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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2006

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. 0-22818

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

22-3240619
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

58 South Service Road
Melville, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

11747
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (631) 730-2200

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, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer

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

As of November 2, 2006 there were 38,990,244 shares outstanding of the registrant's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share.

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except per share and share amounts)

| | September 30, 2006 (Unaudited) | June 30, 2006 (Note) |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 78,143 | \$ 48,875 |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2,111 and \$2,104 | 95,215 | 80,764 |
| Inventories | 111,440 | 105,883 |
| Deferred income taxes | 3,843 | 2,986 |
| Other current assets | 17,291 | 21,968 |
| Total current assets | 305,932 | 260,476 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 113,982 | 119,830 |
| Goodwill | 416,836 | 421,002 |
| Trademarks and other intangible assets, net | 62,260 | 61,626 |
| Other assets | 16,001 | 14,750 |
| Total assets | \$ 915,011 | \$ 877,684 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 100,281 | \$ 81,894 |
| Income taxes payable | 8,175 | 3,083 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 840 | 1,065 |
| Total current liabilities | 109,296 | 86,042 |
| Long-term debt, less current portion | 151,172 | 151,229 |
| Deferred income taxes | 19,086 | 19,086 |
| Total liabilities | 279,554 | 256,357 |
| Minority interest | 5,184 | 4,926 |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Preferred stock - \$.01 par value, authorized 5,000,000 shares, no shares issued | - | - |
| Common stock - \$.01 par value, authorized 100,000,000 shares, issued 39,831,121 and 39,583,671 shares | 398 | 396 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 450,657 | 446,319 |
| Retained earnings | 174,068 | 165,034 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | 17,895 | 17,397 |
| | 643,018 | 629,146 |
| Less: 861,256 shares of treasury stock, at cost | (12,745) | (12,745) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 630,273 | 616,401 |

| | | | | |
|--|----|---------|----|---------|
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ | 915,011 | \$ | 877,684 |
|--|----|---------|----|---------|

Note: The balance sheet at June 30, 2006 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date.

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

(In thousands, except per share and share amounts)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 |
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Net sales | \$ 210,207 | \$ 161,097 |
| Cost of sales | 151,065 | 115,248 |
| Gross profit | 59,142 | 45,849 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 41,846 | 33,869 |
| Operating income | 17,296 | 11,980 |
| Interest and other expenses, net | 1,820 | 868 |
| Income before income taxes | 15,476 | 11,112 |
| Provision for income taxes | 6,442 | 4,221 |
| Net income | \$ 9,034 | \$ 6,891 |
| Net income per share: | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.23 | \$ 0.19 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.23 | \$ 0.18 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: | | |
| Basic | 38,746 | 36,636 |
| Diluted | 40,023 | 37,560 |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNAUDITED)
 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2006
 (In thousands, except per share and share amounts)

| | <u>Common Stock</u> | Additional | Retained | <u>Treasury Stock</u> | Foreign | Comprehensive | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| | at | Paid-in | Earnings | Shares | Currency | Income | | |
| | Shares | Amount | | Amount | Translation | Total | | |
| | | \$ | | | Adjustment | | | |
| Balance at June 30, 2006 | 39,583,671 | \$ 396 | \$ 446,319 | \$ 165,034 | 861,256 | \$ (12,745) | \$ 17,397 | \$ 616,401 |
| Exercise of stock options | 247,450 | 2 | 4,263 | | | | | 4,265 |
| Non-cash compensation charge | | | 75 | | | | | 75 |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | | |
| Net income | | | 9,034 | | | | | 9,034 |
| Translation adjustments | | | | | | 498 | 498 | 498 |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | | \$ 9,532 |
| Balance at September 30, 2006 | 39,831,121 | \$ 398 | \$ 450,657 | \$ 174,068 | 861,256 | \$ (12,745) | \$ 17,895 | \$ 630,273 |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)
(In thousands)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 |
| CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES | (Unaudited) | |
| Net income | \$ 9,034 | \$ 6,891 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 3,319 | 3,207 |
| Deferred income tax benefit | (857) | - |
| Non-cash compensation | 75 | 1,020 |
| Gain on sale of Biomarché | (2,510) | - |
| Other non-cash items, net | 95 | 90 |
| Increase (decrease) in cash attributable to changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of amounts applicable to acquired/disposed businesses: | | |
| Accounts receivable | (16,374) | (4,340) |
| Inventories | (5,880) | (6,594) |
| Other current assets | 4,287 | (439) |
| Other assets | 898 | 1,711 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 22,925 | (5,409) |
| Income taxes, net | 4,861 | 4,392 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 19,873 | 529 |
| CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Purchases of property and equipment | (3,553) | (3,108) |
| Proceeds from disposals of property and equipment | 2,665 | - |
| Acquisitions of business, net of cash acquired | - | (4,257) |
| Proceeds from sale of Biomarché | 8,160 | - |
| Loan to affiliate | (1,911) | - |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | 5,361 | (7,365) |
| CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Proceeds from exercises of stock options, net of related expenses | 4,265 | 2,974 |
| Repayments of other long-term debt, net | (239) | (401) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 4,026 | 2,573 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | 8 | 145 |
| Net (increase) in cash and cash equivalents | 29,268 | (4,118) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 48,875 | 24,139 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 78,143 | \$ 20,021 |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. GENERAL

