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**FORM 10-Q**

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

**For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2007**

**Commission File Number: 000-51444**

**KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**20-2699372**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation, One Northfield Plaza, Suite 480**

**Northfield, IL 60093**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices including zip code)

**(847) 441-0929**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act 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 (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

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 Exchange Act).

Yes  No

There were 24,968,097 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value, outstanding at October 31, 2007, excluding 40,000 shares held as treasury shares.

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## Part 1. Financial Information

## Item 1. Financial Statements

KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation  
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	September 30, 2007 (unaudited)	December 31, 2006	Predecessor KPB December 31, 2006
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,942	\$	1
Restricted cash held in trust		115,239	
Short-term investments	35,379		
Accounts receivable, less allowances of \$280 at September 30, 2007	31,586		25,824
Inventories	20,333		24,087
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,782	120	1,425
Total current assets	99,022	115,359	51,337
Plant, property and equipment, net	105,354		201,593
Deferred income taxes	934	689	
Deferred acquisition costs	1,200	3,058	
Other assets	2,086	151	4,452
Intangible assets, net	5,925		
Goodwill	441		
Total assets	\$ 214,962	\$ 119,257	\$ 257,382
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders Equity</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 10,623	\$ 196	\$ 7,931
Accrued expenses	3,397	2,786	7,144
Accrued compensation costs	5,609		
Accrued income taxes	1,947		
Current portion of long-term debt	9,750		
Total current liabilities	31,326	2,982	15,075
Other liabilities:			
Long-term debt	46,500		22,357
Asset retirement obligations	275		265
Pension and post retirement benefits	3,188		
Total other liabilities	49,963		22,622
Common stock, subject to redemption-40,000 shares at December 31, 2006		230	

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Stockholders' equity:				
Preferred stock \$.0001 par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding				
Common stock \$.0001 par value, 175,000,000 shares authorized; 25,008,097 shares issued less 40,000 treasury shares outstanding at September 30, 2007 and 25,000,000 at December 31, 2006 (including 40,000 shares subject to possible redemption at December 31, 2006)				
		2	3	
Additional paid-in capital		113,434	113,904	
Divisional control				219,685
Common stock held in treasury, at cost		(230)		
Retained earnings		20,467	2,138	
Total stockholders' equity		133,673	116,275	219,685
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	214,962	\$ 119,257	\$ 257,382

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Predecessor KPB
	2007	2006	Three Months Ended September 30, 2006
Net sales	\$ 66,188	\$	\$ 64,318
Cost of sales	46,026		46,774
Depreciation and amortization	3,178		4,671
Gross profit	16,984		12,873
Selling, general and administrative expenses	4,529	373	2,639
Other operating income	399		
Operating income / (loss)	12,854	(373)	10,234
Interest income	585	1,396	
Interest expense	(1,044)		(352)
Income before provision for income taxes	12,395	1,023	9,882
Provision for income taxes	4,593	351	3,818
Net income	7,802	672	\$ 6,064
Deferred interest, net of taxes, attributable to common stock subject to possible redemption		(183)	
Net income allocable to holders of nonredeemable common stock	\$ 7,802	\$ 489	\$
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding:			
Basic	24,968,097	25,000,000	
Diluted	36,674,697	29,539,007	
Net income per share:			
Basic	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.03	\$
Diluted	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.02	\$
Weighted-average shares outstanding exclusive of shares subject to possible redemption:			
Basic	24,968,097	21,002,000	
Diluted	36,674,697	25,541,007	
Net income per share exclusive of shares and deferred interest subject to possible redemption:			
Basic	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.02	\$
Diluted	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.02	\$

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.



**KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

(unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Predecessor KPB
	2007	2006	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006
Net sales	\$ 191,857	\$	\$ 189,164
Cost of sales	141,180		142,688
Depreciation and amortization	8,272		13,600
Gross profit	42,405		32,876
Selling, general and administrative expenses	12,552	892	8,924
Other operating income	987		
Operating income / (loss)	30,840	(892)	23,952
Interest income	1,467	3,923	
Interest expense	(3,317)		(1,059)
Income before provision for income taxes	28,990	3,031	22,893
Provision for income taxes	10,661	1,028	8,846
Net income	18,329	2,003	\$ 14,047
Deferred interest, net of taxes, attributable to common stock subject to possible redemption		(510)	
Net income allocable to holders of nonredeemable common stock	\$ 18,329	\$ 1,493	\$
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding:			
Basic	24,967,143	25,000,000	
Diluted	35,723,847	28,963,964	
Net income per share:			
Basic	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.08	\$
Diluted	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.07	\$
Weighted-average number of shares outstanding exclusive of shares subject to possible redemption:			
Basic	24,962,699	21,002,000	
Diluted	35,719,403	24,965,964	
Net income per share exclusive of shares and deferred interest subject to possible redemption:			
Basic	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.07	\$
Diluted	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.06	\$

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.





**KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

(unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Predecessor KPB Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006
	2007	2006	
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Net income	\$ 18,329	\$ 2,003	\$ 14,047
Depreciation and amortization	8,272		13,600
Stock based compensation expense	459		
Amortization of debt issuance costs	193		
Other			(163)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable, net	(5,089)		(4,007)
Interest receivable on short-term investments	(379)	24	
Inventories	5,280		2,219
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(573)	95	328
Accounts payable	2,496		934
Accrued expenses	(881)	1,193	398
Accrued compensation costs	5,609		
Accrued income taxes	1,927	44	
Deferred income taxes	628	(281)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	36,271	3,078	27,356
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Acquisition costs paid	(1,200)	(1,829)	
KPB acquisition	(150,303)		
Capital expenditures	(9,070)		(5,288)
Purchase of short-term investments	(35,000)		
Restricted cash			300
Purchase of U.S. government securities held in trust		(1,135,849)	
Maturities of U.S. government securities held in trust		1,133,216	
Net cash used in investing activities	(195,573)	(4,462)	(4,988)
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from long-term debt	60,000		
Debt issuance costs paid	(855)		
Repayments of long-term debt	(3,750)		
Receipt of funds held in trust	115,239		
Redemption of shares	(230)		
Investment banking fee paid	(1,200)		
Proceeds from exercise of common stock warrants	40		
Distributed to International Paper Company			(22,368)
Net cash provided by financing activities	169,244		(22,368)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	9,942	(1,384)	
Cash and cash equivalents-beginning of period		2,157	1
Cash and cash equivalents-end of period	\$ 9,942	\$ 773	\$ 1

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**KAPSTONE PAPER AND PACKAGING CORPORATION**  
**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

(UNAUDITED)

**1. Financial Statements**

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation (the Company, we, us, our or KapStone ) have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) for interim financial information, 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 U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of a normal recurring nature) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2007. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and related footnotes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.

KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation (formerly Stone Arcade Acquisition Corporation) was incorporated in Delaware on April 15, 2005. On May 25, 2006, the Company formed a wholly-owned subsidiary, KapStone Kraft Paper Corporation, or KapStone Kraft. The Company was formed to serve as a vehicle for the acquisition through a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, or other similar business combination ( Business Combination ) of an operating business in the paper, packaging, forest products and related industries.

