TALK AMERICA HOLDINGS INC Form 10-Q May 09, 2005

> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2005

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 number 000 - 26728

Talk America Holdings, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of incorporation)

23-2827736 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

12020 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 250, Reston, Virginia20191(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(703) 391-7500

(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 <u>X</u> No____

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

Yes <u>X</u> No____

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

27,234,811 shares of Common Stock, par value of \$0.01 per share, were issued and outstanding as of May 4, 2005.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Consolidated Financial Statements.

TALK AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (In thousands, except for per share data) (Unaudited)

| | T | hree Months F 2005 | Ended N | /larch 31, 2004 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Revenue | \$ | 119,835 | \$ | 109,619 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | |
| Network and line costs (excluding depreciation and | | | | |
| amortization shown below) | | 60,996 | | 52,512 |
| General and administrative expenses | | 18,120 | | 16,870 |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | | 5,588 | | 3,421 |
| Sales and marketing expenses | | 10,268 | | 17,284 |
| Depreciation and amortization | | 9,501 | | 5,131 |
| Total costs and expenses | | 104,473 | | 95,218 |
| Operating income | | 15,362 | | 14,401 |
| Other income (expense): | | , | | , |
| Interest income | | 308 | | 101 |
| Interest expense | | (25) | | (817) |
| Other expense, net | | (20) | | |
| Income before provision for income taxes | | 15,625 | | 13,685 |
| Provision for income taxes | | 6,155 | | 5,397 |
| Net income | \$ | 9,470 | \$ | 8,288 |
| Income per share - Basic: | | | | |
| Net income per share | \$ | 0.35 | \$ | 0.31 |
| | | 27.000 | | 26 (74 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | | 27,086 | | 26,674 |
| Income per share - Diluted: | | | | |
| Net income per share | \$ | 0.34 | \$ | 0.29 |
| 1 | | | | |
| Weighted average common and common equivalent shares outstanding | | 27,813 | | 28,130 |

TALK AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands, except for share and per share data) (Unaudited)

| | March 31, 2005 | D | ecember 31, 2004 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----|---------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Current assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 57,183 | \$ | 47,492 |
| Accounts receivable, trade (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of | | | |
| \$16,840 and \$17,508 at March 31, 2005 and | | | |
| December 31, 2004, respectively) | 43,083 | | 48,873 |
| Deferred income taxes | 27,782 | | 34,815 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 6,236 | | 6,888 |
| Total current assets | 134,284 | | 138,068 |
| Property and equipment, net | 69,877 | | 65,823 |
| Goodwill | 13,013 | | 13,013 |
| Intangible assets, net | 1,266 | | 1,966 |
| Deferred income taxes | 12,896 | | 14,291 |
| Capitalized software and other assets | 8,873 | | 8,567 |
| | \$ 240,209 | \$ | 241,728 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 43,693 | \$ | 43,439 |
| Sales, use and excise taxes | 9,588 | | 11,179 |
| Deferred revenue Legal settlements | 14,272 | | 15,321 |
| Current portion of long-term debt and capitalized lease obligations | 2,541 | | 2,529 |
| Accrued compensation | 1,843 | | 6,690 |
| Other current liabilities | 5,575 | | 5,426 |
| Total current liabilities | 77,512 | | 84,584 |
| Long-term debt and capitalized lease obligations | 1,076 | | 1,717 |
| Deferred income taxes | 9,963 | | 13,906 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | | |
| Preferred stock - \$.01 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized; no shares | | | |
| outstanding | | | |
| Common stock - \$.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized; | | | |
| 27,212,160 and 27,037,096 shares issued and outstanding at | 205 | | 204 |
| March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2005, respectively | 285 | | 284 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 357,075 | | 356,409 |
| Accumulated deficit | (200,702) | | (210,172) |

| Treasury stock - at cost, 1,315,789 shares at March 31, 2005 and | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|
| December 31, 2004 | (5,000) | (5,000) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 151,658 | 141,521 |
| | \$ 240,209 \$ | 241,728 |