The Hain Celestial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company”, and herein referred to as “we”, “us”, and “our”) manufacture, market, distribute and sell natural and organic food products and natural personal care products under brand names which are sold as “better-for-you” products. We are a leader in many of the top natural food categories, with such well-known food brands as Celestial Seasonings® teas, Hain Pure Foods®, Westbrae®, WestSoy®, Rice Dream®, Soy Dream®, Imagine™, Walnut Acres Organic™, Ethnic Gourmet™, Rosetto®, Little Bear Organic Foods®, Bearitos®, Arrowhead Mills®, Health Valley®, Breadshop®, Casbah®, Spectrum Naturals®, Spectrum Essentials®, Garden of Eatin’®, Terra®, Harry’s Premium Snacks®, Boston’s®, Lima®, Grains Noirs®, Natumi®, Milkfree, Yves Veggie Cuisine®, DeBoles®, Earth’s Best®, Nile Spice® and Linda McCartney®. The Company’s principal specialty product lines include Hollywood® cooking oils, Estee® sugar-free products, Boston Better Snacks®, and Alba Foods®. Our natural personal care product line is marketed under the JASON®, Zia®, Orjene®, Shaman Earthly Organics™, Heather’s®, Queen Helene®, Batherapy®, Shower Therapy® and Foottherapy® brands. Our natural and organic antibiotic-free chicken is marketed under the FreeBird™ brand.

We operate in one business segment: the sale of natural and organic food and personal care products. In our 2006 fiscal year, approximately 47% of our revenues were derived from products that were manufactured within our own facilities with 53% produced by various co-packers.

All dollar amounts in our condensed consolidated financial statements and tables have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, except per share amounts. Share amounts in the notes to condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in thousands.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Our condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all normal recurring adjustments which, in management’s opinion, are necessary for a fair presentation for interim periods. Operating results for the three months ended September 30, 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending June 30, 2007. Please refer to the footnotes to our consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2006 and for the year then ended included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, for information not included in these condensed footnotes.

Results previously reported for the three months ended September 30, 2005 have been adjusted to reflect charges in connection with the requirements of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) No. 123(R), “Share-Based Payment” (“SFAS No. 123(R)”). SFAS No. 123(R) requires that contractual commitments to issue stock options be recorded as compensation cost whether or not the options have been granted. The Company’s employment agreement with its Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) contains such a commitment; however the options which were to be awarded in July 2005 and July 2006 have not been granted, principally due to an insufficient number of shares available under the Company’s Long Term Incentive and Stock Award Plans. Under SFAS No. 123(R), regardless of whether the options are ever granted, either currently or in the future, a non-cash accounting expense is required to be recorded during the year leading up to the anticipated grant date under the contract. This period is defined in SFAS No. 123(R)

as the “requisite service period.” The requisite service period related to the July 2006 un-granted options was completed during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. These options remain un-granted at November 6, 2006. Results for the three months ended September 30, 2005 have been reduced from those previously reported by \$0.8 million (\$0.5 million net of tax) or \$0.01 per diluted share. The requisite service period related to the July 2005 un-granted options was completed on June 30, 2005, which was prior to the required implementation of SFAS No. 123(R), and therefore, no expense has been recorded for the July 2005 options. The Company will incur a charge to earnings at such time as those options are granted.

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)-Continued

3. EARNINGS PER SHARE

We report basic and diluted earnings per share in accordance with SFAS No. 128, "Earnings Per Share" ("SFAS No. 128"). Basic earnings per share excludes the dilutive effects of options and warrants. Diluted earnings per share includes only the dilutive effects of common stock equivalents such as stock options and warrants.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share pursuant to SFAS No. 128:

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------|
| | 2006 | 2005 |
| Numerator: | | |
| Net income | \$ 9,034 | \$ 6,891 |
| Denominator for basic earnings per share - weighted average shares outstanding during the period | 38,746 | 36,636 |
| Effect of dilutive stock options | 1,277 | 924 |
| Denominator for diluted earnings per share - adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversions | 40,023 | 37,560 |
| Basic net income per share | \$ 0.23 | \$ 0.19 |
| Diluted net income per share | \$ 0.23 | \$ 0.18 |

Options totaling 1,412 in fiscal 2007 and 3,013 in fiscal 2006 were excluded from our earnings per share calculations as their effects would have been anti-dilutive.

4. INVENTORIES

Inventories consisted of the following:

| | September 30, 2006 | June 30, 2006 |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|
| Finished goods | \$ 64,063 | \$ 64,771 |
| Raw materials, work-in-progress and packaging | 47,377 | 41,112 |
| | \$ 111,440 | \$ 105,883 |

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)-Continued

5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment consisted of the following:

| | September 30, 2006 | June 30, 2006 |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|
| Land | \$ 9,425 | \$ 10,958 |
| Buildings and improvements | 34,829 | 38,483 |
| Machinery and equipment | 112,868 | 113,958 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 5,992 | 6,107 |
| Leasehold improvements | 2,595 | 3,120 |
| Construction in progress | 3,029 | 2,257 |
| | 168,738 | 174,883 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization | 54,756 | 55,053 |
| | \$ 113,982 | \$ 119,830 |

6. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Goodwill and indefinite-life intangible assets must be tested for impairment at least annually. We perform a test for impairment during the fourth quarter of our fiscal year. In accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets", we have evaluated the fair value of our goodwill and indefinite-life intangible assets and, based on such evaluations, no impairment existed through June 30, 2006. Amounts assigned to indefinite-life intangible assets primarily represent the values of trademarks.

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the three months ended September 30, 2006 were as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Balance as of July 1, 2006 | \$ 421,002 |
| Sale of Biomarché | (3,350) |
| Translation and other adjustments | (816) |
| Balance as of September 30, 2006 | \$ 416,836 |

Included in translation and other adjustments during the three months ended September 30, 2006 are the impacts of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on goodwill and adjustments to our estimates of fair value of net assets acquired. We are continuing to evaluate the initial purchase price allocations of certain acquisitions and will adjust the allocations as additional information relative to the fair values of the assets and liabilities of the acquired businesses becomes known. We are also in the process of obtaining or finalizing appraisals of tangible and intangible assets for certain acquisitions. Accordingly, management has used its best estimate in the initial purchase price allocation as of the date of these financial statements.

At September 30, 2006, included in trademarks and other intangible assets on the balance sheet is approximately \$3.3 million of intangible assets deemed to have a finite life, which are being amortized over their estimated useful lives. The following table reflects the components of trademarks and other intangible assets:

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)-Continued

| | September 30, 2006 | | June 30, 2006 | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization |
| Amortized intangible assets: | | | | |
| Other intangibles | \$ 3,345 | \$ 1,596 | \$ 4,025 | \$ 2,763 |
| Non-amortized intangible assets: | | | | |
| Trademarks | 67,163 | 6,652 | 67,017 | 6,653 |

Amortization of amortized intangible assets amounted to \$0.2 million in the three months ended September 30, 2006, and these intangibles are expected to be completely amortized over the next five years.

7. ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSAL

In fiscal 2006, our acquisitions included Spectrum Organic Products, Inc., a California-based leading manufacturer and marketer of natural and organic culinary oils, vinegars, condiments and butter substitutes under the Spectrum Naturals® brand and essential fatty acid nutritional supplements under the Spectrum Essentials® brand; the business and assets of Para Laboratories, Inc., including the Queen Helene®, Batherapy®, Shower Therapy® and Foottherapy® brands of skin care, hair care, and body care products; and the fresh prepared foods business based in Luton, England, and the Linda McCartney® brand (under license) of frozen meat-free products, including its manufacturing facility, based in Fakenham, England, both acquired from the H. J. Heinz Company. As of September 30, 2006, the purchase accounting for these acquisitions are still subject to final adjustment for valuations and certain pre-acquisition contingencies.

The following table presents information about sales and net income had the operations of the above described acquisitions been combined with our business as of the first day of the period shown. This information has not been adjusted to reflect any changes in the operations of these businesses subsequent to their acquisition by us. Changes in operations of these acquired businesses include, but are not limited to, integration of systems and personnel, discontinuation of products (including discontinuation resulting from the integration of acquired and existing brands with similar products, and discontinuation of sales of private label products), changes in trade practices, application of our credit policies, changes in manufacturing processes or locations, and changes in marketing and advertising programs. Had any of these changes been implemented by the former management of the businesses acquired prior to acquisition by us, the sales and net income information might have been materially different than the actual results achieved and from the pro forma information provided below.

Three
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ended
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| | | |
|--------------------------|----|---------|
| Net sales | \$ | 201,009 |
| Net income | \$ | 6,942 |
| Earnings per share: | | |
| Basic | \$ | 0.18 |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.18 |
| Weighted average shares: | | |
| Basic | | 37,664 |
| Diluted | | 38,559 |

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)-Continued

In management's opinion, the unaudited pro forma results of operations are not indicative of the actual results that would have occurred had the above acquisitions been consummated at the beginning of the period presented or of future operations of the combined companies under our management.

On August 31, 2006, we completed the sale of Biomarché, our Belgium-based provider of fresh organic fruits and vegetables, to Pro Natura, a French company specializing in the distribution of organic produce. Biomarché generated approximately \$18.0 million in sales for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. Total consideration received was €6.5 million (approximately \$8.3 million), plus a contingent additional payment of up to approximately €0.7 million based on sales, all subject to an adjustment for working capital and other items. We recognized a pretax gain of \$2.5 million, net of a \$3.3 million charge for goodwill allocated to that unit, (\$1.1 million after tax) in connection with the sale, which is included in "Interest and other expenses, net" in the accompanying condensed consolidated statement of income. The results of operations and cash flows for Biomarché for the two months ended August 31, 2006, which were not material, are included in the condensed consolidated statements of income and of cash flows, respectively.

8. SENIOR NOTES AND CREDIT FACILITY

On May 2, 2006, we issued \$150 million in aggregate principal amount of senior notes due May 2, 2016 in a private placement. Proceeds from the senior notes were used to repay outstanding borrowings of \$131.7 million under the Company's previous revolving credit facility. The notes bear interest at 5.98%, payable semi-annually on November 2nd and May 2nd. Also on May 2, 2006, we entered into a new Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, providing us with a \$250 million credit facility (the "Credit Facility") expiring in May 2011. The Credit Facility provides for an uncommitted \$100 million accordion feature, under which the facility may be increased to \$350 million. The Credit Facility and the notes are guaranteed by substantially all of our current and future direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries. Revolving credit loans under the Credit Facility bear interest at a base rate (greater of the applicable prime rate or Federal Funds Rate plus an applicable margin) or, at our option, the reserve adjusted LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin. The Credit Facility provides for reductions in the applicable margin as compared to the Credit Facility prior to its amendment and restatement. As of September 30, 2006, \$150.0 million was borrowed under the senior notes at an interest rate of 5.98%, and there were no borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility. We are required by the terms of the Credit Facility and the notes to comply with customary affirmative and negative covenants for facilities and notes of this nature.