On January 2, 2007, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets and assumed certain liabilities of the Kraft Papers Business ( KPB ) from International Paper Company ( IP ). The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the results of KPB since the date of acquisition. Prior to the acquisition of KPB, the Company had no operations and was considered a development stage enterprise. For periods prior to the acquisition, KPB is deemed to be the Predecessor to the Company. As a result, for the period ended September 30, 2006, the statement of operations and statement of cash flows of KPB are presented for comparative purposes. The accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations and cash flows present the results of operations and cash flows for i) the period preceding the acquisition of KPB, exclusive of KPB results of operations and cash flows and ii) for the periods succeeding the acquisition our consolidated results of operations including KPB. The results of operations and cash flows on a consolidated basis subsequent to the acquisition of KPB is not comparative to the Predecessor KPB results of operations and cash flows as i) the basis of the acquired assets and liabilities from KPB have been adjusted to fair value pursuant to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 141, *Business Combinations* and ii) KPB was a division of IP and not a stand alone business.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Use of Estimates* The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and

liabilities at the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

**Revenue Recognition** Revenue is recognized when the customer takes title and assumes the risks and rewards of ownership. Sales with terms designated f.o.b. (free on board) shipping point are recognized at the time of shipment. For sales transactions designated f.o.b. destination, revenue is recorded when the product is delivered to the customer's site and when title and risk of loss are transferred. Sales on consignment are recognized in revenue at the earlier of the month that the goods are consumed or after a period of time subsequent to receipt by the customer as specified by contract terms. Cash incentive rebates are netted against revenue on an accrual basis as qualifying purchases are made by the customer to earn and thereby retain the rebate.

Prepaid rebates are recorded in prepaid expenses and other current assets in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets until earned. Discounts for prompt payments are accrued at the time of sale and adjusted when qualifying payments are made by customers and are netted against revenues. Accrued discounts are netted against account receivables, net in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets and totaled \$1.2 million at September 30, 2007.

Freight charged to customers is recognized in net sales.

**Cost of Sales** Cost of sales includes the following: the cost of inventory sold during the period, warehousing costs which include distribution costs and distribution center occupancy costs, maintenance costs, property taxes and freight expenses to ship products to customers. Revenue earned from the sale of by-products generated from the paper manufacturing process is reflected as a reduction to cost of sales.

KPB cost of sales for the three months ended September 30, 2006, includes an unfavorable property tax settlement of \$0.9 million.

**Annual Maintenance Costs** The Company recognizes the cost of major maintenance activities in the period in which they occur under the direct expense method of FSP No. AUG AIR-1, *Accounting for Planned Major Maintenance Activities*. Other maintenance costs are expensed as incurred.

The Company completed its annual planned maintenance shutdown during the quarter ended June 30, 2007. Costs of \$4.6 million related to the shutdown are included in cost of sales for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006.

**Net Income per Common Share** Basic net income per share is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted income per share reflects the potential dilution assuming common shares were issued for outstanding in-the-money warrants, stock options and restricted stock awards and the proceeds thereof were used to purchase common shares at the average market price during the period such awards were outstanding.

**Short-term Investments-** At September 30, 2007, short-term investments consisted of a bank certificate of deposit and included \$0.4 million of accrued interest.

**Concentrations of Credit Risk** Financial instruments that potentially expose the Company to concentrations of credit risk, as defined by SFAS No. 105, *Disclosure of Information about Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk and Financial Instruments with Concentrations of Credit Risk*, consist primarily of trade accounts receivable and short-term investments. Trade accounts receivable balances (net of allowances) for net sales to unaffiliated customers were approximately \$31.6 million at September 30, 2007 and \$31.1 million at September 30, 2006 (Predecessor).

The Company establishes its allowance for doubtful accounts based upon factors surrounding the credit risks of specific customers, historical trends, and other information.

**Inventories** Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market and include all costs associated with manufacturing products: materials, labor, and manufacturing overhead. These values are presented at the lower of cost or market. Costs of raw materials, work-in-process, and finished goods are determined using the first-in, first-out method.

Replacement parts and other supplies are stated using the average cost method.

**Plant, Property, and Equipment, net** Plant and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Plant and equipment acquired in the KPB acquisition was recorded at fair value on the date of acquisition (see Note 4). Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives. The range of estimated useful lives is as follows:

	Years
Machinery and equipment	1-20
Building	20-40
Computer hardware	3-6
Furniture and office equipment	3-10
Leasehold improvements	Lesser of life of leasehold improvements or term of the lease

**Impairment of Long-Lived Assets** Long-lived assets, excluding goodwill and indefinite-lived intangibles, are reviewed for impairment upon the occurrence of events or changes in circumstances that indicate that the carrying value of the assets or group of assets may not be recoverable, as measured by comparing their net book value to the undiscounted estimated future cash flows generated by their use. In the event undiscounted estimated future cash flows are less than the net book value, an impairment charge is recorded to reflect the estimated fair value of the assets, determined principally using discounted cash flows.

**Income Taxes** The Company accounts for income taxes under the liability method in accordance with SFAS No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes*. Accordingly, deferred income taxes are provided for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting and income tax purposes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. A valuation allowance is established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

**Employee Defined Benefit Plan** The Company established a defined benefit pension plan for its union employees in North Carolina and Arkansas in accordance with the purchase agreement. The Company has estimated the current service costs which are being charged to operations as they accrue based on services rendered by employees during the year. An independent actuary performed an actuarial valuation based on management's best estimate for key assumptions.

**Deferred Acquisition Costs** The Company capitalizes costs incurred relating to planned acquisitions which include legal fees, due diligence and other costs. At September 30, 2007, \$1.2 million of transaction costs have been capitalized and will be included in the purchase price of the acquisition upon consummation of the deal.

### 3. **Reclassifications**

Certain prior period Predecessor balances have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

### 4. **KPB Acquisition**

On January 2, 2007, the Company purchased substantially all of the assets and assumed certain liabilities of the Kraft Papers Business, or KPB, a division of IP, consisting of an unbleached kraft paper manufacturing facility in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina and Ride Rite® Converting, an inflatable dunnage bag manufacturer located in Fordyce, Arkansas, for a cash purchase price of \$155.0 million and less certain post-closing adjustments of \$7.8 million plus two contingent earn-out payments of up to \$60.0 million (in aggregate), based on KPB's annual earnings before interest, income taxes and depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, during the five years immediately following the acquisition. Any contingent earn-out payments will be accounted for as additional purchase price consideration and be recorded as goodwill if such performance targets are achieved. KPB was deemed an attractive acquisition candidate based on meeting the objectives of being a North American based profitable operating company in the paper and packaging industry.

The KPB acquisition was accounted for in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations* and SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*.