TALK AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In thousands) (Unaudited)

| | Three Mon Marc | led | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|----------|
| | 2005 | -) | 2004 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Net income | \$ 9,470 | \$ | 8,288 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating | | | |
| activities: | | | |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | 5,588 | | 3,421 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 9,501 | | 5,131 |
| Non-cash compensation | | | 9 |
| Non-cash interest and amortization of accrued interest liabilities | | | (65) |
| Loss on sale and retirement of assets | 20 | | |
| Deferred income taxes | 4,484 | | 4,261 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts receivable, trade | 202 | | (5,760) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 652 | | (514) |
| Other assets | 9 | | (13) |
| Accounts payable | 254 | | 4,174 |
| Sales, use and excise taxes | (1,591) | | (719) |
| Deferred revenue | (1,049) | | 1,726 |
| Accrued compensation | (4,847) | | (6,983) |
| Other current liabilities | 149 | | (1,084) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 22,842 | | 11,872 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (12,221) | | (1,220) |
| Capitalized software development costs | (1,010) | | (811) |
| Proceeds from sale of property and equipment | 42 | | |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (13,189) | | (2,031) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | |
| Payments of borrowings | | | (15,000) |
| Payments of capital lease obligations | (629) | | (384) |
| Proceeds from exercise of options | 667 | | 50 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 38 | | (15,334) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 9,691 | | (5,493) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 47,492 | | 35,242 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ 57,183 | \$ | 29,749 |

TALK AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (In thousands) (Unaudited)

| Additional | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----|--------|----|---------|----|------------|--------|-----|---------|------------|
| | Comm | ion | Stock | | Paid-In | A | ccumulated | Treas | ury | v Stock | |
| | Shares | | Amount | | Capital | | Deficit | Shares | | Amount | Total |
| Balances, December 31, 2004 | 28,353 | \$ | 284 | \$ | 356,409 | \$ | (210,172) | 1,316 | \$ | (5,000) | \$ 141,521 |
| Net income Income tax benefit related to exercise of common | | | | | | | 9,470 | | | | 9,470 |
| stock options | | | | | 358 | | | | | | 358 |
| Exercise of common stock options | 175 | | 1 | | 308 | | | | | | 309 |
| Balances, March 31, 2005 | 28,528 | \$ | 285 | \$ | 357,075 | \$ | (200,702) | 1,316 | \$ | (5,000) | \$151,658 |

TALK AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

NOTE 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Financial Statements Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Talk America Holdings, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (collectively, "Talk America," "we," "our" and "us"). All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

The consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto as of March 31, 2005 and for the three months ended March 31, 2005 and March 31, 2004 are unaudited, but in the opinion of management include all adjustments necessary for a fair statement of the results for the periods presented. The consolidated balance sheet information for December 31, 2004 was derived from the audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 filed March 16, 2005, as amended by our Form 10-K/A filed March 30, 2005 (as so amended, "our 2004 Form 10-K"). These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with our 2004 Form 10-K. The interim results are not necessarily indicative of the results for any future periods. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified for comparative purposes.

(b) Risks and Uncertainties

Future results of operations involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Factors that could affect future operating results and cash flows and cause actual results to vary materially from historical results include, but are not limited to:

- •Changes in government policy, regulation and enforcement or adverse judicial or administrative interpretations and rulings or legislative action relating to regulations, enforcement and pricing, including, but not limited to, changes that affect the continued availability until March 11, 2006 and, thereafter, the cost of certain elements of the unbundled network element platform of the local exchange carriers network and the costs associated therewith and thereafter the cost of certain unbundled network element platform elements utilized with our network.
- •Dependence on the availability and functionality of the networks of the incumbent local exchange carriers as they relate to the unbundled network element platform.
- ·Increased price competition in local and long distance services, including bundled services, and overall competition within the telecommunications industry, including, but not limited to, in the State of Michigan.

