
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2012

OR

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

Commission file number 1-10239

PLUM CREEK TIMBER COMPANY, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Organized in the
State of Delaware**

**I.R.S. Employer Identification No.
91-1912863**

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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 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.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer 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 outstanding shares of the registrant's common stock, as of April 30, 2012 was 161,492,710.

**PLUM CREEK TIMBER COMPANY, INC.
QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q
For the Quarter ended March 31, 2012**

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PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**PLUM CREEK TIMBER COMPANY, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(UNAUDITED)**

(In Millions, Except Per Share Amounts)	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
REVENUES:		
Timber	\$ 155	\$ 141
Real Estate	100	62
Manufacturing	76	67
Other	6	5
Total Revenues	<u>337</u>	<u>275</u>
COSTS AND EXPENSES:		
Cost of Goods Sold:		
Timber	121	107
Real Estate	68	22
Manufacturing	70	61
Other	—	—
Total Cost of Goods Sold	<u>259</u>	<u>190</u>
Selling, General and Administrative	28	28
Total Costs and Expenses	<u>287</u>	<u>218</u>
Other Operating Income (Expense), net	—	3
Operating Income	50	60
Equity Earnings from Timberland Venture	13	14
Interest Expense, net:		
Interest Expense (Debt Obligations to Unrelated Parties)	21	21
Interest Expense (Note Payable to Timberland Venture)	14	14
Total Interest Expense, net	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>
Income before Income Taxes	28	39
Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes	(1)	1
Net Income	<u>\$ 29</u>	<u>\$ 38</u>
PER SHARE AMOUNTS:		
Net Income per Share – Basic	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.23
Net Income per Share – Diluted	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.23
Dividends Declared – per Common Share Outstanding	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.42
Weighted-Average Number of Shares Outstanding		
– Basic	161.4	161.8
– Diluted	161.7	162.1

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

PLUM CREEK TIMBER COMPANY, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(UNAUDITED)

(In Millions)	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
NET INCOME	\$ 29	\$ 38
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES:		
Defined Benefit Pension Plans		
Amortization of Actuarial Loss Reclassified to Pension Expense	1	—
Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Grantor Trust Assets		
Unrealized Holding Gains (Losses) Arising During Period	2	1
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Before Tax	3	1
Income Tax Expense (Benefit) Related to Items of Other Comprehensive Income	—	—
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) After Tax	3	1
Comprehensive Income	\$ 32	\$ 39

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

PLUM CREEK TIMBER COMPANY, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(UNAUDITED)

(In Millions, Except Per Share Amounts)	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 273	\$ 254
Accounts Receivable	38	28
Inventories	50	48
Deferred Tax Asset	6	6
Assets Held for Sale	39	103
Other Current Assets	18	15
	<u>424</u>	<u>454</u>
Timber and Timberlands, net	3,475	3,377
Property, Plant and Equipment, net	135	138
Equity Investment in Timberland Venture	186	201
Deferred Tax Asset	18	17
Investment in Grantor Trusts (at Fair Value)	38	36
Other Assets	38	36
Total Assets	<u>\$ 4,314</u>	<u>\$ 4,259</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	\$ 176	\$ 352
Line of Credit	451	348
Accounts Payable	27	25
Interest Payable	24	26
Wages Payable	7	20
Taxes Payable	11	9
Deferred Revenue	23	27
Other Current Liabilities	9	8
	<u>728</u>	<u>815</u>
Long-Term Debt	1,467	1,290
Note Payable to Timberland Venture	783	783
Other Liabilities	105	108
Total Liabilities	<u>3,083</u>	<u>2,996</u>
Commitments and Contingencies		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred Stock, \$0.01 Par Value, Authorized Shares – 75.0, Outstanding – None	—	—
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value, Authorized Shares – 300.6, Outstanding (net of Treasury Stock) – 161.5 at March 31, 2012 and 161.3 at December 31, 2011	2	2
Additional Paid-In Capital	2,266	2,261
Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	(67)	(28)
Treasury Stock, at Cost, Common Shares – 26.9 at March 31, 2012 and 26.9 at December 31, 2011	(938)	(937)
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	(32)	(35)
Total Stockholders' Equity	<u>1,231</u>	<u>1,263</u>
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	<u>\$ 4,314</u>	<u>\$ 4,259</u>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

PLUM CREEK TIMBER COMPANY, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)

(In Millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Income	\$ 29	\$ 38
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities:		
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	27	22
Basis of Real Estate Sold	63	19
Equity Earnings from Timberland Venture	(13)	(14)
Distributions from Timberland Venture	28	28
Deferred Income Taxes	(1)	3
Deferred Revenue from Long-Term Gas Leases (Net of Amortization)	(2)	7
Timber Deed Acquired	(98)	—
Working Capital Changes	(30)	(30)
Other	3	3
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	6	76
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Capital Expenditures (Excluding Timberland Acquisitions)	(18)	(12)
Timberlands and Minerals Acquired	(2)	—
Other	(1)	—
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	(21)	(12)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Dividends	(68)	(68)
Borrowings on Line of Credit	759	245
Repayments on Line of Credit	(656)	(196)
Debt Issuance Costs	(3)	—
Principal Payments and Retirement of Long-Term Debt	—	(49)
Proceeds from Stock Option Exercises	3	7
Acquisition of Treasury Stock	(1)	(1)
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Financing Activities	34	(62)
Increase (Decrease) In Cash and Cash Equivalents	19	2
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
Beginning of Period	254	252
End of Period	\$ 273	\$ 254

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

PLUM CREEK TIMBER COMPANY, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

General. When we refer to “Plum Creek,” “the company,” “we,” “us,” or “our,” we mean Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., a Delaware Corporation and a real estate investment trust, or “REIT,” and all of its wholly-owned consolidated subsidiaries.

The consolidated financial statements include all of the accounts of Plum Creek and its subsidiaries. At March 31, 2012, the company owned and managed approximately 6.6 million acres of timberlands in the Northwest, Southern, and Northeast United States, and owned 8 wood product conversion facilities in the Northwest United States (2 of which have been indefinitely curtailed). Included in the 6.6 million acres are about 900,000 acres of higher value timberlands, which are expected to be sold and/or developed over the next fifteen years for recreational, conservation or residential purposes. Included within the 900,000 acres of higher value timberlands are approximately 700,000 acres we expect to sell for recreational uses, approximately 100,000 acres we expect to sell for conservation and approximately 100,000 acres that are identified as having development potential. In addition, the company has approximately 300,000 acres of non-strategic timberlands, which are expected to be sold in smaller acreage transactions over the near and medium term. In the meantime, all of our timberlands continue to be managed productively in our business of growing and selling timber.

Plum Creek has elected to be taxed as a REIT under sections 856-860 of the United States Internal Revenue Code and, as such, generally does not pay corporate-level income tax. However, the company conducts certain non-REIT activities through various taxable REIT subsidiaries, which are subject to corporate-level income tax. These activities include our manufacturing operations, the harvesting and selling of logs, and the development and/or sales of some of our higher value timberlands. Plum Creek’s overall effective tax rate is lower than the federal statutory corporate rate due to Plum Creek’s status as a REIT.

Intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated in consolidation. All transactions are denominated in United States dollars.

The consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q are unaudited and do not contain all of the information required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles to be included in a full set of financial statements. The consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2011 has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements at that date but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. The audited financial statements in the company’s 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K include a summary of significant accounting policies of the company and should be read in conjunction with this Form 10-Q. In the opinion of management, all material adjustments necessary to present fairly the results of operations for such periods have been included in this Form 10-Q. All such adjustments are of a normal and recurring nature. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for the entire year.

New Accounting Pronouncements

Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures. In 2011, the FASB amended fair value measurement and disclosure requirements. Among other things, the amendments changed certain disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. Upon adoption in the first quarter of 2012, the amendment having the most impact on the company relates to the fair value of debt disclosures. This amendment requires classification of the level within the fair value hierarchy and, for Level 2 and Level 3 measurements, a description of the valuation technique(s) and the inputs used in the fair value measurement, except that quantitative disclosures are not required. The amendments are effective for fiscal years and interim periods within those years, beginning on or after December 15, 2011. The adoption did not have a material impact on the company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. See Note 8 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Note 2. Earnings Per Share

The following table sets forth the reconciliation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the **quarterly periods ended March 31** (in millions, except per share amounts):

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Net Income Available to Common Stockholders	\$ 29	\$ 38
Denominator for Basic Earnings per Share	161.4	161.8
Effect of Dilutive Securities – Stock Options	0.3	0.3
Effect of Dilutive Securities – Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units and Value Management Plan	—	—
Denominator for Diluted Earnings per Share – Adjusted for Dilutive Securities	161.7	162.1
Per Share Amounts:		
Net Income Per Share – Basic	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.23
Net Income Per Share – Diluted	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.23

Under the company's Stock Incentive Plan, the company grants restricted stock units, which prior to vesting, are entitled to non-forfeitable cash payments equal to dividends paid on the company's common shares. These awards are considered participating securities for purposes of computing basic and diluted earnings per share.

Antidilutive options were excluded for certain periods from the computation of diluted earnings per share because the exercise prices of the options were greater than the average market price of the common shares. Antidilutive options were as follows for the **quarterly periods ended March 31** (shares in millions):

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Number of Options	1.1	0.9
Range of Exercise Prices	\$41.55 to \$43.23	\$41.55 to \$43.23
Expiration on or before	February 2021	February 2021

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Note 3. Inventories

Inventories, accounted for using the lower of average cost or market, consisted of the following (in millions):

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Raw Materials (primarily logs)	\$ 10	\$ 10
Work-In-Process	1	1
Finished Goods	26	24
	37	35
Supplies	13	13
Total	\$ 50	\$ 48

Note 4. Timber and Timberlands

Timber and Timberlands consisted of the following (in millions):

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Timber and Logging Roads, net	\$ 2,232	\$ 2,232
Timber Deed, net	102	5
Timberlands	1,141	1,140
Timber and Timberlands, net	\$ 3,475	\$ 3,377

In January 2012, the company purchased a timber deed in the Southern Resources Segment for \$103 million, \$5 million of which was paid as a deposit in December 2011. The timber deed encompasses approximately 4.7 million tons of standing timber and will be harvested, along with future growth, over the eight-year term of the deed. The timber deed purchase price has been reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows as an outflow under Cash Provided by Operating Activities.

Note 5. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, Plant and Equipment consisted of the following (in millions):

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Land, Buildings and Improvements	\$ 86	\$ 86
Machinery and Equipment	314	315
	400	401
Accumulated Depreciation	(265)	(263)
Property, Plant and Equipment, net	\$ 135	\$ 138

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Note 6. Borrowings

Debt consisted of the following (in millions):

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Variable Rate Debt		
Term Credit Agreement ^(A)	\$ 350	\$ 350
Revolving Line of Credit ^(B)	451	348
Fixed Rate Debt		
Senior Notes	1,293	1,292
Note Payable to Timberland Venture	783	783
Total Debt	2,877	2,773
Less:		
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	176	352
Line of Credit	451	348
Long-Term Portion	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,073

- (A) The interest rate on the \$350 million term credit agreement was 0.62% and 0.65% as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. This agreement matures July 10, 2012. The \$350 million term credit agreement has been classified as Long-Term Debt in our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2012 because the company has the ability and intent, as described below, to refinance this borrowing on a long-term basis.

On March 2, 2012, the company entered into a \$450 million term credit agreement that matures on April 3, 2019. The company expects to borrow the full \$450 million under the term loan agreement on or about July 10, 2012, the maturity date of the currently outstanding \$350 million term loan. The interest rate on the \$450 million term credit agreement is based on LIBOR plus 1.50%. In addition, the company expects to receive patronage refunds under the term loan agreement. Patronage refunds are distributions of profits from banks in the farm credit system, which are cooperatives that are required to distribute profits to their members. The company expects that, after giving effect to patronage distributions, the effective net interest rate on the term loan will be LIBOR plus approximately 1%. The term loan agreement is subject to covenants that are substantially the same as those of our revolving line of credit.

- (B) On March 2, 2012, the company terminated its previous \$600 million revolving line of credit due to mature on January 30, 2015 and entered into a new \$700 million revolving line of credit agreement that matures on April 3, 2017. Subject to customary covenants, the line of credit allows for borrowings from time to time up to \$700 million, including up to \$100 million of standby letters of credit. Borrowings on the line of credit fluctuate daily based on cash needs. The interest rate on the line of credit is currently LIBOR plus 1.25%, including the facility fee. This rate can range from LIBOR plus 1% to LIBOR plus 2% depending on our debt ratings.

The weighted-average interest rate for the borrowings on the line of credit was 1.44% and 1.96% as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. As of March 31, 2012, we had \$451 million of borrowings and \$2 million of standby letters of credit outstanding; \$247 million remained available for borrowing under our \$700 million line of credit. As of April 2, 2012, \$262 million of the borrowings under our line of credit was repaid.

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Note 7. Stockholders' Equity

The changes in the company's stockholders' equity accounts were as follows during **2012** (in millions):

	Common Stock		Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Equity
	Shares	Dollars					
January 1, 2012	161.3	\$ 2	\$ 2,261	\$ (28)	\$ (937)	\$ (35)	\$ 1,263
Net Income				29			29
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)						3	3
Dividends				(68)			(68)
Stock Option Exercises	0.1	—	3				3
Shares Issued under Stock Incentive Plans	0.1	—	—				—
Share-based Compensation			2				2
Common Stock Repurchased	—	—			(1)		(1)
March 31, 2012	161.5	\$ 2	\$ 2,266	\$ (67)	\$ (938)	\$ (32)	\$ 1,231

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Note 8. Fair Value Measurements

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis. The company's fair value measurements of its financial instruments, measured on a recurring basis, are categorized as Level 1 measurements under the fair value hierarchy in the Accounting Standards Codification. A Level 1 valuation is based on quoted prices in active markets at the measurement date for identical unrestricted assets or liabilities. Summarized below are the Level 1 assets reported in the company's financial statements at fair value, measured on a recurring basis (in millions):

	Balance at March 31, 2012	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using Quoted Prices in Active Markets of Identical Assets (Level 1 Measurements)
Cash Equivalents ^(A)	\$ 272	\$ 272
Available-for-Sale Securities ^(B)	33	33
Trading Securities ^(B)	5	5
Total	<u>\$ 310</u>	<u>\$ 310</u>

	Balance at December 31, 2011	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using Quoted Prices in Active Markets of Identical Assets (Level 1 Measurements)
Cash Equivalents ^(A)	\$ 253	\$ 253
Available-for-Sale Securities ^(B)	31	31
Trading Securities ^(B)	5	5
Total	<u>\$ 289</u>	<u>\$ 289</u>

(A) Consists of several money market funds and is included in the \$273 million and \$254 million of Cash and Cash Equivalents in the Consolidated Balance Sheets at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.

(B) Consists of several mutual funds and is included in Investment in Grantor Trusts in the Consolidated Balance Sheets at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011. At March 31, 2012, investments in these mutual funds were approximately 45% in domestic (U.S.) equities, 25% in international equities and 30% in debt securities.

Available-for-Sale Securities. Certain investments in the grantor trusts relate to the company's non-qualified pension plans and are classified as available-for-sale securities. The company has invested in various money market, debt and equity mutual funds and plans to use these investments to fund its non-qualified pension obligations. Unrealized holding gains and losses are included as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income. The company records changes in unrealized holding gains and losses in Other Comprehensive Income, unless an other than temporary impairment has occurred, which is then charged to expense. Changes in the fair value of available-for-sale securities were not material to the company's financial position or results of operations.

Trading Securities. Certain investments in the grantor trusts relate to the company's deferred compensation plans and are classified as trading securities. Deferred compensation amounts are invested in various money market, debt and equity mutual funds. The company plans to use these investments to fund deferred compensation obligations. Realized gains and losses and changes in unrealized gains and losses (and a corresponding amount of compensation expense) are recognized in the company's Consolidated Statements of Income. Deferred compensation obligations are included in Other Liabilities and were \$5 million at March 31, 2012 and \$5 million at December 31, 2011. Changes in the fair value of trading securities were not material to the company's financial position or results of operations.

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Other Instruments. The carrying amount of notes receivable approximates fair value due to the short-term maturities of these instruments. Summarized below is the carrying amount and fair value of the company's debt (estimated using the discounted cash flows method) at March 31, 2012, along with the categorization under the fair value hierarchy in the Accounting Standards Codification (in millions):

	Carrying Amount	Fair Value			Total
		Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Public Debt ^(A)	\$ 1,030	\$ —	\$ 1,102	\$ —	\$ 1,102
Private Debt ^(B)	263	—	278	—	278
Term Credit Agreement ^(C)	350	—	350	—	350
Line of Credit ^(D)	451	—	451	—	451
Note Payable to Timberland Venture ^(E)	783	—	—	923	923
Total Debt	\$ 2,877	\$ —	\$ 2,181	\$ 923	\$ 3,104

- (A) Fair value of the company's Public Debt (publicly issued Senior Notes) is estimated using multiple market quotes for the company's public bonds.
- (B) Fair value of the company's Private Debt (Senior Notes with various maturities and fixed interest rates which are privately placed with various lenders) is estimated using market quotes for the company's Public Debt adjusted for the different maturities and an illiquidity premium.
- (C) Fair value is estimated by adjusting the spread over LIBOR to a current market quote for comparable debt.
- (D) Fair value is estimated by adjusting the spread over LIBOR to a current market quote for comparable credit lines.
- (E) Fair value is estimated by using market quotes for the company's Public Debt adjusted by an estimated risk premium for holding company debt and the different maturity.

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis. There were no fair value measurements of assets or liabilities measured on a nonrecurring basis during the three-month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011.

Note 9. Employee Pension Plans

The components of pension cost were as follows for the **quarterly periods ended March 31** (in millions):

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Service Cost	\$ 2	\$ 2
Interest Cost	2	2
Expected Return on Plan Assets	(2)	(2)
Recognized Actuarial Loss	1	—
Total Pension Cost	\$ 3	\$ 2

Note 10. Commitments and Contingencies

Contingencies. The company is subject to regulations regarding forest, harvest and manufacturing practices and is, from time to time, involved in various legal proceedings, including environmental and regulatory matters, incidental to its business. Reserves have been established for any probable losses.

Unrecorded Contingencies. Management currently believes that resolving pending legal proceedings against the company, individually or in aggregate, will not have a material adverse impact on our financial position or results of operations. However, these matters are subject to inherent uncertainties and management's view on these matters may change in the future. Were an unfavorable final outcome in one or multiple legal proceedings to occur, there exists the possibility of a material adverse impact on our financial position and the results of operations for the period in which any unfavorable outcome becomes reasonably estimable.

Note 11. Variable Interest Entities

In 2008, the company contributed 454,000 acres of timberlands located in its Southern Resources Segment to Southern Diversified Timber, LLC ("the Timberland Venture") in exchange for a \$705 million preferred interest and a 9% common interest valued at \$78 million. The Timberland Venture's other member, an affiliate of The Campbell Group LLC, contributed \$783 million of cash in exchange for 91% of the Timberland Venture's common interest. Following the contribution, the company borrowed \$783 million from the Timberland Venture ("Note Payable to Timberland Venture"). The company accounts for its interest in the Timberland Venture under the equity method of accounting.

The Timberland Venture is a variable interest entity. The primary operating activities of the Timberland Venture consist of owning timberlands and entering into cutting contracts with an affiliate of the other member. Besides quarterly interest payments on the Note Payable to Timberland Venture, the company has not provided financing or other support to the venture. The venture is financed by a \$15 million line of credit obtained by the Timberland Venture.

We are not the primary beneficiary of the Timberland Venture. The company does not manage the day-to-day operations of the Timberland Venture, it has only limited protective rights and its involvement is generally limited to receiving distributions on its preferred and common interests. We are not the primary beneficiary because we do not direct the activities that most significantly impact the Timberland Venture's economic performance. We believe that the activities that most significantly impact the Timberland Venture's economic performance include managing the timberlands along with the timing and extent of the harvesting activities, neither of which we control.

The carrying amount of the investment is \$186 million at March 31, 2012 and \$201 million at December 31, 2011, and it is reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as Equity Investment in Timberland Venture. Our maximum exposure to loss is \$186 million, the carrying amount of the investment. Generally, losses are first allocated among the common interests based on positive capital accounts in which we hold a 9% common interest. No losses are allocated to our preferred interest (\$705 million) until the common interests have absorbed losses of approximately \$861 million.

Note 12. Summarized Income Statement Information of Unconsolidated Subsidiary

The earnings of the Timberland Venture are a significant component of consolidated earnings. See Note 11 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Equity earnings for the Timberland Venture were \$13 million for the three-month period ending March 31, 2012, and were \$14 million for the three-month period ending March 31, 2011. Equity earnings includes the amortization of the difference between the book value of the company's investment and its proportionate share of the Timberland Venture's net assets of \$3 million and \$1 million for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Furthermore, interest expense in connection with the loan from the Timberland Venture was \$14 million for each of the three-month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011. The table below presents summarized income statement information for the Timberland Venture for the **three months ended March 31** (in millions):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Revenues	\$ 4	\$ 4
Cost of Goods Sold ^(A)	5	4
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses	3	1
Operating Income (Loss)	(4)	(1)
Interest Income, net	14	14
Net Income before Allocation to Preferred and Common Interests	<u>\$ 10</u>	<u>\$ 13</u>

(A) Cost of Goods Sold includes Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization of \$4 million for each of the three-month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011.

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Note 13. Segment Information

The tables below present information about reported segments for the **quarterly periods ended March 31** (in millions):

	Northern Resources	Southern Resources	Real Estate	Manufactured Products	Other ^(A)	Total ^(B)
Quarter Ended March 31, 2012						
External Revenues	\$ 58	\$ 97	\$ 100	\$ 76	\$ 6	\$ 337
Intersegment Revenues	6	—	—	—	—	6
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	7	15	—	4	—	26
Basis of Real Estate Sold	—	—	63	—	—	63
Other Operating Gain	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operating Income	6	21	30	4	5	66
Quarter Ended March 31, 2011						
External Revenues	\$ 52	\$ 89	\$ 62	\$ 67	\$ 5	\$ 275
Intersegment Revenues	3	—	—	—	—	3
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	6	12	—	3	—	21
Basis of Real Estate Sold	—	—	19	—	—	19
Other Operating Gain	—	—	—	—	2	2
Operating Income	7	19	38	4	7	75

(A) During the first quarter of 2011, the company received a payment of \$2 million for the settlement of a dispute related to certain mineral rights. The \$2 million payment is reported as Other Operating Gain in our Other Segment and is included in Other Operating Income (Expense), net in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

(B) Consolidated depreciation, depletion and amortization includes unallocated corporate expense of \$1 million for each of the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011.

A reconciliation of total segment operating income to income before income taxes is presented below for the **quarterly periods ended March 31** (in millions):

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Total Segment Operating Income	\$ 66	\$ 75
Corporate and Other Unallocated Expenses	(16)	(16)
Other Unallocated Operating Income (Expense), net	—	1
Operating Income	50	60
Equity Earnings from Timberland Venture	13	14
Total Interest Expense, net	(35)	(35)
Income before Income Taxes	\$ 28	\$ 39

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Note 14. Subsequent Events

Quarterly Dividend. On May 8, 2012, the Board of Directors authorized the company to make a dividend payment of \$0.42 per share, or approximately \$68 million, which will be paid on May 31, 2012 to stockholders of record on May 18, 2012.

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Included in this item are the consolidated financial statements related to Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P., a Delaware Limited Partnership and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. These financial statements are provided pursuant to Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X in connection with the shelf registration statement on Form S-3 filed in December of 2011 pursuant to which Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. has registered and from time to time may offer and sell debt securities. As of March 31, 2012, Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. has publicly issued and outstanding \$1,033 million aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes ("Public Debt") pursuant to the shelf registration statement.

**PLUM CREEK TIMBERLANDS, L.P.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
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(In Millions)	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
REVENUES:		
Timber	\$ 155	\$ 141
Real Estate	100	62
Manufacturing	76	67
Other	6	5
Total Revenues	337	275
COSTS AND EXPENSES:		
Cost of Goods Sold:		
Timber	121	107
Real Estate	68	22
Manufacturing	70	61
Other	—	—
Total Cost of Goods Sold	259	190
Selling, General and Administrative	28	28
Total Costs and Expenses	287	218
Other Operating Income (Expense), net	—	3
Operating Income	50	60
Equity Earnings from Timberland Venture	13	14
Interest Expense, net	21	21
Income before Income Taxes	42	53
Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes	(1)	1
Net Income before Allocation to Series T-1 Preferred Interest and Partners	43	52
Net Income Allocable to Series T-1 Preferred Interest	(14)	(14)
Net Income Available to Common Interest Partners	\$ 29	\$ 38

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

PLUM CREEK TIMBERLANDS, L.P.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
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(In Millions)	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
NET INCOME BEFORE ALLOCATION TO SERIES T-1 PREFERRED INTEREST AND PARTNERS	\$ 43	\$ 52
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES:		
Defined Benefit Pension Plans		
Amortization of Actuarial Loss Reclassified to Pension Expense	1	—
Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Grantor Trust Assets		
Unrealized Holding Gains (Losses) Arising During Period	2	1
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Before Tax	3	1
Income Tax Expense (Benefit) Related to Items of Other Comprehensive Income	—	—
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) After Tax	3	1
Comprehensive Income	\$ 46	\$ 53

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PLUM CREEK TIMBERLANDS, L.P.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
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(In Millions)	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 273	\$ 254
Accounts Receivable	38	28
Inventories	50	48
Deferred Tax Asset	6	6
Assets Held for Sale	39	103
Other Current Assets	18	15
	<u>424</u>	<u>454</u>
Timber and Timberlands, net	3,475	3,377
Property, Plant and Equipment, net	135	138
Equity Investment in Timberland Venture	186	201
Deferred Tax Asset	18	17
Investment in Grantor Trusts (\$38 and \$36 at Fair Value in 2012 and 2011)	39	37
Other Assets	38	36
Total Assets	<u>\$ 4,315</u>	<u>\$ 4,260</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	\$ 176	\$ 352
Line of Credit	451	348
Accounts Payable	27	25
Interest Payable	17	19
Wages Payable	7	20
Taxes Payable	11	9
Deferred Revenue	23	27
Other Current Liabilities	9	8
	<u>721</u>	<u>808</u>
Long-Term Debt	1,467	1,290
Other Liabilities	106	109
Total Liabilities	<u>2,294</u>	<u>2,207</u>
Commitments and Contingencies		
PARTNERSHIP CAPITAL		
Series T-1 Preferred Interest	790	790
Partners' Capital (Common Partnership Interests)	1,231	1,263
Total Partnership Capital	<u>2,021</u>	<u>2,053</u>
Total Liabilities and Partnership Capital	<u>\$ 4,315</u>	<u>\$ 4,260</u>

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PLUM CREEK TIMBERLANDS, L.P.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
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(In Millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Income before Allocation to Preferred Interest and Partners	\$ 43	\$ 52
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities:		
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	27	22
Basis of Real Estate Sold	63	19
Equity Earnings from Timberland Venture	(13)	(14)
Distributions from Timberland Venture	28	28
Deferred Income Taxes	(1)	3
Deferred Revenue from Long-Term Gas Leases (Net of Amortization)	(2)	7
Timber Deed Acquired	(98)	—
Working Capital Changes	(30)	(30)
Other	3	3
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	20	90
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Capital Expenditures (Excluding Timberland Acquisitions)	(18)	(12)
Timberlands and Minerals Acquired	(2)	—
Other	(1)	—
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	(21)	(12)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Cash Distributions to Common Partners	(66)	(62)
Cash Distributions for Series T-1 Preferred Interest	(14)	(14)
Borrowings on Line of Credit	759	245
Repayments on Line of Credit	(656)	(196)
Debt Issuance Costs	(3)	—
Principal Payments and Retirement of Long-Term Debt	—	(49)
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Financing Activities	20	(76)
Increase (Decrease) In Cash and Cash Equivalents	19	2
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
Beginning of Period	254	252
End of Period	\$ 273	\$ 254

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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Note 1. Basis of Presentation

General. Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. is a Delaware Limited Partnership and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. (“Parent”), a Delaware Corporation and a real estate investment trust, or “REIT”. References herein to “the Operating Partnership,” “we,” “us,” or “our” relate to Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. and all of its wholly-owned consolidated subsidiaries; references to “Plum Creek” or “Parent” relate to Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. and all of its wholly-owned consolidated subsidiaries.

At March 31, 2012, the Operating Partnership owned and managed approximately 6.6 million acres of timberlands in the Northwest, Southern, and Northeast United States, and owned 8 wood product conversion facilities in the Northwest United States (2 of which have been indefinitely curtailed). Included in the 6.6 million acres are about 900,000 acres of higher value timberlands, which are expected to be sold and/or developed over the next fifteen years for recreational, conservation or residential purposes. Included within the 900,000 acres of higher value timberlands are approximately 700,000 acres we expect to sell for recreational uses, approximately 100,000 acres we expect to sell for conservation and approximately 100,000 acres that are identified as having development potential. In addition, the Operating Partnership has approximately 300,000 acres of non-strategic timberlands, which are expected to be sold in smaller acreage transactions over the near and medium term. In the meantime, all of our timberlands continue to be managed productively in our business of growing and selling timber.

The consolidated financial statements of the Operating Partnership include the accounts of Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. and its subsidiaries. The Operating Partnership is 100% owned by Plum Creek. Plum Creek has no assets or liabilities other than its direct and indirect ownership interests in Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. and its interest in Plum Creek Ventures I, LLC (“PC Ventures”), a 100% owned subsidiary of Plum Creek. The Parent has no operations other than its investment in these subsidiaries and transactions in its own equity, such as the issuance and/or repurchase of common stock and the receipt of proceeds from stock option exercises. Intercompany transactions and accounts between Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. and its subsidiaries have been eliminated in consolidation. All transactions are denominated in United States dollars.

Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. has elected to be taxed as a REIT under sections 856-860 of the United States Internal Revenue Code and, as such, generally does not pay corporate-level income tax. However, the Operating Partnership conducts certain non-REIT activities through various wholly-owned taxable REIT subsidiaries, which are subject to corporate-level income tax. These activities include our manufacturing operations, the harvesting and selling of logs, and the development and/or sale of some of our higher value timberlands. The Operating Partnership’s tax provision includes the tax expense and/or benefit associated with Plum Creek’s taxable REIT subsidiaries, as well as any tax expense and/or benefit incurred by the REIT. The effective tax rate for the Operating Partnership is lower than the federal statutory corporate rate due to Plum Creek’s status as a REIT.

The consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q are unaudited and do not contain all of the information required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles to be included in a full set of financial statements. These interim consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements of Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. for the three years ended December 31, 2011, which were included on Form 10-K of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. and filed with the SEC on February 24, 2012, and which include a summary of significant accounting policies of the Operating Partnership. In the opinion of management, all material adjustments necessary to present fairly the results of operations for such periods have been included in this Form 10-Q. All such adjustments are of a normal and recurring nature. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for the entire year.

New Accounting Pronouncements

Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures. In 2011, the FASB amended fair value measurement and disclosure requirements. Among other things, the amendments changed certain disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. Upon adoption in the first quarter of 2012, the amendment having the most impact on the Operating Partnership relates to the fair value of debt disclosures. This amendment requires classification of the level within the fair value hierarchy and, for Level 2 and Level 3 measurements, a description of the valuation technique(s) and the inputs used in the fair value measurement, except that quantitative disclosures are not required. The amendments are effective for fiscal years and interim periods within those years, beginning on or after December 15, 2011. The adoption did not have a material impact on the Operating Partnership's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. See Note 7 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Note 2. Inventories

Inventories, accounted for using the lower of average cost or market, consisted of the following (in millions):

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Raw Materials (primarily logs)	\$ 10	\$ 10
Work-In-Process	1	1
Finished Goods	26	24
	<u>37</u>	<u>35</u>
Supplies	13	13
Total	<u>\$ 50</u>	<u>\$ 48</u>

Note 3. Timber and Timberlands

Timber and Timberlands consisted of the following (in millions):

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Timber and Logging Roads, net	\$ 2,232	\$ 2,232
Timber Deed, net	102	5
Timberlands	1,141	1,140
Timber and Timberlands, net	<u>\$ 3,475</u>	<u>\$ 3,377</u>

In January 2012, the Operating Partnership purchased a timber deed in the Southern Resources Segment for \$103 million, \$5 million of which was paid as a deposit in December 2011. The timber deed encompasses approximately 4.7 million tons of standing timber and will be harvested, along with future growth, over the eight-year term of the deed. The timber deed purchase price has been reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows as an outflow under Cash Provided by Operating Activities.

Note 4. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, Plant and Equipment consisted of the following (in millions):

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Land, Buildings and Improvements	\$ 86	\$ 86
Machinery and Equipment	314	315
	<u>400</u>	<u>401</u>
Accumulated Depreciation	(265)	(263)
Property, Plant and Equipment, net	<u>\$ 135</u>	<u>\$ 138</u>

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Note 5. Borrowings

Debt consisted of the following (in millions):

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Variable Rate Debt		
Term Credit Agreement ^(A)	\$ 350	\$ 350
Revolving Line of Credit ^(B)	451	348
Fixed Rate Debt		
Senior Notes	1,293	1,292
Total Debt	2,094	1,990
Less:		
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	176	352
Line of Credit	451	348
Long-Term Portion	<u>\$ 1,467</u>	<u>\$ 1,290</u>

- (A) The interest rate on the \$350 million term credit agreement was 0.62% and 0.65% as of March 31, 2012, and December 31, 2011, respectively. This agreement matures on July 10, 2012. The \$350 million term credit agreement has been classified as Long-Term Debt in our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2012 because the Operating Partnership has the ability and intent, as described below, to refinance this borrowing on a long-term basis.

On March 2, 2012, the Operating Partnership entered into a \$450 million term credit agreement that matures on April 3, 2019. The company expects to borrow the full \$450 million under the term loan agreement on or about July 10, 2012, the maturity date of the currently outstanding \$350 million term loan. The interest rate on the \$450 million term credit agreement is based on LIBOR plus 1.50%. In addition, the Operating Partnership expects to receive patronage refunds under the term loan agreement. Patronage refunds are distributions of profits from banks in the farm credit system, which are cooperatives that are required to distribute profits to their members. The Operating Partnership expects that, after giving effect to patronage distributions, the effective net interest rate on the term loan will be LIBOR plus approximately 1%. The term loan agreement is subject to covenants that are substantially the same as those of our revolving line of credit.

- (B) On March 2, 2012, the Operating Partnership terminated its previous \$600 million revolving line of credit due to mature on January 30, 2015 and entered into a new \$700 million revolving line of credit agreement that matures on April 3, 2017. Subject to customary covenants, the line of credit allows for borrowings from time to time up to \$700 million, including up to \$100 million of standby letters of credit. Borrowings on the line of credit fluctuate daily based on cash needs. The interest rate on the line of credit is currently LIBOR plus 1.25%, including the facility fee. This rate can range from LIBOR plus 1% to LIBOR plus 2% depending on our debt ratings.

The weighted-average interest rate for the borrowings on the line of credit was 1.44% and 1.96% as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. As of March 31, 2012, we had \$451 million of borrowings and \$2 million of standby letters of credit outstanding; \$247 million remained available for borrowing under our \$700 million line of credit. As of April 2, 2012, \$262 million of the borrowings under our line of credit was repaid.

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Note 6. Partners' Capital

The changes in the Operating Partnership's capital accounts were as follows during 2012 (in millions):

	Preferred Partnership Interest	Common Partners' Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Partnership Capital
January 1, 2012	\$ 790	\$ 1,298	\$ (35)	\$ 2,053
Net Income before Allocation to Series T-1 Preferred Interest and Partners		43		43
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)			3	3
Net Income Allocation to Series T-1 Preferred Interest	14	(14)		—
Distributions to Partners (Common Partnership Interests)		(66)		(66)
Distributions for Series T-1 Preferred Interest	(14)			(14)
Capital Contributions from Parent		2		2
March 31, 2012	<u>\$ 790</u>	<u>\$ 1,263</u>	<u>\$ (32)</u>	<u>\$ 2,021</u>

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Note 7. Fair Value Measurements

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis. The Operating Partnership's fair value measurements of its financial instruments, measured on a recurring basis, are categorized as Level 1 measurements under the fair value hierarchy in the Accounting Standards Codification. A Level 1 valuation is based on quoted prices in active markets at the measurement date for identical unrestricted assets or liabilities. Summarized below are the Level 1 assets reported in the Operating Partnership's financial statements at fair value, measured on a recurring basis (in millions):

	Balance at March 31, 2012	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using Quoted Prices in Active Markets of Identical Assets (Level 1 Measurements)
Cash Equivalents ^(A)	\$ 272	\$ 272
Available-for-Sale Securities ^(B)	33	33
Trading Securities ^(B)	5	5
Total	<u>\$ 310</u>	<u>\$ 310</u>

	Balance at December 31, 2011	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using Quoted Prices in Active Markets of Identical Assets (Level 1 Measurements)
Cash Equivalents ^(A)	\$ 253	\$ 253
Available-for-Sale Securities ^(B)	31	31
Trading Securities ^(B)	5	5
Total	<u>\$ 289</u>	<u>\$ 289</u>

(A) Consists of several money market funds and is included in the \$273 million and \$254 million of Cash and Cash Equivalents in the Consolidated Balance Sheets at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.

(B) Consists of several mutual funds and is included in Investment in Grantor Trusts in the Consolidated Balance Sheets at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011. At March 31, 2012, investments in these mutual funds were approximately 45% in domestic (U.S.) equities, 25% in international equities and 30% in debt securities.

Available-for-Sale Securities. Certain investments in the grantor trusts relate to the Operating Partnership's non-qualified pension plans and are classified as available-for-sale securities. The Operating Partnership has invested in various money market, debt and equity mutual funds and plans to use these investments to fund its non-qualified pension obligations. Unrealized holding gains and losses are included as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income. The Operating Partnership records changes in unrealized holding gains and losses in Other Comprehensive Income, unless an other than temporary impairment has occurred, which is then charged to expense. Changes in the fair value of available-for-sale securities were not material to the Operating Partnership's financial position or results of operations.

Trading Securities. Certain investments in the grantor trusts relate to the Operating Partnership's deferred compensation plans and are classified as trading securities. Deferred compensation amounts are invested in various money market, debt and equity mutual funds. The Operating Partnership plans to use these investments to fund deferred compensation obligations. Realized gains and losses and changes in unrealized gains and losses (and a corresponding amount of compensation expense) are recognized in the Operating Partnership's Consolidated Statements of Income. Deferred compensation obligations are included in Other Liabilities and were \$5 million at March 31, 2012 and \$5 million at December 31, 2011. Changes in the fair value of trading securities were not material to the Operating Partnership's financial position or results of operations.

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Other Instruments. The carrying amount of notes receivable approximates fair value due to the short-term maturities of these instruments. Summarized below is the carrying amount fair value of the Operating Partnership's debt (estimated using the discounted cash flow method) at March 31, 2012, along with the categorization under the fair value hierarchy in the Accounting Standards Codification (in millions):

	Carrying Amount	Fair Value			Total
		Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Public Debt ^(A)	\$ 1,030	\$ —	\$ 1,102	\$ —	\$ 1,102
Private Debt ^(B)	263	—	278	—	278
Term Credit Agreement ^(C)	350	—	350	—	350
Line of Credit ^(D)	451	—	451	—	451
Total Debt	\$ 2,094	\$ —	\$ 2,181	\$ —	\$ 2,181

(A) Fair value of the Operating Partnership's Public Debt (publicly issued Senior Notes) is estimated using market quotes for the Operating Partnership's public bonds.

(B) Fair value of the Operating Partnership's Private Debt (Senior Notes with various maturities and fixed interest rates which are privately placed with various lenders) is estimated using market quotes for the Operating Partnership's Public Debt adjusted for the different maturities and an illiquidity premium.

(C) Fair value is estimated by adjusting the spread over LIBOR to a current market quote for comparable debt.

(D) Fair value is estimated by adjusting the spread over LIBOR to a current market quote for comparable credit lines.

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis. There were no fair value measurements of assets or liabilities measured on a nonrecurring basis during the three-month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011.

Note 8. Employee Pension Plans

The components of pension cost were as follows for the **quarterly periods ended March 31** (in millions):

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Service Cost	\$ 2	\$ 2
Interest Cost	2	2
Expected Return on Plan Assets	(2)	(2)
Recognized Actuarial Loss	1	—
Total Pension Cost	\$ 3	\$ 2

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Note 9. Commitments and Contingencies

Contingencies. The Operating Partnership is subject to regulations regarding forest, harvest and manufacturing practices and is, from time to time, involved in various legal proceedings, including environmental and regulatory matters, incidental to its business. Reserves have been established for any probable losses.

Unrecorded Contingencies. Management currently believes that resolving pending legal proceedings against the Operating Partnership, individually or in aggregate, will not have a material adverse impact on our financial position or results of operations. However, these matters are subject to inherent uncertainties and management's view on these matters may change in the future. Were an unfavorable final outcome in one or multiple legal proceedings to occur, there exists the possibility of a material adverse impact on our financial position and the results of operations for the period in which any unfavorable outcome becomes reasonably estimable.

Note 10. Variable Interest Entities

In 2008, a subsidiary of the Operating Partnership, Plum Creek Timber Operations I, LLC ("PC Member"), contributed 454,000 acres of timberlands located in its Southern Resources Segment to Southern Diversified Timber, LLC ("the Timberland Venture") in exchange for a \$705 million preferred interest and a 9% common interest valued at \$78 million. The Timberland Venture's other member, an affiliate of The Campbell Group LLC, contributed \$783 million of cash in exchange for 91% of the Timberland Venture's common interest. Following the formation of the Timberland Venture, Plum Creek Ventures I, LLC ("PC Ventures"), a 100% wholly-owned subsidiary of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., borrowed \$783 million from the Timberland Venture. PC Ventures used the proceeds from the borrowing to make a \$783 million capital contribution to the Operating Partnership. The Operating Partnership accounts for its interest in the Timberland Venture under the equity method of accounting.

The Timberland Venture is a variable interest entity. The primary operating activities of the Timberland Venture consist of owning timberlands and entering into cutting contracts with an affiliate of the other member. Besides quarterly distributions to PC Ventures which it uses to fund interest payments on the loan owed by PC Ventures, the Operating Partnership has not provided financing or other support to the venture. The venture is financed by a \$15 million line of credit obtained by the Timberland Venture.

We are not the primary beneficiary of the Timberland Venture. PC Member does not manage the day-to-day operations of the Timberland Venture, it has only limited protective rights and its involvement is generally limited to receiving distributions on its preferred and common interests. We are not the primary beneficiary because we do not direct the activities that most significantly impact the Timberland Venture's economic performance. We believe that the activities that most significantly impact the Timberland Venture's economic performance include managing the timberlands along with the timing and extent of the harvesting activities, neither of which we control.

The carrying amount of the investment is \$186 million at March 31, 2012 and \$201 million at December 31, 2011, and it is reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as Equity Investment in Timberland Venture. Our maximum exposure to loss is \$186 million, the carrying amount of the investment. Generally, losses are first allocated among the common interests based on positive capital accounts in which we hold a 9% common interest. No losses are allocated to our preferred interest (\$705 million) until the common interests have absorbed losses of approximately \$861 million.

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Note 11. Summarized Income Statement Information of Unconsolidated Subsidiary

The earnings of the Timberland Venture are a significant component of consolidated earnings. See Note 10 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Equity earnings for the Timberland Venture were \$13 million for the three-month period ending March 31, 2012, and were \$14 million for the three-month period ending March 31, 2011. Equity earnings includes the amortization of the difference between the book value of the Operating Partnership's investment and its proportionate share of the Timberland Venture's net assets of \$3 million and \$1 million for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The table below presents summarized income statement information for the Timberland Venture for the **three months ended March 31** (in millions):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Revenues	\$ 4	\$ 4
Cost of Goods Sold ^(A)	5	4
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses	3	1
Operating Income (Loss)	(4)	(1)
Interest Income, net	14	14
Net Income before Allocation to Preferred and Common Interests	\$ 10	\$ 13

(A) Cost of Goods Sold includes Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization of \$4 million for each of the three-month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011.

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Note 12. Segment Information

The tables below present information about reported segments for the **quarterly periods ended March 31** (in millions):

	Northern Resources	Southern Resources	Real Estate	Manufactured Products	Other ^(A)	Total ^(B)
Quarter Ended March 31, 2012						
External Revenues	\$ 58	\$ 97	\$ 100	\$ 76	\$ 6	\$ 337
Intersegment Revenues	6	—	—	—	—	6
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	7	15	—	4	—	26
Basis of Real Estate Sold	—	—	63	—	—	63
Other Operating Gain	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operating Income	6	21	30	4	5	66
Quarter Ended March 31, 2011						
External Revenues	\$ 52	\$ 89	\$ 62	\$ 67	\$ 5	\$ 275
Intersegment Revenues	3	—	—	—	—	3
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	6	12	—	3	—	21
Basis of Real Estate Sold	—	—	19	—	—	19
Other Operating Gain	—	—	—	—	2	2
Operating Income	7	19	38	4	7	75

- (A) During the first quarter of 2011, the Operating Partnership received a payment of \$2 million for the settlement of a dispute related to certain mineral rights. The \$2 million payment is reported as Other Operating Gain in our Other Segment and is included in Other Operating Income (Expense), net in the Consolidated Statements of Income.
- (B) Consolidated depreciation, depletion and amortization includes unallocated corporate expense of \$1 million for each of the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011.

A reconciliation of total segment operating income to income before income taxes is presented below for the **quarterly periods ended March 31** (in millions):

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Total Segment Operating Income	\$ 66	\$ 75
Corporate and Other Unallocated Expenses	(16)	(16)
Other Unallocated Operating Income (Expense), net	—	1
Operating Income	50	60
Equity Earnings from Timberland Venture	13	14
Interest Expense, net	(21)	(21)
Income before Income Taxes	\$ 42	\$ 53

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

Forward-Looking Statement

This Report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Some of the forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as “believes,” “expects,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “seeks,” “approximately,” “intends,” “plans,” “estimates,” “projects,” “strategy,” or “anticipates,” or the negative of those words or other comparable terminology. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. A number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements, including those factors described under the heading “Risk Factors” in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including, but not limited to, our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. Some factors include changes in governmental, legislative and environmental restrictions, catastrophic losses from fires, floods, windstorms, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, insect infestations or diseases, as well as changes in economic conditions and competition in our domestic and export markets and other factors described from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, factors that could cause our actual results to differ from those contemplated by our projected, forecasted, estimated or budgeted results as reflected in forward-looking statements relating to our operations and business include, but are not limited to:

- the failure to meet our expectations with respect to our likely future performance;
- an unanticipated reduction in the demand for timber products and/or an unanticipated increase in supply of timber products;
- an unanticipated reduction in demand for higher and better use timberlands or non-strategic timberlands;
- our failure to make strategic acquisitions or to integrate any such acquisitions effectively or, conversely, our failure to make strategic divestitures; and
- our failure to qualify as a real estate investment trust, or REIT.

It is likely that if one or more of the risks materializes, or if one or more assumptions prove to be incorrect, the current expectations of Plum Creek and its management will not be realized. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and neither Plum Creek nor its management undertakes any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the financial information and analysis included in our 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 24, 2012.

Organization of the Company

In management’s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations (Item 2 of this form), when we refer to “Plum Creek,” “the company,” “we,” “us,” or “our,” we mean Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. References to Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements refer to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. included in Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., a Delaware Corporation and a real estate investment trust, or “REIT”, for federal income tax purposes, is the parent company of Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P., a Delaware Limited Partnership (the “Operating Partnership” or “Partnership”), and Plum Creek Ventures I, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company (“PC Ventures”). Plum Creek conducts substantially all of its activities through the Operating Partnership and various wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Operating Partnership.

The Operating Partnership has borrowed and has currently outstanding \$2.1 billion principal amount of debt, including \$1.0 billion of publicly issued notes. PC Ventures has borrowed and has currently outstanding \$783 million in principal amount of debt (“the Note Payable to Timberland Venture”) from an entity (“the Timberland Venture”) in which a subsidiary of the Operating Partnership has a common and preferred equity interest. See Note 11 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. PC Ventures used the proceeds from the borrowing to make a \$783 million capital contribution to the Operating Partnership in exchange for a preferred equity interest in the Operating Partnership. PC Ventures has no other activities and the Operating Partnership has no ownership interest in PC Ventures.

The Note Payable to Timberland Venture is an obligation of PC Ventures and not an obligation of the Operating Partnership. Therefore, any discussion of the Note Payable to Timberland Venture below is not applicable to the Operating Partnership. Unless otherwise specified, all other discussion and analysis below are applicable to both Plum Creek and the Operating Partnership.

Results of Operations

First Quarter 2012 Compared to First Quarter 2011

The following tables and narrative compare operating results by segment for the **quarters ended March 31** (in millions):

	Quarter Ended March 31,		Change
	2012	2011	
Operating Income by Segment			
Northern Resources	\$ 6	\$ 7	\$ (1)
Southern Resources	21	19	2
Real Estate	30	38	(8)
Manufactured Products	4	4	—
Other	5	7	(2)
Total Segment Operating Income	66	75	(9)
Other Costs and Eliminations	(16)	(15)	(1)
Operating Income	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ (10)

Northern Resources Segment. Key operating statistics for the segment are as follows:

	Quarter Ended March 31, 2012		Quarter Ended March 31, 2011	
	Harvest Tons (millions)	Average Sales Realization	Harvest Tons (millions)	Average Sales Realization
Sawlog (\$/Ton Delivered)	0.656	\$ 67	0.506	\$ 69
Pulpwood (\$/Ton Delivered)	0.452	\$ 42	0.478	\$ 40
Total	1.108		0.984	

Revenues increased by \$9 million, or 16%, to \$64 million in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011. This increase was due primarily to higher sawlog harvest volumes (\$10 million).

Sawlog harvest volumes were 30% higher in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011 due primarily to increasing sawlog harvests closer to normal levels in the second half of 2011. As a result, sawlog harvest volumes for all of 2012 are expected to increase by 8% over the 2.3 million tons harvested in 2011. Pulpwood harvest volumes for all of 2012 are expected to be comparable to the 1.7 million tons harvested in 2011.

Northern Resources Segment operating income was 9% of its revenues for the first quarter of 2012 and 13% for the first quarter of 2011 due primarily to higher log and haul costs. Segment costs and expenses increased by \$10 million, or 21%, to \$58 million for the first quarter of 2012 due primarily to higher harvest volumes and an increase in the log and haul rate per ton. On a per ton basis, log and haul costs increased 13% (\$4 million) for the first quarter of 2012 due to a combination of an upward rate adjustment to cover the logger's higher operating costs (primarily equipment and labor), harvesting stands that require more expensive logging methods, and higher fuel costs.

Southern Resources Segment. Key operating statistics for the segment are as follows:

	Quarter Ended March 31, 2012		Quarter Ended March 31, 2011	
	Harvest Tons (millions)	Average Sales Realization	Harvest Tons (millions)	Average Sales Realization
Sawlog (\$/Ton Stumpage)	1.340	\$ 19	1.286	\$ 20
Pulpwood (\$/Ton Stumpage)	1.842	\$ 10	1.494	\$ 10
Total	3.182		2.780	

Revenues increased by \$8 million, or 9%, to \$97 million in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011. This increase was due primarily to higher pulpwood harvest volumes (\$8 million) and sawlog harvest volumes (\$3 million), partially offset by lower sawlog and pulpwood prices (\$3 million). Pulpwood harvest volumes were 23% higher during the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same period in the prior year. This increase was due primarily to accelerating harvesting in the first quarter of 2012 from quarters later in the year due to moderately improved pricing over the past several quarters as a result of low mill inventories. Pulpwood harvest volumes for all of 2012 are expected to be comparable to the 6.8 million tons harvested in 2011.

Sawlog harvest volumes were 4% higher during the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011. This increase is due primarily to harvesting volume from a recently acquired timber deed. In January 2012, we purchased a timber deed containing approximately 4.7 million tons of standing timber which is expected to be harvested, along with future growth, over the next eight years. Sawlog harvest volumes for all of 2012 are expected to increase by 20% over the 5.0 million tons harvested in 2011 as a result of harvesting 0.5 million tons from the recently acquired timber deed and the harvesting of previously deferred volume.

Southern Resources Segment operating income was 21% of its revenues for both the first quarters of 2012 and 2011. Segment costs and expenses increased by \$6 million, or 9%, to \$76 million due primarily to higher harvest volumes.

Real Estate Segment.

Property	Quarter Ended March 31, 2012			Quarter Ended March 31, 2011		
	Acres Sold	Revenues (millions)	Revenue per Acre	Acres Sold	Revenues (millions)	Revenue per Acre
Small Non-Strategic	4,385	\$ 5	\$ 1,115	2,560	\$ 2	\$ 1,015
Large Non-Strategic	69,770	84	1,210	30,295	43	1,405
Conservation	1,145	2	1,560	335	1	1,685
Higher and Better Use / Recreational	4,030	9	2,140	7,795	16	2,100
Development Properties	—	—	—	—	—	—
Conservation Easements	n/a	—	—	n/a	—	—
Total	79,330	\$ 100		40,985	\$ 62	

Revenues increased by \$38 million to \$100 million in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011. This increase is due primarily to an increase in large non-strategic land sales (\$41 million), offset in part by a decrease in sales of higher and better use / recreational properties (\$7 million).

Revenue from the sale of large non-strategic timberlands was \$84 million during the first quarter of 2012 compared to \$43 million during the same period in 2011. As a result of the continued weak demand for small parcels of rural real estate in many locations, the company is taking advantage of the favorable demand for large timberland parcels.

Revenues from higher and better use / recreational land sales decreased due primarily to selling approximately 3,800 fewer acres. Demand for higher and better use / recreational properties (especially our higher value properties) remains weak due to concerns over near-term real estate values, low consumer confidence, and the inability of buyers to secure debt financing. Additionally, many potential high net-worth buyers of larger higher and better use / recreational parcels are patiently waiting for indicators of recovery in the rural real estate market.

The timing of real estate sales is a function of many factors, including the general state of the economy, demand in local real estate markets, the ability to obtain entitlements, the ability of buyers to obtain financing, the number of competing properties listed for sale, the seasonal nature of sales (particularly in the northern states), the plans of adjacent landowners, our expectation of future price appreciation, the timing of harvesting activities, and the availability of government and not-for-profit funding (especially for conservation sales).

We expect revenues from real estate sales during 2012 to range between \$275 million and \$325 million, and operating income as a percentage of revenue to be between 40% and 50% of segment revenue.

Real Estate Segment operating income as a percent of revenue was 30% for the first quarter of 2012 and 61% for the first quarter of 2011. This decrease is due primarily to selling properties in 2012 with a higher book value compared to the book value of properties sold in 2011. Most of the large non-strategic property sold in 2012 was acquired within the past decade and, therefore, had a higher book value than the large non-strategic property sold in 2011. Real Estate Segment costs and expenses increased by \$46 million to \$70 million in the first quarter of 2012 due primarily to selling a large non-strategic property with a book value of approximately \$58 million during 2012.

Manufactured Products Segment. Key operating statistics for the segment are as follows:

	Quarter Ended March 31, 2012		Quarter Ended March 31, 2011	
	Sales Volume	Average Sales Realization ^(A)	Sales Volume	Average Sales Realization ^(A)
Lumber	30,199 MBF	\$ 529	29,250 MBF	\$ 533
Plywood	53,301 MSF	\$ 387	44,156 MSF	\$ 371
MDF	44,701 MSF	\$ 607	40,690 MSF	\$ 608

(A) Represents product prices at the mill level.

Revenues increased by \$9 million, or 13%, to \$76 million in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011. This increase in revenues was due primarily to higher plywood sales volume (\$5 million) and higher MDF sales volume (\$3 million).

Plywood sales volume was 21% higher during the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same period in the prior year due primarily to supply disruptions that increased demand in certain of our industrial markets (e.g., transportation) and commercial markets (e.g., concrete forming overlay products). MDF sales volume was 10% higher during the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011 due primarily to an increase in demand as a result of replacement purchases by many of our industrial customers (e.g., store fixtures and architectural moldings).

Manufactured Products Segment operating income was 6% of its revenues for both the first quarter of 2012 and the first quarter of 2011. Manufactured Products Segment costs and expenses increased by \$9 million, or 14%, to \$72 million due primarily to increased sales volumes.

Other Segment. Operating income decreased \$2 million to \$5 million in the first quarter of 2012 due primarily to a payment of \$2 million that we received during the first quarter of 2011 for the settlement of a dispute that related to certain mineral rights. The \$2 million gain is recorded in our Other Segment and reported as Other Operating Income (Expense), net in our Consolidated Statements of Income. See Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Other Costs and Eliminations. Other costs and eliminations (which consists of corporate overhead and intercompany profit

elimination) decreased operating income by \$16 million during the first quarter of 2012 and by \$15 million during the first quarter of 2011.

Interest Expense, net. Interest expense, net of interest income, was \$35 million in the first quarters of 2012 and 2011.

Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes. The benefit for income taxes was \$1 million for the first quarter of 2012 compared to a provision for income taxes of \$1 million for the first quarter of 2011. This change of \$2 million is due primarily to recording a valuation allowance of \$2 million in the first quarter of 2011 to reflect the estimated amount of deferred tax assets that may not be realized. The valuation allowance is related to certain state net operating loss carryforwards and other associated deferred tax assets for which we do not believe it is more likely than not they will be realized in future periods.

Our determination of the realization of deferred tax assets is based upon management's judgment of various future events and uncertainties, including the timing, nature and amount of future taxable income earned by certain wholly-owned subsidiaries. A valuation allowance is recognized if management believes it is more likely than not that some portion, or all, of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. At March 31, 2012, we have recorded deferred tax assets of \$62 million (net of a \$3 million valuation allowance) and deferred tax liabilities of \$38 million. Management believes that due to the reversal of various taxable temporary differences and/or the planned execution of prudent and feasible tax planning strategies, sufficient taxable income can be generated to utilize the company's remaining deferred tax assets for which a valuation allowance was determined to be unnecessary.

Financial Condition and Liquidity

We believe we have a strong balance sheet and do not foresee any near-term liquidity issues. On March 2, 2012, we entered into a new \$700 million revolving line of credit agreement that matures April 3, 2017 (terminating our previous \$600 million revolving line of credit). The interest rate on the line of credit is currently LIBOR plus 1.25%. This rate can range from LIBOR plus 1% to LIBOR plus 2% depending on our debt ratings. At the same time, we also entered into a \$450 million term credit agreement that matures on April 3, 2019. We expect to borrow the full \$450 million under the term loan agreement on or about July 10, 2012, the maturity date of the currently outstanding \$350 million term loan. The effective net interest rate on the \$450 million term loan is expected to be LIBOR plus approximately 1%.

At March 31, 2012, we had a cash balance of \$273 million and had availability of \$247 million under our line of credit. In addition to the discussion that follows, we have summarized our sources and uses of cash in a table later in this section.

Cash Flow

The following table summarizes total cash flows for operating, investing and financing activities for the **three months ended March 31** (in millions):

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change
	2012	2011	
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	\$ 6	\$ 76	\$ (70)
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	(21)	(12)	(9)
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Financing Activities	34	(62)	96
Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 19	\$ 2	\$ 17

Cash Flows from Operating Activities. Net cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2012 was \$6 million compared to \$76 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011. The decrease of \$70 million is due primarily to the acquisition of a timber deed (\$98 million), partially offset by higher proceeds from our Real Estate Segment (\$38 million).

In January 2012, we purchased a timber deed in the Southern Resources Segment for \$103 million, \$5 million of which was paid as a deposit in December 2011. The timber deed encompasses approximately 4.7 million tons of standing timber and will be harvested, along with future growth, over the eight-year term of the deed. The timber deed purchase price has been reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows as an outflow under Cash Provided by Operating Activities. See Results of Operations for a discussion of the factors impacting our Real Estate Segment.

Capital Expenditures. Capital expenditures (excluding timberland acquisitions) for the three months ended March 31, 2012 were \$18 million compared to \$12 million for the same period in 2011. Planned capital expenditures for 2012 are expected to be approximately \$75 million to \$80 million and include approximately \$65 million for our timberlands, \$4 million for our manufacturing facilities, \$4 million for real estate development investments, and \$4 million for investments in information technology. The timberland expenditures are primarily for reforestation and other expenditures associated with the planting and growing of trees. Approximately 55% of planned capital expenditures in 2012 are discretionary, primarily expenditures for silviculture. Capital expenditures at our manufacturing facilities consist primarily of expenditures to sustain operating activities.

Future Cash Requirements. Cash required to meet our future financial needs will be significant. In the next twelve months, we have \$526 million of scheduled debt principal payment requirements. During the first quarter of 2012, we entered into a new term credit agreement (for \$450 million) which will fund the scheduled repayment of our \$350 million term loan in July 2012. We expect to fund the remaining \$176 million debt payments at or near their maturity with new borrowings or a combination of cash and new borrowings. Additionally, we believe that current cash on hand and cash flows from continuing operations will be sufficient for the next twelve months to fund planned capital expenditures, interest payments on our indebtedness and our dividend.

The following table summarizes our sources and uses of cash for the **three months ended March 31** (in millions):

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change
	2012	2011	
Sources of Cash:			
Operations ^(A)	\$ 107	\$ 78	\$ 29
Changes in Working Capital	(30)	(30)	—
Cash Distributions from Timberland Venture	28	28	—
Cash from Stock Option Exercises	3	7	(4)
Increase Debt Obligations, net	100	—	100
Other Cash Changes, net ^(B)	(1)	—	(1)
Total Sources of Cash	207	83	124
Uses of Cash:			
Returned to Stockholders:			
Dividends	(68)	(68)	—
Common Stock Repurchases	(1)	(1)	—
Reinvest in the Business:			
Capital Expenditures, including Real Estate Development ^(C)	(19)	(12)	(7)
Timber Deed Acquired	(98)	—	(98)
Timberlands and Minerals Acquired	(2)	—	(2)
Total Uses of Cash	(188)	(81)	(107)
Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 19	\$ 2	\$ 17

- (A) Calculated from the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows by adding Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization, Basis of Real Estate Sold, Equity Earnings from Timberland Venture, Deferred Revenue from Long-Term Gas Leases (Net of Amortization), Deferred Income Taxes, and Other Operating Activities (excluding Expenditures for Real Estate Development - see Footnote C) to Net Income.
- (B) From the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, Other Investing Activities.
- (C) Calculated from the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows by adding Capital Expenditures (excluding Timberland and Mineral Acquisitions) and Expenditures for Real Estate Development, which are included in Other Operating Activities. Expenditures for Real Estate Development were \$1 million for the three month period ending March 31, 2012. There were no Expenditures for Real Estate Development for the three month period ending March 31, 2011.

Borrowings

Debt Financing. We strive to maintain a balance sheet that provides the financial flexibility to pursue our strategic objectives. In order to maintain this financial flexibility, our objective is to maintain an investment grade credit rating. This is reflected in our moderate use of debt, established access to credit markets and no material covenant restrictions in our debt agreements that would prevent us from prudently using debt capital. All of our borrowings, except for the Note Payable to Timberland Venture, are made by Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P., the company's wholly-owned operating partnership ("the Partnership"). Furthermore, all of the outstanding indebtedness of the Partnership is unsecured.

Line of Credit. We have a \$700 million revolving line of credit agreement that matures in April 2017. Subject to customary covenants, the line of credit allows for borrowings from time to time up to \$700 million, including up to \$100 million of standby letters of credit. Borrowings on the line of credit fluctuate daily based on cash needs. The interest rate on the line of credit is currently LIBOR plus 1.25%, including the facility fee. This rate can range from LIBOR plus 1% to LIBOR plus 2% depending on our debt ratings.

The weighted-average interest rate for the borrowings on the \$700 million line of credit was 1.44% as of March 31, 2012. The weighted-average interest rate on the \$600 million line of credit was 1.96% as of December 31, 2011. As of March 31, 2012, we had \$451 million of borrowings and \$2 million of standby letters of credit outstanding; \$247 million remained available for borrowing under our line of credit. As of April 2, 2012, \$262 million of the borrowings outstanding under our line of credit was repaid.

Term Credit Agreements. We have a \$350 million term credit agreement that matures in July 2012. The interest rate on the \$350 million term credit agreement was 0.62% and 0.65% as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. The interest rate is based on LIBOR plus 0.375%. This rate can range from LIBOR plus 0.3% to LIBOR plus 1.15% depending on our debt ratings. The term credit agreement is subject to covenants that are substantially the same as those of the revolving line of credit. The agreement allows for prepayment of the borrowings at any time prior to the maturity date without premium or penalty.

On March 2, 2012, we entered into a \$450 million term credit agreement that matures April 2019. We expect to borrow the full \$450 million under the term loan agreement on or about July 10, 2012, the maturity date of the currently outstanding \$350 million term loan. The interest rate on the \$450 million term credit agreement is based on LIBOR plus 1.50%. In addition, we expect to receive patronage refunds under the term loan agreement. Patronage refunds are distributions of profits from banks in the farm credit system, which are cooperatives that are required to distribute profits to their members. We expect that, after giving effect to patronage distributions, the effective net interest rate on the term loan will be LIBOR plus approximately 1%. The term loan agreement is subject to covenants that are substantially the same as those of our revolving line of credit. The agreement allows for prepayment of the borrowings at any time prior to the maturity date without premium or penalty.

Senior Notes. The company has outstanding Senior Notes with various maturities and fixed interest rates. As of March 31, 2012, the company had \$263 million aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes outstanding that are privately placed borrowings with various lenders (“Private Debt”). The Private Debt matures serially through 2016.

As of March 31, 2012, the company had publicly issued and outstanding \$1.0 billion aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes (“Public Debt”). The Public Debt consists of \$575 million aggregate principal amount of 4.70% Public Debt which matures in 2021 and 5.875% Public Debt with an aggregate principal amount of \$458 million which matures in 2015. The Public Debt is issued by the Partnership and is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc.

Senior Notes outstanding, including unamortized discount, consisted of the following (in millions):

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Senior Notes		
Public Debt	\$ 1,030	\$ 1,029
Private Debt	263	263
Total Senior Notes	<u>\$ 1,293</u>	<u>\$ 1,292</u>

Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. and the Partnership have filed a shelf registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Under the shelf registration statement, Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., from time to time, may offer and sell any combination of preferred stock, common stock, depository shares, warrants and guarantees, and the Partnership, from time to time, may offer and sell debt securities. The company and the Partnership intend to maintain a shelf registration statement with respect to such securities.

Debt Covenants. Our Senior Notes, Term Credit Agreements (both the existing \$350 million Term Credit Agreement and the new \$450 million Term Credit Agreement) and Line of Credit contain various restrictive covenants, none of which are expected to materially impact the financing of our ongoing operations. We are in compliance with all of our borrowing agreement covenants as of March 31, 2012.

Our Line of Credit and Term Credit Agreements (both the existing \$350 million Term Credit Agreement and the new \$450 million Term Credit Agreement) require that we maintain certain interest coverage and maximum leverage ratios. We have no covenants and restrictions associated with changes in our debt ratings. Furthermore, there are no material covenants associated with our Note Payable to Timberland Venture, and this indebtedness is not considered in computing any of our debt covenants since the debt is an obligation of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. and not the Partnership.

The borrowing agreements for the Private Debt include limitations on the incurrence of indebtedness, making restricted payments (such as payments of cash dividends or stock repurchases), harvest levels and sales of assets. The restricted payments covenant is based on a computation of “available cash,” which is generally our net income (excluding gains on the sale of capital assets) after adjusting for non-cash charges (such as depreciation and depletion), changes in various reserves, less capital expenditures and principal payments on indebtedness that are not financed. Additionally, the amount of available cash may be increased by the amount of proceeds from the sale of higher and better use properties and, under certain circumstances, by 50% of the amount of net proceeds from the sale of other assets. At March 31, 2012, our entire cash balance of \$273 million is available to make restricted payments.

As of March 31, 2012, we can borrow the entire amount available under our Line of Credit, and we expect to be able to incur at least this level of additional indebtedness for the next twelve months.

Equity

Dividends. On May 8, 2012, the Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$0.42 per share, or approximately \$68 million, which will be paid on May 31, 2012 to stockholders of record on May 18, 2012. Future dividends will be determined by our Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, based on consideration of a number of factors including, but not limited to, our results of operations, cash flow and capital requirements, economic conditions, tax considerations, debt covenant restrictions that may impose limitations on the company's ability to make cash payments, borrowing capacity, changes in the prices of and demand for Plum Creek's products, and changes in our ability to sell timberlands at attractive prices. Other factors that our Board of Directors considers include the appropriate timing of timber harvests, acquisition and divestiture opportunities, stock repurchases, debt repayment and other means by which the company could deliver value to its stockholders.

Share Repurchases. Plum Creek's Board of Directors has authorized a common stock repurchase program that may be increased from time to time at the Board of Directors' discretion. At March 31, 2012, \$175 million was available for share repurchases under the current Board of Directors' authorization.

Performance and Liquidity Measures (Non-GAAP Measures)

For a discussion of the factors impacting our operating performance see the discussion included in this Item under Results of Operations. For a discussion of the factors impacting our liquidity see the discussion included in this Item under Financial Condition and Liquidity. We have included the following Non-GAAP measurements because we believe these are commonly used by investors, lenders and rating agencies to assess our financial performance.

Adjusted EBITDA. We define Adjusted EBITDA as earnings from continuing operations, excluding equity method earnings, and before interest, taxes, depreciation, depletion, amortization, and basis in lands sold. Adjusted EBITDA is not considered a measure of financial performance under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) and the items excluded from Adjusted EBITDA are significant components of our consolidated financial statements.

We present Adjusted EBITDA as a supplemental performance measure because we believe it facilitates operating performance comparisons from period to period, and each business segment's contribution to that performance, by eliminating non-cash charges to earnings, which can vary significantly by business segment. These non-cash charges include timber depletion, depreciation of fixed assets and the basis in lands sold. We also use Adjusted EBITDA as a supplemental liquidity measure because we believe it is useful in measuring our ability to generate cash.

First Quarter 2012 Compared to First Quarter 2011

The following table compares Adjusted EBITDA by segment for the **quarters ended March 31** (in millions):

	Quarter Ended March 31,		Change
	2012	2011	
Adjusted EBITDA by Segment			
Northern Resources	\$ 13	\$ 13	\$ —
Southern Resources	36	31	5
Real Estate	93	57	36
Manufactured Products	8	7	1
Other	5	7	(2)
Other Costs and Eliminations, net	(16)	(15)	(1)
Total Adjusted EBITDA	<u>139</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>39</u>

The following schedules provide a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net income and net cash from operating activities, the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP performance and liquidity measures, for the **quarters ended March 31** (in millions):

Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 (In Millions)

	Operating Income	Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	Basis of Real Estate Sold	Adjusted EBITDA
By Segment				
Northern Resources	\$ 6	\$ 7	\$ —	\$ 13
Southern Resources	21	15	—	36
Real Estate	30	—	63	93
Manufacturing	4	4	—	8
Other	5	—	—	5
Other Costs and Eliminations	(16)	—	—	(16)
Other Unallocated Operating Income (Expense), net	—	—	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 50</u>	<u>\$ 26</u>	<u>\$ 63</u>	<u>\$ 139</u>

Reconciliation to Net Income⁽¹⁾

Interest Expense	(35)
(Provision) / Benefit for Income Taxes	1
Equity Earnings from Timberland Venture	13
Net Income	<u>\$ 29</u>

Reconciliation to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities

Net Cash Flows from Operations	\$ 6
Interest Expense	35
Amortization of Debt Costs	(1)
Provision / (Benefit) for Income Taxes	(1)
Working Capital Changes	30
Deferred Income Taxes	1
Deferred Revenue from Long-Term Gas Leases	2
Timber Deed Acquired	98
Distribution from Timberland Venture	(28)
Other	(3)
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 139</u>

Three Months Ended March 31, 2011 (In Millions)

	Operating Income	Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	Basis of Real Estate Sold	Adjusted EBITDA
By Segment				
Northern Resources	\$ 7	\$ 6	\$ —	\$ 13
Southern Resources	19	12	—	31
Real Estate	38	—	19	57
Manufacturing	4	3	—	7
Other	7	—	—	7
Other Costs and Eliminations	(16)	—	—	(16)
Other Unallocated Operating Income (Expense), net	1	—	—	1
Total	<u>\$ 60</u>	<u>\$ 21</u>	<u>\$ 19</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>

Reconciliation to Net Income⁽¹⁾

Interest Expense	(35)
(Provision) / Benefit for Income Taxes	(1)
Equity Earnings from Timberland Venture	14
Net Income	<u>\$ 38</u>

Reconciliation to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities

Net Cash Flows from Operations	\$ 76
Interest Expense	35
Amortization of Debt Costs	(1)
Provision / (Benefit) for Income Taxes	1
Working Capital Changes	30
Deferred Income Taxes	(3)
Deferred Revenue from Long-Term Gas Leases	(7)
Distribution from Timberland Venture	(28)
Other	(3)
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 100</u>

(1) Includes reconciling items not allocated to segments for financial reporting purposes.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements, Contractual Obligations, Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

The company has no off-balance sheet debt. For information on contractual obligations, see the table Contractual Obligations in “Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in our 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Other than the discussion below, there have been no material changes to our contractual obligations outside the normal course of business.

On March 2, 2012, the company entered into a \$450 million term credit agreement that matures on April 3, 2019. Also on March 2, 2012, the company terminated its previous \$600 million revolving line of credit maturing on January 30, 2015 and entered into a new \$700 million revolving line of credit agreement that matures on April 3, 2017. See Note 6 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Approximately \$2.1 billion (including \$783 million of related party obligations) of Plum Creek’s long-term debt bears interest at fixed rates, and therefore the fair value of these instruments is affected by changes in market interest rates. We also have variable rate debt that is affected by changes in market interest rates. The following table presents contractual principal cash flows based upon maturity dates of the company’s debt obligations and the related weighted-average contractual interest rates by expected maturity dates for the fixed and variable rate debt (in millions):

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Thereafter	Total	Fair Value ^(A)
March 31, 2012								
Fixed Rate Debt								
<i>Third Party Obligations</i>								
Principal Due ^(B)	\$ 3	\$ 250	\$ 3	\$ 462	\$ 4	\$ 575	\$ 1,297	\$ 1,380
Average Interest Rate ^(C)	5.5%	5.4%	5.2%	5.2%	4.7%	4.7%		
<i>Related Party Obligations</i>								
Principal Due						\$ 783	\$ 783	\$ 923
Interest Rate						7.4%		
Variable Rate Debt ^(D)	\$ 350						\$ 350	\$ 350

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Thereafter	Total	Fair Value
March 31, 2011								
Fixed Rate Debt								
<i>Third Party Obligations</i>								
Principal Due ^(B)	46	\$ 3	\$ 250	\$ 3	\$ 462	\$ 579	\$ 1,343	\$ 1,382
Average Interest Rate ^(C)	5.6%	5.5%	5.4%	5.2%	5.2%	4.7%		
<i>Related Party Obligations</i>								
Principal Due						\$ 783	\$ 783	\$ 883
Interest Rate						7.4%		
Variable Rate Debt		350					\$ 350	\$ 348

(A) The fair value of the company’s Public Debt is estimated using market quotes; the fair value of the company’s Private Debt with unrelated third parties is estimated using the same rates adjusted for the different maturities. The fair value of the company’s Note Payable to Timberland Venture is estimated using the same rates as the Public Debt adjusted by an estimated risk premium for holding company debt and the different maturity. See Note 8 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. The slight decrease in fair value of our fixed rate debt compared to March 31, 2011 (excluding related party debt) was due primarily to principal repayments of \$46 million of Private Debt during the twelve month period, offset by lower market interest rates. The increase in the fair value of our Note Payable to Timberland Venture at March 31, 2012 compared to March 31, 2011 was due primarily to lower market interest rates. In March 2012, the decline in treasury rates exceeded the increase in credit spreads (the difference between corporate debt rates and treasury rates) for debt with similar maturities, resulting in an increase in fair value at March 31, 2012 for both our Private Debt and for our Note Payable to Timberland Venture.

The fair value of our floating rate term loan (variable rate debt) as of March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011 was determined by adjusting the spread over LIBOR to a current market spread for comparable debt as of March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011.

(B) Excludes unamortized discount of \$4 million and \$5 million at March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

(C) Represents the average interest rate of total fixed rate debt (excluding related party debt) outstanding at the end of the period.

(D) As of March 31, 2012, the interest rate for the \$350 million term credit agreement was 0.62%. The interest rate on the term credit agreement is based on LIBOR plus 0.375%. This rate can range from LIBOR plus 0.3% to LIBOR plus

1.15% depending on our debt ratings. Not included in the above table are borrowings of \$451 million under our revolving line of credit. In March 2012, the company terminated its previous \$600 million revolving line of credit and entered into a new \$700 million revolving line of credit agreement. As of March 31, 2012, the weighted-average interest rate on the \$451 million of borrowings was 1.44%. The interest rate on the line of credit is currently LIBOR plus 1.25%, including the facility fee. This rate can range from LIBOR plus 1% to LIBOR plus 2% depending on our debt ratings. As of April 2, 2012, \$262 million of the borrowings under our line of credit was repaid.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The company's management, with the participation of the company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the company's disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has concluded that the company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of such period.

(b) Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in the company's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) during the quarter to which this report relates that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

None. (See also Note 10 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc.).

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes to the company's Risk Factors as disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 24, 2012.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The following table contains information about the company’s purchases of equity securities during the first quarter of 2012:

<i>Period</i>	<i>Total Number of Shares Purchased ^(A)</i>	<i>Average Price Paid per Share</i>	<i>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs ^(B)</i>	<i>Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs ^(B)</i>
January 1, 2012 through January 31, 2012	307 shares of common stock	\$36.56	0 shares of common stock	\$ 175 million
February 1, 2012 through February 29, 2012	28,449 shares of common stock	\$39.68	0 shares of common stock	\$ 175 million
March 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012	0 shares of common stock	\$—	0 shares of common stock	\$ 175 million
Total	28,756 shares of common stock	\$39.65	0 shares of common stock	

(A) Represents shares of the company’s common stock purchased from employees in non-open market transactions. The shares of stock were sold by the employees to the company in exchange for cash that was used to pay withholding taxes associated with the vesting of restricted stock unit awards under the company’s stock incentive plan. The price per share surrendered is based on the closing price of the company’s stock on the vesting dates of the awards.

(B) The Board of Directors, from time to time, has authorized a share repurchase program. On August 3, 2010, the Board of Directors authorized a \$200 million share repurchase program, which was publicly announced on August 4, 2010. At March 31, 2012, the remaining share repurchase authorization was \$175 million.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not Applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

List of Exhibits

Each exhibit set forth below in the Index to Exhibits is filed as a part of this report. All exhibits not filed herewith are incorporated herein by reference to a prior filing as indicated.

The agreements included as exhibits to this report are included to provide information about their terms and not to provide any other factual or disclosure information about the company or the other parties to the agreements. The agreements may contain representations and warranties by each of the parties to the applicable agreement that were made solely for the benefit of the other parties to the agreement and:

- should not be treated as categorical statements of fact, but rather as a way of allocating the risk among the parties if those statements prove to be inaccurate;
- may have been qualified by disclosures that were made to the other party in connection with the negotiation of the applicable agreement, which disclosures are not necessarily reflected in the agreement;
- may apply standards of materiality in a way that is different from what may be viewed as material to investors; and
- were made only as of the date of the applicable agreement or such other date or dates as may be specified in the agreement and are subject to more recent developments.

Accordingly, these representations and warranties may not describe the actual state of affairs as of the date they were made or at any other time.

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Designation	Nature of Exhibit
2.1	Contribution Agreement dated as of August 22, 2008 between Plum Creek Timber Operations I, LLC and TCG Member, LLC (Exhibit 2.1 to Form 8-K, File No. 1-10239, filed August 27, 2008).
2.2	Limited Liability Company Agreement of Southern Diversified Timber, LLC dated as of October 1, 2008 between Plum Creek Timber Operations I, LLC and TCG Member, LLC (Exhibit 2.2 to Form 8-K, File No. 1-10239, filed October 7, 2008).
3.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., as amended (Exhibit 3.1 to Form 10-Q, File No. 1-10239, for the quarter ended June 30, 2009).
3.2	Amended and Restated By-laws of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., as amended (Exhibit 3.2 to Form 10-K, File No. 1-10239, for the year ended December 31, 2010).
3.3	Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. (Exhibit 3.3 to Form 10-K, File No. 1-10239, for the year ended December 31, 2010).
10.1	Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of March 2, 2012, by and among Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P., Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd., The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and U.S. Bank National Association, as Syndication Agents, CoBank, ACB and Northwest Farm Credit Services, PCA, as Documentation Agents, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd., RBS Securities Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, U.S. Bank National Association, CoBank, ACB and Northwest Farm Credit Services, PCA, as Joint Lead Arrangers and as Joint Book Runners, and the other lenders party thereto (Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K, File No. 1-10239, filed March 5, 2012).
10.2	Term Loan Agreement, dated as of March 2, 2012, by and among Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P., Northwest Farm Credit Services, PCA, as Administrative Agent, CoBank, ACB, as Syndication Agent, Northwest Farm Credit Services, PCA, and CoBank, ACB, as Joint Lead Arrangers and as Joint Book Runners, and the lenders party thereto (Exhibit 10.2 to Form 8-K, File No. 1-10239, filed March 5, 2012).
12.1	Statements regarding computation of ratios.
31.1	Certification of Rick R. Holley pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
31.2	Certification of David W. Lambert pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
32.1	Certification of Rick R. Holley, President and Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Rules 13a-14(b) and 15d-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification of David W. Lambert, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Rules 13a-14(b) and 15d-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes- Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

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.

PLUM CREEK TIMBER COMPANY, INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ DAVID W. LAMBERT

DAVID W. LAMBERT

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Duly Authorized Officer and Principal Financial
Officer)

Date: May 9, 2012

Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc.
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges

(Dollars in Millions)	Years Ended December 31,					
	3 Months Ended March 31, 2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Consolidated Pretax Income from Continuing Operations	\$ 15	\$ 136	\$ 146	\$ 150	\$ 193	\$ 279
Fixed Charges (per below)	37	144	143	153	158	155
Distributed Income of Equity Investees	28	56	57	53	—	—
Interest Capitalized	—	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Earnings	<u>\$ 80</u>	<u>\$ 335</u>	<u>\$ 345</u>	<u>\$ 355</u>	<u>\$ 350</u>	<u>\$ 433</u>
Interest and Other Financial Charges	\$ 36	\$ 141	\$ 140	\$ 150	\$ 154	\$ 151
Interest Portion of Rental Expense	1	3	3	3	4	4
Fixed Charges	<u>\$ 37</u>	<u>\$ 144</u>	<u>\$ 143</u>	<u>\$ 153</u>	<u>\$ 158</u>	<u>\$ 155</u>
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	<u>2.2</u>	<u>2.3</u>	<u>2.4</u>	<u>2.3</u>	<u>2.2</u>	<u>2.8</u>

Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P.
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges

(Dollars in Millions)	Years Ended December 31,					
	3 Months Ended March 31, 2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Consolidated Pretax Income from Continuing Operations	\$ 30	\$ 194	\$ 204	\$ 208	\$ 207	\$ 279
Fixed Charges (per below)	22	86	85	95	144	155
Distributed Income of Equity Investees	28	56	57	53	—	—
Interest Capitalized	—	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Earnings	<u>\$ 80</u>	<u>\$ 335</u>	<u>\$ 345</u>	<u>\$ 355</u>	<u>\$ 350</u>	<u>\$ 433</u>
Interest and Other Financial Charges	\$ 21	\$ 83	\$ 82	\$ 92	\$ 140	\$ 151
Interest Portion of Rental Expense	1	3	3	3	4	4
Fixed Charges	<u>\$ 22</u>	<u>\$ 86</u>	<u>\$ 85</u>	<u>\$ 95</u>	<u>\$ 144</u>	<u>\$ 155</u>
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	<u>3.6</u>	<u>3.9</u>	<u>4.1</u>	<u>3.7</u>	<u>2.4</u>	<u>2.8</u>

During 2008, PC Ventures I, LLC (“PC Ventures”), a 100% wholly-owned subsidiary of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., made a \$783 million capital contribution to Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. in exchange for a Series T-1 Redeemable Preferred Limited Partnership Interest (“Series T-1 Preferred Interest”), a preferred interest in Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. The Series T-1 Preferred Interest provides for a return of 7.375% per annum (approximately \$58 million) on its contributed capital of \$783 million. In the computation of the ratio of earnings to fixed charges for Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. above, the Series T-1 Preferred Interest is not subtracted from Consolidated Pretax Income from Continuing Operations and has been excluded from the calculation of Fixed Charges because these transactions are between affiliated entities. Further discussion of the Series T-1 Preferred Interest in Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. can be found in the audited consolidated financial statements of Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. for the three years ended December 31, 2011, which were included on Form 10-K of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. and filed with the SEC on February 24, 2012.

**Certification Pursuant to
Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, **Rick R. Holley**, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 9, 2012

By: /s/ RICK R. HOLLEY

RICK R. HOLLEY

President and Chief Executive Officer

**Certification Pursuant to
Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, **David W. Lambert**, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 9, 2012

By: /s/ DAVID W. LAMBERT

DAVID W. LAMBERT

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

**Certification Pursuant to
18 U.S.C. Section 1350,
As Adopted Pursuant to
Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. (the "Company") for the period ended March 31, 2012, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), Rick R. Holley, as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of his knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

Date: May 9, 2012

By: /s/ RICK R. HOLLEY

RICK R. HOLLEY

President and Chief Executive Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

**Certification Pursuant to
18 U.S.C. Section 1350,
As Adopted Pursuant to
Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. (the "Company") for the period ended March 31, 2012, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), David W. Lambert, as Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of his knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

Date: May 9, 2012

By: /s/ DAVID W. LAMBERT

DAVID W. LAMBERT

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.