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The preliminary purchase price allocation includes cash of \$155.0 million less working capital adjustments of \$7.8 million plus transaction costs of \$3.1 million. The following table summarizes the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed at the date of the acquisition. The Company is in the process of reviewing third party valuations of tangible and intangible assets acquired and the allocation of income tax adjustments. Therefore, the allocation of the purchase price and the valuation of the assets and liabilities are subject to refinement (\$ 000 s):

Accounts receivable	\$	26,498
Inventories		25,613
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		1,089
Plant, property and equipment		104,829
Deferred income taxes		853
Other assets		1,116
Goodwill		441
Intangible assets		6,063
Accounts payable		(7,931)
Accrued expenses		(5,843)
Other liabilities		(2,425)
Allocated purchase price	\$	150,303

The intangible assets represent the value of a long term building lease with favorable terms compared to market rates, \$3.1 million, the Ride Rite trademark, \$2.8 million and customer lists, \$0.2 million. The favorable lease asset is amortized over 19 years, the remaining lease term. Customer lists are amortized over 8 years. For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2007, amortization expense totaled \$0.1 million, and is included in cost of sales in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. Trademarks were appraised with an indefinite life and as a result are not being amortized, but are subject to an annual impairment review.

In accordance with SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, goodwill is not amortized, but instead is tested annually for impairment, or more frequently, if circumstances indicate a possible impairment may exist. The impairment test will be conducted in the fourth quarter. Goodwill will be deducted for federal income tax purposes over 15 years.

As part of the KPB acquisition, the Company assumed liabilities for retiree medical/life obligation for employees not eligible to retire at December 31, 2006, of \$0.9 million. In addition, obligations for an increase in the hourly pension benefit level totaling \$1.3 million were assumed by the Company. Pursuant to the purchase agreement with IP, in May 2007, the Company established a defined benefit pension plan for its union employees providing benefits beginning January 1, 2007. See Note 13.

Pro forma financial information for the prior period has not been presented in this report as pro forma results would not be materially different than the Predecessor results presented in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

#### **5. Underwriter s Fee**

The Company paid the underwriter \$1.2 million in 2007 for services performed relating to the Company s initial public offering. The fee was payable upon a successful Business Combination, as defined. Accordingly, the fee was charged against Additional paid-in capital in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

#### **6. Redemption Status of Common Stock**

The registration statement for the Company s initial public offering indicated that, after signing a definitive agreement for the acquisition of a target business, the Company would submit such transaction for stockholder approval. Based on the votes submitted on December 29, 2006, 40,000 shares voted against the proposed KPB Business Combination and sought to be redeemed for cash. As a result, \$0.2 million of the net proceeds from the initial offering plus interest was classified as common stock subject to redemption at December 31, 2006. The stock redemption occurred in February 2007 and the redeemed shares were held in treasury at September 30, 2007.

#### **7. Stock-Based Compensation**

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On April 5, 2007, the Company's Compensation Committee approved the issuance of 174,000 shares of restricted stock and 620,750 stock options to directors, executive officers and employees of the Company. KapStone accounts for these awards under SFAS No. 123R, *Share-Based Payment*, which requires that the cost resulting from all share-based payment transactions be recognized as compensation cost over the vesting period based on the fair value of the instrument on the date of grant. As a result, the Company recognized \$0.3 million and \$0.5 million of compensation cost for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively.

At September 30, 2007, the Company reserved 3,000,000 shares of common stock for stock option and restricted stock awards.

SFAS No. 123R requires that cash flows relating to the benefits of tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation cost be reported as financing cash flow, rather than as an operating cash flow, as previously required.

### **Stock options**

The stock options vest as follows: 50% after two years and the remaining 50% after three years. The stock options have a contractual term of seven years. The stock options are subject to forfeiture should these employees terminate their employment with the Company for certain reasons prior to vesting in their awards, or the occurrence of certain other events such as termination with cause. The exercise price of these stock options is based on closing market price of our common stock on the date of grant and compensation expense is recorded on an accelerated basis over the awards' vesting periods.

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A summary of information related to stock options is as follows:

KapStone Stock Options	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Life (Years)	Intrinsic Value (dollars in Thousands)
Outstanding at January 1, 2007		\$		
Granted	620,750	6.76	6.5	261
Exercised				
Lapsed (forfeited or cancelled)				
Outstanding at September 30, 2007	620,750	\$ 6.76	6.5	\$ 261
Exercisable at September 30, 2007		\$		

Total stock-based compensation recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations related to the stock option grants was \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively.

As of September 30, 2007, there was \$1.1 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.5 years. No stock options were vested as of September 30, 2007.

The weighted average fair value for the KapStone stock options granted in April 2007 was \$2.30 per option. The fair value was estimated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model based on the weighted average market price at the grant date and the weighted average assumptions specific to the underlying options. Expected volatility assumptions are based on volatility of related industry stocks. The expected term is based on management's estimate of the contractual term of the options, or seven years, and employees' expected exercise behavior. The risk-free interest rate was selected based upon yields of U.S. Treasury issues with a term equal to the expected life of the stock option being valued. The assumptions utilized for stock options during the period are as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007
KapStone Stock Options Black-Scholes assumptions (weighted average):	
Expected volatility	28.6%
Expected term (years)	5.0
Risk-free interest rate	4.6%
Expected dividend yield	0.0%
Expected forfeitures	2.0%

### Restricted Stock

On April 5, 2007, the Company's Compensation Committee granted 174,000 restricted shares of common stock to executive officers and employees as compensation for service. These common stock shares are restricted as to transferability until they vest three years from the grant date. These restricted shares are subject to forfeiture should these employees terminate their employment with the Company for certain reasons prior to vesting in their awards, or the occurrence of certain other events. The value of these restricted shares is based on the closing market price of our common stock on the date of grant and compensation expense is recorded on a straight-line basis over the awards' vesting periods.

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The following table summarizes our restricted stock amounts and activity:

	Shares		Weighted Average Grant Price
Outstanding at January 1, 2007		\$	
Granted	174,000		6.76
Vested			
Forfeited			
Outstanding at September 30, 2007	174,000	\$	6.76

Total stock-based compensation recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations related to the restricted stock awards was \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively. As of September 30, 2007, there was \$0.9 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to the restricted stock which will be recognized over the remaining vesting period.

**8. Related-Party Transactions**

From time to time, the Company retains the services of White Oak Aviation (White Oak), an aviation services company solely owned by certain stockholders. The fees charged by White Oak to KapStone for these services are calculated using a discounted rate from the fees White Oak typically charges to outside parties. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2007, the amount paid to this entity was \$0.2 million.

**9. Common Stock Reserved for Issuance**

At September 30, 2007, and December 31, 2006, approximately 44 million shares of common stock were reserved for issuance upon exercise of warrants, stock options and the underwriter's option.

**10. Long-term Debt and Credit Facility**

On January 2, 2007 in connection with the KPB acquisition, the Company obtained a senior secured credit facility, which provides the Company the ability to borrow up to \$95.0 million pursuant to a five year \$35.0 million revolving line of credit and a five year \$60.0 million term loan, due December 31, 2011. Advances under the revolving line of credit are primarily based upon percentages of eligible accounts receivable and inventories. At September 30, 2007, there were no advances under the revolving line of credit. Long-term debt at September 30, 2007, is summarized as follows (\$000 s):

	<b>September 30, 2007</b> <b>(Unaudited)</b>
Term loan	\$ 56,250
Less current portion of long-term debt	9,750
Long-term debt	\$ 46,500

At September 30, 2007, the Company had one letter of credit outstanding totaling \$0.3 million.