9. STRATEGIC ALLIANCE WITH YHS

On September 6, 2005, the Company and Yeo Hiap Seng Limited ("YHS"), a Singapore based natural food and beverage company listed on the Singapore Exchange, exchanged \$2 million in equity investments in each other resulting in the issuance of 100,482 shares of the Company's common stock to YHS and the issuance of 1,326,938 ordinary shares of YHS (representing less than 1% of the outstanding shares) to the Company. These investments represent the completion of the first stage of an alliance established between the Company and YHS which is expected to result in the pursuit of joint interests in marketing and distribution of food and beverages and product development. The Company's investment in YHS shares is carried at cost and is included in other assets in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet. The market value of the YHS shares on the Singapore Exchange at September 30, 2006 approximates their carrying value.

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)-Continued

10. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Our company is engaged in one business segment: the manufacturing, distribution and marketing of natural and organic food and personal care products. We define business segments as components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated on a regular basis by our chief operating decision maker.

Outside the United States, we primarily conduct business in Canada and Europe. Selected information related to our operations by geographic area is as follows:

| | Three months ended September 30, | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2006 | | | 2005 | | |
| | United States | Canada | Europe | United States | Canada | Europe |
| Net sales | \$ 156,669 | \$ 14,269 | \$ 39,269 | \$ 130,329 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 18,768 |
| Earnings before income taxes | 10,558 | 1,907 | 3,011 | 9,063 | 967 | 1,082 |
| Long lived assets | 508,318 | 53,744 | 47,017 | 432,765 | 55,720 | 36,406 |

11. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In June 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109" ("FIN No. 48"). FIN No. 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." This Interpretation prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute of tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return. FIN No. 48 also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. This Interpretation is effective for the first fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2006. We are currently evaluating the impact FIN No. 48 may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2006, the FASB's Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) reached a consensus on Issue No. 06-3, "How Taxes Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities Should Be Presented in the Income Statement (That Is, Gross versus Net Presentation)" ("EITF No. 06-3"). The scope of EITF No. 06-3 includes any tax assessed by a

governmental authority that is directly imposed on a revenue-producing activity between a seller and a customer and may include, but is not limited to, sales, use, value added, and some excise taxes. EITF No. 06-3 requires disclosure of the method of accounting for the applicable assessed taxes and the amount of assessed taxes that are included in revenues if they are accounted for under the gross method. EITF No. 06-3 is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2006. EITF No. 06-3 will not impact the method for recording these taxes in our consolidated financial statements. We currently present these taxes on a net basis and have elected not to change our presentation method.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" ("SFAS No. 157"). SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure of fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements and accordingly, does not require any new fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. We have not yet assessed the impact, if any, that the implementation of SFAS No. 157 will have on our consolidated results of operations or financial condition.

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)-Continued

In September 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108, "Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements" ("SAB No. 108"). SAB No. 108 provides guidance on how prior year misstatements should be taken into consideration when quantifying misstatements in current year financial statements for purposes of determining whether the current year's financial statements are materially misstated. SAB No. 108 requires registrants to apply the new guidance for the first time that it identifies material errors in existence at the beginning of the first fiscal year ending after November 15, 2006 by correcting those errors through a one-time cumulative effect adjustment to beginning-of-year retained earnings. We are currently evaluating SAB No. 108 and have not yet determined the impact on our consolidated results of operations or financial position.

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

Overview

We manufacture, market, distribute and sell natural and organic food products and natural personal care products under brand names which are sold as "better-for-you" products. We are a leader in many of the top natural food categories, with such well-known food brands as Celestial Seasonings® teas, Hain Pure Foods®, Westbrae®, Westsoy®, Rice Dream®, Soy Dream®, Imagine™, Walnut Acres Organic™, Ethnic Gourmet™, Rosetto®, Little Bear Organic Foods®, Bearitos®, Arrowhead Mills®, Health Valley®, Breadshop's®, Casbah®, Spectrum Naturals®, Spectrum Essentials®, Garden of Eatin'®, Terra®, Harry's Premium Snacks®, Boston's®, Lima®, Grains Noirs®, Natumi®, Milkfree, Yves Veggie Cuisine®, DeBoles®, Earth's Best®, Nile Spice® and Linda McCartney®. The Company's principal specialty product lines include Hollywood® cooking oils, Estee® sugar-free products, Boston Better Snacks®, and Alba Foods®. Our natural personal care product line is marketed under the JASON®, Zia®, Queen Helene®, Batherapy®, Shower Therapy®, Foottherapy®, Orjene®, Shaman Earthly Organics™, and Heather's® brands. Our natural and organic antibiotic-free chicken is marketed under the FreeBird™ brand. Our website is www.hain-celestial.com.

Our products are sold primarily to specialty and natural food distributors, supermarkets, natural food stores, and other retail classes of trade including mass-market stores, drug stores, food service channels and club stores.

Our brand names are well recognized in the various market categories they serve. We have acquired numerous brands and we will seek future growth through internal expansion as well as the acquisition of additional complementary brands.

Our overall mission is to be a leading marketer and seller of natural, organic, beverage, snack, specialty food and personal care products by integrating all of our brands under one management team and employing a uniform marketing, sales and distribution program. Our business strategy is to capitalize on the brand equity and the distribution previously achieved by each of our acquired product lines and to enhance revenues by strategic introductions of new product lines that complement existing products.

Results of Operations

Three months ended September 30, 2006

Net sales for the three months ended September 30, 2006 were \$210.2 million, an increase of \$49.1 million, or 30.5%, over net sales of \$161.1 million in the September 30, 2005 quarter. Sales of our recently acquired Para Laboratories personal care brands, Spectrum Organic brands and our frozen meat-free and fresh prepared foods operations in the United Kingdom are included only in the current year's quarter. Sales of grocery and snacks increased 21% with the addition of sales from our acquired Spectrum Organic brands and from successful new product introductions. Sales of our Celestial Seasonings® tea brand were down 2%, principally as a result of lower consumption of green tea and continued warmer than normal temperatures in the United States. Sales of our personal care brands increased 82%, with sales from our acquired Para brands and strong growth from our JASON® brand. Sales for our brands in Canada were up 14% as a result of increased sales of our refrigerated and frozen products and currency benefits. Sales in Europe were up 109%, primarily as a result of our recently acquired United Kingdom operations.

Gross profit for the three months ended September 30, 2006 was \$59.1 million, an increase of \$13.3 million from last year's quarter. Gross profit for the three months ended September 30, 2006 was 28.1% of net sales as compared to 28.5% of net sales for the September 30, 2005 quarter. The decrease in gross profit percentage was principally the result of approximately \$1.1 million of start-up costs associated with a new production line at our West Chester frozen foods facility (a reduction of 53 basis points) and the inclusion of our recently acquired United Kingdom operations. In the United Kingdom, we continue to co-pack for the previous owner at one of the facilities under an agreement allowing for a minimal margin and, as a result, during the term of the co-pack arrangement our gross margin generated in the United Kingdom will be depressed even though the arrangement helps absorb what otherwise may be unabsorbed overhead. The effect on our gross profit percentage this quarter was a full 100 basis points reduction from the lower margins in the United Kingdom. In addition, higher costs for petroleum and natural gas continue to impact our overall business, both directly with increased inbound and outbound delivery costs, and indirectly with the pass-through of costs from our suppliers of packaging and other major components of our finished products.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$8.0 million, or 23.6%, to \$41.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006 as compared to \$33.9 million in the September 30, 2005 quarter. Selling, general and administrative expenses have increased primarily as a result of costs brought on by the businesses we acquired in 2006. We also increased spending in certain advertising and promotional programs in the first quarter of this year. We have been successful in leveraging our existing infrastructure as selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales declined to 19.9% in the first quarter of fiscal 2007 as compared to 21.0% in the first quarter of last year.

Operating income was \$17.3 million in the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to \$12.0 million in the September 30, 2005 quarter. Operating income as a percentage of net sales was 8.2% in the September 30, 2006 quarter compared with 7.4% in the September 30, 2005 quarter. The increase in operating income is a result of our increased net sales and gross profit. The improvement in operating income as a percentage of net sales resulted from our ability to leverage our selling, general and administrative expenses over the increased sales base.