Negative developments in these areas could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

(c) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In March 2005, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Interpretation Number 47, "Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations, an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 143" ("FIN 47"). FIN 47 clarifies the term "conditional asset retirement obligationis" used in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 143, "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations," and also clarifies when an entity would have sufficient information to reasonably estimate the fair value of an asset retirement. FIN 47 is effective no later than the end of fiscal years ending after December 15, 2005. We are evaluating the implementation of FIN 47 and whether it will have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payments" ("SFAS No. 123R"). SFAS No. 123R requires the recognition of the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments in the financial statements and measurement based on the grant-date fair value of the award. It requires the cost to be recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award. Additionally, compensation expense will be recognized over the remaining employee service period for the outstanding portion of any awards for which compensation expense had not been previously recognized or disclosed under SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS No. 123"). SFAS No. 123R replaces SFAS No. 123, and supersedes Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" ("APB No. 25"), and its related interpretations.

On April 15, 2005, the Securities and Exchange Commission posted Final Rule Number 33-8568, "Amendment to Rule 4-01(a) of Regulation S-X Regarding the Compliance Date for Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment*," which is effective as of April 21, 2005. Under the Commission's amendment, we are required to file financial statements that comply with SFAS No. 123R in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the first quarter of the first fiscal year that begins after June 15, 2005, and we are permitted, but not required, to comply with SFAS No. 123R for periods before the required compliance date. The requirements will be effective for us beginning with the first quarter of fiscal 2006. We are currently assessing the timing and impact of adopting SFAS No. 123R.

NOTE 2. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

We are party to a number of legal actions and proceedings arising from our provision and marketing of telecommunications services, as well as certain legal actions and regulatory matters arising in the ordinary course of business.

In December 2003, we entered into a new four-year master carrier agreement with AT&T. The agreement provides us with a variety of services, including transmission facilities to connect our network switches as well as services for international calls, local traffic, international calling cards, overflow traffic and operator assisted calls. The agreement also provides that, subject to certain terms and conditions, we will purchase these services exclusively from AT&T during the term of the agreement, provided, however, that we are not obligated to purchase exclusively in certain cases, including if such purchases would result in a breach of any contract with another carrier that was in place when we entered into the AT&T agreement, or if vendor diversity is required. Certain of our network service agreements, including the AT&T agreement, contain certain minimum usage commitments. Our contract with AT&T establishes pricing and provides for annual minimum commitments based upon usage as follows: 2005 - \$32 million, 2006 - \$32 million and 2007 - \$32 million and obligates us to pay 65 percent of the revenue shortfall, if any. Another separate contract with a different vendor establishes pricing and provides for annual minimum payments for 2005 of \$1.0 million. Despite the anticipated reduction in our local bundled customer base, we anticipate that we will not be required to make any shortfall payments under these contracts as a result of the restructuring of these obligations or the growth in network minutes as a result of acquisitions, but there can be no assurances that we will be successful in this restructuring or acquisition. To the extent that we are unable to meet these minimum commitments, our costs of purchasing the services under the agreement will correspondingly increase.

We have a contract with our invoice printing company that establishes pricing and provides for annual minimum payments as follows: 2005 - \$1.2 million, 2006 - \$1.2 million, 2007 - \$1.2 million, and 2008 - \$1.3 million. We also agreed to renew the maintenance agreement associated with a vendor financing agreement we entered into in May 2004 with a software supplier for an additional two years at a cost of \$1.1 million, which is funded on the anniversary dates of the agreement.

NOTE 3. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

We account for our stock option awards under the intrinsic value based method of accounting prescribed by APB Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," and related interpretations, including FASB Interpretation No. 44 "Accounting for Certain Transactions Including Stock Compensation," an interpretation of APB Opinion No. 25. Under the intrinsic value based method, compensation cost is the excess, if any, of the quoted market price of the stock at grant date or other measurement date over the amount an employee must pay to acquire the stock. We make pro forma disclosures of net income and earnings per share as if the fair value based method of accounting had been applied as required by SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" and SFAS 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure - an amendment of SFAS 123". The following disclosure complies with the adoption of this statement and includes pro forma net income as if the fair value based method of accounting had been applied (in thousands except for per share data):

