

BEMIS CO INC  
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**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 June 30, 2012

Commission File Number 1-5277

**BEMIS COMPANY, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**One Neenah Center**  
**4th Floor, P.O. Box 669**  
**Neenah, Wisconsin**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**43-0178130**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**54957-0669**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(920) 727-4100**

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES  NO

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company. YES  NO

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date. As of August 3, 2012, the registrant had 103,280,535 shares of Common Stock, \$.10 par value, issued and outstanding.

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**Forward-Looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains certain estimates, predictions, and other forward-looking statements (as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended). Forward-looking statements are generally identified with the words believe, expect, anticipate, intend, estimate, target, may, will, plan, project, should, continue, or the negative thereof or other similar expressions of future goals or aspirations, which are predictions of or indicate future events and trends and which do not relate to historical matters. Such statements are based on information available to management as of the time of such statements and relate to, among other things, expectations of the business environment in which we operate, projections of future performance (financial and otherwise), including those of acquired companies, perceived opportunities in the market and statements regarding our mission and vision. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from anticipated future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ from those expected include, but are not limited to, general economic conditions caused by inflation, interest rates, consumer confidence, rates of unemployment and foreign currency exchange rates; global economic conditions, including the ongoing sovereign debt crisis and continued uncertainties in Europe; investment performance of assets in our pension plans; competitive conditions within our markets, including the acceptance of our new and existing products; customer contract bidding activity; threats or challenges to our patented or proprietary technologies; raw material costs, availability, and terms, particularly for polymer resins and adhesives; price changes for raw materials and our ability to pass these price changes on to our customers or otherwise manage commodity price fluctuation risks; unexpected energy surcharges; broad changes in customer order patterns; our ability to achieve expected cost savings associated with facility consolidation initiatives; the presence of adequate cash available for investment in our business in order to maintain desired debt levels; a failure in our information technology infrastructure or applications; changes in governmental regulation, especially in the areas of environmental, health and safety matters, fiscal incentives, and foreign investment; unexpected outcomes in our current and future administrative and litigation proceedings; unexpected outcomes in our current and future tax proceedings; changes in domestic and international tax laws; costs associated with the pursuit of business combinations; unexpected costs associated with the integration of acquired businesses; unexpected costs and timing related to plant closings; changes in our labor relations; and the impact of changes in the world political environment including threatened or actual armed conflict. These and other risks, uncertainties, and assumptions identified from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including without limitation, those described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, could cause actual future results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. In addition, actual future results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statement as a result of changes in the assumptions used in making such forward-looking statement.

**PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION****ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The unaudited consolidated financial statements and related footnotes, enclosed as Exhibit 19 to this Form 10-Q (the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements), are incorporated by reference into this Item 1. In the opinion of management, the financial statements reflect all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and the results of operations as of and for the quarter and year-to-date periods ended June 30, 2012.

**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2012**

Management's Discussion and Analysis should be read in conjunction with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Three and six month review of results (in millions, except per share amounts)	Three months ended June 30,				Six months ended June 30,			
	2012		2011		2012		2011	
Net sales	\$ 1,312.7	100.0%	\$ 1,370.2	100.0%	\$ 2,617.5	100.0%	\$ 2,694.6	100.0%
Cost of products sold	1,079.4	82.2	1,132.2	82.6	2,153.2	82.3	2,226.8	82.6
Gross profit	233.3	17.8	238.0	17.4	464.3	17.7	467.8	17.4
<b>Operating expenses</b>								
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	124.0	9.4	126.7	9.2	253.2	9.7	252.9	9.4
Research and development	10.4	0.8	10.0	0.7	21.3	0.8	17.6	0.7
Facility consolidation and other costs	19.7	1.5			28.0	1.1		
Other operating (income) expense, net	(3.6)	(0.3)	(4.0)	(0.2)	(9.5)	(0.4)	(11.2)	(0.4)
Operating income	82.8	6.3	105.3	7.7	171.3	6.5	208.5	7.7
Interest expense	17.3	1.3	18.1	1.3	37.8	1.4	36.4	1.4
Other non-operating (income) expense, net	(1.0)	(0.1)	(0.4)		(0.9)		1.4	
Income before income taxes	66.5	5.1	87.6	6.4	134.4	5.1	170.7	6.3
Provision for income taxes	24.2	1.8	32.0	2.3	48.1	1.8	62.3	2.3
Net income	42.3	3.2	55.6	4.1	86.3	3.3	108.4	4.0
Less: net income attributable to noncontrolling interests			1.3	0.1			2.9	0.1
Net income attributable to Bemis Company, Inc.	\$ 42.3	3.2%	\$ 54.3	4.0%	\$ 86.3	3.3%	\$ 105.5	3.9%
Effective income tax rate		36.4%		36.5%		35.8%		36.5%
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.40		\$ 0.51		\$ 0.82		\$ 0.98	



## **Overview**

Bemis Company, Inc. is a leading global manufacturer of flexible packaging and pressure sensitive materials supplying a variety of markets. Historically about 65 percent of our total net sales are to customers in the food industry. Sales of our flexible packaging products are widely diversified among food categories and can be found in nearly every aisle of the grocery store. Our emphasis on supplying packaging to the food industry has typically provided a more stable market environment for our Flexible Packaging business segment, which historically has accounted for approximately 90 percent of our net sales. Our remaining net sales are from our Pressure Sensitive Materials business segment which, while diversified in end use products, is less focused on food industry applications and more exposed to economically sensitive end markets.

## ***Market Conditions***

The markets into which our products are sold are highly competitive. Our leading flexible packaging market positions in packaging for perishable food and medical device products reflect our focus on value-added, proprietary products. We also manufacture products for which our technical know-how and economies of scale offer us a competitive advantage. The primary raw materials for our business segments are polymer resins, films, paper, ink, adhesives, and aluminum.

Over the past several years, global economic conditions have been weak and prices of food products have increased. While economic growth in Latin America and Asia continue to exceed that of North America and Europe, the pace of growth in these regions has slowed over the past 12 months. As a result, we have generally experienced a slowdown in demand in the various geographic regions in which we operate. In addition, foreign currency exchange rates have weakened against the U.S. dollar during the second quarter of 2012, reducing the value of the operating profit reported from our foreign operations as it is translated to U.S. dollars in our consolidated financial statements.

## ***Facility Consolidation***

During the fourth quarter of 2011, we initiated a facility consolidation program to improve efficiencies and reduce fixed costs. As a part of this program, we announced the planned closure of five facilities. Most of the production from these five facilities is being transferred to other facilities. As of June 30, 2012, manufacturing operations had ceased at four of these manufacturing facilities. The most current estimate of the total cost of this program is \$86 million.

During the second quarter of 2012, we expanded the facility consolidation program to include the planned closure of an additional four production locations, including three facilities outside of the United States. The expansion of the program increased the total estimated program costs by approximately \$55 million and includes approximately \$23 million in employee-related costs, approximately \$16 million in fixed asset accelerated depreciation and write-downs, and approximately \$16 million in other facility consolidation costs.

During the second quarter of 2012, we recorded \$19.7 million of charges associated with the facility consolidation programs. Costs related to facility consolidation activities have been recorded on the consolidated statement of income as facility consolidation and other costs. Of the remaining \$75 million of estimated costs to be expensed for the programs, approximately \$55 million is expected to be expensed in 2012 and approximately \$20 million in 2013. Plant closings associated with the program are expected to be completed in 2012.

Facility consolidation program related cash payments made during the second quarter totaled \$4.5 million, bringing total 2012 cash payments to \$12.5 million. Cash payments for the balance of 2012 are expected to be approximately \$51 million, with an additional \$29 million estimated to be paid in 2013.

## **Acquisitions**

### ***Shield Pack***

On December 1, 2011, we acquired the common stock of Shield Pack, LLC of West Monroe, Louisiana for a cash purchase price of approximately \$44.5 million, subject to customary post-closing adjustments. Shield Pack is a manufacturer of high barrier liners for bulk container packaging.

### ***Mayor Packaging Acquisition***

On August 1, 2011, we acquired Mayor Packaging, a Hong Kong-based manufacturer of consumer and specialty flexible packaging, including a manufacturing facility in Dongguan, China for a cash purchase price of approximately \$96.7 million.

### ***Noncontrolling Interest of Dixie Toga Ltda. (formerly Dixie Toga S.A.)***

During the third quarter of 2011, we completed the purchase of the remaining shares owned by the noncontrolling interest of our Brazilian subsidiary, Dixie Toga Ltda., for approximately \$90 million.

**Results of Operations - Second Quarter 2012***Consolidated Overview*

(in millions, except per share amounts)	2012		2011	
Net sales	\$	1,312.7	\$	1,370.2
Net income attributable to Bemis Company, Inc.		42.3		54.3
Diluted earnings per share		0.40		0.51

Net sales for the second quarter of 2012 decreased 4.2 percent from the same period of 2011, reflecting the impact of lower unit sales volume, partially offset by higher selling price and improved sales mix. Acquisitions completed during the second half of 2011 increased second quarter 2012 net sales by an estimated 1.5 percent. The impact of currency translation reduced net sales by 4.8 percent.

Diluted earnings per share for the second quarter of 2012 were \$0.40 compared to \$0.51 reported in the same quarter of 2011. Results for the second quarter of 2012 included a \$0.12 charge associated with facility consolidation and other costs and a \$0.02 charge for acquisition-related earnout payments.

*Flexible Packaging Business Segment*

(in millions)	2012		2011	
Net sales	\$	1,170.8	\$	1,218.7
Operating profit (See Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements)		96.3		116.3
Operating profit as a percentage of net sales		8.2%		9.5%

Flexible Packaging net sales decreased 3.9 percent in the second quarter of 2012 compared to the same quarter of 2011. The impact of currency translation reduced net sales by 4.8 percent. We estimate that acquisitions completed during the second half of 2011 increased net sales by 1.7 percent. The remaining reduction in sales represents the negative impact of lower unit sales volumes, partially offset by higher selling price and improved sales mix.

Operating profit for the second quarter of 2012 was negatively impacted by \$19.7 million of facility consolidation costs and \$1.7 million of acquisition-related earnout payments. The effect of currency translation decreased operating profit in the second quarter of 2012 by \$4.2 million compared to the same quarter of 2011. Performance for the quarter reflects the benefits of cost reductions, improvements in sales mix, and increases in selling prices, partially offset by lower unit sales volume.

*Pressure Sensitive Materials Business Segment*



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(in millions)	2012		2011	
Net sales	\$	141.9	\$	151.5
Operating profit (See Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements)		10.9		11.8
Operating profit as a percentage of net sales		7.7%		7.8%

Pressure Sensitive Materials net sales decreased 6.3 percent in the second quarter of 2012 compared to the same quarter of 2011. The impact of currency translation reduced net sales by 5.0 percent. The remaining decrease in net sales reflects lower unit sales volumes.

Pressure Sensitive Materials operating profit as a percent of net sales in the second quarter of 2012 decreased slightly compared to the same quarter of 2011. Currency translation reduced operating profit by approximately \$0.8 million.

### *Consolidated Gross Profit*

(in millions)	2012		2011	
Gross profit	\$	233.3	\$	238.0
Gross profit as a percentage of net sales		17.8%		17.4%

Consolidated gross profit as a percent of net sales increased in the second quarter of 2012, reflecting the benefits of cost reductions, increases in prices, and improvements in mix, partially offset by lower unit sales volumes.

### *Consolidated Selling, General, and Administrative Expenses*

(in millions)	2012		2011	
Selling, general and administrative expenses (SG&A)	\$	124.0	\$	126.7
SG&A as a percentage of net sales		9.4%		9.2%

The decrease in consolidated selling, general and administrative expenses in the second quarter of 2012 compared to the same quarter of 2011 reflects the impact of cost reductions and currency translation, partially offset by increased expenses due to acquisitions.

*Consolidated Other Operating (Income) Expense, Net*

(in millions)	2012		2011	
Other operating (income) expense, net	\$	(3.6)	\$	(4.0)

Other operating income and expenses, net included \$4.4 million of fiscal incentive income in the second quarter of 2012 compared to \$5.4 million for the second quarter of 2011. The reduction primarily reflects the impact of currency translation. Fiscal incentives are associated with net sales and manufacturing activities in certain South American operations and are included in our Flexible Packaging segment operating profit.

*Consolidated Interest Expense*

(in millions)	2012		2011	
Interest expense	\$	17.3	\$	18.1
Effective interest rate		4.4%		5.0%

Fixed-rate public notes totaling \$300 million matured on April 1, 2012 and have been refinanced with variable-rate borrowings, reducing both the effective interest rate and the interest expense in the second quarter of 2012 compared to the same quarter of 2011.

*Consolidated Income Taxes*

(in millions)	2012		2011	
Income taxes	\$	24.2	\$	32.0
Effective tax rate		36.4%		36.5%

We expect the effective tax rate for the total year 2012 to be approximately 36 percent.

**Results of Operations Six Months Ended June 30, 2012***Consolidated Overview*

(in millions, except per share amounts)	2012		2011	
Net sales	\$	2,617.5	\$	2,694.6
Net income attributable to Bemis Company, Inc.		86.3		105.5
Diluted earnings per share		0.82		0.98

Net sales for the six months ended June 30, 2012 decreased 2.9 percent from the same period of 2011. The impact of currency translation reduced net sales by 3.2 percent. We estimate that acquisitions completed during the second half of 2011 increased net sales by 1.6 percent. The remaining reduction in sales represents the negative impact of lower unit sales volumes partially offset by higher selling price and improved sales mix.

Diluted earnings per share for the six months ended June 30, 2012 were \$0.82 compared to \$0.98 reported in the same period of 2011. Results for 2012 included an \$0.18 charge associated with facility consolidation and other costs and a \$0.03 charge for acquisition-related earnout payments.

*Flexible Packaging Business Segment*

(in millions)	2012		2011	
Net sales	\$	2,330.3	\$	2,398.0
Operating profit (See Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements)		204.2		232.6
Operating profit as a percentage of net sales		8.8%		9.7%

Flexible Packaging net sales decreased 2.8 percent in the six months ended June 30, 2012 compared to the same period of 2011. The impact of currency translation reduced net sales by 3.2 percent. We estimate that acquisitions completed during the second half of 2011 increased net sales by 1.8 percent. The remaining reduction in sales represents lower unit sales volumes partially offset by higher selling price and improved sales mix.

Operating profit for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was negatively impacted by \$27.9 million of facility consolidation costs and \$3.5 million of acquisition-related earnout payments. The effect of currency translation decreased operating profit in the six months ended June 30, 2012 by \$5.6 million compared to the same period of 2011. Performance for the six months ended June 30, 2012 reflects the benefits of manufacturing cost reductions and improvements in price/mix, partially offset by lower unit sales volume.

*Pressure Sensitive Materials Business Segment*

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(in millions)	2012	2011
Net sales	\$ 287.2	\$ 296.6
Operating profit (See Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements)	20.6	21.7
Operating profit as a percentage of net sales	7.2%	7.3%

Pressure Sensitive Materials net sales decreased 3.2 percent in the six months ended June 30, 2012 compared to the same period of 2011. The impact of currency translation reduced sales by 3.6 percent.

Pressure Sensitive Materials operating profit as a percent of net sales decreased slightly in the six months ended June 30, 2012 compared to the same period of 2011, and includes the negative impact of currency translation of approximately \$1.0 million.

### *Consolidated Gross Profit*

(in millions)	2012	2011
Gross profit	\$ 464.3	\$ 467.8
Gross profit as a percentage of net sales	17.7%	17.4%

Consolidated gross profit as a percent of net sales reflects the positive impact of cost reductions, higher selling prices and improved mix, partially offset by lower unit sales volumes and negative currency translation.

### *Consolidated Selling, General, and Administrative Expenses*

(in millions)	2012	2011
Selling, general and administrative expenses (SG&A)	\$ 253.2	\$ 252.9
SG&A as a percentage of net sales	9.7%	9.4%

Consolidated selling, general and administrative expenses increased in the six months ended June 30, 2012 compared to the same period of 2011, and reflect additional expense related to acquisitions, partially offset by the impact of currency translation.

**Consolidated Other Operating (Income) Expense, Net**

(in millions)	2012		2011	
Other operating (income) expense, net	\$	(9.5)	\$	(11.2)

Other operating income and expenses, net in the six months ended June 30, 2012 included \$9.6 million of fiscal incentive income compared to \$10.8 million for the same period of 2011. The reduction primarily reflects the impact of currency translation. Fiscal incentives are associated with net sales and manufacturing activities in certain South American operations and are included in our Flexible Packaging segment operating profit.

**Consolidated Interest Expense**

(in millions)	2012		2011	
Interest expense	\$	37.8	\$	36.4
Effective interest rate		4.8%		5.3%

Consolidated interest expense increased in the six months ended June 30, 2012 compared to the same period of 2011 as a result of the October 2011 issuance of \$400 million long-term notes. This was partially offset beginning in the second quarter of 2012 when public notes totaling \$300 million matured on April 1, 2012 and were refinanced with lower cost commercial paper.

**Consolidated Income Taxes**

(in millions)	2012		2011	
Income taxes	\$	48.1	\$	62.3
Effective tax rate		35.8%		36.5%

The lower 2012 effective tax rate reflects the recognition of a tax benefit in the first quarter that will not reoccur in subsequent quarters during the balance of 2012. We expect the effective tax rate for the total year 2012 to be about 36 percent.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

***Net Debt to Total Capitalization***

Net debt to total capitalization (which includes total debt net of cash balances divided by total debt net of cash balances plus equity) was 48 percent at June 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011. Total debt as of June 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 was \$1.6 billion.

***Cash Flow***

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$143.3 million for the first six months of 2012, compared to \$81.9 million for the first six months of 2011. During the first six months of 2012, cash flows provided by operating activities included payments of severance and other accrued costs related to our facility consolidation programs of \$12.5 million. Increases in inventory and accounts receivable levels during 2011 were magnified by the impact of dramatically increasing raw material costs and higher selling prices.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$55.3 million for the first six months of 2012, compared to \$76.4 million for the same period of 2011. During the first six months of 2011, cash used in investing activities included a \$15.8 million cash payment for post-closing balance sheet adjustments related to the 2010 Alcan Packaging Food Americas acquisition.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$68.8 million for the first six months of 2012, compared to \$15.5 million cash provided by financing activities for the same period of 2011. Net cash provided by financing activities during the first six months of 2011 included the net effect of a \$173.3 million increase in commercial paper and the purchase of 3.8 million shares of Bemis Company, Inc. common stock in the open market for \$123.1 million.

***Available Financing***

In addition to using cash provided by operating activities, we issue commercial paper to meet our short-term liquidity needs. As of June 30, 2012, our commercial paper debt outstanding was \$330.5 million. Based on our current credit rating, we enjoy ready access to the commercial paper markets.

Under the terms of our revolving credit agreement, we have the capacity to borrow up to \$800 million. This facility is principally used as back-up for our commercial paper program. Our revolving credit facility is supported by a group of major U.S. and international banks. Covenants imposed by the revolving credit facility include limits on the sale of businesses, minimum net worth calculations, and a maximum ratio of debt to total capitalization. The revolving credit agreement includes a \$100 million multicurrency limit to support the financing needs of our international subsidiaries. As of June 30, 2012, there was \$338.5 million of debt outstanding supported by this credit facility, leaving \$461.5 million of available credit. If we were not able to issue commercial paper, we would expect to meet our financial liquidity needs by accessing the bank market, which would increase our borrowing costs. Borrowings under the credit agreement are subject to a variable interest rate.

Public notes totaling \$300 million matured on April 1, 2012 and have been refinanced with commercial paper. Industrial revenue bonds totaling \$8 million are scheduled to mature in November 2012, and have been classified as long term debt on the June 30, 2012 balance sheet in accordance with our ability and intent to refinance them with commercial paper.

***Liquidity Outlook***

We expect cash flow from operations and available liquidity described above to be sufficient to support future operating activities. There can be no assurance, however, that the cost or availability of future borrowings will not be impacted by future capital market disruptions. In addition, increases in raw material costs would increase our short-term liquidity needs.

***Dividends***

In February 2012, the Board of Directors approved the 29th consecutive annual increase in the quarterly cash dividend on common stock to \$0.25 per share, a 4.2 percent increase.

**New Accounting Pronouncements**

There has been no new accounting guidance issued or effective during the first six months of 2012 that is expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

**Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based on our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its estimates and judgments, including those related to retirement benefits, intangible assets, goodwill, and expected future performance of operations. Our estimates and judgments are based on historical experience and on various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. These critical accounting estimates are discussed in detail in Management's Discussion and Analysis Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

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

There have been no material changes in the Company's market risk during the six month period ended June 30, 2012. For additional information, refer to Note 4 and Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Exhibit 19 and to Part II, Item 7A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

The Company's management, under the direction, supervision, and involvement of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, has carried out an evaluation, as of the end of the period covered by this report, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act)) of the Company. Based on this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have concluded that disclosure controls and procedures in place at the Company are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified by the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the most recent 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**

The material set forth in Note 12 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

The following factor, as well as factors described elsewhere in this Form 10-Q, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, or in other filings by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission, could adversely affect the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. Other factors not presently known to us or that we presently believe are not material could also affect our business operations and financial results.

**Interest rates An increase in interest rates could reduce our reported results of operations.**

At June 30, 2012, our variable rate borrowings approximated \$739.8 million (which includes \$400 million fixed rate notes that have been effectively converted to variable rate debt through the use of a fixed to variable rate interest rate swap). Fluctuations in interest rates can increase our borrowing costs and consequently, have an adverse impact on our results of operations. Increases in short-term interest rates will directly impact the amount of interest we pay. For each one percent increase in variable interest rates, our annual interest expense would increase by \$7.4 million on the \$739.8 million of variable rate borrowings outstanding as of June 30, 2012.

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

The Company did not repurchase any of its equity securities in the three months ended June 30, 2012. As of June 30, 2012, under authority granted by the Board of Directors, the Company had authorization to repurchase an additional 4,543,800 shares of its common stock.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

The Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by reference.

**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.

BEMIS COMPANY, INC.

Date August 9, 2012 /s/ Scott B. Ullem  
Scott B. Ullem, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date August 9, 2012 /s/ Jerry S. Krempa  
Jerry S. Krempa, Vice President and Controller

**Exhibit Index**

Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have filed certain agreements as exhibits to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. These agreements may contain representations and warranties by the parties thereto. These representations and warranties have been made solely for the benefit of the other party or parties to such agreements and (i) may have been qualified by disclosures made to such other party or parties, (ii) were made only as of the date of such agreements or such other date(s) as may be specified in such agreements and are subject to more recent developments, which may not be fully reflected in our public disclosure, (iii) may reflect the allocation of risk among the parties to such agreements and (iv) may apply materiality standards different from what may be viewed as material to investors. Accordingly, these representations and warranties may not describe our actual state of affairs at the date hereof and should not be relied upon.

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Form of Filing</b>
3(a)	Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended. (1)	Incorporated by Reference
3(b)	By-Laws of the Registrant, as amended through February 4, 2011. (2)	Incorporated by Reference
4(a)	Form of Indenture dated as of June 15, 1995, between the Registrant and U.S. Bank Trust National Association (formerly known as First Trust National Association), as Trustee. Copies of constituent instruments defining rights of holders of long-term debt of the Company and Subsidiaries, other than the Indenture specified herein, are not filed herewith, pursuant to Instruction (b)(4)(iii)(A) to Item 601 of Regulation S-K, because the total amount of securities Authorized under any such instrument does not exceed 10% of the total assets of the Company and Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. The registrant hereby agrees that it will, upon request by the SEC, furnish to the SEC a copy of each such instrument. (3)	Incorporated by Reference
10	Amendment No. 1 to Credit Agreement (4)	Incorporated by Reference
19	Reports Furnished to Security Holders.	Filed Electronically
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of CEO.	Filed Electronically
31.2	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of CFO.	Filed Electronically
32	Section 1350 Certification of CEO and CFO.	Filed Electronically
101	The following materials from Bemis Company, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012, formatted in XBRL: (i) Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income and Comprehensive Income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011; (ii) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet at June 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011; (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011; (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Equity for the six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011; and (v) Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.	Filed Electronically

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- (1) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004 (File No. 1-5277).  
(2) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant s Form 8-K filed February 10, 2011 (File No. 1-5277).  
(3) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 30, 1995 (File No. 1-5277).  
(4) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 3, 2012 (File No. 1-5277)