Interest and other expenses, net were \$1.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to \$0.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005. Interest expense totaled \$2.5 million in this year's first quarter, which was primarily related to the \$150 million of 5.98% senior notes we issued in the fourth quarter of last fiscal year and was partially offset by \$0.6 million of interest income earned. Net interest expense in last year's first quarter was approximately \$0.9 million. We also recorded a \$2.2 million charge in the quarter ended September 30, 2006 for a value added tax assessment resulting from an unfavorable decision by the German government in connection with our sales of non-dairy beverages in Germany. At the end of August 2006 we sold Biomarché, our Belgium-based provider of fresh organic fruits and vegetables and recognized a gain on the disposal of approximately \$2.5 million, net of a \$3.3 million charge for goodwill allocated to that component of the reporting unit.

Income before income taxes for the three months ended September 30, 2006 amounted to \$15.5 million compared to \$11.1 million in the comparable period of the prior year. This increase was primarily attributable to the increase in operating income.

Our effective income tax rate was 41.6% of pre-tax income for the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to 38.1% for the three months ended September 30, 2005. The effective tax rate for the first quarter of fiscal 2007 was higher than the comparable period in the prior year as a result of the unfavorable impact of the nondeductible goodwill expensed in connection with the sale of Biomarché.

Net income for the three months ended September 30, 2006 was \$9.0 million compared to \$6.9 million in the September 30, 2005 quarter. The increase of \$2.1 million in earnings was primarily attributable to the increase in sales

and the resultant increase in gross profit dollars.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

We finance our operations and growth primarily with the cash flows we generate from our operations and from both long-term fixed-rate borrowings and borrowings available to us under our Credit Facility.

Our cash balance increased \$29.3 million to \$78.1 million during the three months ended September 30, 2006. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$19.9 million for the first three months of fiscal 2007, compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$0.5 million in the three months ended September 30, 2005. The increase in cash provided by operations in 2007 resulted from improved working capital management. Our working capital increased to \$196.6 million at September 30, 2006 compared with \$174.4 million at June 30, 2006.

We had \$5.4 million of cash provided by investing activities in the three months ended September 30, 2006. This consisted of \$8.2 million of proceeds from the sale of Biomarché, our Belgium-based provider of fresh organic fruits and vegetables, and \$2.7 million of proceeds from the disposals of fixed assets, offset by \$3.6 million of capital expenditures and a \$1.9 million loan to an affiliated joint venture. In the three months ended September 30, 2005, we used \$7.4 million of cash in investing activities. We used \$4.3 million for the acquisition of the business that became Hain Pure Protein and \$3.1 million for the purchase of property, plant and equipment.

Net cash of \$4.0 million was provided by financing activities for the three months ended September 30, 2006 compared to \$2.6 million provided for the three months ended September 30, 2005. The change was due principally to an increase in the proceeds from exercises of stock options to \$4.3 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2007 from \$3.0 million in fiscal 2006, offset by repayments of other long-term debt of \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006 and \$0.4 million for the September 30, 2005 quarter.

We maintain our cash and cash equivalents primarily in money market funds or their equivalent. As of September 30, 2006, all of our investments mature in less than three months. Accordingly, we do not believe that our investments have significant exposure to interest rate risk.

On May 2, 2006, we issued \$150 million in aggregate principal amount of senior notes due May 2, 2016 in a private placement. Proceeds from the senior notes were used to repay outstanding borrowings of \$131.7 million under the Company's revolving credit facility. The notes bear interest at 5.98%, payable semi-annually on November 2nd and May 2nd. Also on May 2, 2006, we entered into a new Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, providing us with a \$250 million credit facility (the "Credit Facility") expiring in May 2011. The Credit Facility provides for an uncommitted \$100 million accordion feature, under which the facility may be increased to \$350 million. The Credit Facility and the senior notes are guaranteed by substantially all of our current and future direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries. Revolving credit loans under the Credit Facility bear interest at a base rate (greater of the applicable prime rate or Federal Funds Rate plus an applicable margin) or, at our option, the reserve adjusted LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin. As of September 30, 2006, \$150.0 million was outstanding under the senior notes at an interest rate of 5.98%, and no borrowings were outstanding under the Credit Facility. We are required by the terms of the Credit Facility and the senior notes to comply with customary affirmative and negative covenants for facilities and notes of this nature. We were in compliance with all of the covenants as of September 30, 2006.

