

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

FORM 10-Q

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

For the Quarterly Period Ended December 31, 2004
or

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

Commission File Number 001-12822

BEAZER HOMES USA, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

58-2086934
(I.R.S. employer
Identification no.)

1000 Abernathy Road, Suite 1200, Atlanta, Georgia 30328
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(770) 829-3700
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding twelve months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to the filing requirements for the past 90 days.

YES NO § 1101.0

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

YES NO § 1101.0

Class	Outstanding at January 20, 2005
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	13,841,204 shares

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Part I. Financial Information

BEAZER HOMES USA, INC.
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	<u>December 31, 2004</u>	<u>September 30, 2004</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 91,107	\$ 320,880
Accounts receivable	34,234	70,574
Inventory		
Owned inventory	2,329,862	2,089,330
Consolidated inventory not owned	255,617	254,765
Total inventory	2,585,479	2,344,095
Investments in and advances to unconsolidated joint ventures	65,438	44,748
Deferred tax asset	46,698	47,052
Property, plant and equipment, net	24,939	24,671
Goodwill	251,603	251,603
Other assets	62,440	45,839
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,161,938</u>	<u>\$ 3,149,462</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Trade accounts payable	\$ 93,214	\$ 123,287
Other payables and accrued liabilities	420,346	437,608
Obligations related to consolidated inventory not owned	212,980	219,042
Term loan	200,000	200,000
Senior notes (net of discount of \$14,286 and \$14,663 respectively)	915,714	915,337
Other notes payable	14,556	22,067
Total liabilities	1,856,810	1,917,341
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock (par value \$.01 per share, 5,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued)	—	—
Common stock (par value \$.01 per share, 30,000,000 shares authorized, 17,979,080 and 17,868,349 issued and 13,841,204 and 13,730,473 outstanding, respectively)	180	179
Paid-in capital	602,035	593,749
Retained earnings	810,021	741,701
Treasury stock (4,137,876 shares)	(88,150)	(88,150)
Unearned compensation	(18,958)	(14,748)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	—	(610)
Total stockholders' equity	1,305,128	1,232,121
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 3,161,938</u>	<u>\$ 3,149,462</u>

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

BEAZER HOMES USA, INC.
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

Three Months Ended December 31,	
<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>

Total revenue	\$	911,827	\$	810,108
Costs and expenses:				
Home construction and land sales		696,355		644,949
Selling, general and administrative		104,594		89,507
Operating income		110,878		75,652
Equity in income (loss) of unconsolidated joint ventures		(102)		557
Other income, net		2,564		1,145
Income before income taxes		113,340		77,354
Provision for income taxes		43,636		30,168
Net income	\$	69,704	\$	47,186
Weighted average number of shares:				
Basic		13,432		13,281
Diluted		15,100		13,829
Net income per common share:				
Basic	\$	5.19	\$	3.55
Diluted	\$	4.70	\$	3.41
Cash dividends per share	\$	0.10	\$	0.10

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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BEAZER HOMES USA, INC.
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2004	2003
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 69,704	\$ 47,186
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	4,493	4,014
Equity in (earnings) loss of unconsolidated joint ventures	102	(557)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease in accounts receivable	36,340	37,013
Increase in inventory	(245,669)	(212,671)
Increase in other assets	(16,601)	(9,755)
Decrease in trade accounts payable	(30,073)	(6,749)
Decrease in other liabilities	(15,922)	(27,794)
Other changes	1,398	3,301
Net cash used in operating activities	(196,228)	(166,012)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(3,106)	(2,161)
Investments in unconsolidated joint ventures	(21,983)	(2,321)
Distributions from unconsolidated joint ventures	1,191	2,250
Net cash used in investing activities	(23,898)	(2,232)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayment of other notes payable	(9,443)	—
Proceeds from 6 1/2% senior notes	—	198,100
Proceeds from stock option exercises	1,180	858
Dividends paid	(1,384)	(1,361)
Debt issuance costs	—	(458)
Net cash provided/(used) by financing activities	(9,647)	197,139
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(229,773)	28,895
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	320,880	73,372
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 91,107	\$ 102,267
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Interest paid	\$ 36,765	\$ 26,298
Income taxes paid	\$ 15,156	\$ 29,421
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash activities:		
Consolidated inventory not owned	\$ —	\$ 15,531
Land purchased through issuance of note payable	\$ 1,777	\$ 8,723

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

BEAZER HOMES USA, INC.
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS
OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2004	2003
Net income	\$ 69,704	\$ 47,186
Other comprehensive income:		
Unrealized gain on interest rate swaps, net of related taxes	610	747
Comprehensive income	\$ 70,314	\$ 47,933

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Beazer Homes USA, Inc. (“Beazer Homes” or “the Company”) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Such financial statements do not include all of the information and disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. In our opinion, all adjustments (consisting solely of normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation have been included in the accompanying financial statements. Certain items in prior period financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation. For further information, refer to our audited consolidated financial statements appearing in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004.

(2) Stock-Based Compensation

We account for stock awards granted to employees under the recognition and measurement principles of Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, “Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees”, and related Interpretations. No compensation expense is recognized for stock options granted to employees because all stock options granted have exercise prices not less than the market value of our stock on the date of the grant. Restricted stock granted to employees is valued based on the market price of the common stock on the date of the grant.

We account for stock awards issued to non-employees under the recognition and measurement principles of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) No. 123, “Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation” and Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No. 96-18: “Accounting for Equity Instruments That Are Issued to Other Than Employees for Acquiring, or in Conjunction with Selling, Goods or Services.” Stock options issued to non-employees are valued using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Restricted stock granted to non-employees is initially valued based on the market price of the common stock on the date of the grant.

Unearned compensation arising from the restricted stock granted to employees and from non-employee stock awards is amortized to expense using the straight-line method over the period of the restrictions. The balance of unearned compensation related to non-employee awards is adjusted on a quarterly basis to reflect changes in the market value of Beazer Homes’ common stock. Unearned compensation is shown as a reduction of stockholders’ equity in the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The following table illustrates the effect (in thousands, except per share amounts) on net income and earnings per share if we had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 to stock-based employee compensation:

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2004	2003
Net income, as reported	\$ 69,704	\$ 47,186
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax effects	1,349	979
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(2,292)	(1,599)
Pro forma net income	\$ 68,761	\$ 46,566
Earnings per share:		
Basic - as reported	\$ 5.19	\$ 3.55

Basic - pro forma	\$	5.12	\$	3.51
Diluted - as reported	\$	4.70	\$	3.41
Diluted - pro forma	\$	4.57	\$	3.39

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued SFAS 123(R) “Share-Based Payment”. SFAS 123(R) requires the fair value of all share based payment transactions to be recognized in the financial statements. As a result, upon adoption of SFAS 123(R) we will be required to recognize compensation expense for the fair value of employee stock options over the applicable vesting period. We do not expect SFAS 123(R) to significantly change our accounting for restricted stock awards or non-employee stock awards.

SFAS 123(R) is effective as of the beginning of the first interim or annual reporting period that begins after June 15, 2005, the fourth quarter of our fiscal 2005. SFAS 123(R) applies to new awards and to awards modified, repurchased, or cancelled after the required effective date, as well as to the unvested portion of awards outstanding as of the required effective date (“modified prospective application”). Upon adoption, prior periods may be, but are not required to be, restated. We expect the impact of the adoption of SFAS 123(R) to be a reduction of fourth quarter fiscal 2005 net income of approximately \$800,000 assuming modified prospective application. If we choose to restate the first three quarters of fiscal 2005 upon adoption, we expect the impact to be a further reduction of fiscal 2005 net income of approximately \$2.7 million.

(3) Inventory

Inventory consists of (in thousands):

	December 31, 2004	September 30, 2004
Homes under construction	\$ 904,874	\$ 847,517
Development projects in progress	1,262,153	1,105,933
Unimproved land held for future development	81,127	57,563
Model homes	81,708	78,317
Consolidated inventory not owned	255,617	254,765
	<u>\$ 2,585,479</u>	<u>\$ 2,344,095</u>

Homes under construction includes homes finished and ready for delivery and homes in various stages of construction. Excluding model homes, we had 398 completed homes (valued at \$73.8 million) and 345 completed homes (valued at \$69.1 million) at December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004, respectively, that were not subject to a sales contract.

Development projects in progress consist principally of land and land improvement costs. Certain of the fully developed lots in this category are reserved by a deposit or sales contract.

We acquire certain lots by means of option contracts. Option contracts generally require the payment of cash for the right to acquire lots during a specified period of time at a certain price. Under option contracts, both with and without specific performance provisions, purchase of the properties is contingent upon satisfaction of certain requirements by us and the sellers. Our obligation with respect to options with specific performance provisions is included on our consolidated balance sheets in other liabilities. Under option contracts without specific performance obligations, our liability is generally limited to forfeiture of the non-refundable deposits, letters of credit and other non-refundable amounts incurred, which aggregated approximately \$179.6 million at December 31, 2004. This amount includes letters of credit of approximately \$34.5 million. Below is a summary of amounts, net of cash deposits, committed under all options at December 31, 2004 (*in thousands*):

	Aggregate Exercise Price of Options
Options with specific performance	\$ 29.8
Options without specific performance	1,876.4
Total options	<u>\$ 1,906.2</u>

Certain of our option contracts are with sellers who are deemed to be Variable Interest Entities (“VIE”s) under FASB Interpretation No. 46, “Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an Interpretation of ARB No. 51” (“FIN 46”). FIN 46 defines a VIE as an entity with insufficient equity investment to finance its planned

activities without additional financial support or an entity in which the equity investors lack certain characteristics of a controlling financial interest. Pursuant to FIN 46, an enterprise that absorbs a majority of the expected losses or receives a majority of the expected residual returns of a VIE is deemed to be the primary beneficiary of the VIE and must consolidate the VIE.

We have determined that we are the primary beneficiary of certain of these option contracts. Our risk is generally limited to the option deposits that we pay, and creditors of the sellers generally have no recourse to the general credit of the Company. Although we do not have legal title to the optioned land, for those option contracts for which we are the primary beneficiary, we are required to consolidate the land under option at fair value. We believe that the exercise prices of our option contracts approximate their fair value. Our consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004 reflect consolidated inventory not owned of \$255.6 million and \$254.8 million, respectively. Obligations related to consolidated inventory not owned totaled \$213.0 million at December 31, 2004 and \$219.0 million at September 30, 2004. The difference between the balances of consolidated inventory not owned and obligations related to consolidated inventory not owned represents cash deposits paid under the option agreements. The above disclosures of amounts committed under options include our obligations related to consolidated inventory not owned.

(4) Investments in and Advances to Unconsolidated Joint Ventures

We participate in a number of land development joint ventures in which we have less than a controlling interest. Our joint ventures are typically entered into with developers and other homebuilders to develop finished lots for sale to the joint venture's members and other third parties. We account for our interest in these joint ventures under the equity method. We recognize our share of profits from the sale of lots to other buyers. Our share of profits from lots we purchase from the joint ventures are deferred and treated as a reduction of the cost of the land purchased from the joint venture. Such profits are subsequently recognized at the time the home closes and title passes to the homebuyer.

Our joint ventures typically obtain secured acquisition and development financing. In some instances, we and our joint venture partners have provided varying levels of guarantees of debt of our unconsolidated joint ventures. At December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004, we had repayment guarantees of \$23.2 million and \$10.0 million, respectively, and loan-to-value maintenance guarantees of \$70.2 million and \$56.8 million, respectively, of debt of unconsolidated joint ventures. Repayment guarantees require us to repay our share of debt of unconsolidated joint ventures in the event the joint venture defaults on its obligations under the borrowings. Loan-to-value maintenance guarantees require us to repay our share of the venture's borrowings to the extent such borrowings exceed a specified percentage of the value of the property securing the loan.

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(5) Interest

The following table sets forth certain information regarding interest (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2004	2003
Capitalized interest in inventory, beginning of period	\$ 44,121	\$ 34,285
Interest incurred and capitalized	20,389	16,871
Capitalized interest amortized to cost of sales	(15,959)	(13,687)
Capitalized interest in inventory, end of period	\$ 48,551	\$ 37,469

(6) Earnings Per Share

Basic and diluted earnings per share were calculated as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2004	2003
Basic:		
Net income	\$ 69,704	\$ 47,186
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	13,432	13,281
Basic earnings per share	\$ 5.19	\$ 3.55
Diluted:		
Net income	\$ 69,704	\$ 47,186
Interest on convertible debt - net of taxes	1,325	—
Net income available to common shareholders	71,029	47,186
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	13,432	13,281
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Shares issuable upon conversion of convertible debt	1,166	—
Restricted stock	324	256
Options to acquire common stock	178	292
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	15,100	13,829
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 4.70	\$ 3.41

In September 2004 the Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") of the FASB reached a consensus on EITF Issue No. 04-8: "The Effect of Contingently Convertible Debt on Diluted Earnings Per Share" ("EITF 04-8"). The consensus was ratified by the FASB in October 2004. EITF 04-8 requires that shares issuable upon conversion

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of contingently convertible debt instruments ("Co-Cos") be included in diluted earnings per share computations using the "if-converted method" regardless of whether the issuer's stock price exceeds the contingent conversion price. Prior to EITF 04-8, shares issuable upon conversion of Co-Cos were generally excluded from diluted earnings per share computations until the issuer's stock price exceeded the contingent conversion price. EITF 04-8, which applies to our 4 5/8 % Convertible Senior Notes issued in June 2004, was effective beginning with the first quarter of our fiscal 2005. Restatement of prior period earnings per share amounts presented for comparative purposes is required. Our diluted earnings per share computations for the quarters ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 reflect the application of EITF 04-8. The impact of the adoption of EITF 04-8 was to reduce diluted earnings per share by \$0.30 for the quarter ended December 31, 2004. Since our 4 5/8 % Convertible Senior Notes were not outstanding at December 31, 2003, the adoption of EITF 04-8 had no impact on previously reported diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended December 31, 2003.

(7) Long Term Debt

We have a credit facility (the "Credit Facility") with a group of banks. The Credit Facility includes a \$550 million four-year revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility") and a \$200 million four-year term loan (the "Term Loan"). The Revolving Credit Facility and Term Loan mature in June 2008. The Revolving Credit Facility and the Term Loan bear interest at a fluctuating rate (3.94% at December 31, 2004) based upon LIBOR or the alternate base rate of interest announced by our lead bank. The Credit Facility contains various operating and financial covenants.

Available borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility are limited to certain percentages of homes under contract, unsold homes, substantially improved lots and accounts receivable. At December 31, 2004, we had no borrowings outstanding, and had available borrowings of \$369.4 million under the Revolving Credit Facility.

In June 2004, we issued \$180 million aggregate principal amount of 4 5/8% Convertible Senior Notes due 2024 (the "Convertible Senior Notes") in a private placement pursuant to Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. In August 2004, we filed a registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC covering resales of the Convertible Senior Notes and the common stock issuable upon conversion. The Convertible Senior Notes were issued at a price of 100% of their face amount (before underwriting discount and other issuance costs). Interest on the Convertible Senior Notes is payable semiannually. The notes are convertible by holders into shares of our common stock at an initial conversion rate of 6.48 shares of Beazer Homes common stock per \$1,000 principal amount (subject to adjustment for customary reasons), representing an initial conversion price of \$154.32 per share of common stock. The notes are convertible if the price of our common stock is equal to or greater than 120% of the conversion price for 20 of the last 30 consecutive trading days of a calendar quarter and under certain other circumstances as more fully described in Note 8 to our consolidated financial statements appearing in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004.

We may, at our option, redeem for cash the Convertible Senior Notes in whole or in part at any time on or after June 15, 2009, initially at 101.321% of the principal amount, declining to 100% of the principal amount after June 15, 2011. Holders have the right to require us to purchase all or any portion of the Convertible Senior Notes for cash on June 15, 2011, June 15, 2014 and June 15, 2019 or if we undergo a fundamental change, as defined. In each case, we will pay a purchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be purchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest to such purchase date.

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In November 2003, we issued \$200 million 6 1/2% Senior Notes due November 2013 (the "Original Notes") in a private placement pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Original Notes were issued at a price of 100% of their face amount (before underwriting discount and other issuance costs). In May 2004 we completed an offer to exchange all of the outstanding Original Notes for an equal amount of 6 1/2% Senior Notes due November 2013 (the "6 1/2% Senior Notes"), which were registered under the Securities Act of 1933. Interest on the 6 1/2% Senior Notes is payable semiannually. We may, at our option, redeem the 6 1/2% Senior Notes in whole or in part at any time after November 2008, initially at 103.250% of the principal amount, declining to 100% of the principal amount after November 2011. We may redeem the 6 1/2% Senior Notes, in whole or in part, at any time before November 2008 at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus a "make-whole" premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest. A portion of such notes may also be redeemed prior to November 2006 under certain conditions.

In April 2002, we issued \$350 million 8 3/8% Senior Notes due April 2012 (the "Original Notes") in a private placement pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. In September 2002 we completed an offer to exchange all of the outstanding Original Notes for an equal amount of 8 3/8% Senior Notes due 2012 (the "8 3/8% Senior Notes"), which were registered under the Securities Act of 1933. The terms of the 8 3/8% Senior Notes were substantially identical to the terms of the Original Notes. The Original Notes were issued at a price of 100% of their face amount (before underwriting discount and other issuance costs). Interest on the 8 3/8% Senior Notes is payable semiannually. We may, at our option, redeem the 8 3/8% Senior Notes in whole or in part at any time after April 2007, initially at 104.188% of the principal amount, declining to 100% of the principal amount after April 2010. A portion of such notes may also be redeemed prior to April 2005 under certain conditions.

In May 2001, we issued \$200 million 8 5/8% Senior Notes due May 2011 (the "8 5/8% Senior Notes") at a price of 99.178% of their face amount (before underwriting discount and other issuance costs). Interest on the 8 5/8% Senior Notes is payable semiannually. We may, at our option, redeem the 8 5/8% Senior Notes in whole or in part at any time after May 2006, initially at 104.3125% of the principal amount, declining to 100% of the principal amount after May 2009.

The Convertible Senior Notes, the 6 1/2% Senior Notes, the 8 3/8% Senior Notes and the 8 5/8% Senior Notes (collectively the "Senior Notes") are unsecured obligations ranking pari passu with all other existing and future senior indebtedness. All of our significant subsidiaries are full and unconditional guarantors of the Senior Notes and our obligations under the Credit Facility, and are jointly and severally liable for obligations under the Senior Notes, and the Credit Facility. Each guarantor subsidiary is a 100% owned subsidiary of Beazer Homes.

The indentures under which the Senior Notes were issued contain certain restrictive covenants, including limitations on payment of dividends. At December 31, 2004, under the most restrictive covenants of each indenture, approximately \$279.2 million of our retained earnings was available for cash dividends and for share repurchases. Each indenture provides that, in the event of defined changes in control or if our consolidated tangible net worth falls below a specified level or in certain circumstances upon a sale of assets, we are required to offer to repurchase certain specified amounts of outstanding Senior Notes.

We are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates. From time to time, we have entered into derivative agreements to manage interest costs and hedge against risks associated with fluctuating interest rates related to \$100 million of floating rate debt. At September 30, 2004, we had swap agreements to effectively fix the interest rate on

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\$100 million in floating rate debt. As of September 30, 2004, we had recorded a cumulative after-tax other comprehensive loss of \$610,000 as a result of the Swap Agreements. The estimated fair value of the Swap Agreements, based on current market rates, approximated \$1 million at September 30, 2004 and was included in other liabilities. The Swap Agreements matured on December 20, 2004.

(8) Contingencies

Trinity Claims - We and certain of our subsidiaries have been and continue to be named as defendants in various construction defect claims, complaints and other legal actions that include claims related to moisture intrusion and mold. We have experienced a significant number of such claims in our Midwest region and particularly with respect to homes built by Trinity Homes LLC, a subsidiary which we acquired in the Crossmann acquisition in 2002.

As of December 31, 2004, there were 13 pending lawsuits related to such complaints received by Trinity. Twelve of these involve suits by individual homeowners, and the cost to resolve these matters is not expected to be material, either individually or in the aggregate. One of these suits is a class action suit that was filed in the State of Indiana in August 2003. The parties in the class action reached a settlement agreement which was approved by the court on October 20, 2004.

The settlement class includes, with certain exclusions, the current owners of all Trinity homes that have brick veneer, where the closing of Trinity's initial sale of the home took place between June 1, 1998 and October 31, 2002. The settlement agreement establishes an agreed protocol and process for assessment and remediation of any external water intrusion issues at the homes which includes, among other things, that the homes will be repaired at Trinity's expense. The settlement agreement also provides for plaintiffs' attorneys' fees and for Trinity to pay an agreed amount per home for engineering inspection costs for each home for which a claim is filed under the settlement.

Under the settlement, subject to Trinity's timely performance of the specified assessments and remediation activities for homeowners who file claims, each homeowner releases Trinity, Beazer Homes Investment Corp. and other affiliated companies, including Beazer Homes, from the claims asserted in the class action lawsuit, claims arising out of external water intrusion, and claims of improper brick installation, including property damage claims, loss or diminution of property value claims, and most personal injury claims, among others. No appeals of the court's order approving the settlement were received by the court within the timeframe established by the court. The Company sent out the claims notices on December 17, 2004, and the class members have until February 15, 2005 to file claims.

Our warranty reserves at December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004 include accruals for our estimated costs to assess and remediate all homes for which Trinity had received complaints related to moisture intrusion and mold, including a provision for legal fees. Our warranty reserves at December 31, 2004 also include accruals for class action claims received, pursuant to the settlement discussed above, from class members who had not previously contacted Trinity with complaints. We have accrued engineering inspection costs pursuant to the settlement for all class members. We have not accrued any additional costs related to class members who have neither contacted Trinity with complaints nor submitted class claims pursuant to the settlement because we are currently unable to estimate such costs due to the uncertainty surrounding the number of claims that will ultimately be filed and the average cost to remediate such claims. As we receive and evaluate claims pursuant to the settlement, we will accrue our estimated costs to resolve those claims. We expect to know substantially

the number of claims that will ultimately be filed pursuant to the settlement during the second quarter of our fiscal 2005. There are 2,161 total class members. We have accrued remediation costs, either because Trinity received a complaint or because a class action claim was filed, for 1,037 homes included in the class. This includes 251 class claims received after December 31, 2004, but prior to the issuance of our December 31, 2004 financial statements.

The following is a roll-forward of total complaints received as of each balance sheet date:

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2004	2003
Complaints outstanding at beginning of year	887	415
Complaints received during the quarter	51(1)	96
Complaints resolved during the quarter	(34)	—
Complaints outstanding at end of the quarter	<u>904</u>	<u>511</u>

(1) Excludes 251 class claims for which remediation costs were accrued at December 31, 2004, which were received after December 31, 2004, but prior to the issuance of our December 31, 2004 financial statements.

The cost to assess and remediate a home depends on the extent of moisture damage, if any, that the home has incurred. We classify homes for which we receive complaints into one of three categories: 1) homes with no moisture damage, 2) homes with isolated moisture damage or 3) homes with extensive moisture damage. For purposes of calculating our accrual we estimated the cost to assess and remediate homes to cover a range up to \$63,500 per home, depending on the category to which it was assigned.

As of December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004 we accrued for our estimated cost to remediate homes that we had assessed and assigned to one of the above categories, as well as our estimated cost to remediate those homes for which we had received complaints, but for which we had not yet performed assessments. For purposes of our accrual, we assigned homes not yet assessed to categories based on our expectations about the extent of damage and trends observed from the results of assessments performed to date.

Class claims received from class members who have not previously contacted Trinity with complaints are classified as homes with no moisture damage for accrual purposes. This is based on our belief that most homeowners whose homes have evidence of moisture damage will have contacted Trinity directly.

During fiscal 2004, we initiated a program under which we offered to repurchase a limited number of homes from specific homeowners. As of December 31, 2004 we have repurchased a total of 54 homes, which concludes the repurchase program. During the quarter ended December 31, 2004, we sold one of the repurchased homes. The remaining 53 homes were acquired for an aggregate purchase price of \$17.4 million. Our accrual at December 31, 2004 includes our estimated costs to sell homes that we have repurchased, and our estimated losses on the sale of those homes.

Changes in our accrual for Trinity moisture intrusion and related mold issues during the period were as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2004	2003
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 42,173	\$ 9,200
Provisions	10,000	6,885
Payments	(6,273)	(2,071)
Balance at end of period	<u>\$ 45,900</u>	<u>\$ 14,014</u>

Our accruals at December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004 represent our best estimates of the costs to resolve all asserted complaints. Actual costs to assess and remediate homes in each category, the extent of damage to homes not yet assessed, our estimates of costs to sell repurchased homes, and our losses on such sales could differ from our estimates. As a result, the costs to resolve existing complaints could differ from our recorded accruals and have a material adverse effect on our net income in the periods in which the matters are resolved. Additionally, it is reasonably possible that we will incur additional losses related to these matters, including additional losses related to homes for which we have not yet received complaints or class action claims. However, the amount or range of such losses cannot be determined at this time.

Warranty Reserves - We provide a limited warranty (ranging from one to two years) of workmanship and materials with each of our homes. Such warranty covers defects in plumbing, electrical, heating, cooling and ventilating systems and construction defects. In addition, we provide a warranty (ranging from a minimum of ten years up to the period covered by the applicable statute of repose) with each of our homes, covering construction defects only. Since we subcontract our homebuilding work to subcontractors who generally provide us with an indemnity and a certificate of insurance prior to receiving payments for their work, claims relating to workmanship and materials are generally the primary responsibility of our subcontractors.

As noted above, our warranty reserves at December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004 include accruals for Trinity moisture intrusion and related mold issues. Warranty reserves are included in accrued expenses in the consolidated financial statements. We record reserves covering our anticipated warranty expense for each home closed. Management reviews the adequacy of warranty reserves each reporting period based on historical experience and management's estimate of the costs to remediate the claims and adjusts these provisions accordingly. While we believe that our warranty reserves are adequate, there can be no assurances that historical data and trends will accurately predict our actual warranty costs or that future developments might not lead to a significant change in the reserve.

Changes in our warranty reserves, which include amounts related to the Trinity moisture intrusion and mold issues discussed above, during the period are as follows (in thousands):

	Three months ended December 31,	
	2004	2003
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 86,163	\$ 40,473
Provisions	18,315	15,887
Payments	(10,847)	(8,421)
Balance at end of period	<u>\$ 93,631</u>	<u>\$ 47,939</u>

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Other Contingencies - We and certain of our subsidiaries have been named as defendants in various claims, complaints and other legal actions. In our opinion, except as discussed above, the ultimate resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

(9) Stock Split

Our Board of Directors has authorized a 3-for-1 split of Beazer Homes common stock in the form of a stock dividend. The stock split is contingent on stockholder approval of an increase in the number of shares the Company is authorized to issue under its certificate of incorporation.

Stockholders will be asked to vote on an amendment to the Company's certificate of incorporation to increase the number of authorized common shares from 30 million shares to 80 million shares at the Company's annual meeting of stockholders, currently scheduled for February 3, 2005. If Beazer Homes receives the requisite votes to increase the number of authorized shares, the Board of Directors will determine a record date and distribution date for the stock dividend.

The Board of Directors currently intends to continue paying an annual cash dividend of \$0.40 per share following the stock split, effectively tripling the annual dividend. The Company's dividend policy will continue to be subject to review by the Board of Directors from time to time.

(10) Supplemental Guarantor Information

As discussed in Note 7, Beazer Homes' obligations to pay principal, premium, if any, and interest under certain debt are guaranteed on a joint and several basis by substantially all of its subsidiaries. The guarantees are full and unconditional and the guarantor subsidiaries are 100% owned by Beazer Homes USA, Inc. The Company has determined that separate, full financial statements of the guarantors would not be material to investors and, accordingly, supplemental financial information for the guarantors is presented.

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Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet
December 31, 2004
(in thousands)

Beazer Homes USA, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminating Entries	Consolidated Beazer
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	Homes USA, Inc.				
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 158,592	\$ (67,664)	\$ 179	\$ —	\$ 91,107
Accounts receivable	—	33,298	936	—	34,234
Owned Inventory	—	2,325,432	—	4,430	2,329,862
Consolidated inventory not owned	—	255,617	—	—	255,617
Investments in unconsolidated joint ventures	—	65,438	—	—	65,438
Deferred tax asset	46,680	18	—	—	46,698
Property, plant and equipment, net	—	24,939	—	—	24,939
Goodwill	—	251,603	—	—	251,603
Investments in subsidiaries	1,545,226	—	—	(1,545,226)	—
Intercompany	660,547	(662,962)	2,415	—	—
Other assets	18,655	35,197	8,588	—	62,440
Total Assets	\$ 2,429,700	\$ 2,260,916	\$ 12,118	\$ (1,540,796)	\$ 3,161,938
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
EQUITY					
Trade accounts payable	\$ —	\$ 93,144	\$ 70	\$ —	\$ 93,214
Other liabilities	11,504	395,795	11,341	1,706	420,346
Intercompany	(2,646)	—	2,646	—	—
Obligations related to consolidated inventory not owned	—	212,980	—	—	212,980
Term Loan	200,000	—	—	—	200,000
Senior notes	915,714	—	—	—	915,714
Other notes payable	—	14,556	—	—	14,556
Total Liabilities	1,124,572	716,475	14,057	1,706	1,856,810
Stockholders' Equity	1,305,128	1,544,441	(1,939)	(1,542,502)	1,305,128
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 2,429,700	\$ 2,260,916	\$ 12,118	\$ (1,540,796)	\$ 3,161,938

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Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet
September 30, 2004
(in thousands)

	Beazer Homes USA, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminating Entries	Consolidated Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 392,110	\$ (71,569)	\$ 339	\$ —	\$ 320,880
Accounts receivable	—	70,237	337	—	70,574
Owned inventory	—	2,079,494	—	9,836	2,089,330
Consolidated inventory not owned	—	254,765	—	—	254,765
Investment in unconsolidated joint ventures	—	44,748	—	—	44,748
Deferred tax asset	47,052	—	—	—	47,052
Property, plant and equipment, net	—	24,671	—	—	24,671
Goodwill	—	251,603	—	—	251,603
Investments in subsidiaries	1,468,078	—	—	(1,468,078)	—
Intercompany	566,216	(583,038)	16,822	—	—
Other assets	19,432	17,881	8,526	—	45,839
Total Assets	\$ 2,492,888	\$ 2,088,792	\$ 26,024	\$ (1,458,242)	\$ 3,149,462
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Trade accounts payable	\$ —	\$ 123,174	\$ 113	\$ —	\$ 123,287
Other liabilities	146,473	276,242	11,057	3,836	437,608
Intercompany	(1,043)	—	1,043	—	—
Obligations related to consolidated inventory not owned	—	219,042	—	—	219,042
Term Loan	200,000	—	—	—	200,000
Senior Notes	915,337	—	—	—	915,337
Other notes payable	—	22,067	—	—	22,067
Total Liabilities	1,260,767	640,525	12,213	3,836	1,917,341
Stockholders' Equity	1,232,121	1,448,267	13,811	(1,462,078)	1,232,121
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 2,492,888	\$ 2,088,792	\$ 26,024	\$ (1,458,242)	\$ 3,149,462

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Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income
Three Months Ended December 31, 2004
(in thousands)

	Beazer Homes USA, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminating Entries	Consolidated Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
Total revenue	\$ —	\$ 910,214	\$ 1,613	\$ —	\$ 911,827
Costs and expenses:					
Home construction and land sales	20,389	680,396	—	(4,430)	696,355
Selling, general and administrative	—	104,172	422	—	104,594
Operating income (loss)	(20,389)	125,646	1,191	4,430	110,878
Equity in loss of unconsolidated joint ventures	—	(102)	—	—	(102)
Other income, net	—	2,564	—	—	2,564
Income (loss) before income taxes	(20,389)	128,108	1,191	4,430	113,340
Provision for income taxes	(7,850)	49,322	459	1,706	43,636
Equity in income of subsidiaries	82,243	—	—	(82,243)	—
Net income	\$ 69,704	\$ 78,786	\$ 732	\$ (79,519)	\$ 69,704

Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income
Three Months Ended December 31, 2003
(in thousands)

	Beazer Homes USA, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminating Entries	Consolidated Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
Total revenue	\$ —	\$ 808,112	\$ 1,996	\$ —	\$ 810,108
Costs and expenses:					
Home construction and land sales	16,871	631,262	—	(3,184)	644,949
Selling, general and administrative	—	88,727	780	—	89,507
Operating income (loss)	(16,871)	88,123	1,216	3,184	75,652
Equity in income of unconsolidated joint ventures	—	557	—	—	557
Other income, net	—	1,145	—	—	1,145
Income (loss) before income taxes	(16,871)	89,825	1,216	3,184	77,354
Provision for income taxes	(6,580)	35,032	474	1,242	30,168
Equity in income of subsidiaries	57,477	—	—	(57,477)	—
Net income	\$ 47,186	\$ 54,793	\$ 742	\$ (55,535)	\$ 47,186

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Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows
Three Months Ended December 31, 2004
(in thousands)

	Beazer Homes USA, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminating Entries	Consolidated Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	\$ 17,210	\$ (229,635)	\$ 16,197	\$ —	\$ (196,228)
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Capital expenditures	—	(3,106)	—	—	(3,106)
Investments in unconsolidated joint ventures	—	(21,983)	—	—	(21,983)
Distributions from unconsolidated joint ventures	—	1,191	—	—	1,191
Net cash used by investing activities	—	(23,898)	—	—	(23,898)
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Repayment of other notes payable	—	(9,443)	—	—	(9,443)
Proceeds from stock option exercises	1,180	—	—	—	1,180
Advances to/from subsidiaries	(250,524)	266,881	(16,357)	—	—
Dividends paid	(1,384)	—	—	—	(1,384)
Net cash provided/(used) by financing activities	(250,728)	257,438	(16,357)	—	(9,647)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(233,518)	3,905	(160)	—	(229,773)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	392,110	(71,569)	339	—	320,880

Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 158,592	\$ (67,664)	\$ 179	\$ —	\$ 91,107
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Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows
Three Months Ended December 31, 2003
(in thousands)

	Beazer Homes USA, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminating Entries	Consolidated Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	\$ (11,728)	\$ (154,662)	\$ 378	\$ —	\$ (166,012)
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Capital expenditures	—	(2,161)	—	—	(2,161)
Investments in unconsolidated joint ventures	—	(2,321)	—	—	(2,321)
Distributions from unconsolidated joint ventures	—	2,250	—	—	2,250
Net cash used by investing activities	—	(2,232)	—	—	(2,232)
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Proceeds from issuance of 6 1/2% Senior Notes	198,100	—	—	—	198,100
Advances to/from subsidiaries	(145,788)	146,065	(277)	—	—
Debt issuance costs	(458)	—	—	—	(458)
Proceeds from stock option exercises	858	—	—	—	858
Dividends paid	(1,361)	—	—	—	(1,361)
Net cash provided/(used) by financing activities	51,351	146,065	(277)	—	197,139
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	39,623	(10,829)	101	—	28,895
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	110,754	(40,079)	2,697	—	73,372
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 150,377	\$ (50,908)	\$ 2,798	\$ —	\$ 102,267

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

OVERVIEW:

Homebuilding: We design, sell and build single-family homes in the following regions and states:

Southeast	West	Central	Mid-Atlantic	Midwest
Florida	Arizona	Texas	Maryland / Delaware	Indiana
Georgia	California		New Jersey	Kentucky
Mississippi	Colorado		Pennsylvania	Ohio
North Carolina	Nevada		Virginia / West Virginia	
South Carolina				
Tennessee				

We intend, subject to market conditions, to expand in our current markets and to consider entering new markets either through expansion from existing markets or through acquisitions of established regional

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homebuilders. We seek to be one of the five largest builders in each of the markets that we serve.

We design our homes at various price points to appeal to homebuyers across various demographic segments. Our objective is to provide our customers at each price-point with homes that incorporate exceptional value and quality while seeking to maximize our return on invested capital. To achieve this objective, we have developed a business strategy which focuses on the following elements:

Geographic Diversity and Growth Markets. We compete in a large number of geographically diverse markets in an attempt to reduce our exposure to any particular regional economy. Most of the markets in which we operate have experienced significant population growth in recent years. Within these markets, we build homes in a variety of projects. Our business strategy entails further increasing our market penetration across the geographically diverse markets in which we compete.

Leverage of National Brand. In October 2003, we launched a branding strategy that is designed to build a unified consumer brand across all markets in which we operate. Our new national branding strategy presents us as one company with one name, one logo, one message and one purpose. We believe that a national branding strategy will differentiate us from our competitors by promoting qualities that lead to good recommendations, referrals to family and friends, and repeat purchases by loyal customers. We feel that a strengthened, national brand identity will better position us to consistently address the needs of our customers across all of our markets.

Leverage Size, Scale and Capabilities to Achieve Optimal Efficiencies. The Company has implemented specific profitability initiatives which focus on leveraging our size, scale and capabilities in order to achieve enhanced gross profit and operating profit margins. These initiatives include:

- leveraging our size to create economies of scale in purchasing and construction;

- standardizing best practices and product designs;
- using branding and increased market penetration to maximize efficiency of land use; and
- leveraging our fixed cost infrastructure by increasing depth and breadth in markets where we have an established presence.

Quality Homes at Various Price-Points to Meet the Needs of Increasingly Diverse Homebuyers. We seek to maximize customer satisfaction by offering homes which incorporate quality materials, distinctive design features, convenient locations and competitive prices. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2005, the average sales price of our homes closed was approximately \$252,600. Our product strategy entails addressing the needs of an increasingly diverse profile of buyers as evidenced by demographic trends including, among others, increased immigration, changing profiles of households, the aging of the baby-boomers, and the rise of the echo-boomers (children of the baby-boomers) into the ranks of homeownership. Our product offering is broken down into the following product categories:

Economy. These homes are targeted primarily at entry-level buyers, are generally 1,500 square feet or less in size, and are intended to meet the needs of those buyers for whom price is the most important factor in the buying decision.

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Value. These homes are targeted at entry-level and move-up buyers, generally range from 1,500 to 2,500 square feet in size, and are intended to appeal to buyers who are more interested in style and features, but are still somewhat price-focused.

Style. These homes are targeted at more affluent move-up buyers, are generally greater than 2,500 square feet in size, and are intended to appeal to buyers in the more luxurious segment of the market, who place greater emphasis on style and features.

In addition, we also offer homes to the 'active-adult' segment which are targeted to buyers over 55 years of age, in communities with special amenities. We offer these homes within the Economy, Value and Style categories described above. Within each product category, we seek to provide exceptional value and to ensure an enjoyable customer experience.

Additional Products and Services for Homebuyers. In order to maximize our profitability and provide our customers with the additional products and services that they desire, we have incorporated design centers and mortgage origination operations into our business. Recognizing that our customers want to choose certain components of their new home, we offer limited customization through the use of design studios in most of our markets. These design studios allow the customer to select certain non-structural customizations for their homes such as cabinetry, flooring, fixtures, appliances and wall coverings. Additionally, recognizing the homebuyer's desire to simplify the financing process, we originate mortgages on behalf of our customers through our subsidiary Beazer Mortgage Corporation, or Beazer Mortgage. Beazer Mortgage originates, processes and brokers mortgages to third party investors. Beazer Mortgage generally does not retain or service the mortgages that it brokers. We also provide title services to our customers in many of our markets.

Critical Accounting Policies: Some of our critical accounting policies require the use of judgment in their application or require estimates of inherently uncertain matters. Although our accounting policies are in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, a change in the facts and circumstances of the underlying transactions could significantly change the application of the accounting policies and the resulting financial statement impact. Listed below are those policies that we believe are critical and require the use of complex judgment in their application.

Inventory Valuation

Housing projects and land held for development and sale are stated at cost (including direct construction costs, capitalized indirect costs, capitalized interest and real estate taxes) unless facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the assets may be impaired. We assess these assets for recoverability in accordance with the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets". SFAS No. 144 requires that long-lived assets be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets is measured by comparing the carrying amount of an asset to future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If these assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets.

These evaluations for impairment are significantly impacted by estimates of revenues, costs and expenses and other factors. Due to uncertainties in the estimation process, it is reasonably possible that actual results could differ from those estimates. Our assumptions about future home sales prices and volumes

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require significant judgment because the residential homebuilding industry is cyclical and is highly sensitive to changes in economic conditions. We continue to evaluate the carrying value of our inventory and, based on historical results, believe that our existing estimation process is accurate and do not anticipate the process to materially change in the future.

Goodwill

We test goodwill for impairment annually or more frequently if an event occurs or circumstances change that more likely than not reduce the value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. For purposes of goodwill impairment testing, we compare the fair value of each reporting unit with its carrying amount, including goodwill. Each of our operating divisions is considered a reporting unit. The fair value of each reporting unit is determined based on expected discounted future cash flows. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, goodwill is considered impaired. If goodwill is considered impaired, the impairment loss to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the goodwill exceeds implied fair value of that goodwill. We performed our most recent annual impairment test of goodwill as of April 30, 2004. For purposes of our annual goodwill impairment test, we obtained independent valuations of our reporting units. Based on comparison of those independent valuations to the carrying values of our reporting units at April 30, 2004, we determined that goodwill was not impaired.

Inherent in our fair value determinations are certain judgments and estimates, including projections of future cash flows, the discount rate reflecting the risk inherent in future cash flows, the interpretation of current economic indicators and market valuations and our strategic plans with regard to our operations. A change in these underlying assumptions would cause a change in the results of the tests, which could cause the fair value of one or more reporting units to be less than their respective carrying amounts. In addition, to the extent that there are significant changes in market conditions or overall economic conditions or

our strategic plans change, it is possible that our conclusion regarding goodwill impairment could change, which could have a material effect on our financial position and results of operations.

Our goodwill has been assigned to reporting units in different geographic locations. Therefore, potential goodwill impairment charges resulting from changes in local market and /or local economic conditions or changes in our strategic plans may be isolated to one or a few of our reporting units. However, our business is concentrated in the homebuilding industry and, as such, a widespread decline in the homebuilding industry or a significant deterioration of economic conditions could have a negative impact on the estimated fair value of a larger number of our reporting units.

While we believe that no impairment existed as of December 31, 2004, there can be no assurances that future economic or financial developments, including general interest rate increases or poor performance in either the national economy or individual local economies, might not lead to impairment of goodwill prospectively.

Homebuilding Revenues and Costs

Revenue from the sale of a home is recognized when the closing has occurred and the risk of ownership is transferred to the buyer. All associated homebuilding costs are charged to cost of sales in the period when the revenues from home closings are recognized. Homebuilding costs include land and land development costs (based upon an allocation of such costs, including costs to complete the development, or specific lot costs), home construction costs (including an estimate of costs, if any, to complete home construction), previously capitalized indirect costs (principally for construction supervision), capitalized interest and estimated warranty

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costs. Sales commissions are included in selling, general and administrative expense when the closing has occurred. All other costs are expensed as incurred.

Warranty Reserves

We provide a limited warranty (ranging from one to two years) of workmanship and materials with each of our homes. Such warranty covers defects in plumbing, electrical, heating, cooling and ventilating systems and construction defects. In addition, we provide a warranty (ranging from a minimum of ten years up to the period covered by the applicable statute of repose) with each of our homes, covering construction defects only. Since we subcontract our homebuilding work to subcontractors who generally provide us with an indemnity and a certificate of insurance prior to receiving payments for their work, claims relating to workmanship and materials are generally the primary responsibility of our subcontractors.

Warranty reserves are included in accrued expenses in the consolidated financial statements. We record reserves covering our anticipated warranty expense for each home closed. Management reviews the adequacy of warranty reserves each reporting period based on historical experience and management's estimate of the costs to remediate the claims and adjusts these provisions accordingly. Factors that affect our warranty liability include the number of homes sold, historical and anticipated rates of warranty claims, and cost per claim. Based on historical results, we believe that our existing estimation process is accurate and do not anticipate the process to materially change in the future. Our warranty reserves at December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004 include accruals for certain moisture intrusion issues. Our estimation process for such accruals is discussed in Note 8 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. While we believe that our warranty reserves at December 31, 2004 are adequate, there can be no assurances that historical data and trends will accurately predict our actual warranty costs or that future developments might not lead to a significant change in the reserve.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

The following presents certain operating and financial data for Beazer Homes (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended December 31,		
	2004	%	2003
	Amount	Change	Amount
Number of new orders, net of cancellations:			
Southeast region	1,191	14.2%	1,043
West region	1,329	(8.6)	1,454
Central region	237	28.1	185
Mid-Atlantic region	507	60.4	316
Midwest region	281	(8.2)	306
Total	<u>3,545</u>	7.3	<u>3,304</u>
Number of closings:			
Southeast region	1,239	(1.4)%	1,257
West region	1,192	(1.8)	1,214
Central region	190	(20.8)	240
Mid-Atlantic region	370	16.4	318
Midwest region	583	0.7	579
Total	<u>3,574</u>	(0.9)	<u>3,608</u>
Total homebuilding revenue:			
Southeast region	\$ 236,258	6.2%	\$ 222,512
West region	417,489	21.0	345,120
Central region	31,843	(12.8)	36,513
Mid-Atlantic region	128,671	28.4	100,209
Midwest region	88,613	3.3	85,784
Total	<u>\$ 902,874</u>	14.3	<u>\$ 790,138</u>

Average sales price per home closed:

Southeast region	\$	190.7	7.7%	\$	177.0
West region		350.2	23.2		284.3
Central region		167.6	10.2		152.1
Mid-Atlantic region		347.8	10.4		315.1
Midwest region		152.0	2.6		148.2
Company average		252.6	15.3		219.0

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	December 31,		
	2004		2003
	Amount	% Change	Amount
Backlog units at end of period:			
Southeast region	2,581	22.5%	2,107
West region	3,277	29.7	2,527
Central region	476	39.6	341
Mid-Atlantic region	1,184	6.2	1,115
Midwest region	909	(11.9)	1,032
Total	8,427	18.3	7,122

Aggregate sales value of homes in backlog at end of period: \$ 2,350,457 42.3% \$ 1,651,319

Number of active subdivisions at end of period:

Southeast region	170	(4.5)%	178
West region	107	1.9	105
Central region	46	15.0	40
Mid-Atlantic region	57	18.8	48
Midwest region	128	(5.2)	135
Total	508	0.4	506

New Orders and Backlog: New orders increased by 7.3% during the three month period ended December 31, 2004, compared to the same period in the prior year. The growth in new home orders for the quarter resulted from increases in the Company's Southeast, Central and Mid-Atlantic regions. Order growth in the Southeast was driven by increases in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and parts of the Carolinas, while orders were up in all markets in the Central and Mid-Atlantic regions. This growth was partially offset by lower orders in the Midwest region, the West region, notably Northern California and Nevada, and Charlotte.

The aggregate dollar value of homes in backlog at December 31, 2004 increased 42.3% from December 31, 2003, reflecting an 18.3% increase in the number of homes in backlog and a 20.3% increase in the average price of homes in backlog, from \$231,900 at December 31, 2003 to \$278,900 at December 31, 2004. The increase in the number of homes in backlog is driven primarily by strong order trends in our Mid-Atlantic and Central regions and parts of our Southeast region. The increase in average price of homes in backlog is due to our ability to raise prices in most of our markets, particularly in our West and Mid-Atlantic regions, as well as a greater proportion of backlog in our West region, where prices are generally higher compared to other regions, and a lower proportion of backlog in our Midwest region, where prices are generally lower.

Performance in our Midwest and Charlotte markets continues to be disappointing. In our Midwest region, new orders were down 8.2% for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, as compared to the quarter ended December 31, 2003. Backlog units and dollar value at December 31, 2004 were down 11.9% and 9.9%, respectively at December 31, 2004 as compared to December 31, 2003. Soft economic conditions in these markets and a high degree of competition, particularly at entry level price points, continue to adversely impact results.

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The following table provides additional details of revenues and certain expenses and shows certain items expressed as a percentage of certain components of revenues (in thousands):

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	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2004	2003
Details of revenues and certain expenses:		
Revenues:		
Home sales (1)	\$ 902,874	\$ 793,297
Land and lot sales	1,215	7,735
Mortgage origination revenue	10,854	12,146
Intercompany elimination - mortgage	(3,116)	(3,070)
Total revenue	\$ 911,827	\$ 810,108

Cost of home construction and land sales:

Home sales (1)	\$	698,299	\$	640,117
Land and lot sales		1,172		7,902
Intercompany elimination - mortgage		(3,116)		(3,070)
Total cost of home construction and land sales	\$	696,355	\$	644,949

Selling, general and administrative:

Homebuilding operations	\$	96,813	\$	82,113
Mortgage origination operations		7,781		7,394
Total selling, general and administrative	\$	104,594	\$	89,507

Certain items as a percentage of revenues:

As a percentage of total revenue:

Costs of home construction and land sales		76.4%		79.6%
Selling, general and administrative:				
Homebuilding operations		10.6%		10.1%
Mortgage operations		0.9%		0.9%

As a percentage of home sales revenue:

Costs of home construction		77.3%		80.7%
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(1) Homebuilding revenues for the three months ended December 31, 2003 reflect the recognition on a consolidated basis of \$3.2 million of revenues related to closings that occurred in fiscal 2003, but for which funding was not received until fiscal 2004. During Fiscal 2003, revenues and related cost of sales were not recognized on those closings where the buyers' initial investments were not sufficient to recognize profit at the time of closing. We received funding on such closings pursuant to commitments from bond authority programs in early fiscal 2004, at which time we recognized the revenues and related cost of sales.

Revenues: Revenues increased by 12.6% for the three months ended December 31, 2004 compared to the same period in the prior year. Homes closed decreased by 0.9% while the average sales price of homes closed increased by 15.3%. Home closings increased in the Company's Mid-Atlantic regions and in parts of the Southeast, notably Georgia, Tennessee and parts of Florida. Closings in our Mid-Atlantic region were positively impacted by closings of affordable housing units built through governmental programs. These increases were partially offset by declines in Nevada and Arizona in the West region, and parts of Florida and the Carolinas that continue to be impacted by production delays associated with hurricane activity in the previous quarter. Average sales price increased in all regions due primarily to strong demand and constraints on the supply of available housing in many of our markets. Prices increased most significantly in our West region, and particularly in California. Significant price increases in our Mid-Atlantic region were somewhat offset by closings of affordable housing units as discussed above.

Cost of Home Construction: The cost of home construction as a percentage of home sales decreased by 340 basis points for the three month period ended December 31, 2004, compared to the same period of the prior year. The decrease was driven by the execution of profit improvement and price point diversification initiatives and a strong pricing environment in several markets. These results include warranty costs associated with construction defect claims from water intrusion at Trinity Homes LLC of \$10.0 million, compared to \$6.9 million in the same period a year ago. For further discussion of these additional warranty expenses, please refer to Note 8 of the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense: Our selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") expense as a percentage of total revenues for the three months ended December 31, 2004 increased by 50 basis points compared to the same period of the prior year.

Income Taxes: Our effective income tax rate was 38.5% for the three month period ended December 31, 2004 and 39.0% for the three month period ended December 31, 2003.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements:

In September 2004 the Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") of the FASB reached a consensus on EITF Issue No. 04-8: "The Effect of Contingently Convertible Debt on Diluted Earnings Per Share" ("EITF 04-8"). The consensus was ratified by the FASB in October 2004. EITF 04-8 requires that shares issuable upon conversion of contingently convertible debt instruments ("Co-Co"s) be included in diluted earnings per share computations using the "if-converted method" regardless of whether the issuer's stock price exceeds the contingent conversion price. Prior to EITF 04-8, shares issuable upon conversion of Co-Cos were generally excluded from diluted earnings per share computations until the issuer's stock price exceeded the contingent conversion price. EITF 04-8, which applies to our 4 5/8 % Convertible Senior Notes issued in June 2004, is effective for reporting periods ending on or after December 15, 2004, the first quarter of fiscal 2005. Restatement of prior period earnings per share amounts presented for comparative purposes will be required. Our diluted earning per share computations for the quarters ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 reflect the application of EITF 04-8. The impact of the adoption of EITF 04-8 was to reduce diluted earnings per share by \$0.30 for the quarter ended December 31, 2004. Since our 4 5/8 % Convertible Senior Notes were not outstanding at December 31, 2003, the adoption of EITF 04-8 had no impact on previously reported diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended December 31, 2003.

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS 123(R) "Share-Based Payment". SFAS 123(R) requires the fair value of all share based payment transactions to be recognized in the financial statements. As a result, upon adoption of SFAS 123(R) we will be required to recognize compensation expense for the fair value of employee stock options over the applicable vesting period. We do not expect SFAS 123(R) to significantly change our accounting for restricted stock awards or non-employee stock awards.

SFAS 123(R) is effective as of the beginning of the first interim or annual reporting period that begins after June 15, 2005, the fourth quarter of our fiscal 2005. SFAS 123(R) applies to new awards and to awards modified, repurchased, or cancelled after the required effective date, as well as to the unvested

portion of awards outstanding as of the required effective date (“modified prospective application”). Upon adoption, prior periods may be, but are not required to be, restated. We expect the impact of the adoption of SFAS 123(R) to be a reduction of fourth quarter fiscal 2005 net income of approximately \$800,000 assuming modified prospective application. If we choose to restate the first three quarters of fiscal 2005 upon adoption, we expect the impact to be a further reduction of fiscal 2005 net income of approximately \$2.7 million.

FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY:

At December 31, 2004, we had cash of \$91.1 million, compared to \$320.9 million at September 30, 2004. Cash was used primarily to fund inventory purchases and investments in joint ventures. Our net cash used in operating activities for the three months ended December 31, 2004 was \$196.2 million, as cash generated from operating profits and collections of accounts receivable was offset by increases in inventory and other assets and decreased accounts payable and other liabilities. Net cash used in investing activities, primarily for investments in unconsolidated joint ventures to support our land acquisition strategy, was \$23.9 million for the three months ended December 31, 2004. Net cash used by financing activities was \$9.6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2004.

Our net cash used in operating activities for the quarter ended December 31, 2003 was \$166.0 million, as increased net income and decreased accounts receivable were offset by increased levels of inventory driven by our substantial quarter end backlog and anticipated future growth and decreased accounts payable and other liabilities. Net cash used in investing activities was \$2.2 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2003. Net cash provided by financing activities, consisting primarily of proceeds from the issuance of \$200 million of 6 ½ % Senior Notes, was \$197.1 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2003.

We have a credit facility (the “Credit Facility”) with a group of banks. The Credit Facility includes a \$550 million four-year revolving credit facility (the “Revolving Credit Facility”) and a \$200 million four-year term loan (the “Term Loan”). The Revolving Credit Facility and Term Loan mature in June 2008. The Revolving Credit Facility and the Term Loan bear interest at a fluctuating rate (3.94% at December 31, 2004) based upon LIBOR or the alternate base rate of interest announced by our lead bank. The Credit Facility contains various operating and financial covenants. Each of our significant subsidiaries is a guarantor under the Credit Facility.

Available borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility are limited to certain percentages of homes under contract, unsold homes, substantially improved lots and accounts receivable. At December 31, 2004, we had no borrowings outstanding, and had available borrowings of \$369.4 million under the Revolving Credit Facility.

In June 2004, we issued \$180 million aggregate principal amount of 4 5/8% Convertible Senior Notes due 2024 (the “Convertible Senior Notes”) in a private placement pursuant to Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. In August 2004, we filed a registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC covering resales of the Convertible Senior Notes and the common stock issuable upon conversion. The Convertible Senior Notes were issued at a price of 100% of their face amount (before underwriting discount and other issuance costs). Interest on the Convertible Senior Notes is payable semiannually. The notes are convertible by holders into shares of our common stock at an initial conversion rate of 6.48 shares of Beazer Homes common stock per \$1,000 principal amount (subject to adjustment for customary reasons), representing an initial conversion price of \$154.32 per share of common stock. The notes are convertible if the price of our common stock is equal to or greater than 120% of the conversion price for 20 of the last 30 consecutive trading days of a calendar quarter and under certain other circumstances as more fully described in Note 8 to our consolidated financial statements appearing in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004.

We may, at our option, redeem for cash the Convertible Senior Notes in whole or in part at any time on or after June 15, 2009, initially at 101.321% of the principal amount, declining to 100% of the principal amount after June 15, 2011. Holders have the right to require us to purchase all or any portion of the Convertible Senior Notes for cash on June 15, 2011, June 15, 2014 and June 15, 2019 or if we undergo a fundamental change, as defined. In each case, we will pay a purchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be purchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest to such purchase date.

In November 2003, we issued \$200 million 6 ½% Senior Notes due November 2013 (the “Original Notes”) in a private placement pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Original Notes were issued at a price of 100% of their face amount (before underwriting discount and other issuance costs). In May 2004 we completed an offer to exchange all of the outstanding Original Notes for an equal amount of 6 ½% Senior Notes due November 2013 (the “6 ½% Senior Notes”), which were registered under the Securities Act of 1933. Interest on the 6 ½% Senior Notes is payable semiannually. We may, at our option, redeem the 6 ½% Senior Notes in whole or in part at any time after November 2008, initially at 103.250% of the principal amount, declining to 100% of the principal amount after November 2011. We may redeem the 6 ½% Senior Notes, in whole or in part, at any time before November 2008 at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus a “make-whole” premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest. A portion of such notes may also be redeemed prior to November 2006 under certain conditions.

In April 2002, we issued \$350 million 8 3/8% Senior Notes due April 2012 (the “Original Notes”) in a private placement pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. In September 2002 we completed an offer to exchange all of the outstanding Original Notes for an equal amount of 8 3/8% Senior Notes due 2012 (the “8 3/8% Senior Notes”), which were registered under the Securities Act of 1933. The terms of the 8 3/8% Senior Notes were substantially identical to the terms of the Original Notes. The Original Notes were issued at a price of 100% of their face amount (before underwriting discount and other issuance costs). Interest on the 8 3/8% Senior Notes is payable semiannually. We may, at our option, redeem the 8 3/8% Senior Notes in whole or in part at any time after April 2007, initially at 104.188% of the principal amount, declining to 100% of the principal amount after April 2010. A portion of such notes may also be redeemed prior to April 2005 under certain conditions.

In May 2001, we issued \$200 million 8 5/8% Senior Notes due May 2011 (the “8 5/8% Senior Notes”) at a price of 99.178% of their face amount (before underwriting discount and other issuance costs). Interest on the 8 5/8% Senior Notes is payable semiannually. We may, at our option, redeem the 8 5/8% Senior Notes in whole or in part at any time after May 2006, initially at 104.3125% of the principal amount, declining to 100% of the principal amount after May 2009.

The Convertible Senior Notes, the 6 ½ % Senior Notes, the 8 3/8% Senior Notes and the 8 5/8% Senior Notes (collectively the “Senior Notes”) are unsecured obligations ranking pari passu with all other existing and future senior indebtedness. All of our significant subsidiaries are full and unconditional guarantors of the Senior Notes and our obligations under the Credit Facility, and are jointly and severally liable for obligations under the Senior Notes, and the Credit Facility. Each guarantor subsidiary is a 100% owned subsidiary of Beazer Homes.

The indentures under which the Senior Notes were issued contain certain restrictive covenants, including limitations on payment of dividends. At December 31, 2004, under the most restrictive covenants of each indenture, approximately \$279.2 million of our retained earnings was available for cash dividends and for share repurchases. Each indenture provides that, in the event of defined changes in control or if our consolidated tangible net worth falls below a specified level or in certain circumstances upon a sale of assets, we are required to offer to repurchase certain specified amounts of outstanding Senior Notes.

Our long term debt and other contractual obligations (principally operating leases) are further described in notes 7, 8 and 10 to our consolidated financial statements which appear in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2004.

In January 2000, we filed a \$300 million universal shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Pursuant to the filing, we may, from time to time over an extended period, offer new debt and/or equity securities. Our \$200 million 8 5/8% Senior Notes were sold pursuant to this registration statement. The timing and amount of future offerings, if any, will depend on market and general business conditions.

Our Board of Directors has authorized a 3-for-1 split of Beazer Homes common stock in the form of a stock dividend. The stock split is contingent on stockholder approval of an increase in the number of shares the Company is authorized to issue under its certificate of incorporation.

Stockholders will be asked to vote on an amendment to the Company’s certificate of incorporation to increase the number of authorized common shares from 30 million shares to 80 million shares at the Company’s annual meeting of stockholders, currently scheduled for February 3, 2005. If Beazer Homes receives the requisite votes to increase the number of authorized shares, the Board of Directors will determine a record date and distribution date for the stock dividend. The Board of Directors currently intends to continue paying an annual cash dividend of \$0.40 per share following the stock split, effectively tripling the annual dividend. The Company’s dividend policy will continue to be subject to review by the Board of Directors from time to time.

We believe that our cash and cash equivalents on hand and current borrowing capacity, together with anticipated cash flows from operations, is sufficient to meet liquidity needs for the foreseeable future. There can be no assurance, however, that amounts available in the future from our sources of liquidity will be sufficient to meet future capital needs. The amount and types of indebtedness that we may incur may be limited by the terms of

the indentures governing our Senior Notes and our Term Loan and Revolving Credit Facility. We continually evaluate expansion opportunities through acquisition of established regional homebuilders and such opportunities may require us to seek additional capital in the form of equity or debt financing from a variety of potential sources, including additional bank financing and/or securities offerings.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS:

We acquire certain lots by means of option contracts. Option contracts generally require the payment of cash for the right to acquire lots during a specified period of time at a certain price. Under option contracts, both with and without specific performance provisions, purchase of the properties is contingent upon satisfaction of certain requirements by us and the sellers. Our obligation with respect to options with specific performance provisions is included on our consolidated balance sheets in other liabilities. Under option contracts without specific performance obligations, our liability is generally limited to forfeiture of the non-refundable deposits, letters of credit and other non-refundable amounts incurred, which aggregated approximately \$179.6 million at December 31, 2004. This amount includes letters of credit of approximately \$34.5 million. Below is a summary of amounts, net of cash deposits, committed under all options at December 31, 2004 (*in thousands*):

	Aggregate Exercise Price of Options
Options with specific performance	\$ 29.8
Options without specific performance	1,876.4
Total options	\$ 1,906.2

We expect to exercise all of our option contracts with specific performance obligations and, subject to market conditions, substantially all of our option contracts without specific performance obligations. We have historically funded the exercise of land options through a combination of operating cash flows and borrowings under our Revolving Credit Facility. We expect these sources to continue to be adequate to fund anticipated future option exercises. Therefore, we do not anticipate that the exercise of our land options will have a material adverse effect on our liquidity.

Certain of our option contracts are with sellers who are deemed to be Variable Interest Entities (“VIE”)s under FASB Interpretation No. 46, “Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an Interpretation of ARB No. 51” (“FIN 46”). FIN 46 defines a VIE as an entity with insufficient equity investment to finance its planned activities without additional financial support or an entity in which the equity investors lack certain characteristics of a controlling financial interest. Pursuant to FIN 46, an enterprise that absorbs a majority of the expected losses or receives a majority of the expected residual returns of a VIE is deemed to be the primary beneficiary of the VIE and must consolidate the VIE.

We have determined that we are the primary beneficiary of certain of these option contracts. Our risk is generally limited to the option deposits that we pay, and creditors of the sellers generally have no recourse to the general credit of the Company. Although we do not have legal title to the optioned land, for those option contracts for which we are the primary beneficiary, we are required to consolidate the land under option at fair

value. We believe that the exercise prices of our option contracts approximate their fair value. Our consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004 reflect consolidated inventory not owned of \$255.6 million and \$254.8 million, respectively. Obligations related to consolidated inventory not owned totaled \$213.0 at December 31, 2004 and \$219.0 million at September 30, 2004. The difference between the balances of consolidated inventory not owned and obligations related to consolidated inventory not owned represents cash deposits paid under the option agreements.

We participate in a number of land development joint ventures in which we have less than a controlling interest. We enter into joint ventures in order to acquire attractive land positions, to manage our risk profile and to leverage our capital base. Our joint ventures are typically entered into with developers and other homebuilders to develop finished lots for sale to the joint venture's members and other third parties. We account for our interest in these joint ventures under the equity method. Our consolidated balance sheets include investments in joint ventures totaling \$65.4 million and \$44.7 million at December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004 respectively.

Our joint ventures typically obtain secured acquisition and development financing. In some instances, we and our joint venture partners have provided varying levels of guarantees of debt of our unconsolidated joint ventures. At December 31, 2004 and September 30, 2004, we had repayment guarantees of \$23.2 million and \$10.0 million, respectively, and loan-to-value maintenance guarantees of \$70.2 million and \$56.8 million, respectively, of debt of unconsolidated joint ventures. Repayment guarantees require us to repay our share of debt of unconsolidated joint ventures in the event the joint venture defaults on its obligations under the borrowings. Loan-to-value maintenance guarantees require us to repay our share of the venture's borrowings to the extent such borrowings exceed a specified percentage of the value of the property securing the loan.

There have been no material changes to our aggregate contractual commitments as disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2004.

OUTLOOK:

Our strong backlog coupled with expectations of continued strength in the housing market give us confidence in our future growth opportunities. In addition, we expect continued execution on strategic initiatives that utilize our size, scale and capabilities to continue to achieve greater profitability and increased market penetration through focused product expansion, price point diversification and by leveraging our national brand. Our outlook contemplates continued strength in our core markets and the absence of further deterioration in the results and prospects of the Midwest and Charlotte markets. We reiterate our outlook for fiscal 2005 diluted earnings per share of \$20.00 - \$21.00 per share absent any unanticipated adverse changes.

Cautionary Statement Pursuant to Safe Harbor Provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995:

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements represent our expectations or beliefs concerning future events, and it is possible that the results described in this annual report will not be achieved. These forward-looking statements can generally be identified by the use of statements that include words such as "estimate," "project," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "foresee," "likely," "will," "goal," "target" or other similar words or phrases. All forward-looking statements are based upon information available to us on the date of this annual report. Except as may be required under applicable law, we do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside of our control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements, including, among other things, the matters discussed in this annual report in the sections captioned "Outlook" and "Financial Condition and Liquidity." Additional information about factors that could lead to material changes in performance is contained in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such factors may include:

- economic changes nationally or in our local markets;
- volatility of mortgage interest rates and inflation;
- increased competition;
- shortages of skilled labor or raw materials used in the production of houses;
- increased prices for labor, land and raw materials used in the production of houses;
- increased land development costs on projects under development;
- the cost and availability of insurance, including the availability of insurance for the presence of mold;
- the impact of construction defect and home warranty claims;
- any delays in reacting to changing consumer preference in home design;
- terrorist acts and other acts of war;
- changes in consumer confidence;
- delays or difficulties in implementing initiatives to reduce our production and overhead cost structure;
- delays in land development or home construction resulting from adverse weather conditions;
- potential delays or increased costs in obtaining necessary permits as a result of changes to, or complying with, laws, regulations, or governmental policies;
- changes in accounting policies, standards, guidelines or principles, as may be adopted by regulatory agencies as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board;
- the failure of our improvement plan for the Midwest to achieve desired results; or
- other factors over which we have little or no control.

unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all such factors.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are exposed to a number of market risks in the ordinary course of business. Our primary market risk exposure for financial instruments relates to fluctuations in interest rates. We do not believe our exposure in this area is material to cash flows or earnings. From time to time, we have entered into interest rate swap agreements to manage interest costs and hedge against risks associated with fluctuating interest rates with respect to floating rate debt. We do not enter into or hold derivatives for trading or speculative purposes. As of December 31, 2004, we have a total of \$200 million of floating rate debt outstanding, and we are not a party to any interest rate swap agreements.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

As of December 31, 2004, the end of the period covered by this report on Form 10-Q, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of Beazer Homes' management, including the CEO and CFO, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")). Based on that evaluation, Beazer Homes' management, including the CEO and CFO, concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that required information will be disclosed on a timely basis in our reports filed under the Exchange Act. No changes in Beazer Homes' internal control over financial reporting were identified during the evaluation described above that occurred during the Company's first fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

As of December 31, 2004, our subsidiary, Trinity Homes LLC, had received 1,030 construction defect and warranty complaints related to moisture intrusion and mold. As of December 31, 2004, there were thirteen pending lawsuits related to these complaints. One of these suits, Christopher J. Colon and Mary A. Colon v. Trinity Homes LLC and Beazer Homes Investment Corp. (formerly filed as Gary Harmon and Sheri Harmon v. Trinity Homes LLC and Beazer Homes Investment Corp.) is a class action suit that was filed in Hamilton County Superior Court in the State of Indiana on August 19, 2003 against Trinity and Beazer Homes Investment Corp., another one of our subsidiaries and Trinity's parent. As part of that case, the plaintiffs asserted that Trinity and Beazer Homes Investment Corp. violated applicable building codes. The parties in the class action engaged in a series of mediation conferences which resulted in a settlement among the parties. The Court approved the settlement agreement on October 20, 2004.

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The settlement class is defined as the current owners of all Trinity homes that have brick veneer, where the closing of Trinity's initial sale of the home took place between June 1, 1998 and October 31, 2002. However, the class definition specifically excludes (a) any houses built by Homes by John McKenzie; (b) any houses owned by Trinity as of August 6, 2004, or which as of August 6, 2004 were the subject of an executed agreement for Trinity to purchase the homes; and (c) any houses for which a homeowner has executed or agreed to a release in favor of Trinity as part of a separate agreement.

The settlement agreement establishes an agreed protocol and process for assessment and remediation of any external water intrusion issues at the homes which includes, among other things, that the homes will be repaired at Trinity's expense. A licensed engineering firm working on behalf of the homeowners will be allowed to review the plan for the remediation of each home as well as the performance of the repair work. The settlement establishes a time frame within which the work must be completed and provides a Dispute Resolution Panel to resolve disputes between any homeowner and Trinity concerning both the plan to remediate the home and the performance of the work.

Under the settlement, each homeowner releases Trinity, Beazer Homes Investment Corp. and other affiliated companies, including Beazer Homes, from the claims asserted in the class action lawsuit, claims arising out of external water intrusion, and claims of improper brick installation, including property damage claims, loss or diminution of property value claims, and most personal injury claims, among others.

There was a 30 day timeframe, which ended on November 19, 2004, to appeal the Court's order approving the settlement. No appeals were received by the Court within the timeframe established. The Company distributed the claims notices on December 17, 2004, and the class members have until February 15, 2005 to file claims.

In November 2003, Beazer Homes received a request for information from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") pursuant to Section 308 of the Clean Water Act seeking information concerning the nature and extent of storm water discharge practices relating to certain projects undertaken since December 1998. Beazer Homes identified 381 projects within this category and the EPA sought specific information concerning 71 of them and is conducting site inspections on certain others. As of December 31, 2004, the EPA or an equivalent state agency has issued Administrative Orders identifying alleged instances of noncompliance for 20 of the sites. The Administrative Orders provide mandatory compliance schedules to address the alleged deficiencies in storm water management practices, but do not impose any monetary penalties. The EPA has reserved the right to impose monetary penalties at a later date, the amount of which, if any, cannot currently be estimated. Beazer Homes has taken action to comply with the requirements of each of the Administrative Orders and is working to otherwise maintain compliance with the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

The Company and certain of its subsidiaries have been named as defendants in various claims, complaints and other legal actions, including relating to moisture intrusion and related mold claims, construction defects and product liability. Certain of the liabilities resulting from these actions are covered by insurance. In our opinion, the ultimate resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

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Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits:

- 10.1* Employment Agreement dated as of January 1, 2005 for Fred Fratto
- 31.1 Certification pursuant to 17 CFR 240.13a-14 promulgated under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley of 2002
- 31.2 Certification pursuant to 17 CFR 240.13a-14 promulgated under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley of 2002
- 32.1 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

*Represents a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K:

On October 26, 2004 we filed a report on Form 8-K announcing under Item 8.01 the approval of a settlement agreement in the class action suit, Gary Harmon and Sheri Harmon v. Trinity Homes LLC and Beazer Homes Investment Corp.

On November 5, 2004 we furnished a report on Form 8-K announcing under Item 2.02 our earnings and results of operations for the quarterly and annual periods ended September 30, 2004.

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.

Beazer Homes USA, Inc.

Date: January 27, 2005

By: /s/ James O'Leary
Name: James O'Leary
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT by and between Beazer Homes USA, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company") and FRED J. FRATTO (the "Executive"), dated as of the 1ST day of January, 2005.

The Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"), has determined that it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders to assure that the Company will have the continued dedication of the Executive, notwithstanding the possibility, threat or occurrence of a Change of Control (as defined below) of the Company. The Board believes it is imperative to diminish the inevitable distraction of the Executive by virtue of the personal uncertainties and risks created by a pending or threatened Change of Control and to encourage the Executive's full attention and dedication to the Company currently and in the event of any threatened or pending Change of Control, and to provide the Executive with compensation and benefits arrangements upon a Change of Control which ensure that the compensation and benefits expectations of the Executive will be satisfied and which are competitive with those of other corporations. Therefore, in order to accomplish these objectives, the Board has caused the Company to enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Certain Definitions.

(a) The "Effective Date" shall mean the first date during the Change of Control Period (as defined in Section 1(b)) on which a Change of Control (as defined in Section 2) occurs. Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, if a Change of Control occurs and if the Executive's employment with the Company is terminated prior to the date on which the Change of Control occurs, and if it is reasonably demonstrated by the Executive that such termination of employment (i) was at the request of a third party who has taken steps reasonably calculated to effect a Change of Control or (ii) otherwise arose in connection with or in anticipation of a Change of Control, then for all purposes of this Agreement the "Effective Date" shall mean the date immediately prior to the date of such termination of employment.

(b) The "Change of Control Period" shall mean the period commencing on the date hereof and ending on the second anniversary of the date hereof; provided, however, that commencing on the date one year after the date hereof, and on each annual anniversary of such date (such date and each annual anniversary thereof shall be hereinafter referred to as the "Renewal Date"), unless previously terminated, the Change of Control Period shall be automatically extended so as to terminate two years from such Renewal Date, unless at least 60 days prior to the Renewal Date the Company shall give notice to the Executive that the Change of Control Period shall not be so extended.

2. Change of Control. For the purpose of this Agreement, a "Change of Control" shall mean:

(a) The acquisition by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 25% or more of either (i) the then outstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (ii) the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection (a), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change of Control: (i) any acquisition directly from the Company, (ii) any acquisition by the Company, (iii) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any corporation controlled by the Company or (iv) any acquisition by any corporation pursuant to a transaction which complies with clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of subsection (c) of this Section 2; or

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(b) Individuals who, as of the date hereof, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board; provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the date hereof whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's shareholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board; or

(c) Consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "Business Combination"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination, (i) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners, respectively, of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be, (ii) no Person (excluding any corporation resulting from such Business Combination or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such corporation resulting from such Business Combination) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 20% or more of, respectively, the then outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination or the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of such corporation except to the extent that such ownership existed prior to the Business Combination and (iii) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of the corporation resulting from such Business Combination were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement, or of the action of the Board, providing for such Business Combination; or

(d) Approval by the shareholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

3. Employment Period. The Company hereby agrees to continue the Executive in its employ, and the Executive hereby agrees to remain in the employ of the Company, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, for the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the second anniversary of such date (the "Employment Period").

4. Terms of Employment.

(a) Position and Duties.

(i) During the Employment Period, (A) the Executive's position (including status, offices, titles and reporting requirements), authority, duties and responsibilities shall be at least commensurate in all material respects with the most significant of those held, exercised and assigned at any time during the 120 day period immediately preceding the Effective Date and (B) the Executive's services shall be performed at the location where the Executive was employed immediately preceding the Effective Date or any office or location less than 35 miles from such location.

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(ii) During the Employment Period, and excluding any periods of vacation and sick leave to which the Executive is entitled, the Executive agrees to devote reasonable attention and time during normal business hours to the business and affairs of the Company and, to the extent necessary to discharge the responsibilities assigned to the Executive hereunder, to use the Executive's reasonable best efforts to perform faithfully such responsibilities. During the Employment Period it shall not be a violation of this Agreement for the Executive to (A) serve on corporate, civic or charitable boards or committees, (B) deliver lectures, fulfill speaking engagements or teach at educational institutions and (C) manage personal investments, so long as such activities do not significantly interfere with the performance of the Executive's responsibilities as an employee of the Company in accordance with this Agreement. It is expressly understood and agreed that to the extent that any such activities have been conducted by the Executive prior to the Effective Date, the continued conduct of such activities (or the conduct of activities similar in nature and scope thereto) subsequent to the Effective Date shall not thereafter be deemed to interfere with the performance of the Executive's responsibilities to the Company.

(b) Compensation.

(i) Base Salary. During the Employment Period, the Executive shall receive an annual base salary ("Annual Base Salary"), which shall be paid at a monthly rate, at least equal to twelve times the highest monthly base salary paid or payable, including any base salary which has been earned but deferred, to the Executive by the Company and its affiliated companies in respect of the twelve month period immediately preceding the month in which the Effective Date occurs. Annual Base Salary shall be payable in accordance with the Company's normal payroll practices (but not less frequently than monthly). During the Employment Period, the Annual Base Salary shall be reviewed (for purposes of increase only) no more than 12 months after the last salary increase awarded to the Executive prior to the Effective Date and thereafter at least annually. Any increase in Annual Base Salary shall not serve to limit or reduce any other obligation to the Executive under this Agreement. Annual Base Salary shall not be reduced after any such increase and the term Annual Base Salary as utilized in this Agreement shall refer to Annual Base Salary as so increased. As used in this Agreement, the term "affiliated companies" shall include any company controlled by, controlling or under common control with the Company.

(ii) Annual Bonus. In addition to Annual Base Salary, the Executive shall be awarded, for each fiscal year ending during the Employment Period, an annual bonus (the "Annual Bonus") in cash at least equal to the arithmetic average of the Executive's bonuses (whether paid or deferred) under the Company's or its predecessor's annual incentive plans during the last three full fiscal years prior to the Effective Date or for such lesser period as the Executive has been employed by the Company or its predecessor (annualized in the event that the Executive was not employed by the Company for the whole of any such fiscal year), (the "Average Annual Bonus"). Each such Annual Bonus shall be paid no later than the end of the third month of the fiscal year next following the fiscal year for which the Annual Bonus is awarded, unless the Executive shall elect to defer the receipt of such Annual Bonus. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing definition, the "Average Annual Bonus" shall include the following components, if any, pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated VCIP Rules (or any successor incentive plan, for so long as any of same shall exist):

(a) Cash payouts from VC and IVC awards and the "Bank" payout, subject to the Payout Cap, all at full face value;

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(b) Any excess in the Bank discounted at 75% of face value (which shall, for purposes hereof, be deemed to be fully vested);

(c) 10% of the Bank contributed to the Deferred Compensation Plan, at full face value (which shall, for purposes hereof, be deemed to be fully vested); and

(d) Any deferred bonus under the VCIP which is invested in stock under the Company's Corporate Management Stock Purchase Program, at full face value of said bonus (which shall, for purposes hereof, be deemed to be fully vested).

(iii) Incentive, Savings and Retirement Plans. During the Employment Period, the Executive shall be entitled to participate in all incentive, savings and retirement plans, practices, policies and programs applicable generally to other peer executives of the Company and its affiliated companies, but in no event shall such plans, practices, policies and programs provide the Executive with incentive opportunities (measured with respect to both regular and special incentive opportunities, to the extent, if any, that such distinction is applicable), savings opportunities and retirement benefit opportunities, in each case, less favorable, in the aggregate, than the most favorable of those provided by the Company and its affiliated companies for the Executive under such plans, practices, policies and programs as in effect at any time during the 120-day period immediately preceding the Effective Date or if more favorable to the Executive, those provided generally at any time after the Effective Date to other peer executives of the Company and its affiliated companies.

(iv) Welfare Benefit Plans. During the Employment Period, the Executive and/or the Executive's family, as the case may be, shall be eligible for participation in and shall receive all benefits under welfare benefit plans, practices, policies and programs provided by the Company and its affiliated companies (including, without limitation, medical, prescription, dental, disability, employee life, group life, accidental death and travel accident insurance plans and programs) to the extent applicable generally to other peer executives of the Company and its affiliated companies, but in no event shall such plans, practices, policies and programs provide the Executive with benefits which are less favorable, in the aggregate, than the most favorable of such plans, practices, policies and programs in effect for the Executive

at any time during the 120 day period immediately preceding the Effective Date or, if more favorable to the Executive, those provided generally at any time after the Effective Date to other peer executives of the Company and its affiliated companies.

(v) Expenses. During the Employment Period, the Executive shall be entitled to receive prompt reimbursement for all reasonable expenses incurred by the Executive in accordance with the most favorable policies, practices and procedures of the Company and its affiliated companies in effect for the Executive at any time during the 120 day period immediately preceding the Effective Date or, if more favorable to the Executive, as in effect generally at any time thereafter with respect to other peer executives of the Company and its affiliated companies.

(vi) Fringe Benefits. During the Employment Period, the Executive shall be entitled to fringe benefits, including, without limitation, tax and financial planning services, payment of club dues, and, if applicable, use of an automobile and payment of related expenses, in accordance with the most favorable plans,

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practices, programs and policies of the Company and its affiliated companies in effect for the Executive at any time during the 120 day period immediately preceding the Effective Date or, if more favorable to the Executive, as in effect generally at any time thereafter with respect to other peer executives of the Company and its affiliated companies.

(vii) Office and Support Staff. During the Employment Period, the Executive shall be entitled to an office or offices of a size and with furnishings and other appointments, and to exclusive personal secretarial and other assistance, at least equal to the most favorable of the foregoing provided to the Executive by the Company and its affiliated companies at any time during the 120 day period immediately preceding the Effective Date or, if more favorable to the Executive, as provided generally at any time thereafter with respect to other peer executives of the Company and its affiliated companies.

(viii) Vacation. During the Employment Period, the Executive shall be entitled to paid vacation in accordance with the most favorable plans, policies, programs and practices of the Company and its affiliated companies as in effect for the Executive at any time during the 120 day period immediately preceding the Effective Date or, if more favorable to the Executive, as in effect generally at any time thereafter with respect to other peer executives of the Company and its affiliated companies.

5. Termination of Employment.

(a) Death or Disability. The Executive's employment shall terminate automatically upon the Executive's death during the Employment Period. If the Disability of the Executive occurs during the Employment Period (pursuant to the definition of Disability set forth below), the Company may give to the Executive written notice in accordance with Section 12(c) of this Agreement of its intention to terminate the Executive's employment. In such event, the Executive's employment with the Company shall terminate effective on the 30th day after receipt of such notice by the Executive (the "Disability Effective Date"), provided that, within the 30 days after such receipt, the Executive shall not have returned to full-time performance of the Executive's duties. For purposes of this Agreement, "Disability" shall mean the absence of the Executive from the Executive's duties with the Company on a full-time basis for 180 consecutive business days as a result of incapacity due to mental or physical illness which is determined to be total and permanent by a physician selected by the Company or its insurers and acceptable to the Executive or the Executive's legal representative.

(b) Cause. The Company may terminate the Executive's employment for Cause. For purposes of this Agreement, "Cause" shall mean:

(i) the willful and continued failure of the Executive to perform substantially the Executive's duties with the Company or one of its affiliates (other than any such failure resulting from incapacity due to physical or mental illness), for more than 15 days after a written demand for substantial performance is delivered to the Executive by the Board or the Chief Executive Officer of the Company which specifically identifies the manner in which the Board or Chief Executive Officer believes that the Executive has not substantially performed the Executive's duties, or

(ii) the willful engaging by the Executive in illegal conduct or gross misconduct which is materially and demonstrably injurious to the Company.

For purposes of this provision, no act or failure to act, on the part of the Executive, shall be considered "willful" unless it is done, or omitted to be done, by the Executive in bad faith or

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without reasonable belief that the Executive's action or omission was in the best interests of the Company. Any act, or failure to act, based upon authority given pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by the Board or upon the instructions of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company or based upon the advice of counsel for the Company shall be conclusively presumed to be done, or omitted to be done, by the Executive in good faith and in the best interests of the Company. The cessation of employment of the Executive shall not be deemed to be for Cause unless and until there shall have been delivered to the Executive a copy of a resolution duly adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than three-quarters of the entire membership of the Board at a meeting of the Board called and held for such purpose (after reasonable notice is provided to the Executive and the Executive is given an opportunity, together with counsel, to be heard before the Board), finding that, in the good faith opinion of the Board, the Executive is guilty of the conduct described in subparagraph (i) or (ii) above, and specifying the particulars thereof in detail.

(c) Good Reason. The Executive's employment may be terminated by the Executive for Good Reason. For purposes of this Agreement, "Good Reason" shall mean:

(i) the assignment to the Executive of any duties inconsistent in any respect with the Executive's position (including status, offices, titles and reporting requirements), authority, duties or responsibilities as contemplated by Section 4(a) of this Agreement, or any other action by the Company which results in a diminution in such position, authority, duties or responsibilities, excluding for this purpose an

isolated, insubstantial and inadvertent action not taken in bad faith and which is remedied by the Company within 15 days after receipt of notice thereof given by the Executive;

(ii) any failure by the Company to comply with any of the provisions of Section 4(b) of this Agreement, other than an isolated, insubstantial and inadvertent failure not occurring in bad faith and which is remedied by the Company within 15 days after receipt of notice thereof given by the Executive;

(iii) the Company's requiring the Executive to be based at any office or location other than as provided in Section 4(a)(i)(B) hereof or the Company's requiring the Executive to travel on Company business to a substantially greater extent than required immediately prior to the Effective Date, which is not remedied by the Company within 15 days after receipt of notice thereof given by the Executive;

(iv) any purported termination by the Company of the Executive's employment otherwise than as expressly permitted by this Agreement; or

(v) any failure by the Company to comply with and satisfy Section 11(c) of this Agreement, which is not remedied by the Company within 15 days after receipt of notice thereof given by the Executive.

(d) Notice of Termination. Any termination of the Executive's employment by the Company or by the Executive shall be communicated by Notice of Termination to the other party hereto given in accordance with Section 12(c) of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, a "Notice of Termination" means a written notice which (i) indicates the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon, (ii) to the extent applicable, sets forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination of the Executive's employment under the provision so indicated and (iii) if the Date of Termination (as defined below) is other than the date of receipt of such notice, specifies the termination date (which date shall be not more than thirty days after the giving of such notice). The failure by the Executive or the Company to set forth in the Notice of Termination any fact or circumstance which contributes to a showing of Good Reason or Cause shall not waive any right of the Executive or the

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Company, respectively, hereunder or preclude the Executive or the Company, respectively, from asserting such fact or circumstance in enforcing the Executive's or the Company's rights hereunder.

(e) Date of Termination. "Date of Termination" means (i) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company for Cause, or by the Executive for Good Reason, the date of receipt of the Notice of Termination or, subject to applicable cure periods, any later date specified therein, as the case may be, (ii) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company other than for Cause or Disability, the Date of Termination shall be the date on which the Company notifies the Executive of such termination and (iii) if the Executive's employment is terminated by reason of death or Disability, the Date of Termination shall be the date of death of the Executive or the Disability Effective Date, as the case may be.

6. Obligations of the Company upon Termination.

(a) Good Reason; Other Than for Cause. If, during the Employment Period, the Company shall terminate the Executive's employment other than for Cause or the Executive shall terminate employment for Good Reason:

(i) the Company shall pay to the Executive in a lump sum in cash within 30 days after the Date of Termination the aggregate of the following amounts:

A. the sum of (1) the Executive's Annual Base Salary through the Date of Termination to the extent not theretofore paid, (2) any accrued but unpaid Annual Bonus respecting any completed fiscal year ending prior to the Date of Termination, (3) the product of (x) the Average Annual Bonus and (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the current fiscal year through the Date of Termination, and the denominator of which is 365 and (4) any compensation previously deferred by the Executive (together with any accrued interest or earnings thereon) and any accrued vacation pay, in each case to the extent not theretofore paid (the sum of the amounts described in clauses (1), (2), (3) and (4) shall be hereinafter referred to as the "Accrued Obligations"). The timing of payment by the Company of any deferred compensation shall remain subject to any payment election previously made by the Executive; and

B. the amount equal to the product of (1) one and one-half (1.50), and (2) the sum of (x) the Executive's Annual Base Salary and (y) the Average Annual Bonus; and

(ii) for eighteen (18) months after the Executive's Date of Termination, or such longer period as may be provided by the terms of the appropriate plan, program, practice or policy, the Company shall continue benefits to the Executive and/or the Executive's family at least equal to those which would have been provided to them in accordance with the plans, programs, practices and policies described in Section 4(b)(iv) of this Agreement if the Executive's employment had not been terminated or, if more favorable to the Executive, as in effect generally at any time thereafter with respect to other peer executives of the Company and its affiliated companies and their families, provided, however, that if the Executive becomes reemployed with another employer and is eligible to receive medical or other welfare benefits under another employer provided plan, the medical and other welfare benefits described herein shall be secondary to those provided under such other plan during such applicable period of eligibility. For purposes of determining eligibility (but not the time of commencement of benefits) of the Executive for retiree benefits pursuant to such plans, practices, programs and policies, the Executive shall be considered to have remained employed until

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eighteen (18) months after the Date of Termination and to have retired on the last day of such period;

(iii) the Company shall, at its sole expense as incurred, provide the Executive with outplacement services in accordance with the Company's policies with regard to outplacement then in effect; and

(iv) to the extent not theretofore paid or provided, the Company shall timely pay or provide to the Executive any other amounts or benefits required to be paid or provided or which the Executive is eligible to receive under any plan, program, policy or practice or contract or agreement of the Company and its affiliated companies (such other amounts and benefits shall be hereinafter referred to as the “Other Benefits”).

(b) Death. If the Executive’s employment is terminated by reason of the Executive’s death during the Employment Period, this Agreement shall terminate without further obligations to the Executive’s legal representatives under this Agreement, other than for payment of Accrued Obligations and the timely payment or provision of Other Benefits. Accrued Obligations shall be paid to the Executive’s estate or beneficiary, as applicable, in a lump sum in cash within 30 days of the Date of Termination. With respect to the provision of Other Benefits, the term Other Benefits as utilized in this Section 6(b) shall include, without limitation, and the Executive’s estate and/or beneficiaries shall be entitled to receive, benefits at least equal to the most favorable benefits provided by the Company and affiliated companies to the estates and beneficiaries of peer executives of the Company and such affiliated companies under such plans, programs, practices and policies relating to death benefits, if any, as in effect with respect to other peer executives and their beneficiaries at any time during the 120 day period immediately preceding the Effective Date or, if more favorable to the Executive’s estate and/or the Executive’s beneficiaries, as in effect on the date of the Executive’s death with respect to other peer executives of the Company and its affiliated companies and their beneficiaries.

(c) Disability. If the Executive’s employment is terminated by reason of the Executive’s Disability during the Employment Period, this Agreement shall terminate without further obligations to the Executive, other than for payment of Accrued Obligations and the timely payment or provision of Other Benefits. Accrued Obligations shall be paid to the Executive or the Executive’s legal representative in a lump sum in cash within 30 days of the Date of Termination. With respect to the provision of Other Benefits, the term Other Benefits as utilized in this Section 6(c) shall include, and the Executive shall be entitled after the Disability Effective Date to receive, disability and other benefits at least equal to the most favorable of those generally provided by the Company and its affiliated companies to disabled executives and/or their families in accordance with such plans, programs, practices and policies relating to disability, if any, as in effect generally with respect to other peer executives and their families at any time during the 120 day period immediately preceding the Effective Date or, if more favorable to the Executive and/or the Executive’s family, as in effect at any time thereafter generally with respect to other peer executives of the Company and its affiliated companies and their families.

(d) Cause: Other than for Good Reason. If the Executive’s employment shall be terminated for Cause during the Employment Period, this Agreement shall terminate without further obligations to the Executive other than the obligation to pay to the Executive (x) his Annual Base Salary through the Date of Termination, (y) the amount of any compensation previously deferred by the Executive, and (z) Other Benefits, in each case to the extent theretofore unpaid. If the Executive voluntarily terminates employment during the Employment Period, excluding a termination for Good Reason, this Agreement shall terminate without further obligations to the Executive, other than for Accrued Obligations and the timely payment or provision of Other Benefits. In such case, all Accrued Obligations shall be paid to the Executive in a lump sum in cash within 30 days of the Date of Termination.

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7. Non-exclusivity of Rights. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent or limit the Executive’s continuing or future participation in any plan, program, policy or practice provided by the Company or any of its affiliated companies and for which the Executive may qualify, nor, subject to Section 12(f), shall anything herein limit or otherwise affect such rights as the Executive may have under any contract or agreement with the Company or any of its affiliated companies. Amounts which are vested benefits or which the Executive is otherwise entitled to receive under any plan, policy, practice or program of or any contract or agreement with the Company or any of its affiliated companies at or subsequent to the Date of Termination shall be payable in accordance with such plan, policy, practice or program or contract or agreement except as explicitly modified by this Agreement.

8. Full Settlement. The Company’s obligation to make the payments provided for in this Agreement and otherwise to perform its obligations hereunder shall not be affected by any set-off, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other claim, right or action which the Company may have against the Executive or others. Each and every payment made hereunder by the Company shall be final, and the Company shall not seek to recover all or any part of such payment from the Executive or from whomsoever may be entitled thereto, for any reasons whatsoever. In no event shall the Executive be obligated to seek other employment or take any other action by way of mitigation of the amounts payable to the Executive under any of the provisions of this Agreement and such amounts shall not be reduced whether or not the Executive obtains other employment. The Company agrees to pay as incurred, to the full extent permitted by law, all legal fees and expenses which the Executive may reasonably incur as a result of any contest by (i) the Company, provided that the Executive prevails in at least one material issue, (ii) the Executive or (iii) others, of the validity or enforceability of, or liability under, any provision of this Agreement or any guarantee of performance thereof (including, without limitation, as a result of any contest by the Executive about the amount of any payment pursuant to this Agreement), plus in each case interest on any delayed payment at the applicable Federal rate provided for in Section 7872(f) (2) (A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”).

9. Certain Additional Payments by the Company.

(a) Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding and except as set forth below, in the event it shall be determined that any payment or distribution by the Company to or for the benefit of the Executive (whether paid or payable or distributed or distributable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or otherwise, but determined without regard to any additional payments required under this Section 9) (a “Payment”) would be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code or any interest or penalties are incurred by the Executive with respect to such excise tax (such excise tax, together with any such interest and penalties, are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Excise Tax”), then the Executive shall be entitled to receive an additional payment (a “Gross-Up Payment”) in an amount such that after payment by the Executive of all taxes (including any interest or penalties imposed with respect to such taxes), including, without limitation, any income taxes (and any interest and penalties imposed with respect thereto) and Excise Tax imposed upon the Gross-Up Payment, the Executive retains an amount of the Gross-Up Payment equal to the Excise Tax imposed upon the Payments. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 9(a), if it shall be determined that the Executive is entitled to a Gross-Up Payment, but that the Payments do not exceed 110% of the greatest amount (the “Reduced Amount”) that could be paid to the Executive such that the receipt of Payments would not give rise to any Excise Tax, then no Gross-Up Payment shall be made to the Executive and the Payments, in the aggregate, shall be reduced to the Reduced Amount.

(b) Subject to the provisions of Section 9(c), all determinations required to be made under this Section 9, including whether and when a Gross-Up Payment is required and the amount of such Gross-Up Payment and the assumptions to be utilized in arriving at such determination, shall be made by such certified public accounting firm as may be designated by the Company (the “Accounting Firm”) which shall provide detailed supporting calculations both to

the Company and the Executive within 15 business days of the receipt of notice from the Executive that there has been a Payment, or such earlier time as is requested by the Company. In the event that the Accounting Firm is serving as accountant or auditor for the individual, entity or group effecting the Change of Control, the Company shall appoint another nationally recognized accounting firm to make the determinations required hereunder (which accounting firm shall then be referred to as the Accounting Firm hereunder). All fees and expenses of the Accounting Firm shall be borne solely by the Company. Any Gross-Up Payment, as determined pursuant to this Section 9, shall be paid by the Company to the Executive within five days of the receipt of the Accounting Firm's determination. Any determination by the Accounting Firm shall be binding upon the Company and the Executive. As a result of the uncertainty in the application of Section 4999 of the Code at the time of the initial determination by the Accounting Firm hereunder, it is possible that Gross-Up Payments which will not have been made by the Company should have been made ("Underpayment"), consistent with the calculations required to be made hereunder. In the event that the Company exhausts its remedies pursuant to Section 9(c) and the Executive thereafter is required to make a payment of any Excise Tax, the Accounting Firm shall determine the amount of the Underpayment that has occurred and any such Underpayment shall be promptly paid by the Company to or for the benefit of the Executive.

(c) The Executive shall notify the Company in writing of any claim by the Internal Revenue Service that, if successful, would require the payment by the Company of the Gross-Up Payment. Such notification shall be given as soon as practicable but no later than ten business days after the Executive is informed in writing of such claim and shall apprise the Company of the nature of such claim and the date on which such claim is requested to be paid. The Executive shall not pay such claim prior to the expiration of the 30-day period following the date on which it gives such notice to the Company (or such shorter period ending on the date that any payment of taxes with respect to such claim is due). If the Company notifies the Executive in writing prior to the expiration of such period that it desires to contest such claim, the Executive shall:

- (i) give the Company any information reasonably requested by the Company relating to such claim,
- (ii) take such action in connection with contesting such claim as the Company shall reasonably request in writing from time to time, including, without limitation, accepting legal representation with respect to such claim by an attorney reasonably selected by the Company,
- (iii) cooperate with the Company in good faith in order effectively to contest such claim, and
- (iv) permit the Company to participate in any proceedings relating to such claim;

provided, however, that the Company shall bear and pay directly all costs and expenses (including additional interest and penalties) incurred in connection with such contest and shall indemnify and hold the Executive harmless, on an after-tax basis, for any Excise Tax or income tax (including interest and penalties with respect thereto) imposed as a result of such representation and payment of costs and expenses. Without limitation on the foregoing provisions of this Section 9(c), the Company shall control all proceedings taken in connection with such contest and, at its sole option, may pursue or forgo any and all administrative appeals, proceedings, hearings and conferences with the taxing authority in respect of such claim and may, at its sole option, either direct the Executive to pay the tax claimed and sue for a refund or contest the claim in any permissible manner, and the Executive agrees to prosecute such contest to a determination before any administrative tribunal, in a court of initial jurisdiction and in one or more appellate courts, as the Company shall determine; provided, however, that if the Company directs the Executive to pay such claim and sue for a refund, the Company shall advance the amount of such payment to the Executive, on an interest-free basis and shall indemnify and hold

the Executive harmless, on an after-tax basis, from any Excise Tax or income tax (including interest or penalties with respect thereto) imposed with respect to such advance or with respect to any imputed income with respect to such advance; and further provided that any extension of the statute of limitations relating to payment of taxes for the taxable year of the Executive with respect to which such contested amount is claimed to be due is limited solely to such contested amount. Furthermore, the Company's control of the contest shall be limited to issues with respect to which a Gross-Up Payment would be payable hereunder and the Executive shall be entitled to settle or contest, as the case may be, any other issue raised by the Internal Revenue Service or any other taxing authority.

(d) If, after the receipt by the Executive of an amount advanced by the Company pursuant to Section 9(c), the Executive becomes entitled to receive any refund with respect to such claim, the Executive shall (subject to the Company's complying with the requirements of Section 9(c)) promptly pay to the Company the amount of such refund (together with any interest paid or credited thereon after taxes applicable thereto). If, after the receipt by the Executive of an amount advanced by the Company pursuant to Section 9(c), a determination is made that the Executive shall not be entitled to any refund with respect to such claim and the Company does not notify the Executive in writing of its intent to contest such denial of refund prior to the expiration of 30 days after such determination, then such advance shall be forgiven and shall not be required to be repaid and the amount of such advance shall offset, to the extent thereof, the amount of Gross-Up Payment required to be paid.

10. Confidential Information. The Executive shall hold in a fiduciary capacity for the benefit of the Company all secret or confidential information, knowledge or data relating to the Company or any of its affiliated companies, and their respective businesses, which shall have been obtained by the Executive during the Executive's employment by the Company or any of its affiliated companies and which shall not be or become public knowledge (other than by acts by the Executive or representatives of the Executive in violation of this Agreement). After termination of the Executive's employment with the Company, the Executive shall not, without the prior written consent of the Company or as may otherwise be required by law or legal process, communicate or divulge any such information, knowledge or data to anyone other than the Company and those designated by it. In no event shall an asserted violation of the provisions of this Section 10 constitute a basis for deferring or withholding any amounts otherwise payable to the Executive under this Agreement.

11. Successors.

(a) This Agreement is personal to the Executive and without the prior written consent of the Company shall not be assignable by the Executive otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Executive's legal representatives.

(b) This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Company and its successors and assigns.

(c) The Company will require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company to assume expressly and agree to perform this Agreement in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. As used in this Agreement, "Company" shall mean the Company as hereinbefore defined and any successor to its business and/or assets as aforesaid which assumes and agrees to perform this Agreement by operation of law, or otherwise.

12. Miscellaneous.

(a) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without reference to principles of conflict of laws. Any legal action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be instituted in the state or federal courts in the State of Delaware and the parties agree not to assert, in any action, suit or proceeding by way of motion, as a defense or otherwise, any claim that either party is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of such court, or that such action, suit or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum, or that the venue is improper or that the subject matter hereof cannot be enforced in such court. The parties hereby irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of any such court in any such action, suit or proceeding.

(b) The captions of this Agreement are not part of the provisions hereof and shall have no force or effect. This Agreement may not be amended or modified otherwise than by a written agreement executed by the parties hereto or their respective successors and legal representatives.

(c) All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given by hand delivery to the other party, by FedEx or other commercial overnight courier or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to the Executive:

819 Southern Shore Drive
Peachtree City, Georgia 30269

If to the Company:

1000 Abernathy Road
Suite 1200
Atlanta, Georgia 30328
Attention: Company Secretary

or to such other address as either party shall have furnished to the other in writing in accordance herewith. Notice and communications shall be effective when actually received by the addressee.

(d) The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

(e) The Company may withhold from any amounts payable under this Agreement such Federal, state, local or foreign taxes as shall be required to be withheld pursuant to any applicable law or regulation.

(f) The Executive's or the Company's failure to insist upon strict compliance with any provision of this Agreement or the failure to assert any right the Executive or the Company may have hereunder, including, without limitation, the right of the Executive to terminate employment for Good Reason pursuant to Section 5(c)(i) through (v) of this Agreement, shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such provision or right or any other provision or right of this Agreement.

(g) Except as may otherwise be provided under any other written agreement between the Executive and the Company, the Executive and the Company acknowledge that the employment of the Executive by the Company is "at will" and, subject to Section 1 hereof, prior to the Effective Date, the Executive's employment and/or this Agreement may be terminated by either the Executive or the Company at any time prior to the Effective Date, in which case the Executive shall have no further rights under this Agreement. From and after the Effective Date, this Agreement shall supersede any other agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and, upon the Effective Date, any such other agreement shall be null, void and of no further force or effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Executive has hereunto set the Executive's hand and, pursuant to the authorization from its Board of Directors, the Company has caused these presents to be executed in its name on its behalf, all as of the day and year first above written.

FRED J. FRATTO

BEAZER HOMES USA, INC.

By

Ian J. McCarthy
President and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION
PURSUANT TO 17 CFR 240.13a-14
PROMULGATED UNDER
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Ian J. McCarthy, President and Chief Executive Officer of Beazer Homes USA, Inc., certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Beazer Homes USA, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly 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 quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly 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 quarterly 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 we 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 quarterly report is being prepared;
 - (b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (c) 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 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors:
 - (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 controls over financial reporting.

Date: January 27 , 2005

/s/ Ian J. McCarthy

Ian J. McCarthy

President and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION
PURSUANT TO 17 CFR 240.13a-14
PROMULGATED UNDER
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, James O'Leary, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Beazer Homes USA, Inc., certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Beazer Homes USA, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly 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 quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly 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 quarterly 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 we 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 quarterly report is being prepared;
 - (b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (c) 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 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors:
 - (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 controls over financial reporting.

Date: January 27, 2005

/s/ James O'Leary

James O'Leary

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Beazer Homes USA, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending December 31, 2004 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Ian J. McCarthy, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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

/s/ Ian J. McCarthy

Ian J. McCarthy
President and Chief Executive Officer
January 27, 2005

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Beazer Homes USA, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending December 31, 2004 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, James O'Leary, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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

/s/ James O'Leary

James O'Leary

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

January 27, 2005