Borrowings under the term loan accrue interest, at our option, at either: LIBOR plus 1.25% to 2.00% depending on the Company's total debt to EBITDA ratio (as defined in the agreement); or the Base Rate (prime rate) plus 0% to .50% depending on the Company's total debt to EBITDA ratio. At September 30, 2007 the Base Rate and LIBOR rate, which adjust quarterly, were 7.75% for the amount of the term loan payable on October 2, 2007, (\$1.9 million) and 6.34% for the balance of the term loan (\$54.4 million), respectively.

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Debt issuance costs paid for the above credit facility totaled \$0.9 million and are being amortized over five years using the effective interest method. Amortization expense was \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and is recorded in interest expense in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The Company is required to make prepayments on the term loan under certain circumstances from the net cash proceeds of certain asset dispositions, issuances of securities or debt, and within 100 days after the fiscal years ending of December 31, 2007 and 2008, respectively, 50% of excess cash flow from such fiscal years.

### 11. Inventories

Inventories consist of the following at September 30, 2007, and December 31, 2006, respectively (\$000 s):

	September 30, 2007 (Unaudited)	Predecessor KP December 31, 2006
Raw materials	\$ 5,741	\$ 6,466
Work in process	464	321
Finished goods	10,300	13,352
Replacement parts and supplies	3,828	3,948
Inventories	\$ 20,333	\$ 24,087

As part of the KP acquisition, the Company revalued finished goods inventories in accordance with SFAS No.141, *Business Combinations*, accordingly, at January 2, 2007, finished goods inventories were revalued by \$1.5 million to fair value. This amount was charged to cost of sales in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations in the nine month period ended September 30, 2007.

**12. Income taxes**

The Company's U.S. federal statutory tax rate is 35% for 2007 and 34% for 2006. Our effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, was 36.8% compared with 38.6% for KPB for the same period in the prior year. Differences between the effective tax rate and the federal statutory tax rate are due to the impact of state tax, net of federal benefit, the domestic manufacturing deduction, and changes in statutory federal and state tax rates.

In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued FIN 48, which clarifies the application of SFAS No. 109. FIN 48 establishes a threshold condition that a tax position must meet for any part of the benefit of such a position to be recognized in the financial statements. In addition, FIN 48 provides guidance regarding measurement, de-recognition, classification, and disclosure of tax positions. The Company adopted FIN 48 effective January 1, 2007. The Company to date has no unrecognized tax benefit. In accordance with FIN 48, paragraph 19, the Company classifies interest and penalties as a component of tax expense. We do not have any uncertain income tax positions included in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements at September 30, 2007.

In the normal course of business, we are subject to examination by taxing authorities. The Company's open tax years are 2005 and 2006.

**13. Pension and post retirement benefits**

As part of the KPB acquisition, the Company established a defined benefit plan to provide benefits for approximately 550 union represented employees. This plan is part of the collective bargaining agreement between Kapstone Kraft and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Service Workers Union, AFL-CIO, CLC. The assumed liability for the pension benefit was \$1.3 million at January 2, 2007, and employees accrue a benefit under the Kapstone Kraft plan as of January 1, 2007.

Net pension cost recognized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 for the Company's pension plan, is as follows (\$ 000 s):

	Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007		Predecessor KPB Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006	
	Three Months Ended	Nine Months Ended	Three Months Ended	Nine Months Ended
Service cost for benefits earned during the year	\$ 288	\$ 863	\$	\$
Interest cost on projected benefit obligations	20	60		
Expected return on plan assets				
Amortization of prior service cost	25	75		
Allocation of pension cost from IP			308	925
Net pension cost	\$ 333	\$ 998	\$ 308	\$ 925



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KapStone will fund its pension plan according to IRS funding limitations. Based on those limitations, KapStone does not expect to contribute to its pension plan in 2007 and expects to contribute \$1.1 million to its pension plan in 2008.

As part of the KPB acquisition, the Company assumed liabilities for retiree medical/life obligation for employees not eligible to retire at December 31, 2006, of \$0.9 million. Net postretirement cost recognized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 for the Company's retiree medical and life insurance plan is as follows (\$ 000 s):

	Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007		Predecessor KPB Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006	
	Three Months Ended	Nine Months Ended	Three Months Ended	Nine Months Ended
Service cost for benefits earned during the year	\$ 7	\$ 20	\$	\$
Interest cost on projected benefit obligations	12	36		
Expected return on plan assets				
Amortization of prior service cost				
Allocation of post retirement cost from IP			56	166
Net periodic cost	\$ 19	\$ 56	\$ 56	\$ 166

The Company maintains defined contribution plans covering all eligible salaried employees. Company contributions to the 401(k) plan are based on matching of employee contributions, vest immediately for salaried employees and vest after three years for union employees. For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2007, the expense of Company matching employee contributions totaled \$0.2 million and \$0.8 million, respectively.

The Company's Retirement Savings Plan, which provides for contributions based on a salaried employee's salary and age, vests 100% after three years. For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2007, the expense of the Retirement Savings Plan totaled \$0.2 million and \$0.5 million, respectively.

#### 14. Net income per share

Basic and diluted net income per share is calculated as follows (\$ 000's except for share and per share data):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2007	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007
Net income as reported	\$ 7,802	\$ 18,329
Weighted-average number of common shares for basic net income per share	24,968,097	24,967,143
Incremental effect of dilutive common stock equivalents:		
Common stock warrants	11,690,113	10,747,228
Unvested restricted stock awards	16,487	9,476
Weighted-average number of shares for diluted	36,674,697	35,723,847
Net income per share - basic	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.73
Net income per share - diluted	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.51

Stock option grants totaling 620,750 were outstanding in the nine month period ended September 30, 2007, but the weighted-average stock option grants were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the effect of including the stock option grants would be anti-dilutive.

**15. Restatement of Predecessor Results**

The Company recognizes the cost of major maintenance activities in the period in which they occur under the direct expense method of FSP No. AUG AIR-1, *Accounting for Planned Major Maintenance Activities*. Previously, the Predecessor accrued major planned maintenance ratably over the year for interim reporting. Predecessor results have been restated to account for major maintenance activities under the direct expense method. Cost of sales has been lowered by \$1.2 million while operating income has been increased by \$1.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. As a result, net income has been increased by \$0.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, cost of sales has been increased by \$1.2 million, operating income has been lowered by \$1.2 million and net income lowered by \$0.7 million.

## 16. Segment Information

The Company operates in one geographic segment, the United States. The Company operates in two operating segments: unbleached Kraft and dunnage bags. The unbleached Kraft segment produces a variety of unbleached Kraft paper and linerboard products. These products are sold to customers who convert the paper into end-market finished products. The dunnage bags segment converts unbleached Kraft paper and film into inflatable dunnage products, which are used to secure freight to minimize movement and potential damage of goods and products during transport. The products are sold to distributors and on a direct basis for use by manufacturers, less-than-trailer-load carriers and retail regional distribution centers. Corporate represents expenses that benefit the entire organization and are not charged to the operating segments. Corporate assets represent mainly cash and cash equivalents, capital expenditures for a new ERP system and deferred acquisition costs.

Operating Segment (\$ 000 s):	Three Months		Nine Months		Predecessor	
	Ended September 30, 2007	Ended September 30, 2007	Ended September 30, 2007	Ended September 30, 2007	KPB Three Months Ended September 30, 2006	Predecessor KPB Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006
<b>Net Sales:</b>						
Unbleached kraft	\$ 58,967	\$ 169,968	\$ 56,006	\$ 164,413		
Dunnage bags	8,254	24,706	9,558	27,537		
Elimination of intersegment sales	(1,033)	(2,817)	(1,246)	(2,786)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 66,188</b>	<b>\$ 191,857</b>	<b>\$ 64,318</b>	<b>\$ 189,164</b>		
<b>Operating income / (loss):</b>						
Unbleached kraft	\$ 15,297	\$ 36,703	9,879	24,308		
Dunnage bags	1,420	4,732	2,041	5,779		
Corporate	(3,863)	(10,595)	(1,686)	(6,135)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,854</b>	<b>\$ 30,840</b>	<b>\$ 10,234</b>	<b>\$ 23,952</b>		
<b>Depreciation and amortization:</b>						
Unbleached kraft	\$ 3,009	\$ 8,002	\$ 4,592	\$ 13,363		
Dunnage bags	169	270	79	237		
Corporate						
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,178</b>	<b>\$ 8,272</b>	<b>\$ 4,671</b>	<b>\$ 13,600</b>		

	Predecessor KPB	
<b>Total assets (at September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006):</b>		
Unbleached kraft	\$ 147,308	\$ 245,412
Dunnage bags	16,328	11,970
Corporate	51,326	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 214,962</b>	<b>\$ 257,382</b>

Operating Segment (\$ 000 s):	Three Months		Nine Months		Predecessor	
	Ended September 30, 2007	Ended September 30, 2007	Ended September 30, 2007	Ended September 30, 2007	KPB Three Months Ended September 30, 2006	Predecessor KPB Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006
<b>Capital Spending:</b>						
Unbleached kraft	\$ 1,978	\$ 4,916	\$ 2,458	\$ 5,288		
Dunnage bags	146	203				
Corporate	1,281	3,951				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,405</b>	<b>\$ 9,070</b>	<b>\$ 2,458</b>	<b>\$ 5,288</b>		



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

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events. These forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions about us that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as may, should, could, would, expect, plan, anticipate, believe, estimate, the negative of such terms or other similar expressions. Factors that might cause or contribute to such a discrepancy include, but are not limited to, those described in our other Securities and Exchange Commission filings. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Financial Statements and related Notes thereto included elsewhere in this report.

**Overview**

We were formed on April 15, 2005, to serve as a vehicle to effect a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition or other similar business combination ( "Business Combination" ) with an operating business in the paper, packaging, forest products and related industries.

On January 2, 2007, the Company purchased substantially all of the assets and assumed certain liabilities of the Kraft Papers Business, or KPB, a division of International Paper Company (IP), consisting of an unbleached kraft paper manufacturing facility in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina and Ride Rite® Converting, an inflatable dunnage bag manufacturer located in Fordyce, Arkansas, for a cash purchase price of \$155 million and less certain post-closing adjustments of \$7.8 million plus two contingent earn-out payments of up to \$60 million (in aggregate), based on KPB's annual earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, during the five years immediately following the acquisition. Any contingent earn-out payments will be accounted for as additional purchase price consideration and recorded as goodwill. The purchase price payable on the closing date was adjusted by \$7.8 million, or dollar-for-dollar, for IP's working capital as of such date being less than \$42.6 million.

The accompanying management discussion and analysis includes the results of KPB since January 2, 2007. Prior to the acquisition of KPB, the Company had no operations nor generated operating revenues and was considered a development stage enterprise. For periods prior to the acquisition, KPB is deemed to be the "Predecessor" to the Company. As a result, for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006, the statement of operations and statement of cash flows of KPB are presented for comparative purposes. The accompanying consolidated statements of operations and cash flows present the results of our operations and cash flows for i) the period preceding the acquisition of KPB, exclusive of KPB results of operations and cash flows and ii) for the periods succeeding the acquisition our consolidated results of operations including KPB. Our results of operations and cash flows on a consolidated basis subsequent to the acquisition of KPB is not comparative to the Predecessor KPB results of operations and cash flows as i) the basis of the acquired assets and liabilities from KPB have been adjusted to fair value pursuant to SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations* and ii) KPB was a division of IP and not a stand alone business.

**Results of Operations**

Presented below are results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 as reported in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ( "GAAP" ). All per share amounts are presented on an after-tax basis.

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In thousands, except per share amounts	Quarter ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Net sales	\$ 66,188	\$ 64,318	\$ 191,857	\$ 189,164
Cost of sales	46,026	46,774	141,180	142,688
Depreciation and amortization	3,178	4,671	8,272	13,600
Gross profit	16,984	12,873	42,405	32,876
Selling, general and administrative expenses	4,529	2,639	12,552	8,924
Other operating income	399		987	
Operating income	12,854	10,234	30,840	23,952
Interest income	585		1,467	
Interest expense	(1,044)	(352)	(3,317)	(1,059)
Provision for income taxes	4,593	3,818	10,661	8,846
Net income	\$ 7,802	\$ 6,064	\$ 18,329	\$ 14,047

All comments and variances in the following commentary for the period ended September 30, 2006 refer to the Predecessor, or KPB.

Net sales for the quarter ended September 30, 2007, were \$66.2 million compared to \$64.3 million for the third quarter of 2006, an increase of 2.9%. The increase in net sales was driven by 5.1% volume/mix increase of unbleached kraft paper partially offset by an 11.4% decrease in dunnage bag volume. Net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 were \$191.9 million compared to \$189.2 million for the similar period in 2006, an increase of 1.4%. The increase was driven by higher prices and volume in unbleached kraft partially offset by a 9.6% decrease in dunnage bag volume. Refer to the individual segment discussions below for detailed sales information for each segment.

Cost of sales for the quarter ended September 30, 2007, was \$46.0 million compared to \$46.8 million for the third quarter of 2006, a 1.7% decrease. The decrease in cost of sales was due to productivity improvements and lower dunnage bag volume partially offset by higher unbleached kraft volume. Cost of sales for the 2006 period included a \$0.9 million unfavorable property tax settlement. Cost of sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, was \$141.2 million compared to \$142.7 million for the similar period of 2006, a decrease of 1.1%.

Decreased cost of sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to the respective period in 2006 was due to productivity improvements and lower dunnage bag volume partially offset by a \$1.5 million non-cash purchase accounting charge adjusting finished goods inventory to fair value, a \$1.0 million two day unplanned outage caused by an electrical fire in June 2007 and higher unbleached kraft volume.

Depreciation and amortization for the quarter ended September 30, 2007, totaled \$3.2 million compared to \$4.7 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. The decrease of \$1.5 million reflects an appraisal of depreciable assets to their respective fair values as of January 2, 2007. The fair value of assets acquired was approximately \$100 million less than the basis being used for depreciation in the 2006 period. In addition, amortization of intangible assets of \$0.1 million is included in the current period quarter.

Depreciation and amortization for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, totaled \$8.3 million compared to \$13.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The decrease of \$5.3 million reflects an appraisal of depreciable assets to their respective fair values as of January 2, 2007. The fair value of assets acquired was approximately \$100 million less than the basis being used for depreciation in the 2006 period.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the quarter ended September 30, 2007, totaled \$4.5 million compared to \$2.6 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. The increase of \$1.9 million is due to the KPB acquisition which was consummated on January 2, 2007. Results for the 2006 period reflect an allocation of corporate expenses from IP while the expenses for the 2007 quarter reflect corporate expenses associated with an operating company.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 totaled \$12.6 million compared to \$8.9 million for the 2006 period. The increase of \$3.7 million is due to the KPB acquisition which was consummated on January 2, 2007. Results for the 2006 period reflect an allocation of corporate expenses from IP while the expenses for the 2007 period includes corporate expenses associated with an operating company.

Other operating income for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2007 totaled \$0.4 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. Other operating income includes commissions the Company receives from IP for selling IP products to KapStone customers.



Interest income for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$0.6 million and \$1.5 million, respectively. Interest income represents earnings on the Company's short-term investments and cash equivalents.

Interest expense for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$1.0 million and \$3.3 million, respectively, compared to interest expense of \$0.4 million and \$1.1 million for the similar periods in 2006. Interest expense for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2007, reflects interest on the Company's long-term debt and amortization of debt issuance costs while interest expense in the 2006 period reflects interest on Industrial Development Bonds and Environmental Development Bonds. These bonds were not assumed by KapStone as part of the KPB acquisition.

Provision for income taxes for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2007, reflects effective tax rates of 37.1% and 36.8%, respectively. The effective tax rate for the 2006 periods was 38.6%.

**KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation compared to Predecessor (KPB)***Unbleached Kraft*

	Three months ended September 30,				Nine months ended September 30,			
	2007	2006	Change	%	2007	2006	Change	%
Net sales	\$ 58,967	\$ 56,006	\$ 2,961	5.3%	\$ 169,968	\$ 164,413	\$ 5,555	3.4%
Operating income	15,297	9,879	5,418	54.8%	36,703	24,308	12,395	51.0%
Operating income % of net sales	25.9%	17.6%	8.3%		21.6%	14.8%	6.8%	
Average revenue per ton	\$ 549.34	\$ 548.20	\$ 1.14	0.2%	\$ 544.18	\$ 532.49	\$ 11.69	2.2%
Tons of paper sold	107,342	102,164	5,178	5.1%	312,339	308,761	3,578	1.2%

For the quarter ended September 30, 2007, unbleached kraft segment net sales increased by \$3.0 million, or 5.3%, to \$59.0 million compared to \$56.0 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. Average revenue per ton is up \$1.14, or approximately \$0.9 million of the sales increase, due to higher kraft paper prices, partially offset by higher sales of linerboard which has a lower than average revenue per ton compared to kraft paper. Volume/mix of paper sold increased by 5,178 tons, or \$2.1 million, driven by a 15,324 tons increase in linerboard partially offset by a 10,146 tons reduction in kraft paper.

Unbleached kraft segment operating income increased by \$5.4 million, or 54.8%, to \$15.3 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2007 compared to \$9.9 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. Higher sales volume, productivity gains and lower depreciation costs of \$1.6 million due to revaluing plant, property and equipment to fair values contributed to the improved operating performance. In addition, the quarter ended September 30, 2006 was negatively impacted by a \$0.9 million unfavorable property tax settlement. Operating income as a percent of net sales improved to 25.9%.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2007, unbleached kraft segment net sales increased by \$5.6 million, or 3.4%, to \$170.0 million compared to \$164.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Average revenue per ton is up \$11.69 due to the favorable impact of higher kraft paper prices in 2007 and the full realization of price increases implemented in 2006, or approximately \$7.1 million of the sales increase. Volume/mix of paper sold increased by 3,578 tons, or \$1.5 million, driven by a 35,412 increase in linerboard partially offset by a 31,834 tons reduction in kraft paper.

Unbleached kraft segment operating income increased by \$12.4 million, or 51.0%, to \$36.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to \$24.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Higher sales volume/mix and average revenue per ton contributed \$4.5 million to the increased operating income. In addition, lower depreciation costs of \$5.4 million due to revaluing plant, property and equipment to fair values and productivity gains also contributed to the improved results, partially offset by a \$1.2 million non-cash purchase accounting charge adjusting finished goods inventory to fair value and a \$1.0 million two day unplanned outage caused by an electrical fire in June 2007. In addition, operating income for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 includes \$4.6 million of expenses relating to the Company's annual planned maintenance outage. Operating income as a percent of net sales improved to 21.6%.

*Dunnage Bags*

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	Three months ended September 30,				Nine months ended September 30,			
	2007	2006	Change	%	2007	2006	Change	%
Net sales	\$ 8,254	\$ 9,558	\$ (1,304)	(13.6)%	\$ 24,706	\$ 27,537	\$ (2,831)	(10.3)%
Operating income	1,420	2,041	(621)	(30.4)%	4,732	5,779	(1,047)	(18.1)%
Operating income % of net sales	17.2%	21.4%	(4.2)%		19.2%	21.0%	(1.8)%	
Average revenue per bag	\$ 3.62	\$ 3.72	\$ (0.10)	(2.7)%	\$ 3.78	\$ 3.81	\$ (0.03)	(0.8)%
Bags sold (000 s)	2,278	2,570	(292)	(11.4)%	6,533	7,226	(693)	(9.6)%

For the quarter ended September 30, 2007, net sales for the dunnage bag segment sold under the Ride Rite® Converting brand name decreased by \$1.3 million, or 13.6%, to \$8.3 million compared to \$9.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006 mainly due to an 11.4% decrease in unit volume. Average revenue per bag of \$3.62 decreased by \$0.10 or 2.7%, for the three months ended September 30, 2007 compared to the similar period last year. Bag sales have decreased due to reduced customer shipping activity particularly in the less-than-truckload market, lower demand in the home construction industry and due to a distributor losing position with two key accounts.

Dunnage bag segment operating income decreased by \$0.6 million, or 30.4%, to \$1.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 compared to \$2.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006. Lower sales volume and prices of approximately \$0.5 million and higher amortization expense for intangible assets of \$0.1 million contributed to the lower operating income. Operating income as a percent of net sales declined to 17.2%.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2007, net sales for the dunnage bag segment decreased by \$2.8 million, or 10.3%, to \$24.7 million compared to \$27.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 mainly due to a 9.6% decrease in unit volume. Average revenue per bag of \$3.78 decreased by \$0.03 or 0.8%, for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to the similar period last year. Bag sales have decreased due to reduced customer shipping activity particularly in the less-than-truckload market, lower demand in the home construction industry and due to a distributor losing position with two key accounts.

Dunnage bag segment operating income decreased by \$1.0 million, or 18.1%, to \$4.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to \$5.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Lower sales volume and prices contributed approximately \$0.6 million of the shortfall. In addition, 40% of the shortfall was contributed by a non-cash purchase accounting charge of \$0.3 million adjusting finished goods inventories to fair value and higher amortization expense of intangible assets of \$0.1 million. Operating income as a percent of net sales declined to 19.2%.

### *Corporate*

Corporate expenses for the quarter ended September 30, 2007, totaled \$3.9 million compared to \$1.7 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. The increase of \$2.2 million is due to the KPB acquisition which was consummated on January 2, 2007. Results for the 2006 period reflect an allocation of corporate expenses from IP while the expenses for the 2007 quarter reflect corporate expenses associated with an operating company.

Corporate expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 totaled \$10.6 million compared to \$6.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The increase of \$4.5 million is due to the KPB acquisition which was consummated on January 2, 2007. Results for the 2006 period reflect an allocation of corporate expenses from IP while the expenses for the 2007 period reflect corporate expenses associated with an operating company.

### **KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation compared to Stone Arcade Acquisition Corporation**

#### *Operating income*

Operating income for the Company for the quarter ended September 30, 2007 was \$12.9 million compared to an operating loss of \$0.4 million for the similar period in 2006. The change in quarterly operating income is due to the KPB acquisition which was consummated on January 2, 2007. Results for the 2006 period reflect the Company as a development stage enterprise and as a result, the operating loss includes expenses incurred to identify and acquire a business. Expenses for the 2007 quarter reflect corporate expenses associated with an operating company.

Operating income for the Company for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$30.8 million compared to an operating loss of \$0.9 million for the similar period in 2006. The change in operating income is due to the KPB acquisition which was consummated on January 2, 2007. Results for the 2006 period reflect the Company as a development stage enterprise and as a result, the operating loss includes expenses incurred to identify and acquire a business. Expenses for the 2007 period reflect corporate expenses associated with an operating company.

***Interest expense and interest income***

Interest expense and interest income for the quarter ended September 30, 2007, were \$1.0 and \$0.6 million, respectively, compared to interest income of \$1.4 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2006. Interest expense for the quarter ended September 30, 2007 reflects interest on the Company's long-term debt while interest income reflects earnings on excess cash that is invested. Interest income in 2006 reflects interest earned on restricted cash held in trust when the Company was a development stage enterprise.

Interest expense and interest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, was \$3.3 and \$1.5 million, respectively, compared to interest income of \$3.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, reflects interest on the Company's long-term debt while interest income reflects earnings on excess cash that is invested in a combination of a bank certificate of deposit (maturity of 120 days), commercial paper (seven day maturity) and overnight deposits. Interest income in 2006 reflects interest earned on restricted cash held in trust when the Company was a development stage enterprise.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

***KPB Acquisition***

On January 2, 2007, we consummated the purchase of substantially all of the assets and assumed certain liabilities of KPB. The assets consist of an unbleached kraft paper manufacturing facility in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina and Ride Rite® Converting, an inflatable dunnage bag manufacturer located in Fordyce, Arkansas. The liabilities assumed consist of trade accounts payable, accrued expenses and certain long-term liabilities. The purchase price for the acquisition was approximately \$155.0 million in cash less certain post-closing adjustments of \$7.8 million, plus contingent earn-out payments of up to \$60.0 million (in aggregate) based on KPB's annual earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization ( EBITDA ) during the five year period immediately following the acquisition. The first contingent payment will be equal to 5.3 times KPB's average annual EBITDA for the five year period immediately following the acquisition, less \$165.0 million and subject to a maximum of \$35.0 million. The second contingent payment is an all or nothing payment and is payable if, and only if, KPB's average annual EBITDA for the same five year period equals or exceeds \$49.2 million. Generally, both payments, if earned, will be due and paid at the end of the five year period.

If these contingent earn-out payments are made, they will be accounted for as additional purchase price consideration.

Funding for the acquisition came from funds held in trust at December 31, 2006, totaling \$115.2 million and the establishment of a \$60.0 million term loan.

***Credit Facility***

In connection with the acquisition, the Company's subsidiary, KapStone Kraft, obtained a senior secured credit facility which provides us with the ability to borrow up to \$95.0 million pursuant to a five year \$35.0 million revolving line of credit and a five year \$60.0 million term loan.

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Advances under the revolving line of credit are primarily based upon percentages of eligible accounts receivable and inventories. The facility expires on December 31, 2011. At September 30, 2007, there were no advances under the revolving line of credit.

The term loan has scheduled principal payments of: (a) \$1.875 million on October 1 and December 31 of 2007; (b) \$2.0 million on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of 2008; (c) \$2.125 million on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of 2009 and March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of 2010; (d) \$2.25 million on March 31, June 30 and September 30 of 2011; and (e) \$20.75 million on December 31, 2011. We are also required to make prepayments on the term loan under certain circumstances from the net cash proceeds of certain asset dispositions, issuances of securities or debt, and within 100 days after the end of fiscal years December 31, 2007 and 2008, respectively, 50% of excess cash flow from such fiscal years.

Borrowings under the revolving line of credit accrue interest, at our option, at either: LIBOR plus 1.00% to 1.75% depending on KapStone Kraft's total debt to EBITDA ratio; or the Base Rate (prime rate) plus 0% to .50% depending on KapStone Kraft's total debt to EBITDA ratio. Borrowings under the term loan accrue interest, at our option, at either: LIBOR plus 1.25% to 2.00% depending on KapStone Kraft's total debt to EBITDA ratio; or the Base Rate (prime rate) plus 0% to .50% depending on KapStone Kraft's total debt to EBITDA ratio. The Base Rate margin and LIBOR margin shall adjust quarterly upon receipt of quarterly financial statements.

The credit facility contains a number of significant covenants that, among other things, restrict KapStone's ability to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, prepay other indebtedness, pay dividends, repurchase or redeem capital stock, enter into certain investments, make certain acquisitions, engage in mergers and consolidations, create liens, or engage in certain transactions with affiliates and otherwise restrict KapStone's corporate and business activities. In addition, under the credit facility, KapStone Kraft is required to comply with a minimum EBITDA, fixed charge coverage ratio and total debt to EBITDA ratio. The credit facility also restricts the aggregate amount of capital expenditures incurred by KapStone Kraft.

Events of default under the senior secured credit facility include, but are not limited to: (a) failure to pay principal or interest when due; (b) material breach of any representation or warranty; (c) covenant defaults; (d) default with respect to any other debt with an outstanding principal amount in excess of \$2.5 million if the effect thereof is to accelerate or permit the acceleration of such debt; and (e) events of bankruptcy.

The credit facility is secured by all of KapStone Kraft's tangible and intangible assets and a pledge of the capital stock of KapStone Kraft.

### *Cash flow*

Cash flow from all activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2007, increased by \$9.9 million from December 31, 2006, reflecting the receipt of funds held in trust at December 31, 2006, not used for the KPB acquisition of \$28.3 million, and cash generated from operations of \$36.3 million, partially offset by purchase of short-term investments of \$35.0 million, capital expenditures of \$9.1 million, repayment of long-term debt of \$3.8 million, acquisition costs paid of \$1.2 million and an investment banking fee paid of \$1.2 million.

Net cash inflow from operating activities was \$36.3 million due to net income for the period of \$18.3 million and improved working capital of \$9.0 million.

Net cash outflow from investing activities was \$195.6 million and included payment for the KPB acquisition of \$150.3 million, purchase of a short-term investment of \$35.0 million and capital expenditures of \$9.1 million. Capital expenditures of \$4.9 million were for the unbleached kraft segment and include equipment upgrades and replacements at the paper mill in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. In addition, \$3.1 million was paid for implementing a new ERP system and is included in corporate capital expenditures.

Net cash inflow generated from financing activities totaled \$169.2 million during the period ended September 30, 2007, and includes proceeds from the term loan of \$60.0 million, and receipt of funds held in trust for the KPB acquisition of \$115.2 million. In addition, during the period, the Company made long-term debt repayments of \$3.8 million, paid its investment banker a \$1.2 million fee relating to the Company's Initial Public Offering and paid a \$0.9 million fee for its credit facility.



**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have not entered into any off-balance sheet financing arrangements and have not established any special purpose entities. We have not guaranteed any debt or commitments of other entities or entered into any options on non-financial assets.

**New Accounting Pronouncement****Fair Value Option for Financial Assets**

In February 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*, including an amendment of SFAS No. 115. This statement permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The objective is to improve financial reporting by providing entities with the opportunity to mitigate volatility in reported earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions. This statement is expected to expand the use of fair value measurement, which is consistent with the FASB's long-term measurement objectives for accounting for financial instruments. SFAS No. 159 is effective for our fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008.

We are in the process of evaluating this statement, but do not expect that the adoption of SFAS No. 159 will have a material impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Contractual Obligations**

We lease various facilities, warehouses and equipment under non-cancelable operating leases. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, some of these obligations are not recognized as liabilities in our accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations as of September 30, 2007 (\$ 000 s):

Contractual Obligations	Total	Payments Due by Period			
		Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 Years
Long-term debt obligations(1)	\$ 56,250	\$ 9,750	\$ 25,750	\$ 20,750	\$
Interest on long-term debt obligations(2)	11,121	4,155	6,637	329	
Operating lease obligations(3)	2,187	299	1,135	690	63
Purchase obligations(4)	496	496			
Other liabilities(5)	3,463	1,099	2,089		275
Total	\$ 73,517	\$ 15,799	\$ 35,611	\$ 21,769	\$ 338

- (1) These obligations are reflected on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2007 in Current portion of long-term debt and Long-term debt, as appropriate.
- (2) Assumes debt is carried to full term and excludes any mandatory prepayments. Debt bears interest at variable rates. The amounts above assume future interest will be incurred at the bank's LIBOR rate on September 30, 2007 (6.34%). These obligations are not reflected on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2007.
- (3) These obligations are not reflected on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2007.

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- (4) Purchase obligations are agreements to purchase goods or services that are enforceable and legally binding on us and that specify all significant terms, including: fixed or minimum quantities to be purchased. These obligations are not reflected on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2007.
- (5) These items are reflected on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2007 in Other liabilities.

**Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

Market risk is the sensitivity of income to changes in interest rates, commodity prices, equity prices, and other market-driven rates or prices.

Under KapStone Kraft's Credit Facility, we have a \$60 million term loan and a revolving line of credit of \$35 million. At September 30, 2007, the balance of the term loan was \$56.3 million and there were no amounts drawn on the revolving line of credit. We had one letter of credit outstanding at September 30, 2007 totaling \$0.3 million. Advances under the revolving line of credit are primarily based upon percentages of eligible accounts receivable and inventories. The facility has a maturity date of December 31, 2011. Borrowings under the term loan accrue interest, at our option, at either: LIBOR plus 1.25% to 2.00% depending on KapStone Kraft's total debt to EBITDA ratio (as defined in the agreement); or the Base Rate (prime rate) plus 0% to .50% depending on KapStone Kraft's total debt to EBITDA ratio. The Base Rate margin and LIBOR margin shall adjust quarterly upon receipt of quarterly financial statements.

Changes in market rates may impact the bank's LIBOR rate. For instance, if the bank's LIBOR rate was to increase or decrease by one percentage point (1.0%), our annual interest expense would change by approximately \$0.5 million based upon our expected future monthly loan balances per our existing repayment schedule.

The principal market risk to which we are exposed is commodity and energy price risk. We are exposed to price fluctuations of certain commodities used in production as well as fluctuations in the price of its finished goods. Key raw materials and energy used in the production process include roundwood and woodchips, coal, electricity and caustic soda. We purchase these raw materials and energy at the market prices, and do not use forward contracts or other financial instruments to hedge its exposure to price risk related to these commodities. Prices for paper and related products are subject to market conditions. We have no long-term contracts to purchase raw materials or energy at fixed prices.

Except as described above, there have been no other material changes to our market risk exposure since December 31, 2006.

**Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as required by Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were designed, and were effective, to give reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed about us and our subsidiary is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the rules and forms of the SEC and is accumulated and communicated to management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure in our filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The following changes were made to the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the nine month period ended September 30, 2007, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting:

Upon the Company's acquisition of KPB on January 2, 2007, from International Paper Company (IP), the Company's existing financial reporting processes, which consisted of management of cash and investments, management of cash disbursements, management of period end closing and management of external reporting, were all expanded and or modified.

Various functions, controls and financial reporting processes of KPB were combined to existing Company functions, controls and financial processes and the Company currently continues to depend on the information and reporting systems of IP to monitor the operation of the KPB business.

The Company implemented significant business processes, much of which were from KPB, addressing financial reporting, accounting close, revenue and receivables, purchasing and payables, plant, property and equipment, treasury and investment, inventory, payroll, employee benefits, non-recurring transactions and information technology.

In addition, in January 2007, an audit committee, compensation committee and nominating and governance committee of the board were formed, board committee charters were adopted and various corporate governance policies were implemented.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

None.

**Item 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Except as described below, there have been no material changes from the Risk Factors described in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 ( Form 10-K ). The first risk factor below is an addition to our Risk Factors and the remainder are updates to existing risk factors that supersede the corresponding Risk Factors in our Form 10-K. Each of the Risk Factors below should be read in conjunction with the Risk Factors and information disclosed in our Form 10-K.

**The market price for our common stock may be highly volatile.**

The market price of our common stock may be volatile due to certain factors, including, but not limited to, quarterly fluctuations in our financial and operating results; general conditions in the paper and packaging industries; or changes in earnings estimates.

**Shares available for future issuance, conversion and exercise could have an adverse effect on the earnings per share and the market price of our common stock.**

Any future issuance of equity securities, including exercise of stock options, could dilute the interests of our existing stockholders and could substantially decrease the trading price of our common stock.

**Item 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

None.

**Item 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

None.

**Item 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

None.

**Item 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

**Item 6. EXHIBITS**

(b) Exhibits

31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

32.1 Certification of 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 of 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**

In accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Act, the registrant caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

KAPSTONE PAPER AND PACKAGING CORPORATION

November 5, 2007

By: /s/ Andrea K. Tarbox  
Andrea K. Tarbox  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer