

SIMPSON MANUFACTURING CO INC /CA/  
Form 10-Q  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**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, 2011

OR

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

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

Commission file number: 1-13429

**Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**94-3196943**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**5956 W. Las Positas Blvd., Pleasanton, CA 94588**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code): **(925) 560-9000**

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 has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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

Smaller reporting company

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

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding as of September 30, 2011: 48,160,653

## PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements.

## Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. and Subsidiaries

## Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

*(In thousands, unaudited)*

	2011	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2010
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 265,162	\$ 291,846	\$ 335,049
Trade accounts receivable, net	98,032	93,635	68,256
Inventories	172,142	150,713	152,297
Deferred income taxes	12,117	10,748	10,189
Assets held for sale	6,792	7,887	10,787
Other current assets	9,598	16,012	14,678
Total current assets	563,843	570,841	591,256
Property, plant and equipment, net	191,016	176,464	177,072
Goodwill	69,688	75,585	70,069
Intangible assets, net	20,252	23,068	23,466
Equity method investment		319	213
Other noncurrent assets	10,670	15,557	12,633
Total assets	\$ 855,469	\$ 861,834	\$ 874,709
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>			
Current liabilities			
Trade accounts payable	\$ 27,739	\$ 23,663	\$ 35,164
Accrued liabilities	36,314	33,517	31,372
Income taxes payable	1,251		
Accrued profit sharing trust contributions	3,560	4,277	5,591
Accrued cash profit sharing and commissions	11,867	8,536	2,805
Accrued workers' compensation	5,455	4,009	4,684
Total current liabilities	86,186	74,002	79,616
Long-term liabilities	7,001	8,705	7,300
Total liabilities	93,187	82,707	86,916
Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)			
Stockholders' equity			
Common stock, at par value	481	494	500
Additional paid-in capital	169,117	148,191	165,425
Retained earnings	581,672	616,719	607,241
Accumulated other comprehensive income	11,012	13,723	14,627
Total stockholders' equity	762,282	779,127	787,793

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Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$	855,469	\$	861,834	\$	874,709
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

## Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. and Subsidiaries

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

*(In thousands except per-share amounts, unaudited)*

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Net sales	\$ 162,366	\$ 146,447	\$ 472,713	\$ 435,881
Cost of sales	86,919	80,750	256,819	239,370
Gross profit	75,447	65,697	215,894	196,511
Operating expenses:				
Research and development and other engineering	6,804	5,715	19,743	16,156
Selling	18,633	15,946	55,527	47,429
General and administrative	25,174	20,001	72,250	57,457
Loss (gain) on sale of assets	(46)	(5,217)	1	(4,813)
	50,565	36,445	147,521	116,229
Income from operations	24,882	29,252	68,373	80,282
Income (loss) in equity method investment, before tax				
	4,471	(153)	4,389	(429)
Interest income, net	79	110	258	148
Income from continuing operations before taxes	29,432	29,209	73,020	80,001
Provision for income taxes from continuing operations	10,052	10,801	27,069	30,704
Income from continuing operations, net of tax	19,380	18,408	45,951	49,297
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax		(1,226)		(16,212)
Net income	\$ 19,380	\$ 17,182	\$ 45,951	\$ 33,085
Earnings (loss) per common share:				
Basic				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.93	\$ 1.00
Discontinued operations		(0.02)		(0.33)
Net income	0.40	0.35	0.93	0.67
Diluted				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.99
Discontinued operations		(0.02)		(0.33)
Net income	0.40	0.35	0.93	0.67
Number of shares outstanding				
Basic	48,253	49,427	49,247	49,411
Diluted	48,288	49,527	49,296	49,548
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.125	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.375	\$ 0.30

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## Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. and Subsidiaries

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders Equity

for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2011 and three months ended December 31, 2010

*(In thousands except per-share amounts, unaudited)*

	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock Par Value	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Treasury Stock	Total
Balance, January 1, 2010	49,377	\$ 493	\$ 146,036	\$ 598,493	\$ 18,762		\$ 763,784
Comprehensive income:							
Net income				33,085			33,085
Other comprehensive income:							
Translation adjustment, net of tax of (\$14)					(5,039)		(5,039)
Comprehensive income							28,046
Stock options exercised	39	1	977				978
Stock compensation			995				995
Tax effect of options exercised			(118)				(118)
Cash dividends declared on common stock, \$0.30 per share				(14,859)			(14,859)
Common stock issued at \$26.42 per share for stock bonus	12		301				301
Balance, September 30, 2010	49,428	494	148,191	616,719	13,723		779,127
Comprehensive loss:							
Net loss				(4,499)			(4,499)
Other comprehensive income:							
Translation adjustment, net of tax of \$26					904		904
Comprehensive loss							(3,595)
Stock options exercised	668	6	16,964				16,970
Stock compensation			2,582				2,582
Tax effect of options exercised			(2,312)				(2,312)
Cash dividends declared on common stock, \$0.10 per share				(4,979)			(4,979)
Balance, December 31, 2010	50,096	500	165,425	607,241	14,627		787,793
Comprehensive income:							
Net income				45,951			45,951
Other comprehensive income:							
Translation adjustment, net of tax of \$4					(3,615)		(3,615)
Comprehensive income							42,336
Stock options exercised	6		154				154

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Stock compensation			3,405				3,405
Tax effect of options exercised			(71)				(71)
Repurchase of common stock	(1,948)				(53,208)		(53,208)
Retirement of common stock		(19)		(53,189)		53,208	
Cash dividends declared on common stock, \$0.375 per share				(18,331)			(18,331)
Common stock issued at \$30.91 per share for stock bonus	7		204				204
Balance, September 30, 2011	48,161	\$	481	\$	169,117	\$	581,672
						\$	11,012
						\$	762,282

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

## Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. and Subsidiaries

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

*(In thousands, unaudited)*

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net income	\$ 45,951	\$ 33,085
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Gain on sale of assets	1	(4,813)
Loss on sale of discontinued operation		657
Depreciation and amortization	14,988	17,746
Impairment loss on assets held for sale	1,094	16,916
Deferred income taxes	(1,049)	4,811
Noncash compensation related to stock plans	3,812	1,278
Loss (income) in equity method investment	(4,389)	429
Excess tax benefit of options exercised	4	(10)
Provision for (recovery of) doubtful accounts	249	(5)
Provision for excess and obsolete inventory	189	5,872
Accrued interest earned from related party	(58)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Trade accounts receivable	(30,174)	(28,433)
Inventories	(19,967)	(12,248)
Trade accounts payable	(4,211)	(3,680)
Income taxes payable	5,755	995
Accrued profit sharing trust contributions	(2,017)	(2,741)
Accrued cash profit sharing and commissions	9,068	6,147
Other current assets	(220)	(204)
Accrued liabilities	3,856	4,702
Long-term liabilities	(302)	(80)
Accrued workers compensation	771	(343)
Other noncurrent assets	729	(226)
Net cash provided by operating activities	24,080	39,855
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Capital expenditures	(23,515)	(25,131)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	3,205	14,837
Proceeds from sale of discontinued operations		27,706
Loans made to related parties		(1,798)
Loans repaid by related parties	552	50
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(19,758)	15,664
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Repurchase of common stock	(53,208)	
Issuance of common stock	154	978
Excess tax benefit of options exercised	(4)	10
Dividends paid	(17,309)	(14,821)
Net cash used in financing activities	(70,367)	(13,833)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(3,842)	(221)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(69,887)	41,465
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	335,049	250,381



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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	265,162	\$	291,846
<b>Noncash activity during the period</b>				
Noncash capital expenditures	\$	3,251	\$	165
Dividends declared but not paid		5,805		4,942
Issuance of Company's common stock for compensation		204		301

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

**Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. and Subsidiaries**

**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**

**(Unaudited)**

1. Basis of Presentation

*Principles of Consolidation*

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. and its subsidiaries (the Company). Investments in 50% or less owned affiliates are accounted for using either cost or the equity method. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

*Interim Period Reporting*

The accompanying unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations for reporting on Form 10-Q. Accordingly, certain information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) have been condensed or omitted. These interim statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 (the 2010 Annual Report).

The unaudited quarterly condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the audited annual consolidated financial statements and, in the opinion of management, contain all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring adjustments) necessary to state fairly the financial information set forth therein, in accordance with GAAP. The year-end condensed consolidated balance sheet data were derived from audited financial statements, but do not include all disclosures required by GAAP. The Company's quarterly results fluctuate. As a result, the Company believes the results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for any future period.

*Revenue Recognition*

The Company recognizes revenue when the earnings process is complete, net of applicable provision for discounts, returns and incentives, whether actual or estimated, based on the Company's experience. This generally occurs when products are shipped to the customer in accordance with the sales agreement or purchase order, ownership and risk of loss pass to the customer, collectibility is reasonably assured and pricing is fixed or determinable. The Company's general shipping terms are F.O.B. shipping point, where title is transferred and revenue is recognized when the products are shipped to customers. When the Company sells F.O.B. destination point, title is transferred and the Company recognizes revenue on delivery or customer acceptance, depending on terms of the sales agreement. Service sales, representing after-market repair and maintenance, engineering activities, software license sales and services and lease income, though significantly less than 1% of net sales and not material to the consolidated financial statements, are recognized as the services are completed or the software products and services are

delivered. If actual costs of sales returns, incentives and discounts were to significantly exceed the recorded estimated allowance, the Company's sales would be adversely affected.

*Segment and Discontinued Operations Information*

The Company had operated under two reportable segments, the connector products segment and the venting products segment. As set forth in Note 11 Discontinued Operations, on August 31, 2010, the Company sold substantially all of the assets and liabilities of its venting segment. Accordingly, the Company has classified the results of the venting products segment, including impairments and losses of goodwill and other assets, as discontinued operations in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for all periods presented. Except as otherwise stated below, discussion in these notes pertains to the Company's continuing operations.

As a result of the sale of the assets of Simpson Dura-Vent Company, Inc ( Simpson Dura-Vent ), the Company has reorganized its operating segments into three reportable operating segments consisting of North America, Europe and Asia/Pacific.

*Net Earnings (Loss) Per Common Share*

Basic earnings (loss) per common share is computed based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Potentially dilutive securities, using the treasury stock method, are included in the diluted per-share calculations for all periods when the effect of their inclusion is dilutive.

The following is a reconciliation of basic earnings (loss) per share ( EPS ) to diluted EPS:

(in thousands, except) per-share amounts	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Earnings from continuing operations, net of tax	\$ 19,380	\$ 18,408	\$ 45,951	\$ 49,297
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax		(1,226)		(16,212)
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 19,380	\$ 17,182	\$ 45,951	\$ 33,085
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	48,253	49,427	49,247	49,411
Dilutive effect of potential common stock equivalents stock options	35	100	49	137
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	48,288	49,527	49,296	49,548
Net earnings (loss) per share basic:				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.93	\$ 1.00
Discontinued operations		(0.02)		(0.33)
Net income	0.40	0.35	0.93	0.67
Net earnings (loss) per share diluted:				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.99
Discontinued operations		(0.02)		(0.33)
Net income	0.40	0.35	0.93	0.67
Potentially dilutive securities excluded from earnings per diluted share because their effect is anti-dilutive	1,752	1,062	1,746	925

Anti-dilutive shares attributable to outstanding stock options were excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per share.

*Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*

With the approval of the Company's stockholders on April 26, 2011, the Company adopted the Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. 2011 Incentive Plan (the 2011 Plan ). The 2011 Plan amended and restated in their entirety, and incorporated and superseded, both the Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. 1994 Stock Option Plan (the 1994 Plan ), which was principally for the Company's employees, and the Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.

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1995 Independent Director Stock Option Plan (the 1995 Plan ), which was for its independent directors. Options previously granted under the 1994 Plan or the 1995 Plan will not be affected by the adoption of the 2011 Plan and will continue to be governed by the 1994 Plan or the 1995 Plan, respectively.

Under the 1994 Plan, the Company could grant incentive stock options and non-qualified stock options, although the Company granted only non-qualified stock options under the 1994 Plan and the 1995 Plan. The Company generally granted options under each of the 1994 Plan and the 1995 Plan once each year. The exercise price per share of each option granted in February 2011 and February 2010 under the 1994 Plan equaled the closing market price per share

of the Company's common stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange on the day preceding the day that the Compensation and Leadership Development Committee of the Company's Board of Directors met to approve the grant of the options. The exercise price per share under each option granted under the 1995 Plan was at the fair market value on the date specified in the 1995 Plan. Options vest and expire according to terms established at the grant date. Options granted under the 1994 Plan typically vest evenly over the requisite service period of four years and have a term of seven years. The vesting of options granted under the 1994 Plan will be accelerated if the grantee ceases to be employed by the Company after reaching age 60 or if there is a change in control of the Company. Options granted under the 1995 Plan are fully vested on the date of grant. Shares of common stock issued on exercise of stock options under the 1994 Plan and the 1995 Plan are registered under the Securities Act of 1933.

Under the 2011 Plan, the Company may grant incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options, restricted stock and restricted stock units, although the Company currently intends to award primarily restricted stock units and to a lesser extent, if at all, non-qualified stock options. The Company does not currently intend to award incentive stock options or restricted stock. Under the 2011 Plan, no more than 16.3 million shares of the Company's common stock may be issued (including shares already sold) pursuant to all awards under the 2011 Plan, including on exercise of options previously granted under the 1994 Plan and the 1995 Plan. Shares of common stock to be issued pursuant to the 2011 Plan are registered under the Securities Act of 1933.

The following table represents the Company's stock option and restricted stock unit activity, including both continuing and discontinued operations, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Stock-based compensation expense recognized in operating expenses	\$ 1,230	\$ 432	\$ 3,524	\$ 1,017
Tax benefit of stock-based compensation expense in provision for income taxes	449	148	1,267	318
Stock-based compensation expense, net of tax	\$ 781	\$ 284	\$ 2,257	\$ 699
Fair value of shares vested	\$ 1,287	\$ 434	\$ 3,405	\$ 995
Proceeds to the Company from the exercise of stock-based compensation	\$	\$ 23	\$ 154	\$ 978
Tax effect from exercise of stock-based compensation, including shortfall tax benefits	\$	\$ (35)	\$ (71)	\$ (118)

	At September 30,	
	2011	2010
Stock-based compensation cost capitalized in inventory	\$ 166	\$ 23

The amounts included in cost of sales, research and development and other engineering, selling, or general and administrative expense depend on the job functions performed by the employees to whom the stock options were granted. The amounts attributed to discontinued operations were not significant for any of the periods presented.

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The assumptions used to calculate the fair value of options or restricted stock units granted are evaluated and revised, as necessary, to reflect market conditions and the Company's experience.

### *Fair Value of Financial Instruments*

The Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification™ (ASC) establishes a valuation hierarchy for disclosure of the inputs used to

measure fair value. This hierarchy prioritizes the inputs into three broad levels as follows: Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities; Level 2 inputs are quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets or inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly through market corroboration, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument; Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs based on the Company's assumptions used to measure assets and liabilities at fair value. A financial asset's or liability's classification within the hierarchy is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

As of September 30, 2011, the Company's investments consisted of only United States Treasury securities and money market funds aggregating \$164.2 million, which are maintained in cash equivalents and are carried at cost, approximating fair value, based on Level 1 inputs. There are no other recurring or non-recurring fair value measurements.

### *Income Taxes*

The Company uses an estimated annual effective tax rate to measure the tax benefit or tax expense recognized in each interim period. The provision for income taxes for the first three quarters of 2010, however, was computed based on those quarters as discrete periods due to the uncertainty regarding the Company's ability to reliably estimate income before taxes during 2010, primarily as a result of uncertainty in the construction markets in which the Company operates.

The following table presents the Company's effective tax rates and income tax expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010:

(in thousands, except) percentage amounts)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Effective tax rate	34.2%	37.0%	37.1%	38.4%
Provision for income taxes	\$ 10,052	\$ 10,801	\$ 27,069	\$ 30,704

### *Recently Issued Accounting Standards*

In June 2011, the FASB issued an amendment to the comprehensive income guidance which eliminates the option to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of stockholders' equity. This amendment requires that all non-owner changes in stockholders' equity be presented in a single continuous statement or in two separate but consecutive statements. This amendment is effective in fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011. The implementation of this amended accounting guidance is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position and results of operations.

In September 2011, the FASB issued an amendment to the goodwill impairment guidance which provides an option for companies to use a qualitative approach to test goodwill for impairment if certain conditions are met. The amendment is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011, and early adoption is permitted. The implementation of this amended accounting guidance is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position and results of



operations.

Other recent authoritative guidance issued by the FASB (including technical corrections to the ASC), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Securities and Exchange Commission did not or is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

## 2. Trade Accounts Receivable, Net

Trade accounts receivable consist of the following:

(in thousands)	At September 30,		At December 31,	
	2011	2010	2010	2010
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 100,877	\$ 97,059	\$ 70,781	
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,210)	(1,637)	(1,344)	
Allowance for sales discounts and returns	(1,635)	(1,787)	(1,181)	
	\$ 98,032	\$ 93,635	\$ 68,256	

## 3. Inventories

Inventories consist of the following:

(in thousands)	At September 30,		At December 31,	
	2011	2010	2010	2010
Raw materials	\$ 71,908	\$ 61,566	\$ 61,996	
In-process products	21,454	18,860	18,364	
Finished products	78,780	70,287	71,937	
	\$ 172,142	\$ 150,713	\$ 152,297	

## 4. Property, Plant and Equipment, Net

Property, plant and equipment, net, consist of the following:

(in thousands)	At September 30,		At December 31,	
	2011	2010	2010	2010
Land	\$ 28,889	\$ 26,589	\$ 26,384	
Buildings and site improvements	152,167	144,861	141,834	
Leasehold improvements	3,736	3,551	3,693	
Machinery and equipment	203,687	184,694	186,021	
	388,479	359,695	357,932	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(199,614)	(186,996)	(189,751)	
	188,865	172,699	168,181	
Capital projects in progress	2,151	3,765	8,891	
	\$ 191,016	\$ 176,464	\$ 177,072	

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The Company's vacant facility in San Leandro, California, remained classified as an asset held for sale as of September 30, 2011, consistent with the classification at December 31, 2010. The Company concluded, in the quarter ended June 30, 2011, that the San Leandro facility, associated with the North American segment, is expected to be sold below carrying value, and therefore recorded an impairment charge, within general and administrative expense, of \$1.1 million, equal to the amount by which carrying value exceeds net estimated realizable value. In April 2011, the facility in France, which was acquired in the Agence Internationale Commerciale et Industrielle, S.A.S. ( Aginco ) purchase, was sold for an amount approximately equal to its carrying cost.

### 5. Investments

#### *Equity Method Investment*

At December 31, 2010, the Company had a 40.6% equity interest in Keymark Enterprises, LLC ( Keymark ), for which the Company accounted using the equity method. In March 2011, Keymark's other owner defaulted on its loan and pledge agreement, entered into with the Company in October 2008, for the payment of the remaining

balance of \$0.7 million that was due in March 2011. As a result, the Company was assigned an additional 5.5% equity interest pursuant to the pledge agreement, which discharged the remaining debt and increased the Company's equity interest in Keymark to 46.1%. During the third quarter of 2011, the Company purchased the software assets of Keymark valued at \$11.5 million for \$6.2 million in net cash payments and its 46.05% equity interest in Keymark. The transactions resulted in a gain of \$4.3 million based on the difference between the fair value of the Company's investment in Keymark less its carrying value of \$1.0 million. The acquired software is used by customers of the Company in designing and engineering residential structures. The Company was also repaid \$0.5 million for a loan made to Keymark in December 2009. As of September 30, 2011, the Company no longer had an equity interest in Keymark or any remaining receivables from Keymark.

## 6. Goodwill and Intangible Assets, Net

Goodwill was as follows:

(in thousands)	At September 30,		At December 31,	
	2011	2010	2010	2010
North America	\$ 41,585	\$ 41,632	\$ 41,761	
Europe	26,249	32,106	26,367	
Asia/Pacific	1,854	1,847	1,941	
Total	\$ 69,688	\$ 75,585	\$ 70,069	

Intangible assets, net, were as follows:

(in thousands)	At September 30, 2011		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
North America	\$ 24,022	\$ (12,746)	\$ 11,276
Europe	14,567	(5,591)	8,976
Total	\$ 38,589	\$ (18,337)	\$ 20,252

	At September 30, 2010		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
North America	\$ 24,022	\$ (10,140)	\$ 13,882
Europe	13,183	(3,997)	9,186
Total	\$ 37,205	\$ (14,137)	\$ 23,068

	At December 31, 2010		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
North America	\$ 24,022	\$ (10,792)	\$ 13,230
Europe	14,632	(4,396)	10,236
Total	\$ 38,654	\$ (15,188)	\$ 23,466

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Intangible assets consist primarily of customer relationships, patents, unpatented technology and non-compete agreements. Amortization expense, for continuing and discontinued operations, for intangible assets during the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, totaled \$1.0 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, and during the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, totaled \$3.2 million and \$3.5 million, respectively.

At September 30, 2011, estimated future amortization of intangible assets was as follows:

(in thousands)

Final three months of 2011	\$	1,054
2012		3,754
2013		3,187
2014		2,970
2015		2,200
2016		2,062
Thereafter		5,025
	\$	20,252

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill and intangible assets from December 31, 2010, to September 30, 2011, were as follows:

(in thousands)	Goodwill		Intangible Assets	
Balance at December 31, 2010	\$	70,069	\$	23,466
Amortization				(3,242)
Reclassifications		(336)		(109)
Foreign exchange		(45)		137
Balance at September 30, 2011	\$	69,688	\$	20,252

## 7. Debt

The Company has revolving lines of credit with different banks in the United States and Europe. The Company's primary credit facility, a revolving line of credit with \$200.0 million in available credit, charges interest at LIBOR plus 0.27% (at September 30, 2011, LIBOR plus 0.27% was 0.51%), expires in October 2012, and has commitment fees payable at the annual rate of 0.08% on the unused portion of the facility. Other revolving credit lines, with combined available credit of \$4.5 million at September 30, 2011, charge interest ranging from 2.4% to 3.6% and have various maturity dates. There were no outstanding balances at September 30, 2011 and 2010, and December 31, 2010, and the Company was in compliance with its financial covenants at September 30, 2011.

## 8. Commitments and Contingencies

Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements in the 2010 Annual Report provides information concerning commitments and contingencies. From time to time, the Company is involved in various legal proceedings and other matters arising in the normal course of business. The resolution of claims and litigation is subject to inherent uncertainty and could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

The Company's policy with regard to environmental liabilities is to accrue for future environmental assessments and remediation costs when information becomes available that indicates that it is probable that the Company is liable for any related claims and assessments and the amount

of the liability is reasonably estimable. The Company does not believe that these environmental matters will have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, cash flows or results of operations.

Corrosion, hydrogen embrittlement, cracking, material hardness, wood pressure-treating chemicals, misinstallations, misuse, design and assembly flaws, manufacturing defects, environmental conditions or other factors can contribute to failure of fasteners, connectors, tools, anchors, adhesives and venting products. On occasion, some of the fasteners and connectors that the Company sells have failed, although the Company has not incurred any material liability resulting from those failures. The Company attempts to avoid such failures by establishing and monitoring appropriate product specifications, manufacturing quality control procedures, inspection procedures and information on appropriate installation methods and conditions. The Company subjects its products to extensive testing, with results and conclusions published in Company catalogues and on its websites.

*Pending Claims*

Four lawsuits (the Cases) have been filed against the Company in the Hawaii First Circuit Court: *Alvarez v. Haseko Homes, Inc. and Simpson Manufacturing, Inc.*, Civil No. 09-1-2697-11 (Case 1); *Ke Noho Kai Development, LLC v. Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc., and Honolulu Wood Treating Co., LTD.*, Case No. 09-1-1491-06 SSM (Case 2); *North American Specialty Ins. Co. v. Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc. and K.C. Metal Products, Inc.*, Case No. 09-1-1490-06 VSM (Case 3); and *Charles et al. v. Haseko Homes, Inc. et al. and Third Party Plaintiffs Haseko Homes, Inc. et al. v. Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc., et al.*, Civil No. 09-1-1932-08 (Case 4). Case 1 was filed on November 18, 2009. Cases 2 and 3 were originally filed on June 30, 2009. Case 4 was filed on August 19, 2009. The Cases all relate to alleged premature corrosion of the Company's strap tie holdown products installed in buildings in a housing development known as Ocean Pointe in Honolulu, Hawaii, allegedly causing property damage. Case 1 is a class action brought by the owners of allegedly affected Ocean Pointe houses. Case 1 was originally filed as *Kai et al. v. Haseko Homes, Inc., Haseko Construction, Inc. and Simpson Manufacturing, Inc.*, Case No. 09-1-1476, but was voluntarily dismissed and then re-filed with a new representative plaintiff. Case 2 is an action by the builders and developers of Ocean Pointe against the Company, claiming that either the Company's strap tie holdowns are defective in design or manufacture or the Company failed to provide adequate warnings regarding the products' susceptibility to corrosion in certain environments. Case 3 is a subrogation action brought by the insurance company for the builders and developers against the Company claiming the insurance company expended funds to correct problems allegedly caused by the Company's products. Case 4 is a putative class action brought, like Case 1, by owners of allegedly affected Ocean Pointe homes. In Case 4, Haseko Homes, Inc. (Haseko), the developer of the Ocean Pointe development, has brought a third party complaint against the Company alleging that any damages for which Haseko may be liable are actually the fault of the Company. None of the Cases alleges a specific amount of damages sought, although each of the Cases seeks compensatory damages, and Case 1 seeks punitive damages. The Company is currently investigating the facts underlying the claims asserted in the Cases, including, among other things, the cause of the alleged corrosion; the severity of any problems shown to exist; the buildings affected; the responsibility of the general contractor, various subcontractors and other construction professionals for the alleged damages; the amount, if any, of damages suffered; and the costs of repair, if needed. At this time, the likelihood that the Company will be found liable for any property damage allegedly suffered and the extent of such liability, if any, are unknown. Management believes the Cases may not be resolved for an extended period. The Company intends to defend itself vigorously in connection with the Cases.

Based on facts currently known to the Company, the Company believes that all or part of the claims alleged in the Cases may be covered by its insurance policies. On April 19, 2011, an action was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, *National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA v. Simpson Manufacturing Company, Inc., et al.*, Civil No. 11-00254 ACK. In this action, Plaintiff National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (National Union), which issued certain Commercial General Liability insurance policies to the Company, seeks declaratory relief in the Cases with respect to its obligations to defend or indemnify the Company, Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc., and a vendor of the Company's strap tie holdown products. The Company has moved to dismiss or stay, or transfer, National Union's action. If the National Union action is not dismissed, the Company intends vigorously to defend all claims advanced by National Union and to assert all of its own claims against National Union.

*Nishimura v. Gentry Homes, Ltd; Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.; and Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc.*, Civil no. 11-1-1522-07, was filed in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit of Hawaii on July 20, 2011. The case alleges premature corrosion of the Company's strap tie holdown products in a housing development at Ewa Beach in Honolulu, Hawaii. The case is a putative class action brought by owners of allegedly affected homes. The Complaint alleges that the Company's strap products and mudsill anchors are insufficiently corrosion resistant and/or fail to comply with Honolulu's building code. The Company is currently investigating the claims asserted in the complaint, including, among other things: the existence and extent of the alleged corrosion, if any; the building code provisions alleged to be applicable and, if applicable, whether the products complied; the buildings affected; the responsibility of the general contractor, various subcontractors and other construction professionals for the alleged damages; the amount, if any, of damages suffered; and the costs of repair, if any are needed. At this time, the likelihood that the Company will be found liable for any damage allegedly suffered and the extent of such liability, if any, are unknown. The Company has not yet been formally served with the Complaint, but denies any liability of any kind and intends to defend itself vigorously in this case.





## 9. Stock-Based Incentive Plans

The Company currently has one stock-based incentive plan, which incorporates and supersedes its two previous plans (see Note 1 Basis of Presentation *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation* ). Participants are granted stock-based awards only if the applicable Company-wide or profit-center operating goals, or both, established by the Compensation and Leadership Development Committee of the Board of Directors at the beginning of the year, are met. Participants occasionally may have an additional goal that is based on a strategic initiative of the Company.

The fair value of each stock option award was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Expected volatility is based on historical volatilities of the Company's common stock measured monthly over a term that is equivalent to the expected life of the award. The expected term of awards granted is estimated based on the Company's prior exercise experience and future expectations of the exercise and termination behavior of the grantees. The risk-free rate is based on the yield of United States Treasury zero-coupon bonds with maturities comparable to the expected life in effect at the time of grant. The dividend yield is based on the expected dividend yield on the grant date.

Black-Scholes option pricing model assumptions for options granted in 2011 and 2010 are as follows:

Number of Options Granted (in thousands)	Grant Date	Risk-Free Interest Rate	Dividend Yield	Expected Life	Volatility	Exercise Price	Weighted Average Fair Value
<b>1994 Plan</b>							
1,362	02/03/11	2.62%	1.75%	6.2 years	39.0%	\$29.66 to \$32.63	\$ 10.33
148	02/02/10	2.93%	1.62%	6.5 years	36.0%	\$24.75	\$ 8.46
<b>1995 Plan</b>							
30	02/15/11	2.92%	1.76%	6.6 years	38.0%	\$29.58	\$ 10.49

No options were granted under the 1995 Plan in 2010.

The following table summarizes the Company's stock option activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2011:

Non-Qualified Stock Options	Shares (in thousands)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value * (in thousands)
Outstanding at January 1, 2011	1,124	\$ 34.19		
Granted	1,392	29.66		
Exercised	(7)	23.74		
Forfeited	(20)	35.69		
Outstanding at September 30, 2011	2,489	\$ 31.68	4.3	\$ 370
Outstanding and expected to vest at September 30, 2011	2,437	\$ 31.74	4.3	\$ 360

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Exercisable at September 30, 2011	1,165	\$	34.58	2.2	\$	233
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\* The intrinsic value represents the amount, if any, by which the fair market value of the underlying common stock exceeds the exercise price of the option, using the closing price per share of \$24.93 as reported by the New York Stock Exchange on September 30, 2011.

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, was \$40 thousand and \$0.3 million, respectively.

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A summary of the status of unvested options as of September 30, 2011, and changes during the nine months ended September 30, 2011, are presented below:

Unvested Options	Shares (in thousands)	Weighted- Average Grant-Date Fair Value
Unvested at January 1, 2011	180	\$ 7.85
Granted	1,392	10.33
Vested	(242)	9.86
Forfeited	(5)	9.25
Unvested at September 30, 2011	1,325	\$ 10.09

As of September 30, 2011, \$17.4 million of total unrecognized compensation cost was related to unvested share-based compensation arrangements under the 1994 Plan. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.5 years. Options granted under the 1995 Plan are fully vested and are expensed on the date of grant.

10. Segment Information

The Company is organized into three reportable segments. The segments are defined by the regions where the Company's products are manufactured, marketed and distributed to the Company's customers. The three regional segments are the North American segment, comprising primarily the United States and Canada, the European segment and the Asia/Pacific segment, comprising the Company's operations in China, Hong Kong, the south Pacific and the Middle East. These segments are similar in several ways, including the types of materials, the production processes, the distribution channels and the product applications.

The following table illustrates certain measurements used by management to assess the performance as of or for the following periods:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
<i>Net Sales</i>				
North America	\$ 127,998	\$ 115,206	\$ 371,732	\$ 350,700
Europe	31,761	28,545	93,206	78,137
Asia/Pacific	2,370	2,616	7,062	6,964
Administrative and all other	237	80	713	80
Total	\$ 162,366	\$ 146,447	\$ 472,713	\$ 435,881
<i>Sales to Other Segments*</i>				
North America	\$ 1,093	\$ 1,674	\$ 3,905	\$ 3,282
Europe		18	250	85
Asia/Pacific	3,350	2,339	7,505	5,936
Total	\$ 4,443	\$ 4,031	\$ 11,660	\$ 9,303

*Income (Loss) from Operations*

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North America	\$	23,594	\$	24,317	\$	69,463	\$	73,515
Europe		2,801		3,420		3,997		4,117
Asia/Pacific		(410)		(11)		(1,674)		(320)
Administrative and all other		(1,103)		1,526		(3,413)		2,970
Total	\$	24,882	\$	29,252	\$	68,373	\$	80,282

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\* The sales to other segments are eliminated on consolidation.

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(in thousands)	At September 30,		At
	2011	2010	December 31, 2010
<i>Total Assets</i>			
North America	\$ 608,350	\$ 546,726	\$ 557,762
Europe	131,138	132,988	123,669
Asia/Pacific	28,349	23,793	25,576
Administrative and all other	87,632	158,327	167,702
Total	\$ 855,469	\$ 861,834	\$ 874,709

Cash collected by the Company's United States subsidiaries is routinely transferred into the Company's cash management accounts and, therefore, has been included in the total assets of Administrative and all other. Cash and cash equivalent balances in the Administrative and all other segment were \$177.5 million, \$230.4 million, and \$274.6 million, as of September 30, 2011 and 2010, and December 31, 2010, respectively. Real estate assets previously allocated to the venting products segment have been allocated to the Administrative and all other as of August 31, 2010. See Note 11.

11. Discontinued Operations

On August 31, 2010, the Company sold substantially all of the assets and liabilities of Simpson Dura-Vent Company, Inc. pursuant to an agreement dated June 30, 2010, with M&G Holding B.V. (M&G) and M&G Dura-Vent, Inc. The Company decided to sell the assets of Simpson Dura-Vent in order to focus exclusively on the development of its profitable connector products business. Simpson Dura-Vent represented the Company's entire venting operating segment.

The results from discontinued operations, including the impairments and losses recorded in operating expenses, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, were as follows:

(in thousands)	Three Months	Nine Months
	Ended September 30, 2010	Ended September 30, 2010
Revenues	\$ 10,300	\$ 33,372
Cost of sales	8,957	28,073
Gross profit	1,343	5,299
Operating expenses	1,882	6,711
Loss on sale	657	657
Impairment charge		21,350
Loss from discontinued operations	(1,196)	(23,419)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes from discontinued operations	30	(7,207)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ (1,226)	\$ (16,212)

12. Subsequent Events

In October 2011, the Company's Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.125 per share, estimated to total \$6.0 million, to be paid on January 26, 2012, to stockholders of record on January 5, 2012.

In October 2011, the Company entered into an agreement to purchase all of the shares of S&P Clever Reinforcement Company AG and S&P Reinforcement International AG, both companies incorporated under the laws of Switzerland (collectively, S&P Clever ), for 54 million Swiss Francs (equivalent, at the exchange rate on October 26, 2011, to \$61.4 million), subject to post-closing adjustments. S&P Clever manufactures and sells engineered materials to repair, strengthen, and restore concrete and masonry construction and has operations in Switzerland, Germany, Portugal, Poland, The Netherlands and Austria. The transaction is expected to close in January 2012.

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

*This document contains forward-looking statements, based on numerous assumptions and subject to risks and uncertainties. Although the Company believes that the forward-looking statements are reasonable, it does not and cannot give any assurance that its beliefs and expectations will prove to be correct. Many factors could significantly affect the Company's operations and cause the Company's actual results to be substantially different from the Company's expectations. See Part II, Item 1A - Risk Factors. Actual results might differ materially from results suggested by any forward-looking statements in this report. The Company does not have an obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of the receipt of new information, the occurrence of future events or otherwise.*

The following is a discussion and analysis of the consolidated financial condition and results of continuing operations for the Company for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010. The following should be read in conjunction with the interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes appearing elsewhere herein.

Results of Continuing Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2011, Compared with the Three Months Ended September 30, 2010

Income from operations decreased 14.9% from \$29.3 million in the third quarter of 2010 to \$24.9 million in the third quarter of 2011. The following table illustrates the change in the Company's continuing operations from the three months ended September 30, 2010, to the three months ended September 30, 2011, and the increases or decreases for each category by segment.

(in thousands)	Continuing Operations 2010	Three Months Ended September 30, Increase (Decrease) in Operating Segment				Admin & All Other	Continuing Operations 2011
		North America	Europe	Asia/ Pacific			
Net sales	\$ 146,447	\$ 12,792	\$ 3,216	\$ (246)	\$ 157	\$ 162,366	
Cost of sales	80,750	2,643	3,078	330	118	86,919	
Gross profit	65,697	10,149	138	(576)	39	75,447	
Research and development and other engineering expense	5,715	700	384	10	(5)	6,804	
Selling expense	15,946	2,218	338	136	(5)	18,633	
General and administrative expense	20,001	2,751	62	(318)	2,678	25,174	
Gain on sale of assets	(5,217)	5,203	(27)	(5)		(46)	
Income from operations	29,252	(723)	(619)	(399)	(2,629)	24,882	
Income (loss) in equity method investment, before tax	(153)	4,624				4,471	
Interest income, net	110	(36)	3	29	(27)	79	
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	29,209	3,865	(616)	(370)	(2,656)	29,432	
	10,801	3,100	(119)	(67)	(3,663)	10,052	



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Provision for income taxes from continuing operations												
Income from continuing operations, net of tax	\$	18,408	\$	765	\$	(497)	\$	(303)	\$	1,007	\$	19,380

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The following table represents net sales by segment for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2011:

(in thousands)	North America	Europe	Asia/Pacific	Admin & All Other	Total
<b>Three months ended:</b>					
September 30, 2010	\$ 115,206	\$ 28,545	\$ 2,616	\$ 80	\$ 146,447
September 30, 2011	127,998	31,761	2,370	237	162,366
Increase (decrease)	12,792	3,216	(246)	157	15,919
Percentage increase (decrease)	11.1%	11.3%	(9.4)%	196.3%	10.9%

Net sales increased 10.9% from \$146.4 million in the third quarter of 2010 to \$162.4 million in the third quarter of 2011. The increase in net sales resulted from increases in both sales volume and average prices, as average prices increased 4.2% as compared to the third quarter of 2010. The Company had income, net of tax, of \$19.4 million for the third quarter of 2011 compared to income, net of tax, of \$18.4 million for the third quarter of 2010. Diluted income, net of tax, per common share was \$0.40 for the third quarter of 2011 compared to diluted income, net of tax, of \$0.37 per common share for the third quarter of 2010.

In the third quarter of 2011, sales increased throughout North America and in Europe. Sales increased in the United States with above-average increases in the western, excluding California, midwestern and southeastern regions, as compared to the third quarter of 2010. Sales to contractor distributors, dealer distributors and lumber dealers increased, although economic conditions remain challenging, and sales to home centers decreased. The sales increase was broad-based across most of the Company's major product lines as compared to the third quarter of 2010.

The following table represents gross profit by segment for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2011:

(in thousands)	North America	Europe	Asia/Pacific	Admin & All Other	Total
<b>Three months ended:</b>					
September 30, 2010	\$ 54,113	\$ 10,790	\$ 657	\$ 137	\$ 65,697
September 30, 2011	64,262	10,928	81	176	75,447
Increase (decrease)	10,149	138	(576)	39	9,750
Percentage increase (decrease)	18.8%	1.3%	(87.7)%	28.5%	14.8%

Gross margins increased from 44.9% in the third quarter of 2010 to 46.5% in the third quarter of 2011, primarily due to lower manufacturing costs, including slightly lower costs of material and labor, partly offset by increased factory overhead costs. Steel prices increased from their levels in mid-2010, as steel mills have been raising prices as demand returns to global steel markets. The Company expects steel prices to remain at current levels for the remainder of 2011. The Company's inventories increased 13.0% from \$152.3 million at December 31, 2010, to \$172.1 million at September 30, 2011.

Research and development and other engineering expense increased 19.1% from \$5.7 million in the third quarter of 2010 to \$6.8 million in the third quarter of 2011, including increases in professional fees of \$0.4 million, personnel costs of \$0.4 million and cash profit sharing of \$0.3 million. Selling expense increased 16.8% from \$15.9 million in the third quarter of 2010 to \$18.6 million in the third quarter of 2011, including increases in personnel costs of \$1.9 million and cash profit sharing and commissions of \$1.1 million, partly offset by a decrease in promotional costs of \$0.3 million. General and administrative expense increased 25.9% from \$20.0 million in the third quarter of 2010 to \$25.2 million in the

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third quarter of 2011, including increases in professional and legal fees of \$3.2 million, personnel costs of \$1.0 million and cash profit sharing of \$0.7 million. General and administrative professional fees incurred during the third quarter of 2011 included fees to identify and analyze potential acquisition targets. The Company also accrued an expense of \$1.1 million in the quarter related to an anticipated legal settlement. The changes in operating costs were mostly attributable to the North American segment. During the third quarter of 2011, the Company purchased the software assets of Keymark valued at \$11.5 million for \$6.2 million in net cash payments and its 46.05% equity interest in Keymark. The transactions resulted in a gain of \$4.3 million based on the difference between the fair value of the Company's investment in Keymark less its carrying value of \$1.0 million. The acquired software is used by customers of the Company in designing and engineering residential structures. The Company was also repaid \$0.5 million for a loan it made to Keymark in December 2009. As of September 30, 2011, the Company no longer had an equity interest in Keymark or any remaining receivables from Keymark. The Company's effective tax rate was 34.2% in the third quarter of 2011, as compared to 37.0% in the third quarter of 2010, primarily due to the release of valuation allowances related to the liquidation of the equity interest in Keymark.

Results of Continuing Operations for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011, Compared with the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010

Income from operations decreased 14.8% from \$80.3 million in the first nine months of 2010 to \$68.4 million in the first nine months of 2011. The following table illustrates the change in the Company's continuing operations from the nine months ended September 30, 2010, to the nine months ended September 30, 2011, and the increases or decreases for each category by segment.

(in thousands)	Continuing Operations 2010	Nine Months Ended September 30, Increase (Decrease) in Operating Segment				Continuing Operations 2011
		North America	Europe	Asia/Pacific	Admin & All Other	
Net sales	\$ 435,881	\$ 21,032	\$ 15,069	\$ 98	\$ 633	\$ 472,713
Cost of sales	239,370	3,372	11,368	1,701	1,008	256,819
Gross profit	196,511	17,660	3,701	(1,603)	(375)	215,894
Research and development and other engineering expense	16,156	2,742	861	(7)	(9)	19,743
Selling expense	47,429	6,173	1,534	412	(21)	55,527
General and administrative expense	57,457	11,598	1,708	(648)	2,135	72,250
Loss (gain) on sale of assets	(4,813)	1,199	(282)	(6)	3,903	1
Income from operations	80,282	(4,052)	(120)	(1,354)	(6,383)	68,373
Income (loss) in equity method investment, before tax	(429)	4,818				4,389
Interest income, net	148	73	51	53	(67)	258
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	80,001	839	(69)	(1,301)	6,450	73,020
Provision for income taxes from continuing operations	30,704	(1,641)	757	(240)	(2,511)	27,069
Income from continuing operations, net of tax	\$ 49,297	\$ 2,480	\$ (826)	\$ (1,061)	\$ (3,939)	\$ 45,951

The following table represents net sales by segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2011:

(in thousands)	North America	Europe	Asia/Pacific	Admin & All Other	Total
Nine months ended:					
September 30, 2010	\$ 350,700	\$ 78,137	\$ 6,964	\$ 80	\$ 435,881
September 30, 2011	371,732	93,206	7,062	713	472,713
Increase	21,032	15,069	98	633	36,832
Percentage increase	6.0%	19.3%	1.4%	791.3%	8.5%

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In the first nine months of 2011, net sales increased 8.5% to \$472.7 million as compared to net sales of \$435.9 million in the first nine months of 2010. The increase in net sales resulted from increases in both sales volume and average prices, as average prices increased 4.7% as compared to the first nine months of 2010. The Company had income, net of tax, of \$46.0 million for the first nine months of 2011 compared to income, net of tax, of \$49.3 million for the first nine months of 2010. Diluted income, net of tax, per common share was \$0.93 for the first nine months of 2011 compared to diluted income, net of tax, of \$0.99 per common share for the first nine months of 2010.

In the first nine months of 2011, sales increased throughout most of North America and in Europe. Sales increased in the United States with above-average increases in the midwestern and southeastern regions as compared to the first nine months of 2010. Sales in Canada decreased compared to the first nine months of 2010. Sales to contractor distributors, dealer distributors, lumber dealers and home centers increased. The sales increase was broad-based across most of the Company's major product lines as compared to the first nine months of 2010, although sales of shearwalls decreased slightly.

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The following table represents gross profit by segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2011:

(in thousands)	North America	Europe	Asia/ Pacific	Admin & All Other	Total
<b>Nine months ended:</b>					
September 30, 2010	\$ 166,863	\$ 26,894	\$ 2,322	\$ 432	\$ 196,511
September 30, 2011	184,523	30,595	719	57	215,894
Increase (decrease)	17,660	3,701	(1,603)	(375)	19,383
Percentage increase (decrease)	10.6%	13.8%	(69.0)%	(86.8)%	9.9%

Gross margins increased from 45.1% in the first nine months of 2010 to 45.7% in the first nine months of 2011, primarily due to slightly lower manufacturing costs, including lower costs of material and labor, partly offset by increased factory overhead costs.

Research and development and other engineering expense increased 22.2% from \$16.2 million in the first nine months of 2010 to \$19.7 million in the first nine months of 2011, including increases in personnel costs of \$1.6 million, cash profit sharing of \$1.1 million and professional services of \$0.9 million. Selling expense increased 17.1% from \$47.4 million in the first nine months of 2010 to \$55.5 million in the first nine months of 2011, including increases in personnel costs of \$4.4 million, cash profit sharing and commissions of \$2.6 million, and promotional costs of \$0.6 million. General and administrative expense increased 25.7% from \$57.5 million in the first nine months of 2010 to \$72.3 million in the first nine months of 2011, including increases in professional and legal fees of \$5.0 million, personnel costs of \$3.6 million, cash profit sharing of \$3.0 million, impairment of available for sale assets of \$1.1 million and various other items. The Company concluded, in the second quarter of 2011, that its San Leandro facility is expected to be sold below carrying value, and therefore recorded an impairment charge of \$1.1 million, equal to the amount by which carrying value exceeds the estimated net realizable value. The changes in operating costs were mostly attributable to the North American segment. The effective tax rate was 37.1% in the first nine months of 2011, as compared to 38.4% in the first nine months of 2010.

### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The Company did not make any significant changes to its critical accounting policies and estimates during the three or nine months ended September 30, 2011, from those disclosed in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, included in the Company's 2010 Annual Report. Recent authoritative guidance issued by the FASB (including technical corrections to the ASC), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Securities and Exchange Commission did not or is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

### Liquidity and Sources of Capital

As of September 30, 2011, working capital was \$477.7 million as compared to \$496.8 million at September 30, 2010, and \$511.6 million at December 31, 2010. The decrease in working capital from December 31, 2010, was primarily due to decreases in cash and cash equivalents of \$69.9 million, other current assets of \$5.0 million and assets held for sale of \$4.0 million, and increases in accrued cash profit sharing and commissions of \$9.1 million and accrued liabilities of \$4.9 million. The decrease in cash and cash equivalents was primarily due to the repurchase of the Company's common stock for \$53.2 million during the second and third quarters of 2011. The decrease in assets held for sale was a result of the sale of two properties and the impairment of the Company's property in San Leandro, California. The increase in cash profit sharing and commissions was due to increased seasonal operating profits in the third quarter of 2011 compared to the fourth quarter of 2010.

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These decreases in working capital were partly offset by increases in net trade accounts receivable of \$29.8 million and inventories of \$19.8 million, and decreases in trade accounts payable of \$7.4 million and accrued profit sharing trust contributions of \$2.0 million. Net trade accounts receivable increased 43.6% from December 31, 2010, as a result of a seasonal increase in sales in the latter part of the third quarter of 2011 compared to the latter part of the fourth quarter of 2010. Raw material inventories increased 16.0% as compared to December 31, 2010, and in-process and finished goods inventories increased 11.0% over the same period. The balance of the change in working capital was due to the fluctuation of various other asset and liability accounts, none of which was individually material. The working capital change and changes in noncurrent assets and liabilities, combined with net income of \$46.0 million and noncash expenses,

primarily depreciation, amortization, impairment of assets held for sale and stock-based compensation charges totaling \$19.9 million, resulted in net cash used by operating activities of \$24.1 million. As of September 30, 2011, the Company had unused credit facilities available of \$204.5 million.

The Company's vacant facility in San Leandro, California, remained classified as an asset held for sale as of September 30, 2011, consistent with the classification at December 31, 2010. The Company concluded, in the quarter ended June 30, 2011, that the San Leandro facility is expected to be sold below carrying value, and therefore recorded an impairment charge of \$1.1 million, equal to the amount by which carrying value exceeds net estimated realizable value.

The Company's investing activities used cash of \$19.8 million and are primarily due to capital expenditures. The Company's capital expenditures were primarily to acquire machinery and equipment for its operations in North America, to improve its facility in San Bernardino, California, and to acquire real estate in Germany, and the cash received was primarily from the sale of facilities in Visalia, California, and in France. The Company estimates that its full-year capital spending will total \$30 million in 2011.

In October 2011, the Company entered into an agreement to purchase all of the shares of S&P Clever Reinforcement Company AG and S&P Reinforcement International AG, both companies incorporated under the laws of Switzerland (collectively, S&P Clever), for 54 million Swiss Francs (equivalent, at the exchange rate on October 26, 2011, to \$61.4 million), subject to post-closing adjustments. S&P Clever manufactures and sells engineered materials to repair, strengthen, and restore concrete and masonry construction and has operations in Switzerland, Germany, Portugal, Poland, The Netherlands and Austria. The transaction is expected to close in January 2012.

The Company's financing activities used net cash of \$70.4 million. The repurchase of 1.9 million shares of the Company's common stock in the amount of \$53.2 million and the payments of cash dividends in the amount of \$17.3 million were the primary uses of cash. In October 2011, the Company's Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.125 per share, estimated to total \$6.0 million, to be paid on January 26, 2012, to stockholders of record on January 5, 2012. The Company has \$46.8 million remaining of its common stock repurchase authorization for 2011.

The Company believes that cash generated by operations and borrowings available under its credit facility will be sufficient for the Company's working capital needs and planned capital expenditures for the next 12 months. Depending, however, on the Company's future growth and possible acquisitions, it may become necessary to secure additional sources of financing, which may not be available on reasonable terms, or at all.

The Company believes that the effect of inflation on the Company has not been material in recent years, as general inflation rates have remained relatively low. Because, however, the Company's main raw material is steel, increases in steel prices may adversely affect the Company's gross margins if it cannot recover the higher costs through price increases.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.**

The Company has foreign exchange rate risk in its international operations, primarily Europe and Canada, and through purchases from foreign vendors. The Company does not currently hedge this risk. If the exchange rate were to change by 10% in any one country or currency where the Company has operations, the change in net income would not be material to the Company's operations as a whole. The translation adjustment



resulted in a decrease in accumulated other comprehensive income of \$13.9 million and \$3.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011. The translation adjustment in the third quarter was primarily due to the effect of the strengthening of the United States dollar in relation to the Canadian and European currencies. The translation adjustment in the nine-month period was primarily due to the effect of the strengthening of the United States dollar in relation to the Canadian currency, partly offset by the weakening of the United States dollar in relation to most European currencies.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures.**

*Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* As of September 30, 2011, an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the chief executive officer ( CEO ) and the chief financial officer ( CFO ). Based on that evaluation, the CEO and the CFO concluded that the Company's disclosure controls

and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level as of that date and that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures at that date were designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, including ensuring that information required to be disclosed by the Company in such reports is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the CEO and the CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

The Company's management, including the CEO and the CFO, does not, however, expect that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures or the Company's internal control over financial reporting will necessarily prevent all fraud and material errors. An internal control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. In addition, the design of a control system must reflect the facts that there are resource constraints and that the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. The inherent limitations in an internal control system include the realities that judgments can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Controls also can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of controls. The design of any system of internal control is also based in part on assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential events and conditions. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in circumstances, or the degree of compliance with the policies and procedures may deteriorate.

*Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting.* During the three months ended September 30, 2011, the Company made no changes to its internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

From time to time, the Company is involved in various legal proceedings and other matters arising in the normal course of business.

Four lawsuits (the Cases) have been filed against the Company in the Hawaii First Circuit Court: *Alvarez v. Haseko Homes, Inc. and Simpson Manufacturing, Inc.*, Civil No. 09-1-2697-11 (Case 1); *Ke Noho Kai Development, LLC v. Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc., and Honolulu Wood Treating Co., LTD.*, Case No. 09-1-1491-06 SSM (Case 2); *North American Specialty Ins. Co. v. Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc. and K.C. Metal Products, Inc.*, Case No. 09-1-1490-06 VSM (Case 3); and *Charles et al. v. Haseko Homes, Inc. et al. and Third Party Plaintiffs Haseko Homes, Inc. et al. v. Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc., et al.*, Civil No. 09-1-1932-08 (Case 4). Case 1 was filed on November 18, 2009. Cases 2 and 3 were originally filed on June 30, 2009. Case 4 was filed on August 19, 2009. The Cases all relate to alleged premature corrosion of the Company's strap tie holdown products installed in buildings in a housing development known as Ocean Pointe in Honolulu, Hawaii, allegedly causing property damage. Case 1 is a class action brought by the owners of allegedly affected Ocean Pointe houses. Case 1 was originally filed as *Kai et al. v. Haseko Homes, Inc., Haseko Construction, Inc. and Simpson Manufacturing, Inc.*, Case No. 09-1-1476, but was voluntarily dismissed and then re-filed with a new representative plaintiff. Case 2 is an action by the builders and developers of Ocean Pointe against the Company, claiming that either the Company's strap tie holdowns are defective in design or manufacture or the Company failed to provide adequate warnings regarding the products' susceptibility to corrosion in certain environments. Case 3 is a subrogation action brought by the insurance company for the builders and developers against the Company claiming the insurance company expended funds to correct problems allegedly caused by the Company's products. Case 4 is a putative class action brought, like Case 1, by owners of allegedly affected Ocean Pointe homes. In Case 4, Haseko Homes, Inc. (Haseko), the developer of the Ocean Pointe development, has brought a third party complaint against the Company alleging that any damages for which Haseko may be liable are actually the fault of the Company. None of the

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Cases alleges a specific amount of damages sought, although each of the Cases seeks compensatory damages, and Case 1 seeks punitive damages. The Company is currently investigating the facts underlying the claims asserted in the Cases, including, among other things, the cause of the alleged corrosion; the severity of any problems shown to exist; the buildings affected; the responsibility of the general contractor, various subcontractors and other construction professionals for the alleged damages; the amount, if any, of damages suffered; and the costs of repair, if needed. At this time, the likelihood that the Company will be found liable for any

property damage allegedly suffered and the extent of such liability, if any, are unknown. Management believes the Cases may not be resolved for an extended period. The Company intends to defend itself vigorously in connection with the Cases.

Based on facts currently known to the Company, the Company believes that all or part of the claims alleged in the Cases may be covered by its insurance policies. On April 19, 2011, an action was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, *National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA v. Simpson Manufacturing Company, Inc., et al.*, Civil No. 11-00254 ACK. In this action, Plaintiff National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ( National Union ), which issued certain Commercial General Liability insurance policies to the Company, seeks declaratory relief in the Cases with respect to its obligations to defend or indemnify the Company, Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc., and a vendor of the Company's strap tie holdown products. The Company has moved to dismiss or stay, or transfer, National Union's action. If the National Union action is not dismissed, the Company intends vigorously to defend all claims advanced by National Union and to assert all of its own claims against National Union.

*Nishimura v. Gentry Homes, Ltd; Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.; and Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc.*, Civil no. 11-1-1522-07, was filed in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit of Hawaii on July 20, 2011. The case alleges premature corrosion of the Company's strap tie holdown products in a housing development at Ewa Beach in Honolulu, Hawaii. The case is a putative class action brought by owners of allegedly affected homes. The Complaint alleges that the Company's strap products and mudsill anchors are insufficiently corrosion resistant and/or fail to comply with Honolulu's building code. The Company is currently investigating the claims asserted in the complaint, including, among other things: the existence and extent of the alleged corrosion, if any; the building code provisions alleged to be applicable and, if applicable, whether the products complied; the buildings affected; the responsibility of the general contractor, various subcontractors and other construction professionals for the alleged damages; the amount, if any, of damages suffered; and the costs of repair, if any are needed. At this time, the likelihood that the Company will be found liable for any damage allegedly suffered and the extent of such liability, if any, are unknown. The Company has not yet been formally served with the Complaint, but denies any liability of any kind and intends to defend itself vigorously in this case.

The Company is not engaged in any other legal proceedings as of the date hereof, which the Company expects individually or in the aggregate to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, cash flows or results of operations. The resolution of claims and litigation is subject to inherent uncertainty and could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, cash flows or results of operations.

#### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

We are affected by risks specific to us, as well as risks that generally affect businesses operating in global markets. Some of the significant factors that could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results appear in Item 1A. Risk Factors of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K (available at [www.simpsonmfg.com/docs/10K-2010.pdf](http://www.simpsonmfg.com/docs/10K-2010.pdf) or [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)).

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.**

In February 2011, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to repurchase up to \$100.0 million of the Company's common stock. This replaced the \$50.0 million repurchase authorization from December 2009. The authorization will remain in effect through the end of 2011. The following table presents the monthly purchases by the Company during the third quarter of 2011:

Period	(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased	(b) Average Price Paid per Share	(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	(d) Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased under the Plans or Programs
September 2011	120,400	\$ 26.02	120,400	\$46.8 million
Total	120,400			

**Item 6. Exhibits.**

The following exhibits are either incorporated by reference into this report or filed with this report, as indicated below.

- 3.1 Certificate of Incorporation of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc., as amended, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.
- 3.2 Bylaws of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc., as amended through December 13, 2010, are incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of its Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 16, 2010.
- 4.1 Amended Rights Agreement dated as of June 15, 2009, between Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., which includes as Exhibit B the form of Rights Certificate, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A dated June 15, 2009.
- 4.2 Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of Series A Participating Preferred Stock of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc., dated July 30, 1999, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of its Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated August 4, 1999.
- 4.3 Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan for Salaried Employees is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8, File Number 333-173811, dated April 29, 2011.
- 4.4 Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan for Hourly Employees is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8, File Number 333-173811, dated April 29, 2011.
- 10.1 Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. 1994 Stock Option Plan, as amended through February 13, 2008, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008.

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- 10.2 Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. 1995 Independent Director Stock Option Plan, as amended through November 18, 2004, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008.

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- 10.3 Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. Executive Officer Cash Profit Sharing Plan, as amended through February 25, 2008, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008.
- 10.4 Credit Agreement dated as of October 10, 2007, among Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. as Borrower, the Lenders party thereto, Wells Fargo Bank as Agent, and Simpson Strong Tie Company Inc., and Simpson Strong-Tie International, Inc. as Guarantors, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2010.
- 10.5 Form of Indemnification Agreement between Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. and its directors and executive officers, as well as the officers of Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004.
- 10.6 Compensation of Named Executive Officers is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10 of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 8, 2011.
- 10.7 Compensation of Named Executive Officers is incorporated by reference to Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. s Schedule 14A Proxy Statement dated March 10, 2011.
- 10.8 Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. 2011 Incentive Plan is incorporated by reference to Exhibit A of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. s Schedule 14A Proxy Statement dated March 10, 2011.
- 10.9 Share Purchase Agreement dated as of October 26, 2011, between Josef Scherer and Yvonne Scherer, owners of S&P Clever Reinforcement Company AG and S&P Reinforcement International AG, both companies incorporated under the laws of Switzerland, on the one hand, and Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc., on the other hand, is filed herewith.
31. Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications are filed herewith.
32. Section 1350 Certifications are filed herewith.
- 99.1 Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. 1994 Employee Stock Bonus Plan, as amended through November 18, 2004, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.
- 101 Financial statements from the quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. for the quarter ended September 30, 2011, formatted in XBRL, are filed herewith and include: (i) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders Equity, (iv) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and (v) the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**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.

**Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.**  
(Registrant)

**DATE:** November 8, 2011

By /s/Karen Colonias

Karen Colonias  
Chief Financial Officer  
(principal accounting and financial officer)