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(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR
15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
1934 FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED
July 31, 2005

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

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 0-21084

Champion Industries, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

West Virginia

55-0717455

(State of
Incorporation)

(I.R.S.
Employer
Identification
No.)

2450-90 1st Avenue
P.O. Box 2968
Huntington, WV 25728

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No .

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

9,733,913 shares of common stock of the Registrant were outstanding at July 31, 2005.

Champion Industries, Inc.

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**Item 1. Financial Statements****Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Balance Sheets**

ASSETS	July 31, 2005 (unaudited)	October 31, 2004 (audited)
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,681,076	\$ 1,745,457
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$1,456,000 and \$1,422,000	18,316,652	21,318,016
Inventories	10,979,254	11,269,514
Other current assets	878,301	973,832
Deferred income tax assets	1,175,756	1,144,943
Total current assets	34,031,039	36,451,762
Property and equipment, at cost:		
Land	2,006,375	2,006,375
Buildings and improvements	8,448,023	8,253,573
Machinery and equipment	45,121,701	43,228,587
Equipment under capital leases	426,732	983,407
Furniture and fixtures	3,478,868	3,361,100
Vehicles	3,654,090	3,523,467
	63,135,789	61,356,509
Less accumulated depreciation	(43,852,229)	(41,020,327)
	19,283,560	20,336,182
Cash surrender value of officers' life insurance	1,039,514	1,039,514
Goodwill	2,060,786	2,060,786
Other intangibles, net of accumulated amortization	3,590,299	3,812,051
Other assets	301,347	449,589
	6,991,946	7,361,940
Total assets	\$ 60,306,545	\$ 64,149,884

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Balance Sheets (continued)

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	July 31, 2005 (unaudited)	October 31, 2004 (audited)
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,436,175	\$ 3,618,051
Accrued payroll	1,369,486	1,778,736
Taxes accrued and withheld	1,825,891	1,289,524
Accrued income taxes	98,672	135,556
Accrued expenses	983,681	1,028,246
Current portion of long-term debt:		
Notes payable	1,833,787	1,555,911
Capital lease obligations	24,552	132,518
Total current liabilities	8,572,244	9,538,542
Long-term debt, net of current portion:		
Notes payable, line of credit	1,000,000	2,300,000
Notes payable, term	5,408,312	5,940,323
Capital lease obligations	-	16,484
Other liabilities	402,469	428,366
Deferred income tax liability	4,285,496	4,375,357
Total liabilities	19,668,521	22,599,072
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$1 par value, 20,000,000 shares authorized; 9,733,913 shares issued and outstanding	9,733,913	9,733,913
Additional paid-in capital	22,278,110	22,278,110
Retained earnings	8,626,001	9,538,789
Total shareholders' equity	40,638,024	41,550,812
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 60,306,545	\$ 64,149,884

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Income
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended July 31,		Nine Months Ended July 31,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Revenues:				
Printing	\$ 23,769,526	\$ 23,011,690	\$ 72,591,117	\$ 70,147,035
Office products and office furniture	8,485,145	7,086,529	27,655,827	19,765,555
Total revenues	32,254,671	30,098,219	100,246,944	89,912,590
Cost of sales:				
Printing	17,072,434	16,913,725	52,921,808	51,420,528
Office products and office furniture	5,793,595	4,850,670	19,067,611	13,304,564
Total cost of sales	22,866,029	21,764,395	71,989,419	64,725,092
Gross profit	9,388,642	8,333,824	28,257,525	25,187,498
Selling, general and administrative expenses	8,568,008	8,247,988	26,956,237	24,780,503
Income from operations	820,634	85,836	1,301,288	406,995
Other income (expense):				
Interest income	3,152	1,079	12,791	3,877
Interest expense	(149,488)	(78,462)	(420,791)	(181,729)
Other income (expense)	(7,203)	121,577	68,481	194,656
	(153,539)	44,194	(339,519)	16,804
Income before income taxes	667,095	130,030	961,769	423,799
Income taxes	(285,622)	(52,689)	(414,470)	(171,689)
Net income	\$ 381,473	\$ 77,341	\$ 547,299	\$ 252,110
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.03
Diluted	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.03
Weighted average shares outstanding:				
Basic	9,734,000	9,734,000	9,734,000	9,727,000
Diluted	9,812,000	9,832,000	9,806,000	9,841,000
Dividends per share	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended July 31,	
	2005	2004
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 547,299	\$ 252,110
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	3,536,056	3,223,193
Gain on sale of assets	(11,406)	(102,925)
Deferred income tax	(120,674)	
Increase in deferred compensation	5,362	8,042
Bad debt expense	394,160	317,539
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	2,607,204	934,996
Inventories	290,260	489,091
Other current assets	95,531	(421,760)
Accounts payable	(1,181,876)	86,076
Accrued payroll	(409,250)	(49,915)
Taxes accrued and withheld	536,367	125,394
Accrued income taxes	(36,884)	(701,613)
Accrued expenses	(44,565)	79,308
Other liabilities	(31,259)	(5,638)
Net cash provided by operating activities	6,176,325	4,233,898
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(2,043,395)	(3,987,220)
Proceeds from sales of property	155,481	789,702
Businesses acquired, net of cash received	-	(346,556)
Goodwill and other intangibles	(34,685)	(227,161)
Change in other assets	97,590	(48,434)
Decrease in cash surrender value life insurance	-	32,661
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,825,009)	(3,787,008)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Borrowings on line of credit	5,024,000	4,205,000
Payments on line of credit	(6,324,000)	(2,936,668)
Proceeds from term debt and leases	605,000	1,000,000
Principal payments on long-term debt	(1,260,610)	(838,667)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	-	56,063
Dividends paid	(1,460,087)	(1,459,086)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(3,415,697)	26,642
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	935,619	473,532
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1,745,457	2,171,713
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 2,681,076	\$ 2,645,245

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)****July 31, 2005****1. Basis of Presentation and Business Operations**

The foregoing financial information has been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") and rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission for interim financial reporting. The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates. In the opinion of management, the financial information reflects all adjustments (consisting of items of a normal recurring nature) necessary for a fair presentation of financial position, results of operations and cash flows in conformity with GAAP. These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2004, and related notes thereto contained in Champion Industries, Inc.'s Form 10-K dated January 17, 2005. The accompanying interim financial information is unaudited. The balance sheet information as of October 31, 2004 was derived from our audited financial statements.

2. Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average shares of common stock outstanding for the period and excludes any dilutive effects of stock options. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average shares of common stock outstanding for the period plus the shares that would be outstanding assuming the exercise of dilutive stock options. The dilutive effect of stock options was 78,000 and 72,000 shares for the three and nine months ended July 31, 2005 and 98,000 and 113,000 shares for the three and nine months ended July 31, 2004.

3. Inventories

Inventories are principally stated at the lower of first-in, first-out cost or market. Manufactured finished goods and work in process inventories include material, direct labor and overhead based on standard costs, which approximate actual costs. The Company utilizes an estimated gross profit method for determining cost of sales in interim periods.

Inventories consisted of the following:

	July 31, 2005	October 31, 2004
Printing:		
Raw materials	\$ 2,406,024	\$ 2,326,821
Work in process	2,066,862	1,998,824
Finished goods	3,578,638	3,460,834
Office products and office furniture	2,927,730	3,483,035
	\$ 10,979,254	\$ 11,269,514

Champion Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) (continued)****4. Long-Term Debt**

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

	July 31, 2005	October 31, 2004
Secured term note payable to banks	\$ 3,250,129	\$ 3,920,000
Installment notes payable to banks	3,991,970	3,576,234
Capital lease obligations	24,552	149,002
	7,266,651	7,645,236
Less current portion	1,858,339	1,688,429
Long-term debt, net of current portion	\$ 5,408,312	\$ 5,956,807

The Company has an unsecured revolving line of credit with a bank for borrowings to a maximum of \$10,000,000 with interest payable monthly at the prime rate of interest. This line of credit expires in July 2008 and contains certain restrictive financial covenants. There was \$1,000,000 and \$2,300,000 outstanding under this facility at July 31, 2005 and October 31, 2004.

The Company has an unsecured revolving line of credit with a bank for borrowings to a maximum of \$1,000,000 with interest payable monthly at the Wall Street Journal prime rate. The line of credit expires in October 2005 and contains certain financial covenants. There were no borrowings outstanding under this facility at July 31, 2005 and October 31, 2004.

During the third quarter of 2005, the Company financed certain equipment with a term note for \$605,095 at the Wall Street Journal prime rate.

The Company's non-cash activities for the nine months ended July 31, 2005 and 2004 included vehicle purchases of approximately \$277,000 and \$0, which were financed by a bank.

5. Shareholders' Equity

The Company paid a dividend of five cents per share on June 24, 2005 to stockholders of record on June 3, 2005. Also, the Company declared a dividend of five cents per share to be paid on September 21, 2005 to stockholders of record on September 2, 2005.

6. Commitments and Contingencies

As reported in Form 8-K filed May 11, 2005, on May 6, 2005, the Company entered into an agreement to settle all claims in a Mississippi lawsuit asserting that the Company and its Dallas Printing Company, Inc. subsidiary had engaged in unfair competition and other wrongful acts in hiring certain employees of National Forms & Systems Group, Inc.

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Following trial of this matter, titled National Forms & Systems Group, Inc. v. Timothy V. Ross; Todd Ross and Champion Industries, Inc.; and Timothy V. Ross v. National Forms & Systems Group, Inc. and Mickey McCardle; in the Circuit Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi; Case No. 251-00-942-CIV, on February 16, 2002, a jury had awarded plaintiff \$1,745,000 in actual damages and \$750,000 in punitive damages. Additionally, the trial court had granted plaintiff \$645,119 in attorney fees and expenses, and ordered that interest on the amount of the jury award accrue from February 22, 2002.

The Company successfully appealed the jury award and attorney fee and expense award in both the Court of Appeals of the State of Mississippi and the Supreme Court of Mississippi, with the appellate courts' rulings having the effect of reversing the jury's award of damages and the trial court's award of attorney fees and expenses, and granting a new trial on plaintiff's claims.

Terms of the settlement call for all parties' claims to be dismissed with prejudice, as fully compromised and released. The Company has paid plaintiff \$440,000 cash and will forego collection of and release its \$60,276 cost judgment awarded as a result of the reversal on appeal.

As of July 31, 2005, the Company had contractual obligations in the form of leases and debt as follows:

Contractual Obligations	Payments Due by Fiscal Year						Total
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Residual	
Non-cancelable operating leases	\$ 353,777	\$ 1,231,948	\$ 945,183	\$ 701,474	\$ 253,340	\$ -	\$ 3,485,722
Revolving line of credit	-	-	-	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000
Term debt	487,633	1,796,424	1,790,394	1,705,549	445,910	1,016,189	7,242,099
Obligations under capital leases	24,552	-	-	-	-	-	24,552
	\$ 865,962	\$ 3,028,372	\$ 2,735,577	\$ 3,407,023	\$ 699,250	\$ 1,016,189	\$ 11,752,373

7. Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation

In December 2004, the SFAS issued SFAS No. 123R (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment". This statement revises SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation", and requires companies to expense the value of employee stock options and similar awards. The effective date of this standard is November 1, 2005.

The Company has elected to follow the intrinsic value method in accounting for its employee stock options. Accordingly, because the exercise price of the Company's employee stock options equals the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant, no compensation expense is recognized.

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The fair value of these options was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions for 2004, risk-free interest rates of 4.03%; dividend yields of 4.21%; volatility factors of the expected market price of the Company's common stock of 54.0%; and a weighted-average expected life of the option of 4 years.

The following pro forma information has been determined as if the Company had accounted for its employee stock options under the fair value method. For purposes of pro forma disclosures, the estimated fair value of the options is expensed in the year granted since the options vest immediately. The Company's pro forma information for the quarters and nine months ended July 31 are as follows:

	Three Months Ended July 31,		Nine Months Ended July 31,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Net income, as reported	\$ 381,473	\$ 77,341	\$ 547,299	\$ 252,110
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value method for all awards, net of related tax effects	—	—	—	109,962
Pro forma net income	\$ 381,473	\$ 77,341	\$ 547,299	\$ 142,148
Earnings per share:				
Basic, as reported	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.03
Basic, pro forma	0.04	0.01	0.06	0.01
Diluted, as reported	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.03
Diluted, pro forma	0.04	0.01	0.06	0.01

8. Acquisitions

On September 7, 2004 the Company acquired all the issued and outstanding capital stock of Syscan Corporation ("Syscan"), a West Virginia corporation, for a cash price of \$3,500,000 and a contingent purchase price, dependent upon satisfaction of certain conditions, not to exceed the amount of \$1,500,000.

The Williams Land Corporation has the option to put the 3000 Washington Street building, occupied by Syscan, to the Company for a price of \$1.5 million and the Company has the option to purchase the building for \$1.5 million at the conclusion of the five year lease term commencing September 1, 2009. This option may be exercised no later than 60 days prior to the end of the lease and closing of said purchase cannot exceed 45 days from the end of the lease.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) (continued)

9. Industry Segment Information

The Company operates principally in two industry segments organized on the basis of product lines: the production, printing and sale, principally to commercial customers, of printed materials (including brochures, pamphlets, reports, tags, continuous and other forms) and the sale of office products and office furniture including interior design services.

The table below presents information about reported segments for the three and nine months ended July 31:

2005 Quarter 3	Printing	Office Products & Furniture	Total
Revenues	\$ 27,073,545	\$ 10,862,695	\$ 37,936,240
Elimination of intersegment revenue	(3,304,019)	(2,377,550)	(5,681,569)
Consolidated revenues	\$ 23,769,526	\$ 8,485,145	\$ 32,254,671
Operating income	708,280	112,354	820,634
Depreciation & amortization	1,096,947	79,223	1,176,170
Capital expenditures	720,282	11,750	732,032
Identifiable assets	50,579,411	9,727,134	60,306,545
Goodwill	1,774,344	286,442	2,060,786
2004 Quarter 3	Printing	Office Products & Furniture	Total
Revenues	\$ 26,155,556	\$ 8,540,074	\$ 34,695,630
Elimination of intersegment revenue	(3,143,866)	(1,453,545)	(4,597,411)
Consolidated revenues	\$ 23,011,690	\$ 7,086,529	\$ 30,098,219
Operating income (loss)	(47,535)	133,371	85,836
Depreciation & amortization	1,065,400	34,455	1,099,855
Capital expenditures	261,226	17,769	278,995
Identifiable assets	48,691,447	9,597,794	58,289,241
Goodwill	1,774,344	286,442	2,060,786

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2005 Year to date	Printing	Office Products & Furniture	Total
Revenues	\$ 82,971,580	\$ 33,667,921	\$ 116,639,501
Elimination of intersegment revenue	(10,380,463)	(6,012,094)	(16,392,557)
Consolidated revenues	\$ 72,591,117	\$ 27,655,827	\$ 100,246,944
Operating income	738,149	563,139	1,301,288
Depreciation & amortization	3,302,189	233,867	3,536,056
Capital expenditures	2,187,115	133,305	2,320,420
Identifiable assets	50,579,411	9,727,134	60,306,545
Goodwill	1,774,344	286,442	2,060,786

2004 Year to date	Printing	Office Products & Furniture	Total
Revenues	\$ 78,754,355	\$ 24,138,607	\$ 102,892,962
Elimination of intersegment revenue	(8,607,320)	(4,373,052)	(12,980,372)
Consolidated revenues	\$ 70,147,035	\$ 19,765,555	\$ 89,912,590
Operating income (loss)	427,430	(20,435)	406,995
Depreciation & amortization	3,116,547	106,646	3,223,193
Capital expenditures	3,943,903	43,317	3,987,220
Identifiable assets	48,691,447	9,597,794	58,289,241
Goodwill	1,774,344	286,442	2,060,786

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) (continued)

A reconciliation of total segment revenues and of total segment operating income to income before income taxes, for the three and nine months ended July 31, 2005 and 2004, is as follows:

	Three months		Nine months	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Revenues:				
Total segment revenues	\$ 37,936,240	\$ 34,695,630	\$ 116,639,501	\$ 102,892,962
Elimination of intersegment revenue	(5,681,569)	(4,597,411)	(16,392,557)	(12,980,372)
Consolidated revenue	\$ 32,254,671	\$ 30,098,219	\$ 100,246,944	\$ 89,912,590
Operating income:				
Total segment operating income	\$ 820,634	\$ 85,836	\$ 1,301,288	\$ 406,995
Interest income	3,152	1,079	12,791	3,877
Interest expense	(149,488)	(78,462)	(420,791)	(181,729)
Other income (expense)	(7,203)	121,577	68,481	194,656
Consolidated income before income taxes	\$ 667,095	\$ 130,030	\$ 961,769	\$ 423,799
Identifiable assets:				
Total segment identifiable assets	\$ 60,306,545	\$ 58,289,241	\$ 60,306,545	\$ 58,289,241
Elimination of intersegment assets	—	—	—	—
Total consolidated assets	\$ 60,306,545	\$ 58,289,241	\$ 60,306,545	\$ 58,289,241

10. Subsequent Events

On September 6, 2005, the Company announced that its Consolidated Graphics New Orleans plant was closed as a result of Hurricane Katrina. However, while the Company's Consolidated Graphics Baton Rouge location sustained both wind and water damage, it is fully functional and is operating. The Company is unable to estimate the economic impact of the hurricane on its Louisiana operations at this time.

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, information derived from the Consolidated Income Statements as a percentage of total revenues.

	Percentage of Total Revenues			
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 31,		July 31,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Revenues:				
Printing	73.7%	76.5%	72.4%	78.0%
Office products and office furniture	26.3	23.5	27.6	22.0
Total revenues	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cost of sales:				
Printing	52.9	56.2	52.8	57.2
Office products and office furniture	18.0	16.1	19.0	14.8
Total cost of sales	70.9	72.3	71.8	72.0
Gross profit	29.1	27.7	28.2	28.0
Selling, general and administrative expenses	26.6	27.4	26.9	27.5
Income from operations	2.5	0.3	1.3	0.5
Interest income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest (expense)	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.2)
Other income	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.2
Income before taxes	2.1	0.4	1.0	0.5
Income tax expense	(0.9)	(0.1)	(0.4)	(0.2)
Net income	1.2%	0.3%	0.6%	0.3%

Three Months Ended July 31, 2005 Compared to Three Months Ended July 31, 2004

Revenues

Total revenues increased 7.2% in the third quarter of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004 from \$30.1 million to \$32.3 million. Printing revenue increased 3.3% in the third quarter of 2005 to \$23.8 million from \$23.0 million in the third quarter of 2004. Office products and office furniture revenue increased 19.7% in the third quarter of 2005 to \$8.5 million from \$7.1 million in the third quarter of 2004. The increase in printing revenue was primarily due to additional sales derived from the Syscan acquisition offset by quarterly print sales reductions across several divisions. The revenue increase in the office products and office furniture segment was primarily related to the Syscan acquisition partially offset by a reduction in core furniture sales.

Cost of Sales

Total cost of sales increased from \$21.8 million for the third quarter of 2004 to \$22.9 million in the third quarter of 2005. Printing cost of sales in the third quarter of 2005 increased \$200,000 and decreased as a

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition
and Results of Operations (continued)**

percentage of printing sales from 73.5% in 2004 to 71.8% in 2005 primarily due to lower material and outside purchase costs as a percent of printing sales. Office products and office furniture cost of sales increased 19.4% or \$900,000 in 2005 to \$5.8 million from \$4.9 million in 2004. As a percentage of office products and office furniture sales, cost of sales decreased to 68.3% in 2005 from 68.4% in 2004. The increase in office products and office furniture cost of sales is attributable to the higher sales discussed above.

Operating Expenses

In the third quarter of 2005, selling, general and administrative expenses increased on a gross dollar basis to \$8.6 million from \$8.2 million in 2004, an increase of \$320,000 or 3.9%. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of sales decreased to 26.6% in 2005 from 27.4% in 2004.

The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses is primarily due to additional costs incurred as a result of the acquisition of Syscan in September 2004, partially offset by reduced selling, general and administrative expenses associated with the Company's other divisions.

Income from Operations and Other Income and Expenses

Income from operations increased 856.1% in the third quarter of 2005 to \$821,000 from \$86,000 in the third quarter of 2004. This increase is primarily the result of increased sales and gross profit contribution dollars coupled with improved gross profit percent in both the printing and office products and office furniture segments, as well as decreased selling, general and administrative expenses as a percent of sales.

Other income/expense (net) changed \$198,000 from income of \$44,000 in 2004 to expense of (\$154,000) in 2005. This change was the result of a gain on the sale of the Company's Knoxville facility of approximately \$100,000 recorded in 2004 and higher interest expense resulting from higher interest rates and outstanding borrowings in 2005.

Income Taxes

The Company's effective income tax rate was 42.8% for the third quarter of 2005 and 40.5% for the third quarter of 2004. The increase in income taxes as a percentage of income before taxes is primarily related to the nondeductibility of certain selling related expenses. The effective income tax rate approximates the combined federal and state, net of federal benefit, statutory income tax rate and is partially impacted by the geographic profitability mix of our operations.

Net Income

Net income for the third quarter of 2005 increased 393.2% to \$381,000 up from \$77,000 in 2004. Basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended July 31, 2005 were \$0.04 up from \$0.01 in 2004.

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Nine Months Ended July 31, 2005 Compared to Nine Months Ended July 31, 2004

Revenues

Total revenues increased 11.5% in the first nine months of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004 to \$100.2 million from \$89.9 million. Printing revenue increased 3.5% in the nine month period ended July 31, 2005 to \$72.6 million from \$70.1 million in the same period in 2004. Office products and office furniture revenue increased 39.9% in the nine month period ended July 31, 2005 to \$27.7 million from \$19.8 million in the same period in 2004. The revenue increase for the office products and office furniture segment was attributable to an increase in furniture sales in 2005 due in part to the additional sales derived from the purchase of Syscan coupled with organic growth and additional office product sales resulting from the Syscan acquisition. The increase in printing sales was primarily due to additional sales derived from the Syscan acquisition offset by print sales reductions across several divisions.

Cost of Sales

Total cost of sales increased 11.2% in the nine months ended July 31, 2005 to \$72.0 million from \$64.7 million in the nine months ended July 31, 2004. Printing cost of sales increased 2.9% in the nine months ended July 31, 2005 to \$52.9 million from \$51.4 million in the nine months ended July 31, 2004 and decreased as a percent of printing sales to 72.9% in 2005 from 73.3% in 2004 due primarily to increased sales coupled with an improvement in gross margin. Office products and office furniture cost of sales increased 43.3% in the nine months ended July 31, 2005 to \$19.1 million from \$13.3 million in the nine months ended July 31, 2004 and increased as a percent of office products and office furniture sales to 68.9% from 67.3%. The increase in office products and office furniture cost of sales is attributable to an increase in office products and office furniture sales. The increase in office products and office furniture cost of sales as a percent of sales is reflective of higher furniture costs as a percent of furniture sales and wholesale pricing factors at Syscan for office supplies.

Operating Expenses

During the nine months ended July 31, 2005 compared to the same period in 2004, selling, general and administrative expenses decreased as a percentage of sales to 26.9% from 27.5%. Total selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$2.2 million. The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses is primarily due to additional costs associated with the acquisition of Syscan in September 2004 and approximately \$800,000 in legal related costs associated with various legal settlements, accruals and expenses, including a \$440,000 settlement related to a Mississippi lawsuit.

Income from Operations and Other Income and Expenses

Income from operations increased 219.7% in the nine month period ended July 31, 2005 to \$1.3 million from \$400,000 in the same period of 2004. This increase is primarily the result of increased sales and gross profit contribution dollars coupled with improved gross profit percent in total and in the printing segment as well as decreased selling, general and administrative expenses as a percent of sales. Other income (expense) changed approximately \$356,000 from income of \$17,000 to an expense of (\$340,000) primarily due to a \$239,000 increase in interest expense resulting from higher borrowings

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primarily related to the acquisition of Syscan in September 2004 coupled with an increase in interest rates and gains on sale of property in 2004.

Income Taxes

The Company's effective income tax rate was 43.1% for the nine months ended July 31, 2005, up from 40.5% in the same period of 2004. The increase in income taxes as a percentage of income before taxes is primarily related to the nondeductibility of certain selling related expenses. The effective income tax rate approximates the combined federal and state, net of federal benefit, statutory income tax rate and is partially impacted by the geographic profitability mix of our operations.

Net Income

Net income for the first nine months of 2005 increased 117.1% to \$547,000 from \$252,000 in the same period of 2004 due to the reasons discussed above. Basic and diluted earnings per share for the nine months ended July 31, 2005 and 2004, were \$0.06 and \$0.03.

Inflation and Economic Conditions

Management believes that the effect of inflation on the Company's operations has not been material and will continue to be immaterial for the foreseeable future. The Company does not have long-term sales and purchase contracts; therefore, to the extent permitted by competition, it has the ability to pass through to the customer most cost increases resulting from inflation, if any.

Seasonality

Historically, the Company has experienced a greater portion of its profitability in the second and fourth quarters than in the first and third quarters. The second quarter generally reflects increased orders for printing of corporate annual reports and proxy statements. A post-Labor Day increase in demand for printing services and office products coincides with the Company's fourth quarter.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Net cash provided by operations for the nine months ended July 31, 2005, was \$6.2 million compared to \$4.2 million during the same period in 2004. This increase primarily relates to timing changes in assets and liabilities, increased depreciation expense and higher net income.

Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended July 31, 2005 was \$1.8 million compared to \$3.8 million during the same period in 2004. The net cash used in investing activities during the first nine months of 2005 primarily related to vehicle and equipment additions, including pre-press expenditures at three of the Company's sheetfed plants and print on demand expenditures. The 2004 expenditures are primarily related to equipment purchases and expenditures for building improvements and expansion including the purchase of new sheetfed presses, partially offset by the sales of buildings in Knoxville, Tennessee and Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Net cash used in financing activities for the nine months ended July 31, 2005 was \$3.4 million compared to net cash provided by financing activities of \$27,000 during the same period in 2004. This change is attributable to net payments on the Company's lines of credit versus net borrowings in 2004, a reduction

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in proceeds from term debt and an increase in principal payments of term debt. The increase in principal payments of term debt is primarily related to increased indebtedness associated with the acquisition of Syscan in September 2004.

The Company's off balance sheet arrangements at July 31, 2005 relate to the Syscan acquisition and are associated with potential contingent purchase price consideration of \$1.5 million payable in October 2006 and a put option from Williams Land Corporation to sell a building to the Company for \$1.5 million. This option may be exercised no later than 60 days prior to the end of the lease and closing of said purchase cannot exceed 45 days from the end of the lease. The lease term concludes effective September 1, 2009.

Working capital on July 31, 2005 was \$25.5 million, a decrease of \$1.5 million from October 31, 2004. Management believes that working capital and operating ratios remain at acceptable levels.

The Company expects that the combination of funds available from working capital, borrowings available under the Company's credit facilities and anticipated cash flows from operations will provide sufficient capital resources for the foreseeable future. In the event the Company seeks to accelerate internal growth or make acquisitions beyond these sources, additional financing would be necessary.

Environmental Regulation

The Company is subject to the environmental laws and regulations of the United States, and the states in which it operates, concerning emissions into the air, discharges into the waterways and the generation, handling and disposal of waste materials. The Company's past expenditures relating to environmental compliance have not had a material effect on the Company. These laws and regulations are constantly evolving, and it is impossible to predict accurately the effect they may have upon the capital expenditures, earnings and competitive position of the Company in the future. Based upon information currently available, management believes that expenditures relating to environmental compliance will not have a material impact on the financial position of the Company.

Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this Form 10-Q, including without limitation statements including the word "believes," "anticipates," "intends," "expects" or words of similar import, constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements of the Company expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, general economic conditions, changes in business strategy or development plans, and other factors referenced in this Form 10-Q. Given these uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The Company disclaims any obligation to update any such factors or to publicly announce the results of any revisions to any of the forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect future events or developments.

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ITEM 3a. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

The Company does not have any significant exposure relating to market risk.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

Company management, including the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15c as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures are effective in ensuring that all material information required to be filed in this quarterly report has been made known to them in a timely fashion. There were no changes in internal controls over financial reporting during the last fiscal quarter that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. Exhibits

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Exhibits:

- 10.1 \$605,095 term note together with commercial security agreement and cross-collateralization and cross-default agreement between Champion Industries, Inc. and First Century Bank dated as of July 25, 2005
- 31.1 Principal Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley act of 2002 - Marshall T. Reynolds
- 31.2 Principal Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley act of 2002 - Todd R. Fry
- 31.3 Principal Operating Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley act of 2002 - Toney K. Adkins
- 32 Marshall T. Reynolds, Todd R. Fry and Toney K. Adkins Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley act of 2002

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement 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.

CHAMPION INDUSTRIES, INC.

Date: September 9, 2005

/s/ Marshall T. Reynolds
Marshall T. Reynolds
Chief Executive Officer

Date: September 9, 2005

/s/ Toney K. Adkins
Toney K. Adkins
President and Chief Operating Officer

Date: September 9, 2005

/s/ Todd R. Fry
Todd R. Fry
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer