primarily due to scheduled repayments of a portion of the Stendal Facility in the first quarter of 2007.

Other than the agreement for the purchase of a new turbo generator relating to the energy project at our Celgar mill which we entered into in April 2008, we have no material commitments to acquire assets or operating businesses. We anticipate that there will be acquisitions of businesses or commitments to projects in the future. To achieve our long-term goals of expanding our asset and earnings base through the acquisition of interests in companies and assets in the pulp and paper and related businesses, and organically through high return capital expenditures at our operating facilities, we will require substantial capital resources. The required necessary resources for such long-term goals will be generated from cash flow from operations, cash on hand, the sale of securities and/or assets, and borrowing against our assets.

### ***Contractual Obligations and Commitments***

There were no material changes outside the ordinary course to any of our contractual obligations during the first three months of 2008.

### ***Capital Resources***

In addition to our current revolving credit facilities for the Rosenthal and Celgar mills, we may seek to raise future funding in the debt markets if our indenture relating to our 9.25% senior notes permits, subject to compliance with the indenture. The indenture governing the senior notes provides that, in order for Mercer Inc. and its restricted subsidiaries (as defined in the indenture and which excludes the Stendal mill) to enter into certain types of transactions, including the incurrence of additional indebtedness, the making of restricted payments and the completion of mergers and consolidations (other than, in each case, those specifically permitted by our senior note indenture), we must meet a minimum ratio of Indenture EBITDA to Fixed Charges as defined in the senior note indenture of 2.0 to 1.0 on a pro forma basis for the most recently ended four full fiscal quarters.

### ***Foreign Currency***

Our reporting currency is the Euro as the majority of our business transactions are denominated in Euros. However, we hold certain assets and liabilities in U.S. dollars and Canadian dollars. Accordingly, our consolidated financial results are subject to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

We translate foreign denominated assets and liabilities into Euros at the rate of exchange on the balance sheet date. Unrealized gains or losses from these translations are recorded in our consolidated statement of comprehensive income and impact on shareholders' equity on the balance sheet but do not affect our net earnings.

In the three months ended March 31, 2008, accumulated other comprehensive income decreased by € 10.1 million which was primarily due to the foreign exchange translation.

Based upon the exchange rate at March 31, 2008, the U.S. dollar has decreased by approximately 13% in value against the Euro since March 31, 2007. See "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk".

## Results of Operations of the Restricted Group Under Our Senior Note Indenture

The indenture governing our 9.25% senior notes requires that we also provide a discussion in annual and quarterly reports we file with the SEC under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of the results of operations and financial condition of Mercer Inc. and our restricted subsidiaries under the indenture, referred to as the "Restricted Group". The Restricted Group is comprised of Mercer Inc., certain holding subsidiaries, and our Rosenthal and Celgar mills. The Restricted Group excludes our Stendal mill.

The following is a discussion of the results of operations and financial condition of the Restricted Group. For further information regarding the Restricted Group including, without limitation, a reconciliation to our consolidated results of operations, see Note 8 of our quarterly interim consolidated financial statements included herein.

### *Restricted Group Results — Three Months Ended March 31, 2008 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2007*

Revenues for the Restricted Group for the three months ended March 31, 2008 increased marginally to €101.1 million from €99.9 million in the comparative period of 2007, as higher pulp prices were partially offset by a 13% weaker U.S. dollar versus the Euro.

List prices for NBSK pulp in Europe were approximately € 586 (\$880) per ADMT in the first quarter of 2008, approximately € 587 (\$850) per ADMT in the fourth quarter of 2007 and approximately € 578 (\$757) in the first quarter of 2007. Increases in U.S. dollar list prices were largely offset by the weakening of the U.S. dollar versus the Euro.

Pulp sales volume increased to 198,670 ADMTs in the first quarter of 2008 from 191,255 ADMTs in the comparative quarter of 2007.

Pulp inventories at our Celgar mill were approximately 50% higher in the current quarter from the comparative quarter of 2007 as a result of shipment backlogs at the Port of Vancouver which have delayed shipments to China. We currently expect such inventories to return to normalized levels over the next two quarters.

Average pulp sales realizations for the Restricted Group were € 509 per ADMT in the three months ended March 31, 2008, compared to € 521 per ADMT in the comparative period of 2007, as higher prices were largely offset by the weakening of the U.S. dollar versus the Euro and the Canadian dollar.

Pulp production for the Restricted Group increased to 205,818 ADMTs in the current quarter from 201,993 ADMTs in the same quarter last year as our Celgar and Rosenthal mills generally performed well and Rosenthal achieved its highest first quarter production ever. In the second quarter of 2008, we have a total of 11 days scheduled maintenance downtime planned at our Rosenthal and Celgar mills.

Operating costs and selling, general, administrative and other expenses for the Restricted Group in the first quarter of 2008 increased marginally to € 88.8 million from € 87.9 million in the comparative quarter of 2007, as higher sales were partially offset by lower fiber costs.

On average, fiber costs of the Restricted Group decreased by approximately 6% in the first quarter of 2008 versus the same period of 2007. Our fiber costs for our Rosenthal mill were lower in the quarter because of increased availability resulting from damage to forests caused by storms in Germany and Austria in the quarter and lower fiber demand caused by production curtailments in the European board industry. Fiber costs at our Celgar mill were also lower in the current quarter from the prior period of 2007 because of various initiatives to increase fiber supply including incremental whole log chipping and woodroom optimization. However, the deterioration of the housing and lumber markets in North America has sharply reduced sawmilling activity and residual chip supply in western Canada. This is expected to put slight upward pressure on the fiber costs for our Celgar mill during the balance of 2008.

In the current quarter, we had no sales of emission allowances, compared to € 0.3 million in the firstquarter of 2007. In the current quarter, sales of surplus energy were largely unchanged from the same period in 2007.

Operating depreciation and amortization for the Restricted Group increased marginally to € 7.4 million in the current period from € 6.7 million in the comparative period of 2007.

In the first quarter of 2008, the Restricted Group's operating income increased marginally to € 12.3 million from € 12.0 million in the first three months of 2007, primarily due to higher pulp prices and sales volumes.

Interest expense for the Restricted Group in the first quarter of 2008 decreased to € 6.7 million from € 7.5 million in the same period last year.

In the current period of 2008, the Restricted Group recorded an unrealized gain on our foreign currency denominated debt of € 6.6 million, compared to a gain of € 1.3 million in the comparative period of 2007.

The Restricted Group reported net income from continuing operations for the first quarter of 2008 of €11.8 million, which included an unrealized foreign exchange gain on our long term debt of € 6.6 million. In the first quarter of 2007, net income from continuing operations for the Restricted Group was € 4.4 million.

Operating EBITDA for the Restricted Group increased by approximately 5% to € 19.8 million in the firstquarter of 2008 from € 18.8 million in the comparative period of 2007.

Operating EBITDA is defined as operating income (loss) from continuing operations plus depreciation and amortization and non-recurring capital asset impairment charges. Operating EBITDA has significant limitations as an analytical tool, and should not be considered in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. See the discussion of our results for the three months ended March 31, 2008 for additional information relating to such limitations and Operating EBITDA.

The following table provides a reconciliation of net income from continuing operations to Operating EBITDA for the Restricted Group for the periods indicated:

|  | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |                |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------|
|  | 2008                            | 2007           |
|  | (in thousands)                  |                |
| <b>Restricted Group</b>                              |                                 |                |
| Net income from continuing operations <sup>(1)</sup> | €11,778                         | € 4,399        |
| Income taxes   | 2,154                           | 2,738          |
| Interest expense                                     | 6,712                           | 7,458          |
| Investment income                                    | (1,736)                         | (1,305)        |
| Unrealized foreign exchange gain on debt             | (6,627)                         | (1,254)        |
| Operating income from continuing operations          | 12,281                          | 12,036         |
| Add: Depreciation and amortization                   | 7,492                           | 6,749          |
| Operating EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>                      | <u>€19,773</u>                  | <u>€18,785</u> |

(1) See Note 8 of the interim consolidated financial statements included elsewhere herein for a reconciliation to our consolidated results.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources of the Restricted Group

The following table is a summary of selected financial information for the Restricted Group for the periods indicated:

|   | As at<br>March 31,<br>2008 | As at<br>December 31,<br>2007 |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
|   | (in thousands)             |                               |
| <b>Restricted Group Financial Position <sup>(1)</sup></b> |                            |                               |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                 | € 53,371                   | € 59,371                      |
| Working capital   | 126,205                    | 120,486                       |
| Property, plant and equipment                             | 359,497                    | 385,569                       |
| Total assets  | 606,201                    | 627,854                       |
| Long-term liabilities                                     | 282,744                    | 305,158                       |
| Shareholders' equity                                      | 280,532                    | 278,582                       |

(1) See Note 8 of the interim consolidated financial statements included elsewhere herein for a reconciliation to our consolidated results.

At March 31, 2008, the Restricted Group had cash and cash equivalents of € 53.4 million, compared to €59.4 million at December 31, 2007. At March 31, 2008, the Restricted Group had working capital of € 126.2 million.

As at March 31, 2008, we had not drawn any amount under the Rosenthal revolving term credit facility and had drawn approximately € 15.2 million under the C\$40 million Celgar revolving credit facility.

We expect the Restricted Group to meet its interest and debt service obligations and meet the working and maintenance capital requirements for its operations with cash flow from operations, cash on hand and the revolving working capital loan facilities for the Rosenthal and Celgar mills.

We have commenced a new energy project at our Celgar mill to increase its production of “green energy” and optimize its power generation capacity. Estimated to cost approximately €35.0 million and to take about two years to complete, the project includes the installation of a second turbo generator. We have ordered the generator, which has a delivery lead time of approximately 18 months and costs approximately € 7.0 million.

## **Critical Accounting Policies**

The preparation of financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Estimates are used for, but not limited to, the accounting for doubtful accounts, depreciation and amortization, asset impairments, derivative financial instruments, environmental conservation, asset retirement obligations, pensions and post-retirement benefit obligations, income taxes, and contingencies. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Our management routinely makes judgments and estimates about the effects of matters that are inherently uncertain. As the number of variables and assumptions affecting the probable future resolution of the uncertainties increase, these judgments become even more subjective and complex. We have identified certain accounting policies that are the most important to the portrayal of our current financial condition and results of operations.

For information about both our significant and critical accounting policies, see our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

## **New Accounting Standards**

See Note 1 to the Company's interim consolidated financial statements included in Item 1.

## **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information**

The statements in this report that are not reported financial results or other historical information are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the *Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995*, as amended. These statements appear in a number of different places in this report and can be identified by words such as "estimates", "projects", "expects", "intends", "believes", "plans", or their negatives or other comparable words. Also look for discussions of strategy that involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding the outlook for our future operations, forecasts of future costs and expenditures, the evaluation of market conditions, the outcome of legal proceedings, the adequacy of reserves, or other business plans. You are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees and may involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements due to risks facing us or due to actual facts differing from the assumptions underlying our estimates. Some of these risks and assumptions include those set forth in reports and other documents we have filed with or furnished to the SEC, including in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. We advise you that these cautionary remarks expressly qualify in their entirety all forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf. Unless required by law, we do not assume any obligation to update forward-looking statements based on unanticipated events or changed expectations. However, you should carefully review the reports and other documents we file from time to time with the SEC.

## **Cyclical Nature of Business**

### *Revenues*

The pulp business is cyclical in nature and markets for our principal products are characterized by periods of supply and demand imbalance, which in turn affects product prices. Pulp markets

are highly competitive and are sensitive to cyclical changes in the global economy, industry capacity and foreign exchange rates, all of which can have a significant influence on selling prices and our earnings. The length and magnitude of industry cycles have varied over time but generally reflect changes in macro economic conditions and levels of industry capacity.

Industry capacity can fluctuate as changing industry conditions can influence producers to idle production or permanently close machines or entire mills. In addition, to avoid substantial cash costs in idling or closing a mill, some producers will choose to operate at a loss, sometimes even a cash loss, which can prolong weak pricing environments due to oversupply. Oversupply of our products can also result from producers introducing new capacity in response to favorable pricing trends.

Demand for pulp has historically been determined by the level of economic growth and has been closely tied to overall business activity. Although pulp prices have improved commencing in the latter part of 2005 and through the first quarter of 2008, we cannot predict the impact of future economic weakness in certain world markets or the impact of war, terrorist activity or other events on our markets.

Prices for pulp are driven by many factors outside our control, and we have little influence over the timing and extent of price changes, which are often volatile. Because market conditions beyond our control determine the price for pulp, such price for pulp may fall below our cash production costs, requiring us to either incur short-term losses on product sales or cease production at one or more of our manufacturing facilities. Therefore, our profitability depends on managing our cost structure, particularly raw materials which represent a significant component of our operating costs and can fluctuate based upon factors beyond our control. If the prices of our products decline, or if raw materials increase, or both, demand for our products may decline and our sales and profitability could be materially adversely affected.

#### *Costs*

Our production costs are influenced by the availability and cost of raw materials, energy and labor, and our plant efficiencies and productivity. Our main raw material is fiber in the form of wood chips and pulp logs. Fiber costs are primarily affected by the supply of, and demand for, lumber which is highly cyclical in nature and can vary significantly by location. Production costs also depend on the total volume of production. Lower operating rates and production efficiencies during periods of cyclically low demand result in higher average production costs and lower margins.

### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risks from changes in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates, particularly the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the Euro and to a lesser extent the Canadian dollar, which may affect our results of operations and financial condition and, consequently, our fair value. We seek to manage these risks through internal risk management policies, as well as the use of derivatives. We use derivatives to reduce or limit our exposure to interest rate and currency risks. We may in the future use derivatives to reduce or limit our exposure to fluctuations in pulp prices. We also use derivatives to reduce our potential losses or to augment our potential gains, depending on our management's perception of future economic events and developments. These types of derivatives are generally highly speculative in nature. They are also very volatile as they are highly leveraged given that margin requirements are relatively low in proportion to notional amounts.

Many of our strategies, including the use of derivatives, and the types of derivatives selected by us, are based on historical trading patterns and correlations and our management's expectations of future events. However, these strategies may not be fully effective in all market environments or against all types of risks. Unexpected market developments may affect our risk management strategies during this time, and unanticipated developments could impact our risk management strategies in the future. If any of the variety of instruments and strategies we utilize are not effective, we may incur losses.

All of our derivatives are marked to market at the end of each reporting period, and all unrealized gains and losses are recognized in earnings for a reporting period. We determine market valuations based primarily upon valuations provided by our counterparties.

During the first three months of 2008, we recorded an unrealized € 7.9 million loss before minority interests upon the marked to market valuation of Stendal's outstanding interest rate derivatives compared to a net unrealized gain of € 66 million in the comparative period of 2007.

#### **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

*Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* Our management, with the participation of our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the *Securities Exchange Act of 1934*, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)), as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of such period, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that are filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission’s rules and forms and to ensure that information required to be disclosed by an issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including its Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

It should be noted that any system of controls is based in part upon certain assumptions designed to obtain reasonable (and not absolute) assurance as to its effectiveness, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals.

*Changes in Internal Controls.* There have been no significant changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

We are subject to routine litigation incidental to our business, including those described in our latest annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. We do not believe that the outcome of such litigation will have a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition.

### **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

The new energy project we have commenced at our Celgar mill to increase its production of “green energy” and optimize its power generation capacity is subject to customary risks and uncertainties inherent for large capital projects which could result in the energy project not completing on schedule or as budgeted. Delays to Celgar receiving any operating permits or any required amendments to such permits could result in construction delays, operational deficiencies or funding shortfalls. Furthermore, the Celgar mill could experience operating difficulties or delays during the start-up period when production of “green energy” is being ramped up. The Celgar mill may not achieve our planned power generation or cost projections.

Other than any inherent risks associated with the Celgar energy project, there have been no material changes to the factors disclosed in Item 1A. Risk Factors in our latest annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

### **ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                                   |
|--------------------|--|
| 10.1               | Employment Agreement (Leonhard Nossol)               |
| 31.1               | Section 302 Certification of Chief Executive Officer |
| 31.2               | Section 302 Certification of Chief Financial Officer |
| 32.1*              | Section 906 Certification of Chief Executive Officer |
| 32.2*              | Section 906 Certification of Chief Financial Officer |

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\* In accordance with Release 33-8212 of the Commission, these Certifications: (i) are “furnished” to the Commission and are not “filed” for the purposes of liability under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and (ii) are not to be subject to automatic incorporation by reference into any of the Company’s registration statements filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended for the purposes of liability thereunder or any offering memorandum, unless the Company specifically incorporates them by reference therein.

## 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.

### MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC.

By: /s/ David M. Gandossi  
David M. Gandossi  
Secretary and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 6, 2008

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**EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

dated 18 August 2005 (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") made by and between

ZPR Geschäftsführungs GmbH  
Hauptstrasse 16  
07366 Blankenstein

(hereinafter referred to as the "company")

and

Leonhard Nossol  
Königshofstrasse 10  
95183 Töpen

(hereinafter referred to as "managing director")

**§ 1****Functions and Responsibilities**

1. Mr. Nossol has been appointed managing director ("Geschäftsführer") of the legal predecessor of the company on October 1, 1997. In such capacity he is responsible for the representation of the company to third parties.

Effective September 1, 2005, Mr. Nossol will lead the company as sole managing director. In this function all departments and employees of the company are under the responsibility of Mr. Nossol.

The company may assign the managing director to positions with affiliates of the company which positions the managing director agrees to fill out without additional compensation.

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zwischen

ZPR Geschäftsführungs GmbH  
Hauptstrasse 16  
07366 Blankenstein

(im folgenden auch „Gesellschaft“)

und

Leonhard Nossol  
Königshofstrasse 10  
95183 Töpen

(im folgenden auch als „Geschäftsführer“ bezeichnet)

**§ 1****Geschäftsführertätigkeit**

1. Herr Nossol ist seit 1.10.1997 Mitglied der Geschäftsführung der Rechtsvorgängerin der Gesellschaft. Als Geschäftsführer obliegt ihm die Vertretung der Gesellschaft nach außen.

Mit Wirkung vom 1. September 2005 wird Herr Nossol Alleingeschäftsführer des Unternehmens. In diese Funktion unterstehen ihm alle Bereiche, Abteilungen und Mitarbeiter des Unternehmens.

Die Gesellschaft kann dem Geschäftsführer auch die Geschäftsführung von Tochtergesellschaften übertragen, ohne daß hierfür ein gesondertes Gehalt gezahlt wird.

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2.  
The managing director shall manage the company's business in accordance with applicable law, the articles of association of the company and the directives of the shareholders.
3.  
The managing director shall report to the President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Mercer International.
4.  
The managing director's office location is the domicile of the company.

**§ 2  
Term of Agreement**

1.  
This agreement is effective from 1. November 2005 and replaces all earlier agreements between the parties.
2.  
This agreement is entered into for indefinite time.
3.  
This agreement may be terminated by the parties by giving six (6) months' notice in case of termination by the company and three (3) months notice if you wish to terminate the employment from the company. The termination notice for termination of this agreement has to be in writing.
4.  
If termination notice is given with respect to this agreement, no matter by which party, the company is entitled to suspend the managing director's obligation to perform services for the company until the actual termination date or may, for the transitory period until the actual termination date, assign the managing director to other positions with the company or its affiliates.

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2.  
Der Geschäftsführer führt die Geschäfte der Gesellschaft nach Maßgabe der gesetzlichen Bestimmungen, der Satzung der Gesellschaft sowie der Anweisungen der Gesellschafterversammlung.
3.  
Der Geschäftsführer berichtet an den Vorstandsvorsitzenden von Mercer International.
4.  
Dienstort des Geschäftsführers ist der Sitz der Gesellschaft.

**§ 2  
Vertragsdauer**

1.  
Dieser Vertrag tritt mit dem 1. November 2005 in Kraft und ersetzt alle früheren Vereinbarungen zwischen den Parteien.
  2.  
Dieser Vertrag wird auf unbestimmte Zeit geschlossen.
  3.  
Dieser Vertrag kann von Seiten des Arbeitgebers mit einer Frist von sechs (6) Monaten und von Seiten des Arbeitnehmers mit einer Frist von 3 Monaten gekündigt werden. Die Kündigung muß schriftlich erfolgen.
  4.  
Ist die Kündigung dieses Vertrages ausgesprochen, gleich durch welchen Partner, ist die Gesellschaft befugt, den Geschäftsführer von seiner Verpflichtung zur Arbeitsleistung für die Gesellschaft bis zu der tatsächlichen Vertragsbeendigung freizustellen oder dem Geschäftsführer für die Übergangszeit bis zur tatsächlichen Vertragsbeendigung eine andere, vergleichbare Position in der Gesellschaft zuzuweisen.
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5.  
This agreement shall terminate without expressed termination notice at the end of the month in which the managing director completes his 65th year of life.

6.  
The appointment of the managing director as managing director may, at any time and without notice, be revoked by shareholder resolution. The revocation shall be deemed termination of this agreement effective at the earliest legally possible date.

**§ 3  
Compensation**

1.  
The managing director shall as compensation for his services receive an annual gross salary of EUR 200.000( in words: two hundred thousand Euro). The annual salary shall be paid in twelve equal instalments at the end of each calendar month under withholding of applicable tax and social security deductions. The salary is being reviewed annually.

2.  
Additionally the managing director is entitled to a bonus payment depending on the economic result of the company. At the time of closing of this contract, the bonus is based on two monthly salaries.

The bonus is paid in arrear at the beginning of the following year. In case of termination of the employment contract within the year, the bonus is paid pro rata.

**§ 4  
Compensation in Case of Incapacitation**

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5.  
Dieser Vertrag endet ohne Kündigung mit Ablauf des Monats, in dem der Geschäftsführer sein 65. Lebensjahr vollendet.

6.  
Die Bestellung des Geschäftsführers kann von der Gesellschafterversammlung jederzeit widerrufen werden. Die Abberufung als Geschäftsführer gilt als Kündigung dieses Anstellungsvertrages zum nächstmöglichen Termin.

**§ 3  
Bezüge**

1.  
Der Geschäftsführer erhält als Vergütung für seine Tätigkeit ein Jahresgehalt von EUR 200.000 (in Worten: Euro zweihunderttausend) brutto. Das Jahresgehalt wird in zwölf (12) gleichen Raten am Ende eines jeden Kalendermonats gezahlt unter Einbehaltung der gesetzlichen Abzüge. Das Gehalt wird jährlich überprüft.

2.  
Der Geschäftsführer erhält darüber hinaus eine erfolgsabhängige Vergütung, die in Abhängigkeit vom Jahresergebnis der Gesellschaft festgelegt wird. Zum Zeitpunkt des Vertragsschlusses liegt die erfolgsabhängige Vergütung bei zwei Monatsgehältern. Der Bonus wird zu Beginn des Folgejahrs ausgezahlt. Bei unterjährigem Ausscheiden erfolgt die Zahlung zeitanteilig.

**§ 4  
Bezüge bei Krankheit**

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1.  
In case of temporary incapacitation of the managing director caused by illness or another reason for which the managing director is not responsible, statutory law is applicable for the continuation of compensation payments. On top of the legal requirement for payments in case of sickness the company undertakes to continue payments for up to twenty additional weeks after the end of the legal sickness payment obligation in the amount of the difference between regular net pay and the payment of the health insurance to the managing director.

2.  
The company agrees to take out for the managing director, an accident insurance with a total coverage of EUR 153.388 in case of death and EUR 306.776 in case of disability. For incapacitation the insurance will pay 26 EUR per day, rescue costs are insured up to 3.100 EUR.  
The insurance receipts will be paid to the managing director or his entitled heirs without deductions.

**§ 5  
Vacation**

The managing director is entitled to an annual vacation of thirty (30) working days (one week = five working days). The time during which such vacation is taken shall be decided after the consultation with the other members of the management.

**§ 6  
Other Benefits**

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1.  
Im Falle vorübergehender Arbeitsunfähigkeit des Geschäftsführers, die durch Krankheit oder einen anderen vom Geschäftsführer nicht zu vertretenden Grund eintritt, gilt für die Gehaltsfortzahlung die gesetzliche Regelung. Über die gesetzliche Lohnfortzahlung hinaus zahlt die Gesellschaft ein Krankengeld in Höhe der Differenz zwischen dem regulären Nettogehalt und der Leistung der Krankenversicherung an den Geschäftsführer bis zu zwanzig weiteren Wochen nach Ende der regulären Lohnfortzahlung.

2.  
Die Gesellschaft wird für den Geschäftsführer für die Dauer des Anstellungsvertrages eine Gruppenunfallversicherung über eine Deckungssumme von EUR 153.388 für den Todesfall und EUR 306.776 für den Invaliditätsfall abschließen. Bei Arbeitsunfähigkeit wird die Versicherung EUR 26 je Tag, für Bergung bis zu 3.100 EUR abdecken. Die Leistungen der Unfallversicherung werden dem Geschäftsführer oder den aufgrund des Versicherungsverhältnisses anspruchsberechtigten Hinterbliebenen ungekürzt ausgezahlt.

**§ 5  
Urlaub**

Der Geschäftsführer hat Anspruch auf einen Jahresurlaub von 30 Arbeitstagen (eine Woche = fünf Arbeitstage). Die beabsichtigte Urlaubszeit ist mit den anderen Mitgliedern der Geschäftsführung abzustimmen.

**§ 6  
Sonstige Leistungen**

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1.  
The managing director shall, for the performance of his function under this Agreement, be provided with a company car which he may also use for personal purposes. All costs arising in connection with the use of the vehicle, including costs of a replacement vehicle, are borne by the company. The income tax on the monetary advantage of the private use shall be paid by the managing director.
  
2.  
The managing director is entitled to a health inspection with a medical doctor or a health center (diagnose hospital) of his choice every second year.  
The company bears the costs for the inspection in an amount of up to 512 EUR insofar as they are not reimbursed by the health insurance.
  
3.  
The managing director is entitled to reimbursement of half of his documented costs of health insurance.
  
4.  
Mercer International Inc. is in the process of reviewing their pension program. The intention is to move towards a defined contribution program for members of the management and Mr. Nossol as Managing Director of a subsidiary will be eligible to fully participate in this scheme.

**§ 7**

**Additional Employment, Non-Competition Clause**

1.  
The managing director shall devote his full attention and time, as well as professional knowledge and experience, exclusively to the company. The acceptance of any compensated or non-compensated additional employment as well as of the service on supervisory or advisory boards or similar positions is subject to the prior written consent of the shareholder's meeting.

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1.  
Dem Geschäftsführer wird für seine Tätigkeit im Rahmen dieses Vertrages ein Firmenwagen zur Verfügung gestellt, der auch zu persönlichen Zwecken benutzt werden darf. Alle im Zusammenhang mit der Nutzung des Fahrzeugs entstehenden Kosten, auch die Kosten eines Ersatzfahrzeugs, trägt die Gesellschaft. Steuern auf die private Nutzung des Fahrzeugs trägt der Geschäftsführer.
  
2.  
Der Geschäftsführer ist berechtigt, sich alle 2 Jahre bei einem Arzt seiner Wahl bzw. in einem Ärztezentrum (Diagnoseklinik) einer Vorsorgeuntersuchung zu unterziehen. Die Kosten der Untersuchung trägt die Firma bis zu einem Höchstbetrag von EUR 512 soweit sie nicht von der Kranken- bzw. Ersatzkasse getragen werden.
  
3.  
Dem Geschäftsführer wird gegen Nachweis die Hälfte der Kosten einer Kranken- und Pflegeversicherung erstattet.
  
4.  
Mercer International Inc. aktualisiert genwärtig ihren Pensionsplan. Für Mitglieder des Managements wird es ein Pensionsprogramm mit definierten Beiträgen geben. Herr Nossol als Geschäftsführer einer Tochtergesellschaft gehört zum Kreis der uneingeschränkt Berechtigten.

**§ 7**

**Nebentätigkeiten, Wettbewerbsverbot**

1.  
Der Geschäftsführer wird seine ganze Arbeitskraft und Zeit sowie alle seine fachlichen Kenntnisse und Erfahrungen ausschließlich der Gesellschaft widmen. Die Übernahme einer entgeltlichen oder unentgeltlichen Nebentätigkeit sowie von Aufsichtsrats-, Beirats- oder ähnlichen Mandaten bedarf der vorherigen schriftlichen Zustimmung der Gesellschafterversammlung.
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2.  
During the time of his employment with the company the managing director shall not engage, directly or indirectly, in any venture, business or enterprise which competes with the company or with which the company maintains relations.

**§ 8  
Confidentiality**

The managing director agrees that he will keep all affairs of the company absolutely confidential to third parties. This obligation shall survive the termination of the services for the company.

**§ 9  
Records  
and other Company Property**

When leaving the service of the company, or after being suspended from his obligation to render services pursuant to § 2 subparagraph 4, the managing director agrees to return to the Company any and all documents, correspondence, records, drafts and the like which concern Company matters and which are still in his possession. The managing director is not entitled to exercise a right of retention with respect to such records and objects.

**§ 10  
Final Provisions**

1.  
Amendments and additions to this Agreement, including this provision, must be in writing. There are no oral side agreements to this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all earlier agreements.

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2.  
Während der Dauer dieses Vertrages wird sich der Geschäftsführer an Unternehmen, die mit der Gesellschaft in Wettbewerb stehen oder mit denen die Gesellschaft Geschäftsverbindungen unterhält, weder mittelbar noch unmittelbar beteiligen.

**§ 8  
Geheimhaltung**

Der Geschäftsführer ist verpflichtet, gegenüber Dritten über alle Angelegenheiten der Gesellschaft strengstes Stillschweigen zu bewahren. Diese Verpflichtung besteht auch nach einem Ausscheiden aus den Diensten der Gesellschaft.

**§ 9  
Aufzeichnungen und andere Gegenstände  
im Gesellschaftseigentum**

Bei seinem Ausscheiden aus den Diensten der Gesellschaft oder nach seiner Entbindung von der Verpflichtung zur Arbeitsleistung nach § 2 Abs. 4 ist der Geschäftsführer verpflichtet, sämtliche Schriftstücke, Korrespondenzen, Aufzeichnungen, Entwürfe und dergleichen, die Angelegenheiten der Gesellschaft betreffen, und die sich noch in seinem Besitz befinden, unverzüglich an die Gesellschaft zu übergeben. Der Geschäftsführer ist nicht berechtigt, an derartigen Unterlagen und Gegenständen ein Zurückbehaltungsrecht auszuüben.

**§ 10  
Schlußbestimmungen**

1.  
Änderungen und Ergänzungen dieses Vertrages einschließlich dieser Klausel bedürfen der Schriftform. Mündliche Nebenabreden sind nicht getroffen. Mit diesem Vertrag sind alle früher getroffenen Absprachen und Vereinbarungen hinfällig.

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2.  
Should any provision of this Agreement become wholly or in part invalid, the remaining parts of this Agreement shall not be affected. The invalid provision shall be replaced in such case by such valid provision which comes as close as possible to the economic intent of the parties.

August 18, 2005

Managing Director

/s/ Leonhard Nossol

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Leonhard Nossol

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Sollte eine Bestimmung dieses Vertrages ungültig sein oder werden, so wird dadurch die Rechtswirksamkeit der übrigen Bestimmungen nicht berührt. Die ungültige Bestimmung wird in einem solchen Fall durch die wirksame Bestimmung ersetzt, die dem von den Parteien geplanten wirtschaftlichen Erfolg so nahe wie möglich kommt.

18. August 2005

Geschäftsführer

/s/ Leonhard Nossol

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Leonhard Nossol

Gesellschaft



## CERTIFICATION OF PERIODIC REPORT

I, Jimmy S.H. Lee, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Mercer International Inc. (the "Registrant");
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others with those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the Registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2008

/s/ Jimmy S.H. Lee

Jimmy S.H. Lee  
Chief Executive Officer



## CERTIFICATION OF PERIODIC REPORT

I, David M. Gandossi, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Mercer International Inc. (the "Registrant");
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others with those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the Registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2008

/s/ David M. Gandossi

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David M. Gandossi  
Chief Financial Officer



**CERTIFICATION OF PERIODIC REPORT**

I, Jimmy S.H. Lee, Chief Executive Officer of Mercer International Inc. (the "Company"), certify pursuant to Section 906 of the *Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:

- (1) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the *Securities Exchange Act of 1934* (15 U.S.C. 78m or 78o(d)); and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: May 6, 2008

/s/ Jimmy S.H. Lee

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Jimmy S.H. Lee  
Chief Executive Officer

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A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Mercer International Inc. and will be retained by Mercer International Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.



**CERTIFICATION OF PERIODIC REPORT**

I, David M. Gandossi, Chief Financial Officer of Mercer International Inc. (the "Company"), certify pursuant to Section 906 of the *Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:

- (1) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the *Securities Exchange Act of 1934* (15 U.S.C. 78m or 78o(d)); and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: May 6, 2008

/s/ David M. Gandossi

David M. Gandossi  
Chief Financial Officer

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A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Mercer International Inc. and will be retained by Mercer International Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.