### **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, 2003

or

#### o 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 o

NO o

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

YES 🗵

Class

Outstanding at February 11, 2004

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value 13,613,602 shares

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#### Part I. Financial Information

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

		December 31, 2003	S	eptember 30, 2003
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	102,267	\$	73,372
Accounts receivable		28,990		66,003
Inventory				
Owned inventory		1,903,852		1,687,809
Consolidated inventory not owned		56,556		35,674
Total inventory		1,960,408		1,723,483
Deferred tax asset		25,674		26,160
Property, plant and equipment, net		18,937		19,185
Goodwill		251,603		251,603
Other assets		62,512		52,228
Total assets	\$	2,450,391	\$	2,212,034
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Trade accounts payable	\$	118,772	\$	125,521
Other payables and accrued liabilities	Ψ	293,912	Ψ	320,996
Obligations related to consolidated inventory not owned		45,988		30,457
Term loan		200,000		200,000
Senior Notes (net of discount of \$10,258 and \$8,635 respectively)		739,742		541,365
Other notes payable		8,723		
Total liabilities		1,407,137	-	1,218,339
Stockholders' equity:				
Preferred stock (par value \$.01 per share, 5,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued)		<u> </u>		<u></u>
Common stock (par value \$.01 per share, 30,000,000 shares authorized, 17,570,947 and 17,501,052 issued and				
13,612,871 and 13,542,976 outstanding, respectively)		176		175
Paid-in capital		574,009		572,070
Retained earnings		557,174		511,349
Treasury stock (3,958,076 shares)		(70,604)		(70,604)
Unearned compensation		(14,805)		(15,852)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(2,696)		(3,443)
Total stockholders' equity		1,043,254		993,695
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	2,450,391	\$	2,212,034
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See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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

Three Months
Ended December 31,
2003 2002

Total revenue	\$ 810,108	\$ 700,160
Costs and expenses:		
Home construction and land sales	644,949	563,717
Selling, general and administrative	89,507	77,377
Operating income	 75,652	59,066
Other income, net	1,702	1,959
Income before income taxes	 77,354	 61,025
Provision for income taxes	30,168	24,105
Net income	\$ 47,186	\$ 36,920
Weighted average number of shares:		
Basic	13,281	12,811
Diluted	13,829	13,424
Net income per common share:		
Basic	\$ 3.55	\$ 2.88
Diluted	\$ 3.41	\$ 2.75
Cash dividends per share	\$ .10	\$ _

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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

	December 31,			icu
		2003		2002
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income	\$	47,186	\$	36,920
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		4,014		2,731
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Decrease in accounts receivable		37,013		12,321
Increase in inventory		(212,671)		(54,407)
(Increase) decrease in other assets		(9,755)		44
Decrease in trade accounts payable		(6,749)		(14,504)
Decrease in other liabilities		(27,794)		(26,966)
Other changes		2,744		371
Net cash used in operating activities		(166,012)		(43,490)
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Capital expenditures		(2,161)		(2,799)
Investments in and distributions from unconsolidated joint ventures		(71)		1,245
Net cash used in investing activities		(2,232)		(1,554)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from 6 1/2% Senior Notes		198,100		_
Proceeds from stock option exercises		858		625
Dividends paid		(1,361)		_
Debt issuance costs		(458)		_
Net cash provided by financing activities		197,139		625
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		28,895		(44,419)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		73,372		124,989
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	102,267	\$	80,570

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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS
OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(in thousands)

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Three Months
Ended December 31,
2003 2002

**Three Months Ended** 

Net income	\$ 47,186	\$ 36,920
Other comprehensive income:		
Unrealized gain on interest rate swaps, net of related taxes	 747	120
Comprehensive income	\$ 47,933	\$ 37,040
See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.		

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#### (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, 2003.

#### (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" as amended by SFAS No. 148 "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation – Transition and Disclosure". 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.

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

		Three Months Ended December 31,		
		2003	-	2002
Net income, as reported	\$	47,186	\$	36,920
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax effects		979		209
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all				
awards, net of related tax effects		(1,599)		(921)
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Pro forma net income	\$	46,566	\$	36,208
Earnings per share:				
Basic - as reported	\$	3.55	\$	2.88
Basic - pro forma	\$	3.51	\$	2.83
Diluted - as reported	\$	3.41	\$	2.75
Diluted - pro forma	\$	3.39	\$	2.73
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#### (3) Inventory

A summary of inventory is as follows (in thousands):

	D	December 31, 2003		September 30, 2003
Homes under construction	\$	833,620	\$	658,909
Development projects in progress		955,197		919,257

Unimproved land held for future development	35,773	33,583
Model homes	79,262	76,060
Consolidated inventory not owned	56,556	35,674
	\$ 1,960,408	\$ 1,723,483

Homes under construction includes homes finished and ready for delivery and homes in various stages of construction. Excluding model homes, we had 420 completed homes (valued at \$62.5 million) and 362 completed homes (valued at \$58.3 million) at December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2003, 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 requirements, 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 requirements 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 \$144.7 million at December 31, 2003. This amount includes letters of credit of approximately \$41.0 million.

Below is a summary of amounts (in thousands) committed under all options at December 31, 2003:

	 Aggregate Purchase Price Under Options
Options with specific performance	\$ 28,381
Options without specific performance	1,383,667
Total options	\$ 1,412,048

In January 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Interpretation No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an Interpretation of ARB No. 51" ("FIN 46"). On December 24, 2003, FIN 46 was replaced by FIN 46R. FIN 46 applied immediately to variable interest entities created

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after January 31, 2003, and with respect to variable interests held before February 1, 2003, FIN 46R will apply beginning with our quarter ending March 31, 2004, the second quarter of fiscal 2004.

We have evaluated all of our existing joint venture agreements, and we have determined that none of our joint ventures are Variable Interest Entities ("VIEs"). Therefore, we have not consolidated any of our joint venture agreements pursuant to the requirements of FIN 46. We have evaluated our option contracts for land entered into subsequent to January 31, 2003 and determined we are the primary beneficiary of certain of these option contracts. 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. The consolidation of the land subject to these option contracts had the effect of increasing consolidated inventory not owned by \$46.0 million with a corresponding increase to obligations related to consolidated inventory not owned in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2003. The liabilities represent the difference between the exercise price of the optioned land and our deposits. Additionally, to reflect the fair value of the inventory consolidated under FIN 46, we reclassified \$10.6 million of related option deposits from development projects in progress to consolidated inventory not owned.

We currently estimate that we will record an additional \$228 million, net of cash deposits, of consolidated inventory not owned, with a corresponding increase to obligations related to consolidated inventory not owned, during the second quarter of our 2004 fiscal year to reflect the application of FIN 46R to option agreements that we entered into prior to February 1, 2003.

#### (4) Interest

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

		Three Months Ended December 31,			
		2003		2003	
Capitalized interest in inventory, beginning of period	9	34,285 \$	24,441		
Interest incurred and capitalized	Ψ	16,871	16,582		
Capitalized interest amortized to cost of sales		(13,687)	(11,900)		
Capitalized interest in inventory, end of period	\$	37,469 \$	29,123		
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#### (5) Earnings Per Share

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

December 31,			
2003	2002		

Basic:			
Net income	\$ 4	,186	\$ 36,920
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	13	,281	12,811
Basic earnings per share	\$	3.55	\$ 2.88
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Diluted:			
Net income	\$ 4'	,186	\$ 36,920
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	13	,281	12,811
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Restricted stock		256	203
Options to acquire common stock		292	410
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	1;	,829	13,424
Diluted earnings per share	\$	3.41	\$ 2.75

#### (6) Long Term Debt and Associated Derivatives

In November 2003 we issued \$200 million 6 ½% Senior Notes due November 2013 (the "6½% Senior Notes") in a private placement pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The 6½% Senior Notes were issued at a price of 100% of their face amount (before underwriting discount and other issuance costs). Interest on the 6½% Senior Notes is payable semiannually. We may, at our option, redeem the 6½% 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 6½% 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. We used the proceeds from the issuance of the 6½% Senior Notes for general corporate purposes.

In January 2004 we filed a registration statement on Form S-4, relating to an offer to exchange registered notes for the  $6\frac{1}{2}$ % Senior Notes, as required under the registration rights agreement executed in connection with the sale of the  $6\frac{1}{2}$ % Senior Notes.

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In addition to the 6 ½% Senior Notes, at December 31, 2003, we had outstanding \$200 million 8 508% Senior Notes due in May 2011 and \$350 million 8 308% Senior Notes due in April 2012 (collectively, with the 6 ½% Senior Notes, the "Senior Notes") and a \$200 million four-year term loan due June 2007 (the "Term Loan") which bears interest at a fluctuating rate (2.8% at December 31, 2003) based upon LIBOR or the corporate base rate of interest announced by our lead bank.

We are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates. We enter into derivative agreements to manage interest costs and hedge against risks associated with fluctuating interest rates. We do not enter into or hold derivatives for trading or speculative purposes. At December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2003, we had swap agreements (the "Swap Agreements") to effectively fix the variable interest on \$100 million of floating rate debt. The Swap Agreements mature in December 2004. No portion of these hedges was considered ineffective for the period ended December 31, 2003. Our Swap Agreements effectively fix the interest rate (before spread) on \$100 million of floating rate debt at a weighted average rate of 5.74% per annum.

The effect of the Swap Agreements as of December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2003 was to record an after-tax accumulated other comprehensive loss of \$2.7 million and \$3.4 million, respectively. The estimated fair value of the Swap Agreements, based on current market rates, approximated \$4.4 million and \$5.6 million at December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2003, respectively, and is included in other liabilities.

All of our significant subsidiaries are full and unconditional guarantors of the Senior Notes and our obligations under the Term Loan, and are jointly and severally liable for obligations under the Senior Notes and Term Loan. Each guarantor subsidiary is a 100% owned subsidiary of Beazer Homes.

#### (7) Contingencies

As a homebuilder, we have been and continue to be subject to construction defect, product liability and home warranty claims, including moisture intrusion and related mold claims, arising in the ordinary course of business. These claims are common to the homebuilding industry and can be costly. Litigation in the homebuilding industry related to construction defects and similar claims has increased significantly in recent years and the industry has also experienced increased costs of insuring against such claims. Although we have obtained insurance for construction defect claims, there can be no assurance that such policies will be available or adequate to cover any liability for damages, the cost of repairs, and/or the expense of litigation surrounding current claims, or that future claims will not arise out of uninsurable events or circumstances not covered by insurance and not subject to effective indemnification agreements with our subcontractors.

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. Furthermore, plaintiffs in certain of these legal proceedings (including cases in our Midwestern and Western markets) are seeking class action status with potential class sizes that vary from case to case. Class action lawsuits can be costly to defend and if we were to lose any certified class action suit, it could result in substantial potential liability for us. While management currently believes that the ultimate resolution of these matters, individually and in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or overall trends in results of operations, such matters are subject to inherent uncertainties. Warranty reserves at December 31, 2003 include provisions for the anticipated costs associated with the resolution of asserted moisture intrusion and related mold claims. No provision has been made for unasserted moisture intrusion and related mold claims as management has determined that any such losses can not be determined at this time. There exists the possibility that the costs to resolve moisture intrusion and related mold claims could differ from the recorded estimates and therefore have a material adverse impact on the Company's net income of the periods in which the matters are resolved.

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 major structural defects. In addition, we provide a ten year warranty with each of our homes, covering major structural 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.

We self-insure our structural warranty obligations through our wholly-owned risk retention group, United Home Insurance Company, A Risk Retention Group ("UHIC"). We believe this results in cost savings as well as increased control over the warranty process.

There can be no assurance, however, that the terms and limitations of the limited warranty will be enforceable against the homebuyers, that we will be able to renew our insurance coverage or renew it at reasonable rates, that we will not be liable for damages,

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the cost of repairs, and or the expense of litigation surrounding possible construction defects, soil subsidence or building related claims or that claims will not arise out of uninsurable events or circumstances not covered by insurance and not subject to effective indemnification agreements with our subcontractors.

A provision for estimated future warranty costs is recorded 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 claims and adjusts these provisions accordingly. Warranty reserves are included in accrued expenses. Warranty expense for the quarter ended December 31, 2003 increased, compared to warranty expense for the quarter ended December 31, 2002, principally due to costs recorded in connection with remediation relating to moisture intrusion resulting from construction defects and related mold claims.

Changes in our warranty reserves during the period are as follows (in thousands):

Quarter Ended December 31,	2003	2002
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 40,473	\$ 25,527
Provisions	15,887	6,785
Payments	(8,421)	(5,620)
Balance at end of period	\$ 47,939	\$ 26,692

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#### (8) Supplemental Guarantor Information

As discussed in Note 6, 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.

#### Beazer Homes USA, Inc. Consolidating Balance Sheet December 31, 2003 (in thousands)

	Beazer Homes USA, Inc.	Guarantor Subsidiaries	1	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	 Consolidating Adjustments	Consolidated Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 150,377	\$ (50,908)	\$	2,798	\$ _	\$ 102,267
Accounts receivable	_	27,193		1,797	_	28,990
Inventory	_	1,957,224		_	3,184	1,960,408
Deferred tax asset	25,674	_		_	_	25,674
Property, plant and equipment, net	_	18,937		_	_	18,937
Goodwill	_	251,603		_	_	251,603
Investments in subsidiaries	1,292,848	_		_	(1,292,848)	
Intercompany	554,532	(567,145)		12,613	_	_
Other assets	12,980	43,610		5,922		62,512
Total Assets	\$ 2,036,411	\$ 1,680,514	\$	23,130	\$ (1,289,664)	\$ 2,450,391
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Trade accounts payable	\$ _	\$ 118,681	\$	91	\$ _	\$ 118,772
Other liabilities	55,001	272,940		10,717	1,242	339,900
Intercompany	(1,586)	_		1,586	_	
Term Loan	200,000	_		_	_	200,000
Senior Notes	739,742	_		_	_	739,742
Other notes payable	 	8,723			<u> </u>	 8,723
Total Liabilities	 993,157	 400,344		12,394	 1,242	 1,407,137
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Stockholders' Equity	 1,043,254	1,280,170		10,736	(1,290,906)	1,043,254
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 2,036,411	\$ 1,680,514	\$	23,130	\$ (1,289,664)	\$ 2,450,391

#### Beazer Homes USA, Inc. Consolidating Balance Sheet September 30, 2003 (in thousands)

	Beazer Homes USA, Inc.		Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments		Consolidated Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
ASSETS	,						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 110,754	\$	(40,079)	\$ 2,697	\$ _	\$	73,372
Accounts receivable	_		64,620	1,383	_		66,003
Inventory			1,713,639	_	9,844		1,723,483
Deferred tax asset	26,160		_	_	_		26,160
Property, plant and equipment, net			19,166	19	_		19,185
Goodwill	_		251,603	_	_		251,603
Investments in subsidiaries	1,246,831		_	_	(1,246,831)		_
Intercompany	403,945		(415,211)	11,266	_		_
Other assets	11,085		35,587	5,556	_		52,228
Total Assets	\$ 1,798,775	\$	1,629,325	\$ 20,921	\$ (1,236,987)	\$	2,212,034
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY							
Trade accounts payable	\$ 	\$	125,099	\$ 422	\$ _	\$	125,521
Other liabilities	64,963		272,960	9,642	3,888		351,453
Intercompany	(1,248)		_	1,248	_		_
Term Loan	200,000		_	_	_		200,000
Senior Notes	541,365		_	_	_		541,365
Total Liabilities	 805,080		398,059	11,312	3,888		1,218,339
Stockholders' Equity	 993,695		1,231,266	 9,609	 (1,240,875)	<u> </u>	993,695
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,798,775	\$	1,629,325	\$ 20,921	\$ (1,236,987)	\$	2,212,034
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#### Beazer Homes USA, Inc. Consolidating Statement of Income December 31, 2003 (in thousands)

	 Beazer Homes USA, Inc.	 Guarantor Subsidiaries	 Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries		Consolidating Adjustments	(	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	(16,871)	88,123	1,216		3,184		75,652
Other income, net	_	1,702	_		_		1,702
Income 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

#### Beazer Homes USA, Inc. Consolidating Statement of Income December 31, 2002 (in thousands)

	 Beazer Homes USA, Inc.		Guarantor Subsidiaries		Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries		Consolidating Adjustments	 Consolidated Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
Total revenue	\$ _	\$	698,499	\$	1,661	\$	_	\$ 700,160
Costs and expenses:							(1.502)	
Home construction and land sales	16,582		551,817		_		(4,682)	563,717
Selling, general and administrative	<u> </u>	_	76,771	_	606	_	<u> </u>	77,377
Operating income	(16,582)		69,911		1,055		4,682	59,066

Other income, net	_	1,959	_	_	1,959
Income before income taxes	(16,582)	71,870	1,055	4,682	61,025
Provision for income taxes	(6,550)	28,389	417	1,849	24,105
Equity in income of subsidiaries	46,952	_	_	(46,952)	_
Net income	\$ 36,920	\$ 43,481	\$ 638	\$ (44,119)	\$ 36,920

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#### Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows December 31, 2003 (in thousands)

	Beazer Homes USA, In		Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guar Subsidia		Consolidati Adjustmen		nsolidated Beazer Homes JSA, Inc.
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	\$ (1	1,728)	\$ (154,662)	\$	378	\$		\$ (166,012)
Cash flows from investing activities:								
Capital expenditures			(2,161)		_			(2,161)
Investments in and distributions from unconsolidated joint								
ventures			(71)		_			(71)
Net cash used by investing activities			(2,232)					 (2,232)
Cash flows from financing activities:								
Proceeds from issuance of 6 1/2% Senior Notes	19	8,100			_			198,100
Advances (to) from subsidiaries	(14	5,788)	146,065		(277)			_
Debt issuance costs		(458)			_			(458)
Proceeds from stock option exercises		858			_			858
Dividends paid	(	1,361)			_			(1,361)
Net cash provided by financing activities	5	1,351	146,065		(277)			 197,139
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	3	9,623	(10,829)		101			28,895
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	11	0,754	(40,079)		2,697		_	73,372
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 15	0,377	\$ (50,908)	\$	2,798	\$		\$ 102,267
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#### Beazer Homes USA, Inc. Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows December 31, 2002 (in thousands)

	 Beazer Homes USA, Inc.		Guarantor Subsidiaries	N	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments	_	Consolidated Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	\$ (9,610)	\$	(35,767)	\$	1,887	\$ _	\$	(43,490)
Cash flows from investing activities:								
Capital expenditures			(2,799)		_			(2,799)
Investments in and distributions from unconsolidated								
joint ventures			1,245		_			1,245
Net cash used by investing activities			(1,554)					(1,554)
Cash flows from financing activities:								
Advances (to) from subsidiaries	(40,203)		41,119		(916)			_
Proceeds from stock option exercises	625				` <u> </u>			625
Net cash provided by financing activities	 (39,578)		41,119		(916)			625
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	 (49,188)		3,798		971			(44,419)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	147,355		(25,759)		3,393	_		124,989
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 98,167	\$	(21,961)	\$	4,364	\$ 	\$	80,570
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#### 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	
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 homebuilders. We seek to be one of the five largest builders in each of the markets that we serve.

Most of our homes are designed to appeal to entry-level and first time move-up homebuyers, and are generally offered for sale in advance of their construction. Once a sales contract has been signed, we classify the transaction as a "new order" and include the home in "backlog." Such sales contracts are usually subject to certain contingencies such as the buyer's ability to qualify for financing. We do not recognize revenue on homes in backlog until the sales are closed and the risk of ownership has been transferred to the buyer.

Ancillary Businesses: We have established several businesses to support our core homebuilding operations. We operate design centers in the majority of our markets. Through these design centers, homebuyers can choose non-structural upgrades and options for their new home. We also provide mortgage origination services for our homebuyers through Beazer Mortgage Corporation, or Beazer Mortgage, and Crossmann Mortgage Corp., or Crossmann Mortgage. Beazer Mortgage and Crossmann Mortgage originate, process and broker mortgages to third party investors. Beazer Mortgage and Crossmann Mortgage generally do not retain or service the mortgages that they broker. We also provide title services to our homebuyers in many of our markets. We will continue to evaluate opportunities to provide other ancillary services to our homebuyers.

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. These evaluations for impairment are significantly impacted by estimates of revenues, costs and expenses and other factors. 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.

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#### Goodwill

Goodwill is subject to at least an annual assessment for impairment by applying a fair value-based test. If the carrying amount exceeds the fair value, goodwill is considered impaired. 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 based on expected discounted future cash flows.

We evaluate whether events and circumstances have occurred that indicate that goodwill may be impaired. Such evaluations for impairment are significantly impacted by estimates of future revenues, costs and expenses and other factors. If the goodwill is considered to be 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 annual impairment test of goodwill as of April 30, 2003 and determined that goodwill was not impaired.

#### 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 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 major structural defects. In addition, we provide a ten year warranty with each of our homes, covering major structural 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. A provision for estimated future warranty costs is recorded for each home closed. Management reviews the adequacy of warranty reserves each reporting period based on historical experience and management's estimate of the cost to remediate claims and adjusts these provisions accordingly. Warranty reserves are included in accrued expenses.

Value Created: We evaluate our financial performance and the financial performance of our operations using Value Created, a variation of economic profit or economic value added. Value Created measures the extent to which we exceed our cost of capital. Most of our employees receive incentive compensation based upon a combination of Value Created and the change in Value Created. We believe that our Value Created system encourages managers to act like owners, rewards profitable growth and focuses attention on long-term loyalty and performance.

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:**

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

			Three Months Ended December 31,	2002	
		2003	%	2002	
		Amount	Change	Amount	
Number of new orders, net of cancellations:					
Southeast region		1,043	2.8%	1,015	
West region		1,454	54.8	939	
Central region		185	(20.3)	232	
Mid-Atlantic region		316	(30.1)	452	
Midwest region		306	(39.2)	503	
Total		3,304	5.2	3,141	
Number of closings:					
Southeast region		1,257	15.0%	1,093	
West region		1,214	16.7	1,040	
Central region		240	(9.8)	266	
Mid-Atlantic region		318	7.8	295	
Midwest region		579	(26.5)	788	
Total		3,608	3.6	3,482	
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Total homebuilding revenue:					
Southeast region	\$	222,512	18.6% \$	187,613	
West region		345,120	37.2	251,635	
Central region		36,513	(10.4)	40,736	
Mid-Atlantic region		100,209	3.0	97,245	
Midwest region		85,784	(23.1)	111,541	
Total	\$	790,138	14.7 \$	688,770	
Average sales price per home closed:					
Southeast region	\$	177.0	3.1% \$	171.6	
West region	Ψ	284.3	17.5	242.0	
Central region		152.1	(0.7)	153.1	
Mid-Atlantic region		315.1	(4.4)	329.6	
Midwest region		148.2	4.7	141.5	
Company average		219.0	10.7	197.8	
Company average		217.0	10.7	177.0	
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		December 31,	
	2003		2002
	Amount	% Change	Amount
Backlog units at end of period:			
Southeast region	2,107	17.8%	1,789
West region	2,527	45.9	1,732
Central region	341	(27.9)	473
Mid-Atlantic region	1,115	30.1	857
Midwest region	1,032	(22.2)	1,327
Total	7,122	15.3	6,178
Aggregate sales value of homes in backlog at end of period:	\$ 1,651,319	33.8% \$	1,234,479
Number of active subdivisions at end of period:			
Southeast region	178	(0.6)%	179
West region	105	25.0	84
Central region	40	29.0	31
Mid-Atlantic region	48	23.1	39
Midwest region	135	<del>-</del>	135
Total	506	8.1	468

New Orders and Backlog: New orders increased by 5.2% during the three month period ended December 31, 2003, compared to the same period in the prior year. Order growth was driven primarily by significant growth in our West region, where new orders increased 54.8%. The increases in our West region reflect strong overall demand in most of our markets in that region. Orders increased by 2.8% in our Southeast region, reflecting strong demand in Florida, Tennessee and parts of the Carolinas, which was somewhat offset by weakness in Charlotte. Orders in our Central region decreased 20.3% due to weak demand in Dallas, one of two markets that comprise our Central region. Management believes that the Dallas market is experiencing temporary weakness and that Dallas will be a good market for the Company in the long term. New Orders in our Mid-Atlantic region decreased by 30.1% compared to the same

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The aggregate dollar value of homes in backlog at December 31, 2003 increased 33.8% from December 31, 2002, reflecting a 15.3% increase in the number of homes in backlog and a 16.1% increase in the average price of homes in backlog, from \$199,800 at December 31, 2002 to \$231,900 at December 31, 2003. The increase in the number of homes in backlog is driven by strong order trends in our West and Southeast regions. The increase in average price of homes in backlog is due to our ability to raise prices in most of our markets, as well as a greater proportion of backlog in our West and Mid-Atlantic regions, where prices are generally higher compared to other regions, and a lower proportion of backlog in our Midwest region, where prices are generally lower.

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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):

	Three Months Ended December 31,			
	 2003		2002	
Details of revenues and certain expenses:				
Revenues:				
Home sales (1)	\$ 793,297	\$	688,770	
Land and lot sales	7,735		2,495	
Mortgage origination revenue	12,146		12,484	
Intercompany elimination - mortgage	 (3,070)		(3,589)	
Total revenue	\$ 810,108	\$	700,160	
Cost of home construction and land sales:				
Home sales (1)	\$ 640,117	\$	565,364	
Land and lot sales	7,902		1,942	
Intercompany elimination - mortgage	(3,070)		(3,589)	
Total cost of home construction and land sales	\$ 644,949	\$	563,717	
Selling, general and administrative:				
Homebuilding operations	\$ 82,113	\$	70,516	
Mortgage origination operations	7,394		6,861	
Total selling, general and administrative	\$ 89,507	\$	77,377	
Certain items as a percentage of revenues:				
As a percentage of total revenue:				
Costs of home construction and land sales	79.6%	)	80.5%	
Selling, general and administrative:				
Homebuilding operations	10.1%	)	10.1%	
Mortgage operations	0.9%	)	1.0%	
As a percentage of home sales revenue:				
Costs of home construction	80.7%	)	82.1%	

<sup>(1)</sup> 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 15.7% for the three months ended December 31, 2003 compared to the same period in the prior year. Homes closed increased by 3.6% while the average sales price of homes closed increased by 10.7%. Increased closings in our Southeast, West and Mid-Atlantic regions were offset in part by decreases in our Central and Midwest Regions. Average sales price increased in all regions, except for our Central and Mid-Atlantic regions, due to strong demand and constraints on the supply of available housing in

Cost of Home Construction: The cost of home construction as a percentage of home sales decreased by 140 basis points for the three month period ended December 31, 2003, compared to the same period of the prior year as a result of our ability to raise prices in most markets combined with greater emphasis on focused profit improvement initiatives, including cost reductions resulting from improved efficiency and the negotiation of national and regional supply agreements. These reductions were achieved despite the inclusion of additional warranty expenses associated with construction defect claims from water intrusion at one of our Midwest divisions.

**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, 2003 was comparable to SG&A expense as a percentage of total revenues for the same period of the prior year. Increased marketing expenses associated with our initiative to strengthen and leverage our brand identity were offset by improved efficiency in our business resulting from profit improvement initiatives.

*Income Taxes:* Our effective income tax rate was 39.0% for the three month period ended December 31, 2003 and 39.5% for the three month period ended December 31, 2002.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities: We are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates. We enter into derivative agreements to manage interest costs and hedge against risks associated with fluctuating interest rates. We do not enter into or hold derivatives for trading or speculative purposes. At December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2003, we had swap agreements (the "Swap Agreements") to effectively fix the variable interest on \$100 million of floating rate debt. The Swap Agreements mature in December 2004. No portion of these hedges was considered ineffective for the period ended December 31, 2003. Our Swap Agreements effectively fix the interest rate (before spread) on \$100 million of floating rate debt at a weighted average rate of 5.74% per annum.

The effect of the Swap Agreements as of December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2003 was to record an after-tax accumulated other comprehensive loss of \$2.7 million and \$3.4 million, respectively. The estimated fair value of the Swap Agreements, based on current market rates, approximated \$4.4 million and \$5.6 million at December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2003, respectively, and is included in other liabilities.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**: In January 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Interpretation No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an Interpretation of ARB No. 51" ("FIN 46"). On December 24, 2003, FIN 46 was replaced by FIN 46R. FIN 46 applied immediately to variable interest entities created after January 31, 2003, and with respect to variable interests held before February 1, 2003, FIN 46R will apply beginning with our quarter ending March 31, 2004, the second quarter of fiscal 2004.

We have evaluated all of our existing joint venture agreements, and we have determined that none of our joint ventures are Variable Interest Entities ("VIEs"). Therefore, we have not consolidated any of our joint venture agreements pursuant to the requirements of FIN 46. We have evaluated our option contracts for land

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entered into subsequent to January 31, 2003 and determined we are the primary beneficiary of certain of these option contracts. 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. The consolidation of the land subject to these option contracts had the effect of increasing consolidated inventory not owned by \$46.0 million with a corresponding increase to obligations related to consolidated inventory not owned in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2003. The liabilities represent the difference between the exercise price of the optioned land and our deposits. Additionally, to reflect the fair value of the inventory consolidated under FIN 46, we reclassified \$10.6 million of related option deposits from development projects in progress to consolidated inventory not owned.

We currently estimate that we will record an additional \$228 million, net of cash deposits, of consolidated inventory not owned, with a corresponding increase to obligations related to consolidated inventory not owned, during the second quarter of our 2004 fiscal year to reflect the application of FIN 46R to option agreements that we entered into prior to February 1, 2003.

#### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY:

At December 31, 2003, we had cash of \$102.3 million, compared to \$73.4 million at September 30, 2003. The increase in cash was primarily due to proceeds from the issuance of \$200 million of 6 ½ % Senior Notes, offset by increased levels of inventory to support our significant growth and substantial backlog at December 31, 2003. 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 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.

Our net cash used in operating activities was \$43.5 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2002, as increased net income and decreased accounts receivable were offset by increased levels of inventory and decreased accounts payable and other liabilities. Net cash used in investing activities was \$1.6 million in the quarter ended December 31 2002. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$.6 million in the quarter ended December 31, 2002.

During fiscal 2003, we executed a \$250 million four-year revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility") and a \$200 million four-year term loan (the "Term Loan") with a group of banks. The Revolving Credit Facility and the Term Loan mature in June 2007 and bear interest at a fluctuating rate (2.8% at December 31, 2003) based upon LIBOR or the corporate base rate of interest announced by our lead bank.

We fulfill our short-term cash requirements with cash generated from operations and borrowings available from the Revolving Credit Facility. Available borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility are limited to certain percentages of homes under contract, unsold homes, substantially improved lots, raw land and accounts receivable. Each of our significant subsidiaries is a guarantor under the Revolving Credit Facility. At December 31, 2003, we had no outstanding borrowings and available borrowings of \$169.6 million under the Revolving Credit Facility.

In November 2003 we issued \$200 million 6 ½% Senior Notes due November 2013 (the "6½% Senior Notes") in a private placement pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The 6½% Senior Notes were issued at a price of 100% of their face amount (before underwriting discount and other issuance costs). Interest on the 6½% Senior Notes is payable semiannually. We may, at our option, redeem the 6½% 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 6½% 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. We used the proceeds from the issuance of the 6½% Senior Notes for general corporate purposes.

In addition to the 6 ½% Senior Notes, at December 31, 2003, we had outstanding \$200 million 8 5/8% Senior Notes due in May 2011 and \$350 million 8 3/8% Senior Notes due in April 2012 (collectively, the "Senior Notes"). Each of our significant subsidiaries is a guaranter under the Senior Notes.

The Credit Facility, Term Loan and Senior Notes all contain various operating and financial covenants, and non-compliance with such covenants under any facility would accelerate the repayment terms of each. At December 31, 2003, we were in compliance with each of these covenants and we expect to remain in compliance with each of these covenants. At December 31, 2003, under the most restrictive covenants of each indenture, approximately \$251.6 million of our retained earnings were available for cash dividends and for share repurchases.

Our long term debt and other contractual obligations (principally operating leases) are further described in notes 7, 8, 9, 11 and 17 to our consolidated financial statements which appear in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2003.

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.

We believe that our cash 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

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with and without specific performance requirements, 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 requirements 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 \$144.7 million at December 31, 2003. This amount includes letters of credit of approximately \$41.0 million.

Below is a summary of amounts (in thousands) committed under all options at December 31, 2003:

	Aggregate Purchase Price Under Options	
Options with specific performance	\$ 28,381	
Options without specific performance	1,383,667	
Total options	\$ 1,412,048	

We have historically funded the exercise of land options though 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.

#### **OUTLOOK:**

We are optimistic about our prospects for fiscal 2004 and the long-term. We understand that uncertainties surrounding the economy and other factors may reduce this optimism in the future. Our increased earnings for the three months ended December 31, 2003 and our current higher level of backlog give us indications of increased earnings in fiscal 2004 compared to fiscal 2003. We currently target achieving earnings per share for fiscal 2004 in the range of \$14.00 to \$14.75, an increase of 10% to 15% over fiscal 2003. This range does not contemplate any costs or financial impact resulting from the strategic and financial review of the Midwest operations as such costs or financial impact, if any, can not be estimated at this time.

In addition, we believe that continued strength in the housing market and continued execution on our strategic initiatives that leverage our national brand, capitalize on our broad geographic profile through focused product expansion and price-point diversification, and drive best practices to achieve optimal efficiencies, will place us in a strong position for continued growth and will allow us to continue to report increased earnings in fiscal 2005 and beyond.

#### 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 no assurance can be given that the results described in this annual report will 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 our 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 compliance 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 possibility that the Company's improvement plan for the Midwest will not achieve desired results; or
- other factors over which we have little or no control.

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#### 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. We have Swap Agreements to manage interest costs and hedge against risks associated with fluctuating interest rates with respect to \$100 million of floating rate debt. We do not enter into or hold derivatives for trading or speculative purposes.

Pursuant to the Swap Agreements, we have exchanged floating interest rate obligations on an aggregate of \$100 million in notional principal amount. We have formally designated these agreements as cash flow hedges.

#### **Item 4: Controls and Procedures**

As of 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.

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#### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

- (a) Exhibits:
  - 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.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K:

On October 7, 2003 we furnished a report on Form 8-K announcing under Item 12 our new home orders for quarterly and annual periods ended September 30, 2003.

On November 5, 2003 we furnished a report on Form 8-K announcing under Item 12 our earnings and results of operations for quarterly and annual periods ended September 30, 2003.

On November 12, 2003 we furnished a report on Form 8-K announcing under Item 9 that we intended to raise \$200 million of gross proceeds through a private placement of senior notes and providing certain information that would be disclosed to potential investors in connection with the private placement of senior notes.

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#### **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: February 11, 2004 By: /s/ James O'Leary

Name: James O'Leary

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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# 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: February 11, 2004
/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
  - 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: February 11, 2004

/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, 2003 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 February 11, 2004

# 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, 2003 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 February 11, 2004