| Three Months Ended | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|-------|---------|-----------|--|
| | | March | · · | | |
| NT. 4 | | 2005 | 2004 | ļ | |
| Net income as | \$ | 0.470 | ¢ 0 10 | o | |
| reported Add: | Ф | 9,470 | \$ 8,28 | 0 | |
| Stock-based | | | | | |
| employee | | | | | |
| compensation | | | | | |
| expense | | | | | |
| included in | | | | | |
| reported net | | | | | |
| income, | | | | | |
| net of tax effect | | | | 5 | |
| Deduct: Total | | | | | |
| stock-based | | | | | |
| employee | | | | | |
| compensation | | | | | |
| expense | | | | | |
| determined | | | | | |
| under | | | | | |
| Central Maine | | | | | |
| Power Co., | United | | | | |
| 4.75% | States | 7, | 900 | 612,251 | |
| Connecticut | | | | | |
| Light & Power | | | | | |
| Co., Ser. 1947, | | | | | |
| 2.00% | States | 18 | 3,230 | 620,391 | |
| Connecticut | | | | | |
| Light & Power | | | | | |
| Co., Ser. 1949, | | | ~~~ | 044700 | |
| 2.04% | States | 9, | 600 | 314,700 | |
| Connecticut | | | | | |
| Light & Power | Linitad | | | | |
| Co., Ser. 1949, 2.20% | States | | 605 | 1 204 467 | |
| 2.20% | States | 30 | 6,625 | 1,294,467 | |

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS continued

January 31, 2010 (unaudited)

| | Country | Shares | Value |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|-------------|
| PREFERRED STOCKS continued | | | |
| UTILITIES continued | | | |
| Electric Utilities continued | | | |
| Connecticut Light & Power Co., Ser. 1963, 4.50% | United States | 66,124 | \$2,434,190 |
| Connecticut Light & Power Co., Ser. 1967, 5.28% | United States | 59,300 | 2,292,319 |
| Connecticut Light & Power Co., Ser. 54E, 2.06% | United States | 7,800 | 273,488 |
| Connecticut Light & Power Co., Ser. F, 2.09% | United States | 6,000 | 193,539 |
| Consolidated Edison, Inc., Ser. A, 5.00% | United States | 69,200 | 6,038,392 |
| Consolidated Edison, Inc., Ser. D, 4.65% | United States | 62,505 | 5,133,223 |
| Dayton Power & Light Co., Ser. A, 3.75% | United States | 9,416 | 674,127 |
| Dayton Power & Light Co., Ser. B, 3.75% | United States | 5,120 | 368,441 |
| Dayton Power & Light Co., Ser. C, 3.90% | United States | 17,500 | 1,202,031 |
| Duquesne Light Co., 6.50% | United States | 130,000 | 6,148,359 |
| Energy East Corp., 3.75% | United States | 1,900 | 122,604 |
| Entergy Arkansas, Inc., 4.32% | United States | 7,565 | 502,940 |
| Entergy Arkansas, Inc., 4.56% | United States | 2,732 | 189,147 |
| Entergy Arkansas, Inc., 4.72% | United States | 500 | 37,250 |
| Entergy Arkansas, Inc., 6.08% | United States | 8,444 | 749,286 |
| Entergy Arkansas, Inc., 6.45% | United States | 400,000 | 8,800,000 |
| Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Ser. 1965, 4.56% | United States | 13,578 | 957,674 |
| Entergy Louisiana Holdings, 6.95% | United States | 227,000 | 21,373,480 |
| Entergy Mississippi, Inc., 4.36% | United States | 3,248 | 221,473 |
| Entergy Mississippi, Inc., 4.92% | United States | 10,679 | 772,606 |
| Entergy Mississippi, Inc., 7.25% | United States | 89 | 2,314 |
| Entergy New Orleans, Inc., 4.36% | United States | 153 | 9,713 |
| Entergy New Orleans, Inc., 4.75% | United States | 6,102 | 430,490 |
| Entergy New Orleans, Inc., 5.56% | United States | 11,893 | 949,035 |
| Florida Power Corp., 4.60% | United States | 14,900 | 1,124,019 |
| FPC Capital, Class I, Ser. A, 7.10% | United States | 5,000 | 126,400 |
| Gulf Power Corp., Ser. 1, 6.00% | United States | 10,130 | 939,849 |
| Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc., Ser. J, 4.75% 144A | United States | 55,000 | 761,409 |
| Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc., Ser. K, 4.65% | United States | 27,000 | 366,187 |
| Indianapolis Power & Light Co., 4.20% | United States | 20,000 | 1,725,626 |
| Pacific Gas & Electric Co., 4.80% | United States | 185,600 | 3,684,160 |
| Pacific Gas & Electric Co., Ser. D, 5.00% | United States | 126,000 | 2,709,000 |
| Pacific Gas & Electric Co., Ser. I, 4.36% | United States | 39,900 | 768,075 |
| Scana Corp., Ser. A, 7.70% | United States | 100,000 | 2,646,000 |
| Southern California Edison Co., Ser. B, 4.08% | United States | 48,100 | 834,054 |
| Southern California Edison Co., Ser. D, 4.32% | United States | 85,000 | 1,551,250 |
| Union Electric Co., 4.50% | United States | 14,600 | 1,040,024 |
| Union Electric Co., 4.56% | United States | 11,190 | 772,110 |
| Union Electric Co., 7.64% | United States | 21,350 | 2,120,990 |
| Union Electric Co., Ser. 1969, 4.00% | United States | 7,600 | 488,545 |
| Xcel Energy, Inc., 3.60% | United States | 6,000 | 369,360 |
| Xcel Energy, Inc., 4.10% | United States | 52,320 | 3,683,658 |
| λουι Εποι θγ , πο., τ.το /ο | Shilled Oldles | 52,520 | 0,000,000 |

| Xcel Energy, Inc., 4.16% Xcel Energy, Inc., 4.56% | United States United States | 30,030 19,880 | 2,282,881 1,540,700 97,737,669 |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Gas Utilities 1.0% | | | |
| ATP Oil & Gas, 8.00% 144A | United States | 20,000 | 1,793,650 |
| Pacific Enterprises, 4.40% | United States | 19,840 | 1,492,341 |
| Public Service Electric & Gas Co., 4.08% | United States | 19,640 | 1,382,656 |
| Public Service Electric & Gas Co., 5.28% | United States | 5,625 | 493,312 |
| | | | 5,161,959 |
| Independent Power Producers & Energy Traders | 0.3% | | |
| Constellation Energy Group, Inc., Ser. A, 8.625% | United States | 50,214 | 1,290,500 |

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS continued

January 31, 2010 (unaudited)

| | Country | Shares | Value |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| PREFERRED STOCKS continued | | | |
| UTILITIES continued | | | |
| Water Utilities 0.1% | | | |
| Hackensack Water Co., 4.99% + o | United States | 10,469 | \$607,202 |
| Total Preferred Stocks (cost \$169,535,854) | | | 178,686,829 |
| CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS 0.8% | | | |
| ENERGY 0.8% | | | |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 0.8% | | | |
| El Paso Corp., 4.99%, 12/31/2049 144A (cost | | | |
| \$2,720,560) | United States | 4,000 | 3,760,000 |
| SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 3.1% | | | |
| MUTUAL FUND SHARES 3.1% | | | |
| Evergreen Institutional Money Market Fund, Class I, | | | |
| 0.01% q ø (cost \$15,826,507) | United States | 15,826,507 | 15,826,507 |
| Total Investments (cost \$481,304,665) 99.1% | | | 502,570,333 |
| Other Assets and Liabilities 0.9% | | | 4,476,999 |
| Net Assets 100.0% | | | \$507,047,332 |

- * Non-income producing security
- + Security is deemed illiquid.
- Security represents an investment in a non-controlled affiliate. At January 31, 2010, the Fund invested in securities issued by Wells Fargo & Co. with a cost basis of \$5,000,000 and earned \$98,438 of income for the period from November 1, 2009 to January 31, 2010.
- 144A Security that may be sold to qualified institutional buyers under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. This security has been determined to be liquid under guidelines established by the Board of Trustees, unless otherwise noted.
- o Security is valued at fair value as determined by the investment advisor in good faith, according to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees.
- q Rate shown is the 7-day annualized yield at period end.
- Ø Evergreen Investment Management Company, LLC is the investment advisor to both the Fund and the money market fund.

Summary of Abbreviations

ADR American Depository Receipt

The following table shows the percent of total long-term investments by geographic location as of January 31, 2010:

| United States | 47.6% |
|---------------|-------|
| Italy | 19.6% |
| France | 8.2% |

| Germany | 7.0% |
|----------------|--------|
| Spain | 6.0% |
| Finland | 3.1% |
| Sweden | 2.9% |
| Australia | 2.2% |
| United Kingdom | 2.1% |
| Netherlands | 1.1% |
| Brazil | 0.2% |
| | 100.0% |

During the period from November 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010, the Fund entered into written options for speculative purposes.

Open call options written as of January 31, 2010 were as follows:

| Expiration | | Number of | Strike | Market | Premiums |
|------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Date | Index | Contracts | Price | Value | Received |
| | Amsterdam Exchange | | | | |
| 02/19/2010 | Index | 484 | 357 EUR | \$13,220 o | \$111,282 |
| 02/19/2010 | CAC 40 Index | 412 | 4,196 EUR | 3,531 o | 108,911 |
| 02/19/2010 | DAX Index | 554 | 6,233 EUR | 6,231 o | 118,227 |
| 02/19/2010 | Euro STOXX 50 Index | 553 | 3,122 EUR | 6,368 o | 118,237 |
| 02/19/2010 | FTSE 100 Index | 264 | 5,776 GBP | 685 o | 63,742 |
| 02/19/2010 | NASDAQ 100 Index | 125 | 1,966 USD | 3,799 o | 79,965 |
| 02/19/2010 | NYSE Arca Index | 6,581 | 37 USD | 22,902 o | 509,764 |
| | OMX Stockholm 30 | | | | |
| 02/19/2010 | Index | 1,706 | 1,028 SEK | 25,343 o | 139,453 |
| 02/19/2010 | Russell 2000 Index | 366 | 670 USD | 9,465 o | 134,058 |
| | S&P 400 Mid Cap | | | | |
| 02/19/2010 | Index | 314 | 782 USD | 4,810 o | 105,184 |

• Valued at fair value as determined by the investment advisor using third party modeling tools, according to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS continued

January 31, 2010 (unaudited)

The Fund had average premiums received on written options in the amount of \$454,109 during the period from November 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010.

On January 31, 2010, the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$487,064,930. The gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation on securities based on tax cost was \$27,929,406 and \$12,424,003, respectively, with a net unrealized appreciation of \$15,505,403.

Valuation of investments

Listed equity securities are usually valued at the last sales price or official closing price on the national securities exchange where the securities are principally traded. If there has been no sale, the securities are valued at the mean between bid and asked prices. Non-listed preferred securities are valued using evaluated prices determined by an independent pricing service which takes into consideration such factors as similar security prices, spreads, liquidity, benchmark quotes and market conditions. Securities for which valuations are not readily available from an independent pricing service may be valued by brokers who use prices provided by market makers or estimates of market value obtained from yield data relating to investments or securities with similar characteristics

Foreign securities traded on an established exchange are valued at the last sales price on the exchange where the security is primarily traded. If there has been no sale, the securities are valued at the mean between bid and asked prices. Foreign securities may be valued at fair value according to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees if the closing price is not reflective of current market values due to trading or events occurring in the foreign markets between the close of the established exchange and the valuation time of the Fund. In addition, substantial changes in values in the U.S. markets subsequent to the close of a foreign market may also affect the values of securities traded in the foreign market. The value of foreign securities may be adjusted if such movements in the U.S. market exceed a specified threshold.

Investments in open-end mutual funds are valued at net asset value. Securities for which market quotations are not readily available or not reflective of current fair value are valued at fair value as determined by the investment advisor in good faith, according to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees.

The valuation techniques used by the Fund to measure fair value are consistent with the market approach, income approach and/or cost approach, where applicable, for each security type.

Foreign currency translation

All assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts at the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of portfolio securities and income items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts on the respective dates of such transactions. The Fund does not separately account for that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments and the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments.

Options

The Fund is subject to equity price risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives. The Fund may write covered put or call options. When a Fund writes an option, an amount equal to the

premium received is recorded as a liability and is subsequently adjusted to the current market value of the written option. Premiums received from written options, which expire unexercised, are recognized as realized gains from investments on the expiration date. The difference between the premium received and the amount paid on effecting a closing purchase transaction, including brokerage commissions, is treated as a realized gain or loss. If a call option is exercised, the premium is added to the proceeds from the sale of the underlying security in calculating the realized gain or loss on the sale. If a put option is exercised, the premium reduces the cost of the security purchased. The Fund, as a writer of an option, bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the security underlying the written option.

The Fund may also purchase call or put options. The premium is included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as an investment which is subsequently adjusted to the current market value of the option. Premiums paid for purchased options which expire are recognized as realized losses from investments on the expiration date. Premiums paid for purchased options which are exercised or closed are added to the amount paid or offset against the proceeds on the underlying security to determine the realized gain or loss. The risk of loss associated with purchased options is limited to the premium paid.

Options traded on an exchange are regulated and terms of the options are standardized. Options traded over the counter expose the Fund to counterparty risk in the event the counterparty does not perform. This risk is mitigated by having a master netting arrangement between the Fund and the counterparty and by having the counterparty post collateral to cover the Fund s exposure to the counterparty.

Valuation hierarchy

Fair value measurements of investments are determined within a framework that has established a fair value hierarchy based upon the various data inputs utilized in determining the value of the Fund s investments. These inputs are summarized into three broad levels as follows:

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical securities

Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund s own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS continued

January 31, 2010 (unaudited)

As of January 31, 2010, the inputs used in valuing the Fund s assets, which are carried at fair value, were as follows:

| Investments in Securities Equity securities | Quoted Prices (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | Total |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Common stocks Preferred | \$56,427,814 | \$247,869,183 | \$0 | \$304,296,997 |
| stocks Short-term | 83,417,072 | 98,422,555 | 607,202 | 182,446,829 |
| investments | <u>15,826,507</u> \$155,671,393 | 0 \$346,291,738 | 0 \$607,202 | 15,826,507 \$502,570,333 |

As of January 31, 2010 the inputs used in valuing the Fund s other financial instruments, which are carried at fair value, were as follows:

| Other financial | Quoted Prices (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | Total |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| instruments* | <u>\$0</u> | \$(96,354) | \$0 | <u>\$(96,354)</u> |

* Other financial instruments include written options.

The following is a reconciliation of assets in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value:

| Balance as of November 1, 2009 Realized gain (loss) Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) Net purchases (sales) | Preferred <u>Stocks</u> \$701,424 0 (94,222) 0 | Options \$(49,648) 186,115 (136,467) 0 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Transfers in and/or out of Level 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance as of January 31, 2010 | \$607,202 | 0 |
| Change in unrealized gains or losses included in earnings relating to | | |

securities still held at January 31, 2010

<u>\$(94,222</u>) <u>\$0</u>

Item 2 - Controls and Procedures

- (a) The registrant s principal executive officer and principal financial officer have evaluated the registrant s disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) within 90 days of this filing and have concluded that the registrant s disclosure controls and procedures were effective, as of that date, in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by the registrant in this Form N-Q was recorded, processed, summarized, and reported timely.
- (b) There has been no change in the registrant s internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) that occurred during the registrant s last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonable likely to materially affect, the registrant s internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3 - Exhibits

File the exhibits listed below as part of this Form. Letter or number the exhibits in the sequence indicated.

(a) Separate certifications for the registrant s principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached as EX-99.CERT.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Evergreen Global Dividend Opportunity Fund

By: /s/ W. Douglas Munn W. Douglas Munn Principal Executive Officer Date: March 31, 2010

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ W. Douglas Munn W. Douglas Munn Principal Executive Officer Date: March 31, 2010

By: /s/ Kasey Phillips Kasey Phillips Principal Financial Officer Date: March 31, 2010