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

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2011

or

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

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

Commission File Number: 333-112246

**Morris Publishing Group, LLC**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia  
(State of organization)

725 Broad Street  
Augusta, Georgia  
(Address of principal executive offices)

26-2569462  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

30901  
(Zip Code)

(706) 724-0851  
(Registrant's Telephone Number)

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, accelerated filer, non-accelerated filer, or smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Check one:

Large Accelerated Filer

Smaller Reporting Company

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer

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

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Sections 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court. Yes  No

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**MORRIS PUBLISHING GROUP, LLC  
QUARTERLY REPORT  
FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

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In this report, Morris Publishing Group, LLC ("Morris Publishing") is considered as and will be referred to as a wholly owned subsidiary of MPG Newspaper Holding, LLC ("MPG Holdings"), a subsidiary of Shivers Trading & Operating Company. "We," "us" "Company" and "our" also refer to Morris Publishing and its subsidiaries and "parent" refers to MPG Holdings.

Morris Communications Company, LLC, a privately held media company, is an affiliate of Morris Publishing.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future periods and include statements regarding our anticipated performance. You may find discussions containing such forward-looking statements in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in Item 2 of this report.

Generally, the words “anticipates,” “believes,” “expects,” “intends,” “estimates,” “projects,” “plans” and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause our actual results, performance or achievements or industry results, to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.

Although we believe that these statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, we can give no assurance that these statements will be realized. Given these uncertainties, investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this report. We assume no obligation to update or revise them or provide reasons why actual results may differ. Important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from our expectations include those described in Part I, Item 1A-Risk Factors, included herein and within our [Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010](#), as well as other risks and factors identified from time to time in our United States Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

Some of the factors that could cause our actual results to be materially different from our forward-looking statements are as follows:

- our ability to service our debt;
- our ability to comply with the financial tests and other covenants in our existing and future debt obligations;
- further deterioration of economic conditions in the markets we serve;
- risks from increased competition from alternative forms of media;
- our ability to contain the costs of labor and employee benefits;
- our ability to maintain or grow advertising and circulation revenues;
- our ability to successfully implement our business strategy;
- our ability to retain employees;
- industry cyclicality and seasonality;
- interest rate fluctuations; and
- fluctuations in the cost of our supplies, including newsprint.

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<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	<b>June 30, 2011</b>	<b>December 31, 2010</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,231	\$ 2,636
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,544 and \$1,763 at June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively	19,772	26,251
Inventories	2,565	2,160
Deferred income taxes, net	996	669
Income tax receivable	2,778	2,062
Assets held for sale	1,952	1,952
Prepaid and other current assets	1,354	953
Total current assets	<u>34,648</u>	<u>36,683</u>
<b>NET PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<u>83,047</u>	<u>85,754</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS:</b>		
Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$3,724 and \$3,573 at June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively	5,796	5,946
Deferred loan costs and other assets, net of accumulated amortization of loan costs of \$720 and \$472 at June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively	2,583	2,684
Total other assets	<u>8,379</u>	<u>8,630</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 126,074</u>	<u>\$ 131,067</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S INTEREST IN ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 5,544	\$ 4,218
Current maturities of long-term debt	10,000	13,000
Accrued interest expense	1,954	2,163
Due to Morris Communications	1,735	211
Deferred revenues	11,729	12,135
Accrued employee costs	4,493	3,083
Other accrued liabilities	2,429	1,292
Total current liabilities	<u>37,884</u>	<u>36,102</u>
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current portion and original issue discount	63,093	67,115
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES, net	22,348	22,632
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	2,588	2,668
Total liabilities	<u>125,913</u>	<u>128,517</u>
<b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 8)</b>		
<b>MEMBER'S INTEREST IN ASSETS</b>		
Member's surplus	161	2,550
Total member's interest in assets	<u>161</u>	<u>2,550</u>
Total liabilities and member's interest in assets	<u>\$ 126,074</u>	<u>\$ 131,067</u>

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Morris Publishing Group, LLC and Subsidiaries**

**Unaudited condensed consolidated statements of (loss) income**

(Dollars in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2011	2010 (Restated, See Note 2)	2011	2010 (Restated, See Note 2)
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUES:</b>				
Advertising	\$ 38,239	\$ 43,314	\$ 75,628	\$ 84,856
Circulation	14,969	15,338	30,309	31,133
Other	2,511	1,702	4,698	3,830
Total net operating revenues	55,719	60,354	110,635	119,819
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>				
Labor and employee benefits	23,173	23,918	45,646	48,878
Newsprint, ink and supplements	5,611	6,691	11,411	12,173
Other operating costs (excluding depreciation and amortization)	24,060	23,922	47,078	47,825
Depreciation and amortization expense	2,093	2,332	4,246	4,862
Total operating expenses	54,937	56,863	108,381	113,738
OPERATING INCOME	782	3,491	2,254	6,081
<b>OTHER EXPENSES (INCOME):</b>				
Interest expense, including amortization of debt issuance costs	2,561	3,584	5,707	10,769
Expense (income) from cancellation of debt	-	1,035	-	(218,164)
Interest income	-	-	(1)	(2)
Other, net	(87)	(38)	(37)	(69)
Total other expense (income), net	2,474	4,581	5,669	(207,466)
(LOSS) INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX (BENEFIT) PROVISION	(1,692)	(1,090)	(3,415)	213,547
INCOME TAX (BENEFIT) PROVISION	(453)	(936)	(1,026)	8,632
NET (LOSS) INCOME	\$ (1,239)	\$ (154)	\$ (2,389)	\$ 204,915

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**Morris Publishing Group, LLC and Subsidiaries**

**Unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows**

**Six months ended June 30,**

<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
		<b>As Restated, (See Note 2)</b>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net (loss) income	\$ (2,389)	\$ 204,915
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Cancellation of debt	-	(222,905)
Depreciation and amortization	4,246	4,862
Write-off of deferred loan costs	-	3,121
Amortization of debt issuance costs	248	221
Accretion of original issue discount	1,375	1,162
Bad debt recovery	(25)	(179)
Loss (gain) on sale of fixed assets, net	66	(29)
Deferred income taxes	(611)	(2,102)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Accounts receivable	6,504	6,648
Inventories	(405)	(27)
Prepays and other current assets	(401)	(10)
Other assets	(148)	(2,445)
Accounts payable	1,326	(331)
Income taxes receivable	(716)	(326)
Accrued employee costs	1,410	2,358
Accrued interest expense	(209)	7,762
Due to Morris Communications	1,524	(26)
Deferred revenues and other liabilities	731	1,070
Income taxes payable	-	13,012
Other long-term liabilities	(80)	(38)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>12,446</u>	<u>16,713</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Capital expenditures	(1,471)	(456)
Net proceeds from sale of property and equipment	17	71
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(1,454)</u>	<u>(385)</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Redemption of New Notes	(8,397)	(5,987)
Repayment of Tranche A term loan-Original Credit Agreement	-	(19,700)
Repayments on Tranche B term loan-Original Credit Agreement	-	(7,360)
Proceeds from Refinancing Indebtedness	-	7,126
Repayment of Refinancing Indebtedness	-	(7,126)
Repayment of Working Capital Facility	(2,000)	(1,703)
Proceeds from Working Capital Facility	2,000	1,703
Payment of debt issuance costs	-	(1,046)
Advances on loan receivable from Morris Communications	-	(1,000)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(8,397)</u>	<u>(35,093)</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>(18,765)</b>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	2,636	25,638
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	<u>\$ 5,231</u>	<u>\$ 6,873</u>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
Interest paid	\$ 4,294	\$ 1,069
Income taxes paid (refund)	300	(2,252)

*See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.*

**MORRIS PUBLISHING GROUP, LLC**  
**Notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited)**  
**(Dollars in thousands)**

**1. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements furnished herein reflect all adjustments, which in the opinion of management, are necessary for the fair presentation of the financial position and results of operations of Morris Publishing Group, LLC and subsidiaries ("Morris Publishing", "Company") for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2011. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. Results of operations for the three-month and six-month interim periods in 2011 are not necessarily indicative of results expected for the full year. While certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") have been condensed or omitted, the Company believes that the disclosures herein are adequate to keep the information presented from being misleading. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited [consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2010](#). The accounting policies that are employed are the same as those shown in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 and for each of three years ended December 31, 2010.

As further described in Note 3, certain expenses, assets and liabilities of Morris Communications Company, LLC ("Morris Communications"), an affiliate of Morris Publishing, have been allocated to the Company. These allocations were based on estimates of the proportion of corporate expenses, assets and liabilities related to the Company, utilizing such factors as revenues, number of employees, salaries and wages expenses, and other applicable factors. In the opinion of management, these allocations have been made on a reasonable basis. The costs of these services charged to the Company may not reflect the actual costs the Company would have incurred for similar services as a stand-alone company. The Company and Morris Communications have executed various agreements with respect to the allocation of assets, liabilities and costs.

**Extinguishment of debt and original issue discount**—During 2008 and 2009, the Company faced constraints on its liquidity, including its ability to service the principal amount of combined indebtedness owed to its secured lenders under the credit agreements and to the holders of the 7% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013, dated as of August 7, 2003 (the "Original Notes") with no realistic ability to obtain the necessary additional funds in the capital markets.

On March 1, 2010 (the "Effective Date"), the Company restructured its debt through the consummation of a plan of reorganization confirmed by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court (the "Restructuring"), thereby reducing the total amount of its debt outstanding from \$447,659, including accrued interest on the Original Notes at December 31, 2009 to a face amount of approximately \$107,200.

The holders of the \$278,478 principal amount of Original Notes were the only impaired class of creditors and there was no change in equity ownership interests as a result of the Restructuring.

Notes due 2014 (the "New Notes"), were recorded at fair value on the Effective Date of the Restructuring, and interest, as accrued on the aggregate stated principal amount outstanding of New Notes, is recorded as an expense within the consolidated statements of operations. The excess of the stated aggregate principal amount of New Notes over fair value is original issue discount ("OID") and is accreted over the term of the New Notes.

**Fair value of financial instruments**—The Company estimated the fair values presented below using appropriate valuation methodologies and market information available as of June 30, 2011. Considerable judgment is required to develop estimates of fair value, and the estimates presented are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that the Company could realize in a current market exchange. The use of different market assumptions or estimation methodologies

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could have a material effect on the estimated fair values. Additionally, the fair values were estimated at June 30, 2011, and current estimates of fair value may differ from the amounts presented.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments:

*Cash and equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable.* The carrying amount of these items approximates fair value due to their short term nature.

*Long-term debt.* To estimate the fair value of the \$78,111 aggregate stated principal amount outstanding of New Notes, the Company used the average price of the corporate bond trades reported during the three month period ended June 30, 2011. At June 30, 2011, the fair value of the New Notes was approximately \$76,500.

*Inventories*—Inventories consist principally of newsprint, prepress costs and supplies, which are stated at the lower of cost or market value. The cost of newsprint inventory is determined by the last in, first out method ("LIFO"). Costs for newsprint inventory would have been \$1,268 and \$1,314 higher at June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively, had the first in, first out method been used for all inventories.

The Company also experienced LIFO liquidations based on permanent decreased levels in its inventories. These LIFO liquidations resulted in a decrease in cost of products sold of \$101 and \$158 for the three and six-month periods ended June 30, 2010, respectively. There were no LIFO liquidations for the three and six-month periods ended June 30, 2011.

## **2. Restatement of 2010 Quarterly Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**

As previously disclosed in the [Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010](#), subsequent to the issuance of the Company's Form 10-Q as of and for the quarter ended September 30, 2010, management identified an error in the accounting for the debt modification within the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements filed on Forms 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2010, June 30, 2010, and September 30, 2010. The debt modification in the Restructuring should have been accounted for as debt extinguishment rather than troubled debt restructuring.

Under accounting guidance for debt extinguishment, the New Notes should have been recorded at \$91,000, the estimated fair value of the New Notes on the Effective Date. The \$9,000 difference between the aggregate stated principal amount and the fair value of the New Notes is OID, which should be accreted (utilizing the effective interest rate method), as additional interest expense over the four and one-half year term of the New Notes. However, the Company had recorded the New Notes as indebtedness on the Effective Date of \$145,000 (\$100,000 of face amount of principal plus \$45,000 of maximum future interest costs), in error. In effect, the maximum future interest costs ("Future Interest Indebtedness") were recorded as indebtedness with respect to the New Notes, such that future cash interest on the New Notes was not treated as an expense, but was treated as a reduction of this recorded indebtedness.

Under accounting guidance for debt extinguishment, the income from the cancellation of debt ("COD" income) on the Restructuring was calculated utilizing the fair value of the New Notes as the total indebtedness. In effect, the COD income was increased by \$54,000 (the elimination of the \$45,000 of Future Interest Indebtedness plus the \$9,000 in OID) over the amount previously recorded on the Effective Date.

Under accounting guidance for debt extinguishment, the Company should have recorded interest on the New Notes, as well as accretion of the OID, as interest expense. Following guidance for troubled debt restructuring, the Company had recorded the interest on the New Notes during the first, second and third quarters of 2010 as a reduction of Future Interest Indebtedness, rather than interest expense, in error.

In addition, the Company should have deferred the \$593 in loan costs directly associated with the issuance of the New Notes during the first quarter of 2010 and amortized these costs over the term of the New Notes. Following the guidance for troubled debt restructuring, the Company had recorded these loan costs within the legal and consultant costs directly related to the Restructuring ("Debt Restructuring Costs"), a direct offset to COD income during the first quarter of 2010.



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The table below reflects the impact of the restatement of the Company's quarterly unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations filed on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended June 30, 2010:

<b>Statement of Operations-Affected Line Items</b>	<b>Amount as Previously Reported</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Restated Amount</b>
Operating income	\$ 3,491	\$ -	\$ 3,491
<b>Other (income) expense</b>			
Interest expense and debt amortization costs	154	3,430	3,584
Cancellation of debt (income) expense	(1,543)	2,578	1,035
Other income, net	(38)	-	(38)
Total other (income) expense, net	(1,427)	6,008	4,581
Income (loss) before income taxes	4,918	(6,008)	(1,090)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	2,290	(3,226)	(936)
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,628	\$ (2,782)	\$ (154)

The table below reflects the impact of the restatement of the Company's quarterly unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations filed on Form 10-Q for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010:

<b>Statement of Operations-Affected Line Items</b>	<b>Amount as Previously Reported</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Restated Amount</b>
Operating income	\$ 6,081	\$ -	\$ 6,081
<b>Other (income) expense</b>			
Interest expense and debt amortization costs	6,357	4,412	10,769
Cancellation of debt income	(166,149)	(52,015)	(218,164)
Interest income	(2)	-	(2)
Other income, net	(69)	-	(69)
Total other income, net	(159,863)	(47,603)	(207,466)
Income before income taxes	165,944	47,603	213,547
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(8,156)	16,788	8,632
Net income	\$ 174,100	\$ 30,815	\$ 204,915

Furthermore, the Company reclassified bad debt expense within net cash provided by operating activities for the first six months of 2010 to properly reflect the amount as an adjustment to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities rather than as a change in accounts receivable. The amount of this reclassification was \$179 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010.

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The table below reflects the impact of the restatement of the Company's quarterly unaudited condensed consolidated cash flow filed on Form 10-Q for the six-month period ended June 30, 2010:

<b>Statements of Cash Flow-Affected Line Items</b>	<b>Amounts as Previously Reported</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Restated Amounts</b>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net income	\$ 174,100	\$ 30,815	\$ 204,915
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:			
Cancellation of debt	(171,483)	(51,422)	(222,905)
Accretion of original issue discount	-	1,162	1,162
Bad debt recovery	-	(179)	(179)
Deferred income taxes	(18,890)	16,788	(2,102)
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	6,469	179	6,648
Accrued interest expense	5,412	2,350	7,762
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>17,020</b>	<b>(307)</b>	<b>16,713</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Cash interest payments on New Notes	(900)	900	-
Payment of debt issuance costs	(453)	(593)	(1,046)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(35,400)</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>(35,093)</b>

**3. Transactions with Parent and Affiliates**

**Management, Technology and Shared Services Fees**—The Company receives certain services from, and has entered into certain transactions with Morris Communications. The management fee compensates Morris Communications for corporate services and costs incurred on behalf of the Company, including executive, legal, secretarial, tax, internal audit, risk management, employee benefit administration, travel and other support services. The technology and shared services fee compensates Morris Communications for technology and shared services.

Prior to March 1, 2010, the Effective Date of the Restructuring, the management fee was the greater of 4.0% of the Company's annual total operating revenues or the amount of actual expenses allocable to the management of the Company's business by Morris Communications (such allocations to be based upon time and resources spent on the management of the Company's business by Morris Communications). In addition, the technology and shared services fee was based on the lesser of 2.5% of the Company's total net operating revenue or the actual technology costs allocated to the Company based upon usage.

On January 6, 2010, Morris Publishing entered into a [Fourth Amendment to Management and Services Agreement](#), effective upon the consummation of the Restructuring, changing the fees payable by Morris Publishing to an allocation of the actual amount of costs of providing the services, with the fees not to exceed \$22,000 in any calendar year.

The management fee totaled \$2,224 and \$2,230 for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and \$4,447 and \$4,619 for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The technology and shared services fee paid to Morris Communications totaled \$2,943 and \$3,195 for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and \$5,977 and \$5,021 for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The Company has recorded the management fee and technology and shared services fee within other operating costs in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

[On July 7, 2011, Morris Publishing entered into a Master Services Agreement \(the "NIIT MSA"\) with NIIT Media Technologies, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company \("NIIT Media"\)](#), where NIIT Media will provide services to Morris Publishing that relate to, among other things, technology, back office and shared services, and advertisement production. Many of the services to be provided by NIIT Media have historically been performed by Morris Publishing's affiliate, MStar Solutions, LLC ("MStar"), under the Management and Services Agreement with Morris Communications and MStar (the "Morris Communications Services Agreement").

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MStar contributed substantially all of its assets to NIIT Media in return for a minority membership interest in NIIT Media. Morris Communications will also receive similar services from NIIT Media under the NIIT MSA.

On July 7, 2011, Morris Publishing, Morris Communications and MStar entered into the Fifth Amendment to Management and Services Agreement to suspend the services provided by Morris Communications or MStar to the Company to coincide with the provision of such services by NIIT Media. See Note 9.

**Due to Morris Communications**—Due to Morris Communications represents a net short-term payable that resulted from operating activities between the Company and its affiliate or parent. On the Effective Date of the Restructuring, the \$1,138 which remained outstanding on the intercompany loan receivable from Morris Communications was satisfied through an offset against the amount due to Morris Communications.

**Health and Disability Plan**—The Company participates in Morris Communications' health and disability plan for active employees. Accordingly, Morris Communications has allocated to the Company certain expenses associated with the payment of current obligations and the estimated amounts incurred but not yet reported. The expense, allocated to the Company based on the total headcount, was \$2,235 and \$1,987 for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and \$4,133 and \$3,923 for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

The Company was also allocated its portion of Morris Communications' health and disability obligation. The amounts allocated to the Company, based on total headcount, were \$1,229 and \$1,243 as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. The Company has recorded this liability within accrued employee costs in the accompanying financial statements.

**Workers' Compensation Expense**—The Company has participated in Morris Communications' workers' compensation self-insurance plan, which is guaranteed and secured by the Company's ultimate parent, Questo, Inc. ("Questo"), through a letter of credit. Accordingly, Morris Communications has allocated to the Company certain expenses associated with the payment of current obligations and the estimated amounts incurred but not yet reported. The expenses allocated to the Company, based on a percentage of total salaries expense, were \$366 and \$496 for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and \$657 and \$814 for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

**Loan Receivable from Morris Communications**—Under the terms of the Credit Agreement, dated as of December 14, 2005 (the "Original Credit Agreement") and the indenture to the Original Notes (the "Original Indenture"), the Company had been permitted to loan up to \$40,000 at any one time to Morris Communications or any of its wholly-owned subsidiaries outside the Publishing Group, solely for purposes of funding its working capital, capital expenditures and acquisition requirements.

The Company accounted for this arrangement as a capital distribution transaction and classified such borrowings as contra-equity within member's deficiency in assets, given the historical practice of the Company and Morris Communications settling a significant portion of the outstanding loan receivable balance with a dividend.

The interest-bearing portion of all loans from the Company to Morris Communications bore the same rate as the borrowings under the credit agreements. During 2010 and up to the date of the Restructuring, the Company reported the \$134 in interest accrued on an average loan receivable balance of \$25,500. The interest accrued on this loan receivable has been reported as contra-equity within member's deficiency in assets for the periods presented.

As part of the Restructuring, the reduction of the bondholder debt was accompanied by the cancellation of the aggregate principal amount, plus accrued paid in kind ("PIK") interest, of the Company's Tranche C senior secured debt outstanding under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2009 (the "Credit Agreement"), as a repayment of intercompany indebtedness of \$24,500 plus interest at 3.5% from September 30, 2010, and as a capital contribution. On March 1, 2010, Morris Communications repaid \$24,862 of the \$26,000 intercompany loan receivable, with the \$6,825 of unrecognized

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accumulated accrued interest canceled, in effect, as a capital contribution. The \$1,138 remaining balance on the intercompany loan was reclassified as a non-interest bearing short-term receivable.

**Income taxes**—The Company is a single member limited liability company and is not subject to income taxes, with its results being included in the consolidated federal income tax return of its ultimate parent. However, the Company is required to provide for its portion of income taxes under a "Tax Consolidation Agreement" with its ultimate parent and other affiliated entities. Accordingly, the Company recognizes an allocation of income taxes in its separate financial statements as if it filed a separate income tax return and remitted taxes for its current tax liability.

On January 6, 2010, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Tax Consolidation Agreement ("Amended Tax Agreement") with its parent entities, MPG Newspaper Holding, LLC ("MPG Holdings"), Shivers Trading & Operating Company ("Shivers"), and Questo, and its affiliated entity, Morris Communications. The amendments in the agreement (1) clarify that the Company will not be liable for adverse consequences related to specified extraordinary transactions in 2009 primarily relating to its parent entity and other related entities, (2) provide that, in calculating the Company's tax payment obligation, the indebtedness of its parent entity, MPG Holdings, will be treated as if it were the Company's indebtedness and (3) provide that the Trustee of the Indenture to the New Notes (the "New Indenture") will have an approval right with respect to elections or discretionary positions taken for tax return purposes related to specified transactions or actions taken with respect to the indebtedness of MPG Holdings, if such elections, positions or actions would have an adverse consequence on the New Notes or the Company. To the extent the terms of the Amended Tax Agreement require the Company to pay less than the amount of taxes that would have been required under the separate return method; such lesser amount will not reduce the Company's tax expense, but will be treated as a capital contribution by its parent.

The Company accounts for income taxes under the provisions of the liability method as required by accounting guidance, which requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amount of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. The recognition of future tax benefits is required to the extent that realization of such benefits is more likely than not.

#### **4. Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In January 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2010-6, "*Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements*" which discusses the level of disaggregation required for each class of assets and liabilities and for fair value measurements that fall within Level 2 or 3 of the fair value hierarchy. This guidance is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the disclosures concerning purchases, sales, issuances and settlements in the roll forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements. Those disclosures are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The adoption of this pronouncement did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

In October 2009, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2009-13, "*Revenue Recognition—Multiple Deliverable Revenue Arrangements*," which amends previous guidance related to the accounting for revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after September 15, 2010, and applies to the Company's 2011 financial statements. Under the new guidance, when vendor specific objective evidence or third party evidence of the selling price for a deliverable in a multiple element in an arrangement cannot be determined; a best estimate of the selling price is required to allocate arrangement consideration using the relative selling price method. The new guidance includes new disclosure requirements on how the application of the relative selling price method affects the timing of when revenue is recognized. The adoption of the new guidance did not have a material impact to the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### **5. Other Intangible Assets and Goodwill**

Newspaper mastheads (newspaper titles and Web site domain names) are not subject to amortization and are tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired.

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The impairment test consists of a comparison of the fair value of the Company's mastheads with the carrying amount. The Company performed impairment tests on newspaper mastheads as of December 31, 2010 and no impairment loss was recognized.

Intangible assets subject to amortization (primarily advertiser and subscriber lists) are tested for recoverability whenever events or change in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. The carrying amount of each asset group is not recoverable if it exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use of such asset group. The facts and circumstances indicating possible impairment of the finite-lived intangible assets existed; therefore the Company performed impairment tests on these long-lived assets as of December 31, 2010. The Company's analysis resulted in no impairments of long-lived assets held for future use. Based upon the Company's continued assessment of this area, no impairments were required to be recorded during the six months ended June 30, 2011.

Intangible assets acquired (subscriber lists, non-compete agreements and other assets) are amortized over their estimated useful lives (from 5 to 20 years).

Changes in the carrying amounts of goodwill of the Company for the six months ended June 30, 2011 were as follows:

	<b>Goodwill</b>
Gross goodwill	\$ 170,685
Accumulated impairment losses	(170,685)
Balance at December 31, 2010	-
Gross goodwill	170,685
Accumulated impairment losses	(170,685)
Balance at June 30, 2011	<u>\$ -</u>

Amortization expense of other intangible assets totaled \$66 and \$25 for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and \$151 and \$191 for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The remaining expense for the last six months of 2011 and for the four succeeding years for the existing finite-lived intangible assets is estimated as follows:

	<b>Amortization Expense</b>
2011	\$ 132
2012	264
2013	254
2014	146
2015	119

Changes in the carrying amounts of other intangibles of the Company for the six months ended June 30, 2011 were as follows:

	<b>Other intangible assets</b>
Balance at December 31, 2010	\$ 5,946
Additions	1
Amortization expense	(151)
Balance at June 30, 2011	<u>\$ 5,796</u>

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Other finite-lived and indefinite-lived intangible assets at June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 were as follows:

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net cost
<b>June 30, 2011:</b>			
Finite-lived intangible assets			
Subscriber lists	\$ 4,365	\$ 2,870	\$ 1,495
Non-compete agreements and other assets	50	50	-
Total finite-lived intangible assets	4,415	2,920	1,495
Indefinite-lived intangible assets			
Newspaper mastheads	5,031	792	4,239
Domain names	74	12	62
Total indefinite-lived intangible assets	5,105	804	4,301
Total other intangible assets	\$ 9,520	\$ 3,724	\$ 5,796
<b>December 31, 2010:</b>			
Finite-lived intangible assets			
Subscriber lists	\$ 4,365	\$ 2,719	\$ 1,646
Non-compete agreements and other assets	50	50	-
Total finite-lived intangible assets	4,415	2,769	1,646
Indefinite-lived intangible assets			
Newspaper mastheads	5,031	792	4,239
Domain names	73	12	61
Total indefinite-lived intangible assets	5,104	804	4,300
Total other intangible assets	\$ 9,519	\$ 3,573	\$ 5,946

**6. Long-Term Debt**

**Restructuring and Refinancing**

The Restructuring consisted of the following transactions:

The claims of the holders of the Original Notes, in an aggregate principal amount of \$278,478, plus \$35,427 in accrued interest, were cancelled in exchange for the issuance of \$100,000 in aggregate stated principal amount of New Notes. Based upon trading activity in the New Notes, the fair value of the New Notes was \$91,000 at issuance. Therefore, the Company recorded the New Notes as indebtedness of \$91,000, with \$9,000 of OID to be accreted as additional interest over the life of the New Notes.

The Morris family, through their affiliated entities, made a non-cash capital contribution to Morris Publishing of \$87,244 and settled \$24,862 of intercompany indebtedness to the Company, resulting in the cancellation of \$112,106 (including accrued PIK interest) of the Tranche C senior secured debt outstanding under the Credit Agreement.

During the first and second quarter of 2010, the Company incurred \$585 and \$1,035, respectively, in Debt Restructuring Costs. On the Effective Date, the Company wrote-off \$3,121 in unamortized deferred loan costs associated with the Original Notes.

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The table below summarizes the components (cash\* and non-cash) of the income from the cancellation of debt during the six-month period ended June 30, 2010:

<b>Cancellation of debt</b>	
Cancellation of Original Notes	\$ 278,478
Cancellation of interest accrued on Original Notes	35,427
	<u>313,905</u>
<b>Issuance of debt</b>	
Issuance of New Notes	(100,000)
Original issue discount	9,000
	<u>(91,000)</u>
<b>Other costs</b>	
Debt restructuring costs-first six months of 2010*	(1,620)
Write-off of deferred loan costs	(3,121)
	<u>(4,741)</u>
<b>Cancellation of debt income</b>	<u>\$ 218,164</u>

The Company repaid from cash on hand, as required under the Indenture to the New Indenture, the entire \$19,700 principal amount of Tranche A senior secured debt, plus \$16 in accrued interest and a \$300 prepayment fee, leaving only the \$6,800 (plus accrued PIK interest) Tranche B term loan remaining outstanding on the \$136,500 aggregate principal amount originally outstanding under the Credit Agreement. The Tranche B term loan became pari passu with the New Notes as of the Effective Date.

The Company was required to use part of its available cash after the repayment of the Tranche A senior secured debt to redeem \$3,211 of the aggregate stated principal amounts outstanding on the New Notes and to repay \$232 on the Tranche B term loan.

Under the New Indenture, the Company was permitted to incur "Refinancing Indebtedness", as defined in and contemplated by the New Indenture, within 150 days after March 1, 2010, in order to refinance the Tranche B term loan under the Credit Agreement.

During the second quarter of 2010, in connection with, and immediately prior to entering into a working capital facility, the Company repaid the Tranche B term loan under the Credit Agreement in the amount of \$6,800 (plus accrued PIK interest) with \$7,126 of Refinancing Indebtedness from CB&T, a division of Synovus Bank (the "Bank") and the Company entered into a senior, secured Loan and Line of Credit Agreement with the Bank, providing for a revolving line of credit in the amount of \$10,000 (the "Working Capital Facility"). As required by the New Indenture, upon entering into a working capital facility, the Company used part of its available cash to fully repay this Refinancing Indebtedness immediately upon its issuance. The Company was required to use part of its available cash upon entering into the Working Capital Facility to redeem \$1,760 of the aggregate stated principal amounts outstanding on the New Notes.

In addition, the Company is required by the New Indenture to use its monthly positive operating cash flow (if any), net of permitted cash flow adjustments, ("Excess Free Cash Flow") to first repay any amounts outstanding on the Working Capital Facility, and then to redeem (on a pro rata basis) New Notes; provided, however, that no payment or redemptions are required if Excess Free Cash Flow is less than \$250.

During the first six months of 2011 and 2010, the Company redeemed an additional \$8,397 and \$1,016, respectively, in aggregate stated principal amounts outstanding on the New Notes from its Excess Free Cash Flows. Subsequent to June 30, 2011, the Company redeemed a total of \$563 in aggregate stated principal amounts outstanding on the New Notes as a result of the June 2011 Excess Free Cash Flows. The total amount outstanding on the New Notes at July 31, 2011 was \$77,548 of stated principal.

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**Debt Transactions Summary**—The following table summarizes the above (cash\* and non-cash) transactions and reflects the Company's total outstanding debt on June 30, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009:

	Outstanding as of 12/31/2009	Additional Accrued Interest- Non-Cash	Repayments or Settlement	Non-cash Capital Contribution to Morris Publishing	Non-cash Cancellation of Original Notes	New Notes and Original Issue Discount	Outstanding on New Notes at End of Periods
<b>Long-term debt</b>							
<b>Credit Agreement</b>							
Tranche A	\$19,700	\$-	\$(19,700) *	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Tranche B	7,021	339	(7,360) *	-	-	-	-
Tranche C	111,192	914	(24,862)	(87,244)	-	-	-
	137,913	1,253	(51,922)	(87,244)	-	-	-
<b>Original Indenture</b>							
Original Notes	278,478	-	-	-	(278,478)	-	-
Accrued interest	31,268	4,159	-	-	(35,427)	-	-
	309,746	4,159	-	-	(313,905)	-	-
<b>New Indenture</b>							
Issuance of New Notes on Restructuring Date	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
Original issue discount at the Restructuring Date	-	-	-	-	-	(9,000)	(9,000)
Accretion of OID-3/1/2010 through 12/31/2010	-	-	-	-	-	2,607	2,607
Redemptions-3/1/2010 through 12/31/2010	-	-	-	-	-	(13,492) *	(13,492)
Outstanding at 12/31/2010	-	-	-	-	-	80,115	80,115
Accretion of OID-1/1/2011 through 6/30/2011	-	-	-	-	-	1,375	1,375
Redemptions-1/1/2011 through 6/30/2011	-	-	-	-	-	(8,397) *	(8,397)
Outstanding at 6/30/2011	-	-	-	-	-	73,093	73,093
Totals	\$447,659	\$5,412	\$(51,922)	\$(87,244)	\$(313,905)	\$73,093	\$73,093

**Period Summary**

**Total Debt**—At June 30, 2011, the Company's total debt was \$73,093 (\$78,111 in aggregate stated principal outstanding on the New Notes less \$5,018 of OID). At December 31, 2010, the Company's total debt was \$80,115 (\$86,508 in aggregate principal outstanding on the New Notes less \$6,393 of OID).

The average interest rate on the Company's total aggregate principal amount of debt outstanding, excluding effective rate of the OID, on the New Notes, was 10% at June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010.

The current maturities of long-term debt as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 totaled \$10,000 and \$13,000, respectively. The current maturities of long-term debt reflect the Company's estimate of required redemptions of New Notes utilizing Excess Free Cash Flow within the following twelve-month period.

**New Note Summary**—Interest expense on the aggregate stated principal amount outstanding on the New Notes totaled \$1,963 and \$2,417 for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2010, respectively, and \$4,061 and \$3,251 for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2010, respectively.

The accretion on the original issue discount totaled \$442 and \$919 during the three-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2010, respectively, and \$1,375 and \$1,081 during the six-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2010, respectively. The accretion on the original issue discount was recorded as additional interest expense

During the first quarter of 2010, the Company deferred \$593 in loan costs related to the issuance of the New Notes and amortized those costs over the four and one-half year maturity of the New Notes.



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*Original Notes Summary*—During the first two months of 2010, interest expense (accrued and unpaid) on the Original Notes totaled \$4,159.

*Working Capital Facility Summary*—There were no outstanding borrowings against the Working Capital Facility at the end of the second quarter of 2011.

During the second quarter of 2010, the Company deferred the \$453 in debt issuance costs associated with the loan and amortized these costs ratably through May 15, 2011, the original maturity date of the Working Capital Facility.

On May 13, 2011, the Company entered into an agreement with the Bank extending the maturity of the Working Capital Facility to May 15, 2012 with no other changes to the provisions of the agreement.

*Credit Agreement Summary*—The interest rates on the Tranche A, Tranche B and Tranche C term loans under the Credit Agreement were 15%, 15%, and 5%, respectively. Interest expense on the Tranche A, B and C term loans totaled \$501 (excluding the \$300 prepayment penalty), \$338 and \$914, respectively, during the first six months of 2010. The interest expense on the Tranche B and C term loan was PIK.

*Loan Amortization Expense*—Loan amortization expense totaled \$135 and \$75 during the three-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2010, respectively, and \$248 and \$221 during the six-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2010, respectively.

## **New Indenture**

On March 1, 2010, the Effective Date of the Restructuring, the Company entered into the New Indenture with respect to the New Notes.

Under the terms of the New Indenture, the New Notes bear 10% interest commencing March 1, 2010 and payable in cash quarterly. The New Notes mature on October 1, 2014.

The New Notes are secured by a lien on substantially all of the assets of the Company. The New Notes, and the liens securing the New Notes, will be subordinated to any senior debt of the Company, which included the Refinancing Indebtedness and includes the Working Capital Facility.

Under certain conditions, the notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuers. Upon certain sales or dispositions of assets or events of loss unless the proceeds are reinvested in accordance with the New Indenture, the Issuers must offer to use proceeds to redeem the Notes. Upon a change of control of Morris Publishing, the Issuers must offer to repurchase all of the New Notes.

The New Indenture contains various representations, warranties and covenants generally consistent with the Original Indenture, including requirements to provide reports and to file publicly available reports with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") (unless the SEC will not accept the reports) and limitations on dividends, indebtedness, liens, transactions with affiliates and capital expenditures.

In addition, the New Indenture contains financial covenants requiring the Company to meet certain financial tests on an on-going basis, including a total leverage ratio and a cash interest coverage ratio, based upon the consolidated financial results of the Company. At June 30, 2011, the Company was in compliance with all financial covenants under the New Indenture.

In addition, the holders of the New Notes, as permitted by the New Indenture, appointed an observer to the Board of Directors of the Company and each of its subsidiaries.

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**Credit Agreement**

On October 15, 2009, the Original Credit Agreement was amended and restated under the Credit Agreement, as a condition precedent to the Restructuring. The amendment and restatement immediately followed the acquisition by Tranche Holdings, LLC, a third party in which Company affiliates held a transitory interest, of all outstanding loans under the Original Credit Agreement and the conversion of the entire \$136,500 principal amount outstanding under the Original Credit Agreement into the three tranches of term loans (the "Senior Refinancing Transaction"):

- Tranche A - \$19,700;
- Tranche B - \$6,800; and
- Tranche C - \$110,000

The entire Tranche B term loan was acquired by the Company's affiliate, MPG Revolver Holdings, LLC ("MPG Revolver"), and the entire Tranche C term loan was acquired by Morris Communications and MPG Revolver, after which the Company affiliates no longer had an interest in Tranche Holdings, LLC. The parties to the Credit Agreement were (1) Morris Publishing as borrower, (2) Morris Communications, as guarantor, (3) Tranche Manager, LLC as administrative agent, and (4) Tranche Holdings, LLC, MPG Revolver, and Morris Communications as lenders.

All existing defaults under the Original Credit Agreement were eliminated upon the consummation of the Senior Refinancing Transaction.

Prior to the Effective Date, all three tranches of debt under the Credit Agreement remained senior to the Original Notes. Pursuant to the "Escrow Agreement", MPG Revolver and Morris Communications deposited the Tranche C term loan, which had an aggregate principal amount of \$110,000 plus accrued PIK interest, into an escrow account for cancellation upon the consummation of the Restructuring.

Pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, upon the Restructuring, the relevant Morris Publishing affiliates agreed to cancel the Tranche C term loan which has an aggregate principal amount of \$110,000 plus accrued PIK interest in settlement of intercompany indebtedness having an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$24,500, plus accrued and unpaid interest from September 30, 2009 until but excluding the date on which the Restructuring is consummated, to Morris Publishing and as a contribution to capital of approximately \$85,500 plus the amount of any PIK interest that accrued on the Tranche C term loan after the date of the Credit Agreement.

The Credit Agreement contained various representations, warranties and covenants generally consistent with the Original Credit Agreement. Financial covenants in the Credit Agreement required the Company to meet certain financial tests on an on-going basis, including a minimum interest coverage ratio, minimum fixed charge coverage ratio, and maximum cash flow ratios, based upon the combined consolidated financial results of Morris Publishing and Morris Communications. The financial covenants were to be calculated as if the Restructuring has been completed. Prior to and on the Effective Date, the Company was in compliance with all financial covenants (as amended on October 15, 2009) under the Credit Agreement.

The loans under the Credit Agreement continued to be guaranteed by all subsidiaries of the Company, as well as Morris Communications and all of its wholly-owned, domestic subsidiaries, and secured by substantially all of the assets of such guarantors and the Company.

The Tranche B term loan remaining after the Restructuring ranked pari passu with the New Notes and ceased to be secured by the liens securing the Credit Agreement, and shared in the same collateral securing the New Notes on a second priority basis. On or prior to 150 days from the date of the Restructuring, the Company was permitted to refinance the Tranche B term loan, with a term loan and/or revolver provided by a commercial bank unaffiliated with the Company at an annual interest rate no greater than LIBOR plus 970 basis points. Such refinanced debt would be senior to the New Notes and secured by a first lien on substantially all of the Company's assets.

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*Working Capital Facility*—The parties to the Working Capital Facility are the Company, as borrower, all of its subsidiaries and its parent, as guarantors, and the Bank.

Interest accrues on outstanding principal at the rate of LIBOR plus 4%, with a minimum rate of 6%.

The Working Capital Facility is secured by a first lien on substantially all of the assets of Morris Publishing and its subsidiaries. Liens on such assets were previously granted to the Collateral Agent for the holders of the New Notes pursuant to the New Indenture. Pursuant to the New Indenture and an Intercreditor Agreement between the Collateral Agent and the Bank, the New Notes (and their related liens) are subordinated to the Working Capital Facility. The Working Capital Facility contains various customary representations, warranties and covenants, as well as financial covenants similar to the financial covenants in the New Indenture.

The Company is permitted by the New Indenture to either renew or replace this Working Capital Facility. If at any time the Company does not have a working capital facility, it would intend to retain cash flow generated from operations in order to maintain cash balances of up to \$7,000 to provide liquidity, as permitted by the New Indenture, but the Company would be required to use monthly excess free cash flow to redeem New Notes to the extent its cash balances exceed \$7,000.

### **7. Income Taxes**

The income tax benefit for three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2011 totaled \$453 and \$1,026, respectively. The income tax (benefit) provision for three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2010 totaled (\$936) and \$8,632, respectively.

The Company's income tax provision has been prepared as if the Company was filing a separate income tax return and the impact of the cancellation of debt on other affiliated parties, if any, has not been recognized. To the extent the terms of the Amended Tax Agreement require the Company to pay less than the amount of taxes that would have been required as a separate corporation (as a result of treating its parent's indebtedness as if it were the Company's indebtedness), such lesser amount will not reduce the Company's tax expense, but will be treated as a capital contribution by its parent.

The difference between the effective rate and statutory rate is primarily attributable to state income and franchise taxes and the non-deductibility travel and entertainment expenses.

### **8. Commitments and Contingencies**

From time to time, the Company is involved in litigation in the ordinary course of its business. In management's opinion, the outcome of any pending legal proceedings will not have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

The nature of the Company's operations exposes it to certain risks of liabilities and claims with respect to environmental matters. Management does not believe that environmental compliance requirements are likely to have a material effect on the Company. The Company cannot predict what additional environmental legislation or regulations will be enacted in the future or how existing or future laws or regulations will be administered or interpreted, or the amount of future expenditures that may be required in order to comply with these laws. There can be no assurance that future environmental compliance obligations or discovery of new conditions will not arise in connection with its operations or facilities and that these would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations.

## 9. Subsequent Events

On July 7, 2011, Morris Publishing entered into the NIIT MSA with NIIT Media, where NIIT Media will provide services to Morris Publishing and Morris Communications that relate to, among other things, technology, back office and shared services, and advertisement production. MStar contributed substantially all of its assets to NIIT Media in return for a 40% membership interest in NIIT Media.

Morris Publishing and Morris Communications are each and jointly a “Customer” to the NIIT MSA with NIIT Media being the sole “Provider.”

NIIT Media is controlled by NIIT Technologies, Inc. (“NIIT USA”) by virtue of its 60% membership interest in NIIT Media. NIIT USA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NIIT Technologies Limited, a global information technology services organization, headquartered in New Delhi, India. NIIT USA may become a party to the NIIT MSA if the Customer elects to have NIIT USA step in as the Provider in the event that NIIT Media dissolves, liquidates or files for bankruptcy.

The NIIT MSA has a term of five years beginning July 7, 2011, and the Customer has the right to renew the agreement for an additional five-year term, subject to renegotiation of the charges in good faith. In addition, the NIIT MSA provides for automatic successive annual renewal terms if neither party chooses to terminate the agreement following the term. As with the renewal option, any annual automatic renewal will be subject to a good faith renegotiation of the charges. The Customer has the right to terminate the NIIT MSA for several reasons, including for convenience and without cause, but if terminated for convenience and without cause, the Customer will have to pay certain termination fees and wind-down costs to NIIT Media.

The “NIIT MSA Services” to be provided are in the areas of technology services (such as asset control, cross-functional services, end user computing, help desk services, network administration, project management office, security administration, server and database management, systems application management and development and data processing), shared services (such as cross functional services, procure-to-pay, record-to-report, order-to-cash, strategic sourcing and category management, fixed assets, hire-to-retain, call center, and circulation) and advertising production (such as ad services, creative services and provider reporting). The parties may add additional new services and projects from time to time upon mutual agreement. The Provider may only perform the services from sites and facilities approved by the Customer, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The Customer has approved the performance of the NIIT MSA Services from Augusta, Georgia and the National Capital Region of Delhi, India.

The parties have agreed upon a transition plan for the transition and migration of the NIIT MSA Services to the Provider, which will include the migration of certain functions offshore to India. The NIIT MSA also provides for disengagement assistance to transition the NIIT MSA Services back to the Customer following termination of the agreement.

The Provider will commence services on a “Commencement Date”, which will be within 60 days after the July 7, 2011 effective date of the NIIT MSA. Following the first anniversary of the Commencement Date, the NIIT MSA provides for monthly charges to the Customer based on volume and types of services performed and a fee schedule to be agreed upon, provided that, so long as the current level of services required by Morris Communications and Morris Publishing do not change, the combined fees charged to Morris Publishing and Morris Communications will be subject to annual limits ranging from \$16,100 to \$17,100 during the remainder of the initial five-year term. During the first year following the Commencement Date, all services will be performed at a fixed fee of \$19,300, to be allocated between Morris Publishing and Morris Communications based upon services received.

Jointly, Morris Publishing and Morris Communications have agreed to exclusively procure the contemplated services from the Provider, and committed to minimum charge commitments totaling \$55,300 over the five years following the Commencement Date, with cumulative annual thresholds that must be met on each anniversary of the Commencement Date.

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Morris Publishing and Morris Communications will each be responsible to pay for the NIIT MSA Services provided to or related to their respective businesses (and their subsidiaries). On July 7, 2011, Morris Communications and Morris Publishing entered into a letter agreement (the "Letter Agreement"), acknowledged and accepted by NIIT Media, confirming that Morris Communications agrees to pay to the Provider, and to indemnify Morris Publishing, for any liabilities for NIIT MSA Services, or liabilities related to NIIT MSA Services, provided or attributable to Morris Communications or its subsidiaries or any affiliated entity, other than Morris Publishing and its subsidiaries. Similarly, Morris Publishing agreed to pay for any liabilities for services, or liabilities related to services, provided or attributable to Morris Publishing and its subsidiaries.

The Fourth Amendment to the Morris Communications Services Agreement contains a limit of \$22,000 on the payments to be required by Morris Publishing for services under the Morris Communications Services Agreement in any calendar year. In order to maintain the benefit of this limit to Morris Publishing, the Letter Agreement also requires Morris Communications to indemnify Morris Publishing or pay the Provider for services, or liabilities related to services, provided or attributable to the Morris Publishing to the extent that payments for services during any calendar year would otherwise exceed \$22,000 for (i) services under the Morris Communications Services Agreement, plus (ii) NIIT MSA Services that were formerly provided under the Morris Communications Services Agreement.

Under the Morris Communications Services Agreement, services were provided to Morris Publishing by both Morris Communications and MStar. Generally, under the NIIT MSA, NIIT Media is expected to provide substantially all of the services formerly provided by MStar under the Morris Communications Services Agreement, but Morris Communications is expected to continue services under the Morris Communications Services Agreement. The Fifth Amendment clarifies that services under the Morris Communications Services Agreement shall be suspended over time in phases to coincide with the provision of such services by NIIT Media under the NIIT MSA.

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements as of and for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 and with [our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 and for each of three years in the period ended December 31, 2010, filed on Form 10-K with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission \("SEC"\)](#).

### Information availability

Our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, annual reports on Form 10-K, current reports on Form 8-K and all amendments to those reports are available free of charge on our Web site, [www.morris.com](http://www.morris.com), as soon as feasible after such reports are electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. In addition, information regarding corporate governance at Morris Publishing Group, LLC ("Morris Publishing", "we", "our") and our affiliate, Morris Communications Company, LLC ("Morris Communications"), is also available on this Web site.

The information on our Web site is not incorporated by reference into, or as part of, the Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC.

### Critical accounting policies and estimates

Critical accounting policies are those that are most significant to the portrayal of our financial position and results of operations and require difficult, subjective and complex judgments by management in order to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts in our condensed consolidated financial statements. We evaluate our estimates on an on-going basis, including those related to our allowances for bad debts, asset impairments, self-insurance and casualty, management fees, income taxes and commitments and contingencies. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities.

Although actual results have historically been reasonably consistent with management's expectations, the actual results may differ from these estimates or our estimates may be affected by different assumptions or conditions.

We believe there have been no significant changes during the six months ended June 30, 2011 to the items that we disclosed as our critical accounting policies and estimates herein and in the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our annual report dated December 31, 2010 filed on Form 10-K filed with the SEC.

**Cost allocations**—In this report certain expenses, assets and liabilities of Morris Communications have been allocated to us. These allocations were based on estimates of the proportion of corporate expenses, assets and liabilities related to us, utilizing such factors as revenues, number of employees, salaries and wages expenses, and other applicable factors. The costs of these services charged to us may not reflect the actual costs we would have incurred for similar services as a stand-alone company. Morris Publishing and Morris Communications have executed various agreements with respect to the allocation of assets, liabilities and costs.

**Prior to March 1, 2010:** The management fee was the greater of 4.0% of our annual total operating revenues or the amount of actual expenses allocable to the management of our business by Morris Communications (such allocations to be based upon time and resources spent on the management of our business by Morris Communications). The technology and shared services fee was based on the lesser of 2.5% of our total net operating revenue or the actual technology costs allocated to us based upon usage.

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March 1, 2010 through September 6, 2011: On January 6, 2010, we entered into the "[Fourth Amendment to Management and Services Agreement](#)", effective March 1, 2010, which changed the fees payable by Morris Publishing to an allocation of the actual amount of costs of providing the services, but the fees shall not exceed \$22.0 million in any calendar year.

Subsequent to September 6, 2011:

- Subsequent event: On July 7, 2011, we entered into a Master Services Agreement (the "NIIT MSA") with NIIT Media Technologies, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("NIIT Media"), where NIIT Media will provide services to Morris Publishing and Morris Communications that relate to, among other things, technology, back office and shared services, and advertisement production. Many of the services to be provided by NIIT Media have historically been performed by Morris Publishing's affiliate and Morris Communications' subsidiary, MStar Solutions, LLC ("MStar"), under the Management and Services Agreement with Morris Communications and MStar (the "Morris Communications Services Agreement"). MStar contributed substantially all of its assets to NIIT Media in return for a 40% membership interest in NIIT Media.

By entering into the NIIT MSA, Morris Publishing expects to reduce its costs of operations and services, while maintaining or improving the quality, function, efficiency and accountability of the services. Morris Communications will also receive similar services from NIIT Media under the NIIT MSA.

Morris Publishing and Morris Communications are each and jointly a "Customer" to the NIIT MSA with NIIT Media being the sole "Provider."

NIIT Media is controlled by NIIT Technologies, Inc. ("NIIT USA") by virtue of its 60% membership interest in NIIT Media. NIIT USA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NIIT Technologies Limited, a global information technology services organization, headquartered in New Delhi, India. NIIT USA may become a party to the NIIT MSA if the Customer elects to have NIIT USA step in as the Provider in the event that NIIT Media dissolves, liquidates or files for bankruptcy.

The NIIT MSA has a term of five years from July 7, 2011, and the Customer has the right to renew the agreement for an additional five-year term, subject to renegotiation of the charges in good faith. In addition, the NIIT MSA provides for automatic successive annual renewal terms if neither party chooses to terminate the agreement following the term. As with the renewal option, any annual automatic renewal will be subject to a good faith renegotiation of the charges. The Customer has the right to terminate the NIIT MSA for several reasons, including for convenience and without cause, but if terminated for convenience and without cause, the Customer will have to pay certain termination fees and wind-down costs to NIIT Media.

The "NIIT MSA Services" to be provided are in the areas of technology services (such as asset control, cross-functional services, end user computing, help desk services, network administration, project management office, security administration, server and database management, systems application management and development and data processing), shared services (such as cross functional services, procure-to-pay, record-to-report, order-to-cash, strategic sourcing and category management, fixed assets, hire-to-retire, call center, and circulation) and advertising production (such as ad services, creative services and provider reporting). The parties may add additional new services and projects from time to time upon mutual agreement. The Provider may only perform the services from sites and facilities approved by the Customer, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The Customer has approved the performance of the NIIT MSA Services from Augusta, Georgia and the National Capital Region of Delhi, India.

The parties have agreed upon a transition plan for the transition and migration of the NIIT MSA Services to the Provider, which will include the migration of certain functions offshore to India. The NIIT MSA also provides for disengagement assistance to transition the NIIT MSA Services back to the Customer following termination of the agreement.

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· Costs and cost allocations: The Provider will commence services on a "Commencement Date", which will be within 60 days after the July 7, 2011 effective date of the NIIT MSA. Following the first anniversary of the Commencement Date, the NIIT MSA provides for monthly charges to the Customer based on volume and types of services performed and a fee schedule to be agreed upon, provided that, so long as the current level of services required by Morris Communications and Morris Publishing do not change, the combined fees charged to Morris Publishing and Morris Communications will be subject to annual limits ranging from \$16.1 million to \$17.1 million during the remainder of the initial five-year term. During the first year following the Commencement Date, all services will be performed at a fixed fee of \$19.3 million, to be allocated between Morris Publishing and Morris Communications based upon services received.

Jointly, Morris Publishing and Morris Communications have agreed to exclusively procure the contemplated services from the Provider, and committed to minimum charge commitments totaling \$55.3 million over the five years following the Commencement Date, with cumulative annual thresholds that must be met on each anniversary of the Commencement Date.

Morris Publishing and Morris Communications will each be responsible to pay for the NIIT MSA Services provided to or related to their respective businesses (and their subsidiaries). On July 7, 2011, Morris Communications and Morris Publishing entered into a letter agreement (the "Letter Agreement"), acknowledged and accepted by NIIT Media, confirming that Morris Communications agrees to pay to the Provider, and to indemnify Morris Publishing, for any liabilities for NIIT MSA Services, or liabilities related to NIIT MSA Services, provided or attributable to Morris Communications or its subsidiaries or any affiliated entity, other than Morris Publishing and its subsidiaries. Similarly, Morris Publishing agreed to pay for any liabilities for services, or liabilities related to services, provided or attributable to Morris Publishing and its subsidiaries.

The Fourth Amendment to Management and Services Agreement contains a limit of \$22.0 million on the payments to be required by Morris Publishing for services under the Morris Communications Services Agreement in any calendar year. In order to maintain the benefit of this limit to Morris Publishing, the Letter Agreement also requires Morris Communications to indemnify Morris Publishing or pay the Provider for services, or liabilities related to services, provided or attributable to the Morris Publishing to the extent that payments for services during any calendar year would otherwise exceed \$22.0 million for (i) services under the Morris Communications Services Agreement, plus (ii) NIIT MSA Services that were formerly provided under the Morris Communications Services Agreement.

Under the Morris Communications Services Agreement, services were provided to Morris Publishing by both Morris Communications and MStar. Generally, under the NIIT MSA, NIIT Media is expected to provide substantially all of the services formerly provided by MStar under the Morris Communications Services Agreement, but Morris Communications is expected to continue services under the Morris Communications Services Agreement.

Accordingly, on July 7, 2011, Morris Publishing, Morris Communications and MStar entered into the Fifth Amendment to Management and Services Agreement (the "Fifth Amendment"). The Fifth Amendment clarifies that services under the Fourth Amendment to Management and Services Agreement shall be suspended over time in phases to coincide with the provision of such services by NIIT Media under the NIIT MSA.

***Extinguishment of debt and original issue discount***—On March 1, 2010 (the "Effective Date"), we restructured our debt through the consummation of a plan of reorganization confirmed by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court (the "Restructuring"), thereby reducing the total amount of our debt outstanding from \$447.7 million, including accrued interest on the Original Notes (as described below), at December 31, 2009 to a face amount of approximately \$107.2 million.

The Restructuring consisted of the following transactions:

The claims of the holders of the 7% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013, dated as of August 7, 2003 (the "Original



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Notes"), in an aggregate principal amount of \$278.5 million, plus \$35.4 million in accrued interest, were cancelled in exchange for the issuance of \$100.0 million in aggregate stated principal amount of Floating Rate Secured Notes due 2014 (the "New Notes").

The Morris family, through their affiliated entities, made a non-cash capital contribution to Morris Publishing of \$87.2 million and settled \$24.9 million of intercompany indebtedness to us, resulting in the cancellation of \$112.1 million (including accrued PIK interest) of the Tranche C senior secured debt outstanding under the Credit Agreement.

We repaid from cash on hand, as required under the Indenture to the New Notes (the "New Indenture"), the entire \$19.7 million principal amount of Tranche A senior secured debt, plus accrued interest and a \$0.3 million prepayment fee, leaving only the \$6.8 million (plus accrued PIK interest) Tranche B term loan remaining outstanding on the \$136.5 million aggregate principal amount originally outstanding under the Credit Agreement. The Tranche B term loan became *pari passu* with the New Notes as of the Effective Date.

The holders of the Original Notes were the only impaired class of creditors and there was no change in equity ownership interests as a result of the Restructuring.

Under the accounting guidance for a debt extinguishment, the total maturities of the New Notes are recorded at fair value on the Effective Date of the Restructuring, and interest, as accrued on the aggregate stated principal amount outstanding New Notes, is recorded as an expense within the consolidated statements of operations. The excess of the stated aggregate principal amount of New Notes over fair value is original issue discount ("OID") and is accreted over the term of the New Notes.

On March 1, 2010, the \$100.0 million in aggregate principal amount outstanding on the New Notes was recorded at a fair value of \$91.0 million (the average price of the corporate bond trades reported on or around the Effective Date), with the \$9.0 million in OID being accreted as additional interest expense over the four and one-half year term of the New Notes.

**Income taxes**—We are a single member limited liability company and are not subject to income taxes, with our results being included in the consolidated federal income tax return of our ultimate parent. However, we are required to provide for our portion of income taxes under a "Tax Consolidation Agreement" with our ultimate parent and other affiliated entities. Accordingly, we recognize an allocation of income taxes in our separate financial statements as if we filed a separate income tax return and remitted taxes for our current tax liability.

On January 6, 2010, we entered into an Amended and Restated Tax Consolidation Agreement ("Amended Tax Agreement") with our parent entities, MPG Newspaper Holding, LLC ("MPG Holdings"), Shivers Trading & Operating Company ("Shivers"), and Questo, Inc. ("Questo"), and our affiliated entity, Morris Communications. The amendments in the agreement (1) clarify that we will not be liable for adverse consequences related to specified extraordinary transactions in 2009 primarily relating to our parent entity and other related entities, (2) provide that, in calculating our tax payment obligation, the indebtedness of our parent entity, MPG Holdings, will be treated as if it were our indebtedness and (3) provide that the Trustee of the New Indenture will have an approval right with respect to elections or discretionary positions taken for tax return purposes related to specified transactions or actions taken with respect to the indebtedness of MPG Holdings, if such elections, positions or actions would have an adverse consequence on the New Notes or Morris Publishing. To the extent the terms of the Amended Tax Agreement require us to pay less than the amount of taxes that would have been required under the separate return method; such lesser amount will not reduce our income tax expense, but will be treated as a capital contribution by our parent.

We account for income taxes under the provisions of the liability method as required by accounting guidance, which requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amount of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. The recognition of future tax benefits is required to the extent that realization of such benefits is more likely than not.

## Recently issued accounting standards

In January 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2010-6, "*Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements*" which discusses the level of disaggregation required for each class of assets and liabilities and for fair value measurements that fall within Level 2 or 3 of the fair value hierarchy. This guidance is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the disclosures concerning purchases, sales, issuances and settlements in the roll forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements. Those disclosures are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The adoption of this pronouncement did not have a material impact on our financial statements.

In October 2009, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2009-13, "*Revenue Recognition—Multiple Deliverable Revenue Arrangements*," which amends previous guidance related to the accounting for revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after September 15, 2010, and applies to our 2011 financial statements. Under the new guidance, when vendor specific objective evidence or third party evidence of the selling price for a deliverable in a multiple element in an arrangement cannot be determined, a best estimate of the selling price is required to allocate arrangement consideration using the relative selling price method. The new guidance includes new disclosure requirements on how the application of the relative selling price method affects the timing of when revenue is recognized. The adoption of the new guidance did not have a material impact to our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

## Overview

Morris Publishing owns and operates 13 daily newspapers as well as non-daily newspapers, city magazines and free community publications in the Southeast, Midwest, Southwest and Alaska. Morris Publishing's newspapers include, among others, *The Florida Times-Union*, (Jacksonville, Fla.), *The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle*, *Savannah (Ga.) Morning News*, *Lubbock (Texas) Avalanche-Journal*, *Amarillo (Texas) Globe-News*, *Athens (Ga.) Banner Herald*, *Topeka (Kans.) Capital-Journal*, and *The St. Augustine (Fla.) Record*. The majority of our daily newspapers are usually the primary, and sometimes, the sole provider of comprehensive local market news and information in the communities that we serve.

Our products focus on the community from a content and advertising point of view. The longevity of our newspapers demonstrates the value and relevance of the comprehensive and in-depth local news and information that we provide; thus, creating strong reader loyalty and brand name recognition in each community that we serve. As a result, we believe that we have provided our advertisers a strong market reach through the high audience penetration rates in our markets.

We operate in a single reporting segment, and the presentation of our financial condition and performance is consistent with the way in which our operations are managed. However, from time to time, each individual newspaper may perform better or worse than our newspaper group as a whole due to certain local conditions, particularly within the retail, auto, housing and labor markets.

**Revenue:** While most of our revenue is generated from advertising and circulation from our newspaper operations, we also print and distribute periodical publications and operate commercial printing operations in conjunction with our newspapers.

· **Advertising revenue:** During the second quarter of 2011 and 2010, advertising revenue, including both print and online media formats, represented 68.6% and 71.8%, respectively, of our total net operating revenue. We categorize advertising as follows:

Retail\*—local retailers, local stores for national retailers, department and furniture stores, grocers, niche shops, local financial institutions, local hospitals, restaurants and other small businesses.

Classified\*—local employment, automotive, real estate and other advertising.

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National\*—national and major accounts such as wireless communications companies, airlines and hotels.

\**On-line*, included in all the categories above—banner, display, classified, behavioral targeting, search and other advertising on Web sites or mobile devices.

Retail, classified and national advertising revenue represented 58.7%, 35.3% and 6.0%, respectively, of our second quarter of 2011 advertising revenue, compared to 57.8%, 35.4% and 6.8%, respectively, in the second quarter of 2010.

Linage, the number of inserts, Internet page views, along with rate and mix of advertisement are the primary components of advertising revenue. The advertising rate depends largely on our market reach, primarily through circulation, and readership.

Our advertising revenue tends to follow a seasonal pattern, with higher advertising revenue in months containing significant events or holidays, with our second and fourth fiscal quarters being our strongest quarters in terms of revenue. In addition, we have experienced declines in advertising revenue over the past few years, due primarily to the economic recession and secular changes in the industry.

· *Circulation revenue*: During the second quarter of 2011 and 2010, circulation revenue represented 26.9% and 25.4%, respectively, of our total net operating revenue.

Circulation revenue is based on the number of newspapers sold and is primarily derived from home delivery sales to subscribers and single copy sales at vending racks and retail stores. We also sell copies through our Newspapers in Education ("NIE") program which is a cooperative effort of newspapers working with local schools to encourage the use of the newspaper as a tool for instruction and to promote literacy.

Recently, we began implementing a metered online model at some of our newspapers' Web sites, in which users who are not print subscribers are given free access to a limited number local news articles per month, and after that limit are required to have a paid print or online subscription in order to view additional locally produced articles. In addition, we offer paid online subscriptions at most of our newspapers for access to our content through e-reader platforms.

Subscriptions are sold for one-month (EZ Pay), 13 week, 26 week and 52 week terms. We have increased the use of EZ Pay programs (a monthly credit or debit card payment program), door to door sales, kiosks, in-paper and online promotions to increase our circulation. Our call service center has an active stop-loss program for all expiring subscribers.

· *Other revenue*: Our other revenue consists primarily of commercial printing, periodicals, and other online revenue.

*Printing and distribution*: We currently own/lease and operate 11 print facilities with each producing the newspaper and other publications for their respective communities served. The St. Augustine newspaper is currently printed at the Jacksonville facility and Bluffton Today is currently printed at the Savannah facility.

The distribution of our daily newspapers is typically outsourced to independent, locally based, third-party distributors that also distribute a majority of our weekly newspapers and non-newspaper publications. In addition, certain of our shopper and weekly publications are delivered via the U.S. Postal Service.

· *Newsprint*: Newsprint, along with employee expenses, is a primary cost at each newspaper.

We are a member of a consortium which enables us to obtain favorable pricing through the group's reduced negotiated rates. We generally maintain a company average of 22 to 28 day inventory of newsprint which is a readily available commodity.

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Current Initiatives

In the long term, we see significant revenue opportunities in the highly fragmented local media industry. As a result, we are currently focused on transforming our business to a multi-media revenue business by building on our print based foundation to create new competitive advantages through a true digital solution.

Our transformation includes:

- Pursuing digital revenue growth to offset print declines.
- Leveraging our print audience to build new platform choices for our customers.
- Centralizing information into a digital services solution; Search, Social and Mobile.
- Focusing on content and audience creations.
- Encouraging more audience engagement.
- Focusing on selling these audiences to advertisers.
- Improving the efficiency in our operations to increase print profitability.

**Financial summary for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to June 30, 2010**

*Financial Summary.* The following table summarizes our consolidated financial results for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010:

<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	<b>Three months ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Total net operating revenues	\$ 55,719	\$ 60,354
Total operating expenses	54,937	56,863
Operating income	782	3,491
Interest expense and loan amortization cost	2,561	3,584
Expense from cancellation of debt	-	1,035
Other	(87)	(38)
Other expenses, net	2,474	4,581
Loss before taxes	(1,692)	(1,090)
Income tax benefit	(453)	(936)
Net loss	\$ (1,239)	\$ (154)

Compared to the second quarter of 2010, our total net operating revenue was \$55.7 million, down \$4.7 million, or 7.7%, from \$60.4 million, and total operating expenses were \$54.9 million, down \$2.0 million, or 3.4%, from \$56.9 million. As a result, our operating income was \$0.8 million during the second quarter of 2011, down \$2.7 million, or 77.6%, from \$3.5 million during the same quarter last year.

During the second quarter of 2010, we expensed \$1.0 million in legal and consultant costs directly related to the restructuring of our then-senior creditors and of certain of the holders of the Original Notes ("Debt Restructuring Costs").

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Interest and loan amortization expense is summarized in the table below:

<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	<b>Three months ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>New Notes</b>		
Stated interest @ 10.0%	\$ 1,963	\$ 2,417
Accretion of original issue discount	442	919
	<u>2,405</u>	<u>3,336</u>
<b>Credit Agreement</b>		
Tranche B	-	75
	<u>-</u>	<u>75</u>
<b>Other</b>		
	21	98
Total interest expense	2,426	3,509
Loan amortization	135	75
Interest and loan amortization expense	<u>\$ 2,561</u>	<u>\$ 3,584</u>

Our loss before taxes was \$1.7 million during the second quarter of 2011, compared to a net loss before taxes of \$1.1 million during the second quarter of 2010.

For the second quarter of 2011 and 2010, our income tax benefit was \$0.5 million and \$0.9 million, respectively.

Our net loss was \$1.2 million during the second quarter of 2011, compared to a net loss of \$0.2 million during same quarter last year.

**Results of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to June 30, 2010**

**Net operating revenue.** The table below presents the total net operating revenue for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010:

<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	<b>Three months ended June 30,</b>		<b>Percentage change</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011 vs. 2010</b>
<b>Net operating revenues</b>			
Advertising			
Retail	\$ 22,460	\$ 25,055	(10.4%)
National	2,274	2,928	(22.3%)
Classified	13,505	15,331	(11.9%)
Total advertising revenues	38,239	43,314	(11.7%)
Circulation	14,969	15,338	(2.4%)
Other	2,511	1,702	47.5%
Total net operating revenues	<u>\$ 55,719</u>	<u>\$ 60,354</u>	<u>(7.7%)</u>

**Advertising revenue.** Advertising revenue was \$38.2 million, a decrease of \$5.1 million, or 11.7%, from \$43.3 million during the second quarter of 2010.

Print and online advertising revenue totaled \$26.7 million, down \$4.6 million, or 14.4%, from \$31.3 million during the same quarter last year. Compared to the second quarter of 2010, total online page-views were 181.1 million, down 1.9 million, or 1.04%, and unique online visitors were 20.2 million, up 2.0 million, or 10.7%, reflecting our customers' migration to the Internet platform.

In addition, insert advertising revenue was \$9.9 million, down \$0.5 million, or 5.3%, from \$10.4 million in the second quarter of 2010 and advertising revenue from specialty products printed by us, but not a part of main newspaper product, was \$1.5 million, down \$0.1 million, or 6.3%, from \$1.6 million last year.

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Our advertising results exhibit that from time to time, each individual newspaper may perform better or worse than our newspaper group as a whole due to certain local or regional conditions.

Compared to the second quarter of 2010, advertising revenue from our daily newspapers was down \$4.7 million, or 11.9%.

Advertising revenue from Jacksonville was down \$1.7 million, or 14.6%, and St. Augustine was down \$0.3 million, or 20.2%.

Augusta was down \$0.6 million, or 12.5%, Savannah was down \$0.5 million, or 13.1%, Lubbock was down \$0.5 million, or 11.6%, Topeka was down \$0.2 million, or 7.5%, Athens was down \$0.3 million, or 15.6%, and Amarillo was down \$0.4 million, or 9.5%. Our five other daily newspapers were, together, down \$0.2 million, or 4.1%.

Our non-daily publications were down \$0.4 million, or 9.8%, primarily due to significant declines from *Effingham Now*, the Alaska non-daily publications and the Jacksonville *Sun* publications.

### Retail advertising revenue:

Retail advertising revenue was \$22.4 million, down \$2.7 million, or 10.4%, from \$25.1 million during the prior year, with significant declines from our seven largest daily newspapers.

Insert retail advertising revenue was \$9.0 million, down \$0.4 million, or 4.5%, from \$9.4 million, while print and online retail advertising revenue was \$12.0 million, down \$2.2 million, or 14.8%, from \$14.2 million during 2010. Retail advertising revenue from specialty products printed by us, but not a part of main newspaper product, was \$1.4 million, down \$0.1 million, or 5.5%, from \$1.5 million in the second quarter of 2010.

### Classified advertising revenue:

Total classified advertising revenue was \$13.5 million, down \$1.8 million, or 11.9%, from \$15.3 million in 2010.

Jacksonville was down \$0.7 million, or 19.7%, contributing approximately 40% of the net decrease.

### National advertising revenue:

Total national advertising revenue was \$2.3 million, down \$0.6 million, or 22.3%, from \$2.9 million last year, with Jacksonville contributing 80.0% of the net decrease.

**Circulation revenue.** Circulation revenue was \$15.0 million, down \$0.3 million, or 2.4%, from \$15.3 million during the second quarter of 2010, with the price increases in many of our markets being offset by the decrease in circulation volume.

Average daily and Sunday circulation volume, excluding the NIE editions, was down 8.3% and 3.8%, respectively, with Jacksonville contributing about 33.4% of the weekly circulation decline. During 2010, we converted most of our NIE print editions to lower priced electronic editions, resulting in a significant increase in NIE circulation volume.

**Other revenue.** Other income was \$2.5 million, up \$0.8 million, or 47.6%, from \$1.7 million during the second quarter of 2010 primarily due to the increase in other online revenues.

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**Net operating expenses.** The table below presents the total operating expenses for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010:

<u>(Dollars in thousands)</u>	<u>Three months ended June 30,</u>		<u>Percentage</u>
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>change</u>
			<u>2011 vs. 2010</u>
<b>Operating expenses</b>			
Labor and employee benefits	\$ 23,173	\$ 23,918	(3.1%)
Newsprint, ink and supplements	5,611	6,691	(16.1%)
Other operating costs	24,060	23,922	0.6%
Depreciation and amortization	2,093	2,332	(10.2%)
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 54,937</u>	<u>\$ 56,863</u>	<u>(3.4%)</u>

**Labor and employee benefits.** Total labor and employee benefit costs were \$23.2 million, down \$0.8 million, or 3.1%, from \$24.0 million during 2010, with these costs being favorably impacted by reductions in head count.

Compared to 2010, our salaries and wages, including severance costs, totaled \$17.2 million, down \$0.3 million, or 1.7%, from \$17.5 million. Severance costs were \$1.0 million and \$0.1 million for the second quarter of 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Our average full time equivalents ("FTE") were down 198, or 9.7%, and our average pay rate, excluding severance costs, was up 3.6%.

Commissions and bonuses were \$2.3 million, down \$0.5 million, or 19.4%, from \$2.8 million during 2010, primarily due to the decline in advertising revenues.

Employee medical insurance cost was \$2.2 million, up \$0.2 million, or 12.5%, from \$2.0 million during the second quarter last year.

Other employee costs totaled \$1.5 million, down \$0.2 million, or 9.9%, from \$1.7 million last year.

**Newsprint, ink and supplements cost.** Newsprint, ink and supplements costs were \$5.6 million, down \$1.1 million, or 16.2%, from \$6.7 million during 2010.

Compared to 2010, total newsprint expense was \$4.9 million, down \$1.1 million, or 17.8%, from \$6.0 million, with a 1.2% decrease in the average cost per ton of newsprint and a 16.6% decrease in newsprint consumption.

Supplements and ink expense totaled \$0.7 million, unchanged from the second quarter of 2010.

**Other operating costs.** Other operating costs were \$24.0 million, up \$0.1 million, or 0.4%, from \$23.9 million in 2010.

The combined technology and shared services fee from Morris Communications and management fee charged by Morris Communications under the management agreement totaled \$5.2 million, down \$0.3 million, or 4.8%, from \$5.4 million in the second quarter of 2010, with the combined fees not to exceed \$22.0 million in any calendar year.

Professional fees totaled \$3.6 million, up \$0.6 million, or 20.5%, from \$3.0 million during the same period last year.

Bad debt expense totaled \$0.2 million, up \$0.6 million from a net bad debt recovery of \$0.4 million last year. During the second quarter of 2010, we reduced our bad debt reserve by \$0.5 million.

**Depreciation and amortization.** Depreciation and amortization expense was \$2.1 million, down \$0.2 million, or 10.2%, from \$2.3 million in 2010.

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Depreciation expense was \$2.0 million, down \$0.2 million, or 12.1%, from \$2.2 million during the same quarter last year. Amortization expense was \$0.1 million, unchanged from last year.

**Financial summary for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to June 30, 2010**

**Financial Summary.** The following table summarizes our consolidated financial results for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010:

<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	<b>Six months ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Total net operating revenues	\$ 110,635	\$ 119,819
Total operating expenses	108,381	113,738
Operating income	2,254	6,081
Interest expense and loan amortization cost	5,707	10,769
Income from cancellation of debt, net	-	(218,164)
Other	(38)	(71)
Other expenses (income), net	5,669	(207,466)
(Loss) income before taxes	(3,415)	213,547
(Benefit) provision for income taxes	(1,026)	8,632
Net (loss) income	\$ (2,389)	\$ 204,915

Compared to the first six months of 2010, our total net operating revenue was \$110.6 million, down \$9.2 million, or 10.9%, from \$119.8 million, and total operating expenses were \$108.3 million, down \$5.4 million, or 4.7%, from \$113.7 million. As a result, our operating income was \$2.3 million during the first six months of 2011, down \$3.8 million, or 62.9%, from \$6.1 million during the same quarter last year.

On March 1, 2010, the Effective Date of our Restructuring, the \$100.0 million in aggregate stated principal amount outstanding on the New Notes was recorded at a fair value of \$91.0 million (the average price of the corporate bond trades reported on or around the Effective Date), with the \$9.0 million in original issue discount ("OID") being accreted as additional interest expense over the four and one-half year term of the New Notes.

The table below summarizes the components (\*cash and non-cash) of our cancellation of debt income ("COD" income) during the first six months of 2010: (Dollars in thousands)

<b>Cancellation of debt</b>	
Cancellation of Original Notes	\$ 278,478
Cancellation of interest accrued on Original Notes	35,427
	313,905
<b>Issuance of debt</b>	
Issuance of New Notes	(100,000)
Original issue discount	9,000
	(91,000)
<b>Other costs</b>	
Debt Restructuring Costs-1/1/2010 through 6/30/2010*	(1,620)
Write-off of deferred loan costs	(3,121)
	(4,741)
<b>Cancellation of debt income</b>	<b>\$ 218,164</b>

On the Effective Date of the Restructuring, we wrote-off \$3.1 million in unamortized deferred loan costs associated with the Original Notes. In addition, we incurred \$1.6 million in Debt Restructuring Costs during the first six months of 2010.



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Interest and loan amortization expense is summarized in the table below:

	Six months ended June 30,	
	2011	2010
<b>Original Notes</b>		
Stated interest @ 7.0%	\$ -	\$ 3,249
Default Interest @ 1% compounded	-	910
	-	4,159
<b>New Notes</b>		
Stated interest @ 10.0%	4,061	3,250
Accretion of original issue discount	1,375	1,081
	5,436	4,331
<b>Credit Agreement</b>		
Tranche A, including \$300 prepayment penalty	-	801
Tranche B		339
Tranche C	-	914
	-	2,054
<b>Other, net</b>		
	23	4
Total interest expense	5,459	10,548
Loan amortization	248	221
Interest and loan amortization expense	<u>\$ 5,707</u>	<u>\$ 10,769</u>

Our loss before taxes was \$3.4 million during the first six months of 2011, compared to income before taxes of \$213.5 million during the same period last year. Excluding the \$218.1 million in COD income, our loss before taxes was \$4.6 million during the first six months of 2010.

For the first six months of 2011 and 2010, our income tax (benefit) provision was (\$1.0) million and \$8.6 million, respectively.

Our net loss was \$2.4 million during the first six months of 2011, compared to net income of \$204.9 million during same period last year.

**Results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to June 30, 2010**

*Net operating revenue.* The table below presents the total net operating revenue for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010:

(Dollars in thousands)	Six months ended June 30,		Percentage
	2011	2010	change 2011 vs. 2010
<b>Net operating revenues</b>			
Advertising revenues			
Retail	\$ 44,182	\$ 49,286	(10.4%)
National	4,895	6,106	(19.8%)
Classified	26,551	29,464	(9.9%)
Total advertising revenues	75,628	84,856	(10.9%)
Circulation	30,309	31,133	(2.6%)
Other	4,698	3,830	22.7%
Total net operating revenues	<u>\$ 110,635</u>	<u>\$ 119,819</u>	<u>(7.7%)</u>

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**Advertising revenue.** Advertising revenue was \$75.6 million, a decrease of \$9.3 million, or 10.9%, from \$84.9 million during the first six months of 2010.

During the first six months of 2011 and 2010, advertising revenue, including both print and online media formats, represented 68.4% and 70.8%, respectively, of our total net operating revenue. Retail, classified and national advertising revenue represented 58.4%, 35.1% and 6.5%, respectively, of our second quarter of 2011 advertising revenue, compared to 58.1%, 34.7% and 7.2%, respectively, in the second quarter of 2010.

Print and online advertising revenue totaled \$52.9 million, down \$7.7 million, or 12.7%, from \$60.6 million during the same period last year. Compared to the first six months of 2010, total online page-views were 350.5 million, down 3.8 million, or 1.0%, and unique online visitors were 40.3 million, up 5.1 million, or 14.5%, reflecting our customers' migration to the Internet platform.

In addition, insert advertising revenue was \$19.0 million, down \$1.4 million, or 7.0%, from \$20.5 million in the first six months of 2010 and advertising revenue from specialty products printed by us, but not a part of main newspaper product, was \$3.7 million, down \$0.2 million, or 3.5%, from \$3.8 million last year.

Compared to the first six months of 2010, advertising revenue from our daily newspapers was down \$8.7 million, or 11.3%.

Advertising revenue from Jacksonville was down \$3.0 million, or 13.2%, and St. Augustine was down \$0.6 million, or 19.2%.

Augusta was down \$1.1 million, or 10.6%, Savannah was down \$1.2 million, or 15.2%, Lubbock was down \$0.8 million, or 9.7%, Topeka was down \$0.4 million, or 7.4%, Athens was down \$0.5 million, or 14.6%, and Amarillo was down \$0.7 million, or 9.0%. Our five other daily newspapers were, together, down \$0.4 million, or 0.5%.

Our non-daily publications were down \$0.6 million, or 6.8%, primarily due to significant declines from *Effingham Now*, the Alaska non-daily publications and the Jacksonville *Sun* publications.

### Retail advertising revenue:

Retail advertising revenue was \$44.2 million, down \$5.1 million, or 10.4%, from \$49.3 million the prior year, with significant declines from our seven largest daily newspapers.

Insert retail advertising revenue was \$17.3 million, down \$1.1 million, or 6.0%, from \$18.4 million, while print and online retail advertising revenue was \$23.5 million, down \$3.8 million, or 14.0%, from \$27.3 million during 2010. Retail advertising revenue from specialty products printed by us, but not a part of main newspaper product, was \$3.4 million, down \$0.2 million, or 5.4%, from \$3.5 million in 2010.

### Classified advertising revenue:

Total classified advertising revenue was \$26.5 million, down \$3.0 million, or 9.9%, from \$29.5 million in 2010.

Jacksonville was down \$1.2 million, or 16.2%; contributing 39.7% of the net decrease.

### National advertising revenue:

Total national advertising revenue was \$4.9 million, down \$1.2 million, or 19.8%, from \$6.1 million during 2010 with Jacksonville down \$1.0 million.

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**Circulation revenue.** Circulation revenue was \$30.3 million, down \$0.8 million, or 2.6%, from \$31.1 million last year, with the price increases in many of our markets being offset by the decrease in circulation volume.

**Other revenue.** Other income was \$4.7 million, up \$0.9 million, or 22.6%, from \$3.8 million during the same period last year primarily due to the increase in other online revenues.

**Net operating expenses.** The table below presents the total operating expenses for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2011 and 2010:

<u>(Dollars in thousands)</u>	<u>Six months ended June 30,</u>		<u>Percentage</u>
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>change</u>
<b>Operating expenses</b>			<b>2011 vs. 2010</b>
Labor and employee benefits	\$ 45,646	\$ 48,878	(6.6%)
Newsprint, ink and supplements	11,411	12,173	(6.3%)
Other operating costs	47,078	47,825	(1.6%)
Depreciation and amortization	4,246	4,862	(12.7%)
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 108,381</u>	<u>\$ 113,738</u>	<u>(4.7%)</u>

**Labor and employee benefits.** Total labor and employee benefit costs, including severance payments, were \$45.6 million, down \$3.2 million, or 6.6%, from \$48.9 million during 2010, with these costs being favorably impacted by reductions in head count.

Compared to 2010, our salaries and wages, including severance payments, totaled \$33.6 million, down \$1.4 million, or 4.0%, from \$35.0 million. Severance costs were \$1.1 million and \$0.2 million for the first six months of 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Our average FTE was down 187, or 9.1%, and our average pay rate, excluding severance costs, was up 2.7%.

Commissions and bonuses were \$4.5 million, down \$1.7 million, or 26.5%, from \$6.2 million during 2010, primarily due to the decline in advertising revenues.

Employee medical insurance cost was \$4.1 million, up \$0.2 million, or 5.3%, from \$3.9 million during the second quarter last year due to the increase in medical claims.

Payroll tax expense and other employee costs totaled \$3.4 million, down \$0.3 million, or 10.4%, from \$3.7 million during 2010.

**Newsprint, ink and supplements cost.** Newsprint, ink and supplements costs were \$11.4 million, down \$0.8 million, or 6.3%, from \$12.2 million during 2010.

Compared to 2010, total newsprint expense was \$10.0 million, down \$0.8 million, or 7.0%, from \$10.8 million, with a 6.8% increase in the average cost per ton of newsprint and a 13.8% decrease in newsprint consumption.

Supplements and ink expense totaled \$1.4 million, unchanged from the first six months of 2010.

**Other operating costs.** Other operating costs were \$47.1 million, down \$0.7 million, or 1.6%, from \$47.8 million in 2010.

The combined technology and shared services fee from Morris Communications and management fee charged by Morris Communications under the management agreement totaled \$10.4 million, up \$0.8 million, or 8.1%, from \$9.6 million in last year with the combined fees not to exceed \$22.0 million in any calendar year.

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**Depreciation and amortization.** Depreciation and amortization expense was \$4.2 million, down \$0.6 million, or 12.7%, from \$4.8 million in 2010.

Depreciation expense was \$4.0 million, down \$0.6 million, or 12.3%, from \$4.6 million in 2010. Amortization expense was \$0.2 million, unchanged from the first six months last year.

### **Liquidity and capital resources**

Our unrestricted cash balance was \$5.2 million at June 30, 2011, compared with \$2.6 million at December 31, 2010.

At June 30, 2011, our sources of liquidity were the cash flow generated from operations, our cash balances and a \$10.0 million senior secured Working Capital Facility (as described below). Our primary short term needs for cash were funding operating expenses, capital expenditures, income taxes, working capital and the quarterly interest payments and any required monthly Excess Free Cash Flow redemptions on the New Notes.

As permitted by the New Indenture, we intend to maintain a \$10.0 million senior secured Working Capital Facility for the foreseeable future. Going forward, we intend to continue to renew or replace this Working Capital Facility from time to time. If at any time we do not have a Working Capital Facility, we would intend to retain cash flow generated from operations in order to maintain cash balances of up to \$7.0 million to provide liquidity, as permitted by the New Indenture, but we would be required to use monthly excess free cash flow to redeem New Notes to the extent our cash balances exceed \$7.0 million.

**Operating activities.** Net cash provided by operations was \$12.4 million for the first six months of 2011, down \$4.3 million from \$16.7 million for the same period in 2010.

Excluding current maturities of long-term debt, current assets were \$34.6 million and current liabilities were \$27.9 million as of June 30, 2011 compared to current assets of \$36.7 million and current liabilities of \$23.1 million as of December 31, 2010.

**Investment activities.** Net cash used in investing activities was \$1.5 million for the first six months of 2011, compared to \$0.4 million used in investing activities for the first six months of 2010.

During the first six months in 2011 and 2010, we spent \$1.5 million and \$0.5 million on property, plant and equipment, respectively. We anticipate our total capital expenditures to range from \$2.5 million to \$3.0 million during 2011.

**Financing activities.** Net cash used in financing activities was \$8.4 million for the first six months of 2011, compared to \$35.1 million used in financing activities (\$19.7 million and \$7.4 million of which was used to repay our Tranche A and Tranche B indebtedness) for the same period in 2010.

### **Redemptions and Refinancing**

We were required to use part of our available cash after the repayment of the Tranche A senior secured debt to redeem \$3.2 million of the aggregate stated principal amounts outstanding on the New Notes and repay \$0.2 million on the amount outstanding on the Tranche B term loan.

Under the New Indenture, we were permitted to incur "Refinancing Indebtedness", as defined in and contemplated by the New Indenture, within 150 days after March 1, 2010, in order to refinance the Tranche B term loan under the Credit Agreement.

During the second quarter of 2010, in connection with, and immediately prior to entering into a working capital facility, we repaid the Tranche B term loan under the Credit Agreement in the amount of \$6.8 million (plus accrued PIK interest) with \$7.1 million of Refinancing Indebtedness from CB&T, a division of Synovus

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Bank (the "Bank") and we entered into a senior, secured Loan and Line of Credit Agreement with the Bank, providing for a revolving line of credit in the amount of \$10.0 million (the "Working Capital Facility"). As required by the New Indenture, upon entering into a working capital facility, we used part of our available cash to fully repay this Refinancing Indebtedness immediately upon its issuance. We were required to use part of our available cash upon entering into the Working Capital Facility to redeem \$1.8 million of the aggregate stated principal amounts outstanding on the New Notes.

In addition, we are required by the New Indenture to use our monthly positive operating cash flow (if any), net of permitted cash flow adjustments, ("Excess Free Cash Flow") to first repay any amounts outstanding on the Working Capital Facility, and then to redeem (on a pro rata basis) New Notes; provided, however, that no payment or redemptions are required if Excess Free Cash Flow is less than \$0.25 million.

During first six months of 2011 and 2010, we redeemed an additional \$8.4 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, in aggregate stated principal amounts outstanding on the New Notes from our Excess Free Cash Flows. Subsequent to June 30, 2011, we redeemed a total of \$0.6 million in face amount of aggregate stated principal amounts outstanding on the New Notes as a result of the June 2011 Excess Free Cash Flow. The total amount outstanding on the New Notes at July 31, 2011 was \$77.5 million of stated principal.

The following table summarizes the above (cash\* and non-cash) transactions, along with the Restructuring, and reflects our total outstanding debt on June 30, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009: (Dollars in thousands)

	Outstanding as of 12/31/2009	Additional Accrued Interest- Non-Cash	Repayments or Settlement	Non-cash Capital Contribution to Morris Publishing	Non-cash Cancellation of Original Notes	New Notes and Original Issue Discount	Outstanding on New Notes at End of Periods
<b>Long-term debt</b>							
<b>Credit Agreement</b>							
Tranche A	\$19,700	\$-	\$(19,700) *	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Tranche B	7,021	339	(7,360) *	-	-	-	-
Tranche C	111,192	914	(24,862)	(87,244)	-	-	-
	137,913	1,253	(51,922)	(87,244)	-	-	-
<b>Original Indenture</b>							
Original Notes	278,478	-	-	-	(278,478)	-	-
Accrued interest	31,268	4,159	-	-	(35,427)	-	-
	309,746	4,159	-	-	(313,905)	-	-
<b>New Indenture</b>							
Issuance of New Notes on Restructuring Date	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
Original issue discount at the Restructuring Date	-	-	-	-	-	(9,000)	(9,000)
Accretion of OID-3/1/2010 through 12/31/2010	-	-	-	-	-	2,607	2,607
Redemptions-3/1/2010 through 12/31/2010	-	-	-	-	-	(13,492) *	(13,492)
Outstanding at 12/31/2010	-	-	-	-	-	80,115	80,115
Accretion of OID-1/1/2011 through 6/30/2011	-	-	-	-	-	1,375	1,375
Redemptions-1/1/2011 through 6/30/2011	-	-	-	-	-	(8,397) *	(8,397)
Outstanding at 6/30/2011	-	-	-	-	-	73,093	73,093
Totals	\$447,659	\$5,412	\$(51,922)	\$(87,244)	\$(313,905)	\$73,093	\$73,093

**Period Summary**

**Total Debt**—At June 30, 2011, our total debt was \$73.1 million (\$78.1 million in aggregate principal outstanding on the New Notes less \$5.0 million of OID). At December 31, 2010, our total debt was \$80.1 million (\$86.5 million in aggregate principal outstanding on the New Notes less \$6.4 million of OID).

The average interest rate on our total aggregate principal amount of debt outstanding, excluding effective rate of the OID on the New Notes, was 10% at June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010.

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The current maturities of long-term debt as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 totaled \$10.0 million and \$13.0 million, respectively. The current maturities of long-term debt reflect our estimate of required redemptions of New Notes utilizing Excess Free Cash Flows within the following twelve-month period.

*New Note Summary*—The table below summarizes our interest payments and redemptions of aggregate stated principal outstanding on the New Notes utilizing our monthly Excess Free Cash Flows and Excess Cash during 2011:

<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>	<b>Beginning Principal Outstanding</b>	<b>Principal Redeemed</b>	<b>Interest Paid</b>	<b>Ending Principal Outstanding</b>	<b>Payment Due Date</b>
<b>2011</b>					
Quarterly interest payment	\$ 86,508	\$ -	\$ 2,163	\$ 86,508	1/3/11
Excess Free Cash Flow-December 2010	86,508	-	-	86,508	1/21/11
Excess Free Cash Flow-January 2011	86,508	4,269	55	82,239	2/16/11
Excess Free Cash Flow-February 2011	82,239	3,227	68	79,012	3/16/11
Total-First Quarter 2011		7,496	2,286		
Quarterly interest payment	79,012	-	1,975	79,012	4/1/11
Excess Free Cash Flow-March 2011	79,012	579	3	78,433	4/21/11
Excess Free Cash Flow-April 2011	78,433	-	-	78,433	5/16/11
Excess Free Cash Flow-May 2011	78,433	322	6	78,111	6/15/11
Total-Second Quarter 2011		901	1,984		
Total-Six Months Ended June 30, 2011		8,397	4,270		
Quarterly interest payment	78,111	-	1,953	78,111	7/1/11
Excess Free Cash Flow-June 2011	\$ 78,111	563	3	\$ 77,548	7/19/11
Total-Subsequent to Second Quarter 2011		563	1,956		
Total-Year-to-Date 2011		8,960	6,226		
Total-2010		13,492	5,594		
Total-To-Date		\$ 22,452	\$ 11,820		

During the first quarter of 2010, we deferred \$0.6 million in loan costs related to the issuance of the New Notes and are amortizing those costs over the four and one-half year maturity of the New Notes.

*Working Capital Facility Summary*—There were no borrowings against the Working Capital Facility at the end of the second quarter of 2011.

During the second quarter of 2010, we deferred the \$0.5 million in debt issuance costs associated with the loan and are amortizing these costs ratably through May 15, 2011, the original maturity date of the Working Capital Facility.

*Credit Agreement Summary*—The interest rates on the Tranche A, Tranche B and Tranche C term loans under the Credit Agreement were 15%, 15%, and 5%, respectively. The interest on both the Tranche B and C term loans was PIK.

### **New Indenture**

On March 1, 2010, the Effective Date of the Restructuring, we entered into the New Indenture with respect to the New Notes.

Under the terms of the New Indenture, the New Notes bear 10% interest commencing March 1, 2010 and payable in cash quarterly. The New Notes mature on October 1, 2014.

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The New Notes are secured by a lien on substantially all of our assets. The New Notes, and the liens securing the New Notes, will be subordinated to any of our senior debt, which included the Refinancing Indebtedness and includes the Working Capital Facility.

Under certain conditions, the notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuers. Upon certain sales or dispositions of assets or events of loss unless the proceeds are reinvested in accordance with the New Indenture, the Issuers must offer to use proceeds to redeem the Notes. Upon a change of control of Morris Publishing, the Issuers must offer to repurchase all of the New Notes.

The New Indenture contains various representations, warranties and covenants generally consistent with the Original Indenture, including requirements to provide reports and to file publicly available reports with the SEC (unless the SEC will not accept the reports) and limitations on dividends, indebtedness, liens, transactions with affiliates and capital expenditures.

In addition, the New Indenture contains financial covenants requiring us to meet certain financial tests on an on-going basis, including a total leverage ratio and a cash interest coverage ratio, based upon our consolidated financial results. At June 30, 2011, we were in compliance with all financial covenants under the New Indenture.

In addition, the holders of the New Notes, as permitted by the New Indenture, appointed an observer to our Board of Directors and each of our subsidiaries.

### **Credit Agreement**

On October 15, 2009, the Original Credit Agreement was amended and restated under the Credit Agreement, as a condition precedent to the Restructuring. The amendment and restatement immediately followed the acquisition by Tranche Holdings, LLC, a third party in which our affiliates held a transitory interest, of all outstanding loans under the Original Credit Agreement and the conversion of the entire \$136.5 million principal amount outstanding under the Original Credit Agreement into the three tranches of term loans (the "Senior Refinancing Transaction"):

Tranche A - \$19.7 million;  
Tranche B - \$6.8 million; and  
Tranche C - \$110.0 million

The entire Tranche B term loan was acquired by our affiliate, MPG Revolver Holdings, LLC ("MPG Revolver"), and the entire Tranche C term loan was acquired by Morris Communications and MPG Revolver, after which our affiliates no longer had an interest in Tranche Holdings, LLC. The parties to the Credit Agreement were (1) Morris Publishing as borrower, (2) Morris Communications, as guarantor, (3) Tranche Manager, LLC as administrative agent, and (4) Tranche Holdings, LLC, MPG Revolver, and Morris Communications as lenders.

All existing defaults under the Original Credit Agreement were eliminated upon the consummation of the Senior Refinancing Transaction.

Prior to the Effective Date, all three tranches of debt under the Credit Agreement remained senior to the Original Notes. Pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, MPG Revolver and Morris Communications deposited the Tranche C term loan, which had an aggregate principal amount of \$110.0 million plus accrued PIK interest, into an escrow account for cancellation upon the consummation of the Restructuring.

Pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, upon the Restructuring, the relevant Morris Publishing affiliates agreed to cancel the Tranche C term loan which had an aggregate principal amount of \$110.0 million plus accrued PIK interest in settlement of intercompany indebtedness having an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$24.5 million, plus accrued and unpaid interest from September 30, 2009 until the date on which the Restructuring was consummated, to Morris Publishing and as a contribution to capital of approximately \$85.5 million plus the amount of any PIK interest that accrued on the Tranche C term loan after the date

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of the Credit Agreement. The Credit Agreement contained various representations, warranties and covenants generally consistent with the Original Credit Agreement. Financial covenants in the Credit Agreement required us to meet certain financial tests on an on-going basis, including a minimum interest coverage ratio, minimum fixed charge coverage ratio, and maximum cash flow ratios, based upon the combined consolidated financial results of Morris Publishing and Morris Communications. The financial covenants were to be calculated as if the Restructuring had been completed. Prior to and on the Effective Date, we were in compliance with all financial covenants (as amended on October 15, 2009) under the Credit Agreement.

The loans under the Credit Agreement continued to be guaranteed by all of our subsidiaries, as well as Morris Communications and all of its wholly-owned, domestic subsidiaries, and secured by substantially all of the assets of such guarantors and Morris Publishing.

The Tranche B term loan remaining after the Restructuring ranked pari passu with the New Notes and ceased to be secured by the liens securing the Credit Agreement, and shared in the same collateral securing the New Notes on a second priority basis. On or prior to 150 days from the date of the Restructuring, we were permitted to refinance the Tranche B term loan, with a term loan and/or revolver provided by a commercial bank unaffiliated with Morris Publishing at an annual interest rate no greater than LIBOR plus 970 basis points. Such refinanced debt would be senior to the New Notes and secured by a first lien on substantially all of our assets.

### **Working Capital Facility**

The parties to the Working Capital Facility are Morris Publishing, as borrower, all of our subsidiaries and our parent, as guarantors, and the Bank. Interest will accrue on outstanding principal at the rate of LIBOR plus 4%, with a minimum rate of 6%.

The Working Capital Facility is secured by a first lien on substantially all of our assets and the assets of our subsidiaries. Liens on such assets were previously granted to the Collateral Agent for the holders of the New Notes pursuant to the New Indenture. Pursuant to the New Indenture and an Intercreditor Agreement between the Collateral Agent and the Bank, the New Notes (and their related liens) are subordinated to the Working Capital Facility. The Working Capital Facility contains various customary representations, warranties and covenants, as well as financial covenants similar to the financial covenants in the New Indenture.

On May 13, 2011, we reached an agreement with the Bank to extend the \$10.0 million Working Capital Facility an additional twelve months to May 15, 2012, with no other changes to the provisions to the original agreement.

While the Working Capital Facility currently expires in May 2012, we are permitted by the New Indenture to either renew or replace the Working Capital Facility. If at any time we do not have a working capital facility, we would intend to retain cash flow generated from operations in order to maintain cash balances of up to \$7.0 million to provide liquidity, as permitted by the New Indenture, but we would be required to use monthly excess free cash flow to redeem New Notes to the extent our cash balances exceed \$7.0 million.

### **Intercompany loan receivable permitted under the Original Indenture**

At December 31, 2009, Morris Communications owed us \$25.0 million, including accumulated interest on the intercompany loan.

During 2010, we reported the \$0.1 million in accrued loan receivable interest as contra equity (unrecognized interest). The average annual interest rate in 2010 was 3.3% on an average gross loan balance of \$25.5 million.

As part of the Restructuring, the reduction of our bondholder debt was accompanied by the cancellation of \$110.0 million in aggregate principal amount, plus accrued PIK interest, of our Tranche C term loan outstanding under the Credit Agreement, as a repayment of intercompany indebtedness of \$24.5 million plus



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interest at 3.5% from September 30, 2009, and as a capital contribution. On March 1, 2010, the effective date of the Restructuring, Morris Communications settled \$24.9 million of the intercompany loan receivable, with the unrecognized accumulated accrued interest being canceled, in effect, as a capital contribution. On March 1, 2010, the \$1.1 million remaining balance on the intercompany loan was reclassified to a non-interest bearing receivable.

The following table summarizes the Restructuring transaction: (Dollars in thousands)

	<b>Outstanding as of 12/31/2009</b>	<b>Net increase during 2010</b>	<b>Settled by cancellation of Tranche C term loan</b>	<b>Capital contribution to Morris Publishing</b>	<b>Reclassified as non-interest bearing short- term receivable from Morris Communications</b>
<b>Intercompany loan receivable</b>					
Due from Morris Communications	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,000	\$ (24,862)	\$ -	\$ 1,138
Unrecognized accumulated accrued interest	(6,691)	(134)	-	6,825	-
Due from Morris Communications, net	<u>\$ 18,309</u>	<u>\$ 866</u>	<u>\$ (24,862)</u>	<u>\$ 6,825</u>	<u>\$ 1,138</u>

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

There have been no material changes regarding the registrant's market risk position from the information provided in our annual report dated December 31, 2010 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K.

We are not exposed to the impact of interest rate fluctuations since all of our outstanding debt is at a fixed rate.

To estimate the fair value of the \$78.1 million aggregate stated principal amount outstanding of Floating Rate Secured Notes due 2014 dated as of March 1, 2011 (the "New Notes"), we used the average price of the corporate bond trades reported on or around June 30, 2011. At June 30, 2011, the fair value of the New Notes was approximately \$76.5 million.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

Our management carried out an evaluation, with the participation of our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of June 30, 2011. Based upon that evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

There has not been any change in our internal control over financial reporting in connection with the evaluation required by Rule 13A-15(d) under the Exchange Act that occurred during the three-month period ended June 30, 2011, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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**Part II**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings.**

None.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors.**

Important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from our expectations include those described in Part I, Item 1A-Risk Factors included in our [Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010](#), as well as other risks and factors identified from time to time in other United States Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

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

None.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.**

None.

**Item 4. Reserved.**

None.

**Item 5. Other Information.**

None.

**Item 6. Exhibits.**

[10.1](#) - [Modification Agreement and Extension Agreement to the Working Capital Facility](#)

[31.1](#) - [Rule 13a-14\(a\) Certifications](#)

[31.2](#) - [Rule 13a-14\(a\) Certifications](#)

**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.

**MORRIS PUBLISHING GROUP, LLC**

**Date:** August 15, 2011

**By:**

/s/ Steve K. Stone

**Steve K. Stone**

**Chief Financial Officer**

**(On behalf of the Registrant,  
and as its Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)**

**Certification**

I, William S. Morris IV, certify that:

- (1) I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Morris Publishing Group, LLC;
- (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)) 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 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 upon 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 functions):
  - 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: August 15, 2011

By : /s/ William S. Morris IV

**William S. Morris IV**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**(and as its Principal Executive Officer)**

**Certification**

I, Steve K. Stone, certify that:

- (1) I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Morris Publishing Group, LLC;
- (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)) 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 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 upon 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 functions):
  - 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: August 15, 2011

By : /s/ Steve K. Stone

**Steve K. Stone**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**(and as its Principal Financial Officer)**

**MODIFICATION AGREEMENT AND EXTENSION AGREEMENT**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

THIS MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION AGREEMENT (this "**Modification Agreement**") made and entered into effective as of the 13th day of May, 2011 (although actually executed on May 12, 2011), by and among MORRIS PUBLISHING GROUP, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("**Borrower**"), MPG NEWSPAPER HOLDING, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("**MPG**"), ATHENS NEWSPAPERS, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("**Athens**"), BROADCASTER PRESS, INC., a South Dakota corporation ("**Broadcaster**"), HOMER NEWS, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("**Homer**"), LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("**Log Cabin**"), SOUTHEASTERN NEWSPAPERS COMPANY, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("**Southeastern**"), THE SUN TIMES, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("**Sun Times**"), MORRIS PUBLISHING FINANCE CO., a Georgia corporation ("**Morris Finance**"), YANKTON PRINTING COMPANY, a South Dakota corporation ("**Yankton**"), SOUTHWESTERN NEWSPAPERS COMPANY, L.P., a Texas limited partnership ("**Southwestern**") (MPG, Athens, Broadcaster, Homer, Log Cabin, Southeastern, Sun Times, Morris Finance, Yankton and Southwestern are herein referred to collectively as "**Guarantors**", with each separately referred to as "**Guarantor**") and CB&T, A DIVISION OF SYNOVUS BANK, a Georgia banking corporation (formerly known as Columbus Bank and Trust Company), whose address is 1148 Broadway, Columbus, Georgia 31901 (hereinafter referred to as "**Bank**").

**WITNESSETH THAT:**

WHEREAS, Bank and Borrower entered into a Loan and Line of Credit Agreement dated April 26, 2010 (as amended by Amendment to Loan and Line of Credit Agreement dated January 25, 2011 entered into by the parties hereto, the "**Loan Agreement**") and pursuant to said Loan Agreement, Bank extended a revolving line of credit to Borrower in the stated principal amount of Ten Million and No/100ths (\$10,000,000.00) Dollars (the "**Credit Line**"); and

WHEREAS, Borrower agreed to repay advances made under said Credit Line, with interest thereon, as provided in the that certain Line of Credit Note from Borrower to Bank dated April 26, 2010, in the face principal amount of \$10,000,000.00 (the "**Note**"); and

WHEREAS, Guarantors entered into the following described Guaranties whereby each Guarantor guarantees to Bank, inter alia, the payment of the debts, liabilities and obligations from time to time evidenced by the Note (herein collectively called the "**Guaranties**" with each separately called "**Guaranty**"); that certain Unconditional Guaranty dated April 26, 2010 executed and delivered by MPG in favor of Bank; that certain Unconditional Guaranty dated April 26, 2010 executed and

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delivered by Athens in favor of Bank; that certain Unconditional Guaranty dated April 26, 2010 executed and delivered by Broadcaster in favor of Bank; that certain Unconditional Guaranty dated April 26, 2010 executed and delivered by Homer in favor of Bank; that certain Unconditional Guaranty dated April 26, 2010 executed and delivered by Log Cabin in favor of Bank; that certain Unconditional Guaranty dated April 26, 2010 executed and delivered by Southeastern in favor of Bank; that certain Unconditional Guaranty dated April 26, 2010 executed and delivered by Sun Times in favor of Bank; that certain Unconditional Guaranty dated April 26, 2010 executed and delivered by Morris Finance in favor of Bank; that certain Unconditional Guaranty dated April 26, 2010 executed and delivered by Yankton in favor of Bank; and that certain Unconditional Guaranty dated April 26, 2010 executed and delivered by Southwestern in favor of Bank; and

WHEREAS, to secure, inter alia, the Note and all amendments, modifications, extensions and renewals thereof, Borrower executed and delivered to or for the benefit of Bank the following (all of the following documents, instruments, assignments, and agreement being herein collectively called the "**Borrower Real Estate Documents**"): that certain Mortgage and Security Agreement from Borrower, as mortgagor, in favor of Bank, as mortgagee, dated April 26, 2010 and recorded in OR Book 15228, Page 970 of the official records of Duval County, Florida and in OR Book 3309, Page 960 of the official records of St. Johns County, Florida, that certain Assignment of Leases and Rents between Borrower and Bank dated April 26, 2010 and recorded in OR Book 15228, Page 1014 of the official records of Duval County, Florida and in OR Book 3309, Page 1004 of the official records of St. Johns County, Florida, that certain Mortgage and Security Agreement from Borrower, as mortgagor, in favor of Bank, as mortgagee, dated April 26, 2010 and recorded in Book 4798, Page 221 of the official records of Shawnee County, Kansas, that certain Assignment of Leases and Rents between Borrower and Bank dated April 26, 2010 and recorded in Book 4798, Page 222 of the official records of Shawnee County, Kansas, that certain Mortgage, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing dated April 26, 2010 from Borrower, as mortgagor, in favor of Bank, as mortgagee, dated April 26, 2010 and recorded as Doc. No. 0780313 of the official records of Crow Wing County, Minnesota, and that certain Assignment of Leases and Rents between Borrower and Bank dated April 26, 2010 and recorded as Doc. No. 0780314 of the official records of Crow Wing County, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, to secure, inter alia, the Note and all amendments, modifications, extensions and renewals thereof, Borrower also executed and delivered to Bank those certain Pledge and Security Agreements dated April 26, 2010, from Borrower in favor of Bank pledging to Bank and granting to Bank a security interest in and to Borrower's interest in, inter alia, Broadcaster Press, Inc., Morris Publishing Finance Co., Yankton Printing Company, Inc., Athens Newspapers, LLC, Homer News, LLC, Log Cabin Democrat, LLC, Southeastern Newspapers Company, LLC and The Sun Times, LLC (the "**Borrower Pledges**"), MPG executed and delivered to Bank that certain Pledge and Security Agreement from MPG in favor of Bank dated April 26, 2010 (the "**MPG Pledge**") and Borrower and Yankton executed and delivered to Bank that certain Pledge and Security Agreement from Borrower and Yankton in favor of Bank dated April 26, 2010 (the "**Yankton Pledge**") (the Borrower Pledges, MPG Pledge and the Yankton Pledge are herein collectively called the "**Pledges**"); and

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WHEREAS, to secure, inter alia, the Note and all amendments, modifications, extensions and renewals thereof, the following security agreements were executed and delivered to Bank (all of such security agreements are herein collectively called the "**Security Agreements**"): that certain Security Agreement from Borrower, as debtor, in favor of Bank, as secured party, dated as of April 26, 2010, that certain Security Agreement from Athens in favor of Bank dated April 26, 2010, that certain Security Agreement from Broadcaster in favor of Bank April 26, 2010, that certain Security Agreement from Homer in favor of Bank April 26, 2010, that certain Security Agreement from Log Cabin in favor of Bank dated as of April 26, 2010, that certain Security Agreement from Southeastern in favor of Bank dated April 26, 2010, that certain Security Agreement from Sun Times in favor of Bank dated as April 26, 2010, that certain Security Agreement from Morris Finance in favor of Bank dated April 26, 2010, that certain Security Agreement from Yankton in favor of Bank dated April 26, 2010, and that certain Security Agreement from Southwestern in favor of Bank dated April 26, 2010; and

WHEREAS, to secure, inter alia, the Note and all amendments, modifications, extensions and renewals thereof, Athens executed and delivered to Bank the following (all of the following documents, instruments, assignments, and agreement being herein collectively called the "**Athens Real Estate Documents**"): that certain Deed to Secure Debt and Security Agreement from Athens, as grantor in favor of Bank, as grantee, dated April 26, 2010 and recorded in Book 03724, Page 0066-0089 of the official records of Clarke County, Georgia and that certain Assignment of Leases and Rents between Athens and Bank dated April 26, 2010 and recorded in Book 03724, Page 0090-100 of the official records of Clarke County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, to secure, inter alia, the Note and all amendments, modifications, extensions and renewals thereof, Southeastern executed and delivered to or for the benefit of Bank the following (all of the following documents, instruments, assignments, and agreement being herein collectively called the "**Southeastern Real Estate Documents**"): that certain Deed to Secure Debt and Security Agreement from Southeastern, as grantor, in favor of Bank, as grantee, dated April 26, 2010 and recorded in Book 01257, Page 1327 of the official records of Richmond County, Georgia, that certain Assignment of Leases and Rents between Southeastern and Bank April 26, 2010 recorded in Book 01257, Page 1355 of the official records of Richmond County, Georgia, that certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement from Southeastern, as trustor, for the benefit of Bank, dated April 26, 2010 and recorded as Instrument # 2010-002393-0 in the official records of the Juneau Recording District, First Judicial District, State of Alaska, and that certain Assignment of Leases and Rents between Southeastern and Bank dated April 26, 2010 and recorded as Instrument # 2010-002394-0 of the official records of the Juneau Recording District, First Judicial District, State of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, to secure, inter alia, the Note and all amendments, modifications, extensions and renewals thereof, Southwestern executed and delivered to or for the benefit of Bank the following (all of the following documents, instruments, assignments, and agreement being herein collectively called the "**Southwestern Real Estate Documents**"): that certain Deed of Trust and Security Agreement from Southwestern for the benefit of Bank dated April 26, 2010, and recorded in Vol. 4214 Page 370 of the official records of Potter County, Texas, that certain Assignment of Leases and Rents between Southwestern and Bank dated April 26, 2010 and recorded in Vol. 4214, Page 410 of the official records of Potter County, Texas, that certain Deed of Trust and Security Agreement from Southwestern for the benefit of Bank dated April 26, 2010, and recorded in Clerk's File 2010013860, 40 pages of the official records of Lubbock County, Texas, that certain Assignment of Leases and Rents between Southwestern and Bank dated April 26, 2010 and recorded in Clerk's File 2010013861, 11 Pages of the official records of Lubbock County, Texas (the Borrower Real Estate Documents, the Athens Real Estate Documents, the Southeastern Real Estate Documents, and the Southwestern Real Estate Documents are herein collectively called the "**Real Estate Documents**"; the Real Estate Documents, the Security Agreements, the Pledges and any and all other documents, instruments and agreements entered into by Borrower and/or any one or more of the Guarantors to secure the debt evidenced by the Note and/or to secure any Guaranty is herein called the "**Security Documents**"; the Note, the Loan Agreement, the Guaranties, the Security Documents and any and all other documents, instruments and agreements entered into by Borrower and/or any one or more of the Guarantors evidencing, securing or otherwise relating to the Credit Line are herein called the "**Loan Documents**"); and

WHEREAS, each of The Oak Ridger, LLC, MPG Allegan Property, LLC, MPG Holland Property, LLC, Stauffer Communications, Inc. and Florida Publishing Company (the "Merged Companies") executed a Guaranty dated April 26, 2010 and a Security Agreement dated April 26, 2010, however, each of these Merged Companies have merged into Borrower and all assets of such Merged Companies are now owned by Borrower and subject to the Security Agreement given by Borrower to Bank dated April 26, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Note has a maturity date of May 15, 2011 and the Credit Line has a stated expiration date of May 15, 2011, and Borrower and Guarantors have requested that Bank extend said maturity date and expiration date to May 15, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Borrower and each of the Guarantors agree that the extension of the maturity date of the Note and expiration date of the Credit Line pursuant to the terms hereof will be of direct and substantial benefit to Borrower and each of the Guarantors; and

WHEREAS, Bank has agreed to extend the maturity date of the Note and expiration of the Credit Line to May 15, 2012 subject to the terms, conditions and provisions set forth in this Modification Agreement.

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NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing benefits and for other good and valuable consideration flowing among the parties hereto, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Borrower, each of the Guarantors, and Bank do hereby agree that:

1. Modification of Existing Note. (a) As of and after the date hereof, the Note is hereby amended and modified as follows:

(i) The "Maturity Date" as defined in Section 1(i) of the Note is hereby extended and changed from May 15, 2011 to May 15, 2012.

(b) As of and after the date hereof, interest shall continue to accrue on the outstanding principal balance of the Note at the Applicable Interest Rate as defined in the Note. Borrower shall continue to pay accrued interest on the outstanding principal balance of the Note, as amended and modified hereby, on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of each calendar month, and Borrower shall pay to Bank on the Maturity Date (as defined in the Note and amended and extended in (a) (i) above) the entire outstanding principal balance of the Note and all accrued but unpaid interest and other charges owing under the Note.

2. Modification of Loan Agreement. As of and after the date hereof, the Loan Agreement is hereby amended and modified as follows:

(i) The references in subpart (c) of Section 2.1 of the Loan Agreement and subpart (f) of Section 2.1 of the Loan Agreement to May 15, 2011 are hereby changed to refer instead to May 15, 2012.

3. Modification of Security Documents. The parties hereto acknowledge that the Note, as amended, modified and extended hereby, is secured by the Security Documents and each of the Security Documents is hereby amended and modified so that all references therein to the Note shall from and after the date hereof refer to the Note as amended and modified by this Modification Agreement and as same may be further amended, modified, extended or renewed from time to time.

4. Modification of Guaranties and Other Loan Documents. Each of the Guaranties and all other Loan Documents are hereby modified and amended so that all references therein to the Note shall refer to the Note, as amended, modified, and extended by this Modification Agreement, and as the same may be further amended, modified, extended or renewed from time to time.

Each Guarantor hereby acknowledges and agrees that its obligations under the Guaranty given by it are and will remain in full force and effect and have not been limited, waived, discharged, impaired or released in any respect by virtue of this Modification Agreement.

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5. Ratification. Except as expressly set forth herein, all terms, covenants and provisions of the Note and other Loan Documents shall remain in full force and effect, and each of Borrower and each Guarantor do hereby expressly ratify, reaffirm and confirm the Note and other Loan Documents, as amended and modified, and the continuing priority of the Loan Documents, as amended and modified, which secure payment of same. It is the intent of the parties hereto that this Modification Agreement shall not constitute a novation and shall not adversely affect or impair the priority of the any of the Security Documents, all of which shall remain valid security interests in the property described therein without any loss of lien priority.

6. Waiver of Claims. Each of Borrower and each Guarantor do hereby waive any claim or defense which it now has by virtue of this Modification Agreement or any instrument set forth hereunder, and further agrees not to raise any such claims or defenses in any civil proceeding or otherwise. Each of Borrower and each Guarantor does further hereby for itself and its agents, heirs, servants, employees, successors, legal representatives, and assigns, forever release, acquit and discharge Bank and its officers, directors, stockholders, agents, servants, employees, successors, legal representatives and assigns of and from any and all claims, demands, debts, actions and causes of actions which it now has against Bank and its officers, directors, stock holders, agents, servants, employees, legal representatives, heirs and assigns by reason of any act, matter, contract, agreement or thing whatsoever up to the date hereof.

7. Successors and Assigns. This Modification Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors, successors-in-title and assigns.

8. Bank's Expenses. Upon request from Bank, Borrower shall pay or reimburse Bank for all reasonable expenses incurred by Bank in connection with the negotiation, preparation, execution and recordation of this Modification Agreement (and/or any notice filing related hereto), including, without limitation, reasonable fees and expenses of Bank's counsel actually incurred, title insurance premiums, recording fees and recording taxes. Borrower hereby agrees to pay to Bank on the date of execution of this Modification Agreement a renewal fee of \$25,000.00, which fee shall be deemed earned in full on such date and shall be non-refundable.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this agreement to be appropriately executed under seal, effective as of the day and year first above written.

**BANK:**

CB&T, A DIVISION OF SYNOVUS BANK, a Georgia banking corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: VP \_\_\_\_\_

(CORPORATE SEAL)

**BORROWER:**

MORRIS PUBLISHING GROUP, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig S. Mitchell, its Senior Vice President -Finance

(SEAL)

**GUARANTORS:**

MPG NEWSPAPER HOLDING, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig S. Mitchell, its Senior Vice President-Finance  
(SEAL)

ATHENS NEWSPAPERS, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig S. Mitchell, its Senior Vice President-Finance  
(SEAL)

BROADCASTER PRESS, INC., a South Dakota corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig S. Mitchell, its Senior Vice President-Finance  
(SEAL)

HOMER NEWS, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig S. Mitchell, its Senior Vice President-Finance  
(SEAL)

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