This access to capital provides us with the flexibility to address our working capital needs in the ordinary course of business, the opportunity to grow our business through acquisitions and the ability to develop our existing infrastructure through capital investment.

We believe that our cash on hand of \$78.1 million at September 30, 2006, projected remaining fiscal 2007 cash flows from operations, and availability under our Credit Facility are sufficient to fund our working capital needs, anticipated

capital expenditures of approximately \$15 million for the current fiscal year, and scheduled debt and lease payments of approximately \$5 million over the next twelve months.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The accounting principles we use require us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and amounts of income and expenses during the reporting periods presented. We believe in the quality and reasonableness of our critical accounting policies; however, it is likely that materially different amounts would be reported under different conditions or using assumptions different from those that we have consistently applied. The accounting policies that have been identified as critical to our business operations and understanding the results of our operations pertain to revenue recognition and sales incentives, valuation of accounts and chargebacks receivable, inventories, property, plant and equipment, goodwill and intangibles and segments. The application of each of these critical accounting policies and estimates was discussed in Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2006. There have been no significant changes in the application of these critical accounting policies or estimates during fiscal 2007.

Seasonality

Our tea brand manufactures and markets hot tea products and, as a result, its quarterly results of operations reflect seasonal trends resulting from increased demand for its hot tea products in the cooler months of the year. In addition, some of our other products (e.g., baking and cereal products and soups) also show stronger sales in the cooler months while our snack food product lines are stronger in the warmer months. Quarterly fluctuations in our sales volume and operating results are due to a number of factors relating to our business, including the timing of trade promotions, advertising and consumer promotions and other factors, such as seasonality, inclement weather and unanticipated increases in labor, commodity, energy, insurance or other operating costs. The impact on sales volume and operating results due to the timing and extent of these factors can significantly impact our business. For these reasons, you should not rely on our quarterly operating results as indications of future performance.

Inflation

The Company does not believe that inflation had a significant impact on the Company's results of operations for the periods presented.

Note Regarding Forward Looking Information

Certain statements contained in this Quarterly Report constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1934 and Sections 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements of the Company, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

Such factors include, among others, the following: general economic and business conditions; our ability to implement our business and acquisition strategy; the ability to effectively integrate our acquisitions; competition; availability of key personnel; changes in, or the failure to comply with government regulations; and other risks detailed from time-to-time in the Company's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the report on Form 10-K, and any amendments thereto, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. As a result of the foregoing and other factors, no assurance can be given as to future results, levels of activity and achievements and neither the Company nor any person assumes responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of these statements.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

There have been no material changes in the reported market risks since the end of the most recent fiscal year.

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ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon this review, these officers concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is (1) recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and (2) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

A purported shareholder derivative action was filed against the Company (solely as a nominal defendant) and certain current and former officers and directors in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Suffolk, alleging breaches of fiduciary duties and unjust enrichment in connection with the Company's past stock option practices. The plaintiff seeks unspecified damages, disgorgement of options, attorneys fees and expenses, and other unspecified equitable relief from the defendants. The Company became aware of the complaint on November 9, 2006, which had been filed on September 21, 2006.

Over the past few months, at the direction of the Board of Directors, the Company has carefully reviewed its historical stock option grants. The Company is confident that there has not been any inappropriate conduct and does not expect any restatement of its financial statements. The Company's independent accountants issued an unqualified audit opinion for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, and all annual and interim financial statements have been filed on a timely basis.

Despite assertions in the complaint to the contrary, to the Company's knowledge, the Company has not been subject to any regulatory investigation regarding its stock option practices. The Company believes that the lawsuit is without merit.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 31.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended. |
| 31.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended. |
| 32.1 | Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 32.2 | Certification by Chief Financial Officer 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 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.

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.

Date: November 9, 2006

/s/ Irwin D Simon
Irwin D. Simon,
Chairman, President and Chief
Executive Officer

Date: November 9, 2006

/s/ Ira J. Lamel
Ira J. Lamel,
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer