

SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS INC  
Form 10-Q  
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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 March 31, 2010

OR

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

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

Commission File Number 1-12607

**SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

**31-0621189**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

**900 Circle 75 Parkway, Suite 1120, Atlanta, Georgia 30339**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**(770) 933-7000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 filings requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

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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, or a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

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

The number of Common Shares, without par value, outstanding as of May 14, 2010 was 8,072,482.

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	March 31, 2010	June 30, 2009
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,692	\$ 2,364
Receivables - net	19,636	21,116
Inventory	4,677	4,745
Income tax receivable	243	87
Deferred income tax asset	6,386	5,446
Prepaid expenses and other	4,006	3,265
Current assets of Mountainside Medical Center	1,325	
 Total Current Assets	 38,965	 37,023
Property, Plant and Equipment, at cost	73,019	71,557
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	29,588	25,435
 Property, Plant and Equipment - net	 43,431	 46,122
Intangible assets-net	11,954	12,587
Goodwill	9,024	9,453
Other assets	1,775	2,198
 Total Assets	 \$ 105,149	 \$ 107,383

**LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**

Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 7,477	\$ 9,131
Revolving advances	2,100	3,400
Current maturities of long-term debt	1,796	1,808
Current maturities of subordinated long-term debt	300	300
Accrued payroll and related taxes	6,136	4,749
Income taxes	1,601	1,664
Other accrued expenses	3,854	4,348
 Total Current Liabilities	 23,264	 25,400
Long-Term Liabilities:		
Long-term debt	29,539	30,887
Subordinated long-term debt	2,400	2,550
Noncurrent liability for professional liability risks	2,880	3,072
Noncurrent deferred income tax liabilities	2,161	1,776
Other noncurrent liabilities	763	1,306
 Total Long-term Liabilities	 37,743	 39,591
Commitments and Contingencies		
Shareholders' Equity:		

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Preferred shares, authorized and unissued, 2,000 shares		
Common shares, without par value:		
Issued and outstanding, 8,072 shares at March 31, 2010 and 8,050 shares at June 30, 2009	4,036	4,025
Additional paid-in capital	11,682	11,626
Retained earnings	28,081	26,463
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(272)	(337)
<b>Total Parent Company Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>43,527</b>	<b>41,777</b>
Noncontrolling interest	615	615
<b>Total Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>44,142</b>	<b>42,392</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>\$ 105,149</b>	<b>\$ 107,383</b>

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

## SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

(unaudited)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED March 31,		NINE MONTHS ENDED March 31,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Net Revenues	\$ 51,727	\$ 53,563	\$ 149,697	\$ 149,999
Costs and Expenses				
Cost of goods sold	8,446	10,004	24,044	25,299
Salaries, wages and benefits	20,130	20,091	60,172	59,692
Provision for bad debts	7,154	6,399	20,277	18,131
Supplies	3,943	3,790	11,792	10,903
Purchased services	2,918	2,792	9,025	8,714
Other operating expenses	4,953	5,070	15,436	15,964
Rent and lease expense	831	841	2,459	2,401
Impairment of construction in progress		433		433
Depreciation and amortization	1,702	1,733	5,059	5,137
Gain on sale of Home Health businesses			(2,342)	
Operating Profit	1,650	2,410	3,775	3,325
Other Income (Expense):				
Gain on sale of assets				180
Interest expense	(832)	(292)	(2,610)	(2,818)
Interest income	3	22	12	39
Earnings from Continuing Operations before Income Taxes	821	2,140	1,177	726
Income Tax Expense	391	1,159	609	509
Earnings from Continuing Operations	430	981	568	217
Earnings (Loss) from Discontinued Operations	1,216	(32)	1,050	(196)
Net Earnings	\$ 1,646	\$ 949	\$ 1,618	\$ 21
Earnings (Loss) Per Share:				
Continuing Operations:				
Basic	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.03
Diluted	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.03
Discontinued Operations:				
Basic	\$ 0.15	\$ (0.00)	\$ 0.13	\$ (0.02)
Diluted	\$ 0.15	\$ (0.00)	\$ 0.13	\$ (0.02)

Net Earnings:

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Basic	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.00
Diluted	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.00
<b>Weighted-Average Common Shares Outstanding:</b>				
Basic	8,057	7,999	8,052	7,975
Diluted	8,069	7,999	8,068	8,027

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

## SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31,	
	2010	2009
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	\$ 1,582	\$ 272
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Proceeds from sale of Home Health businesses	3,300	
Expenditures for property, plant and equipment	(1,812)	(1,032)
Proceeds from sale of assets		522
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities	1,488	(510)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:		
Revolving advances, net	(1,300)	2,100
Payments on long-term debt	(1,509)	(1,933)
Proceeds from issuance of common shares under stock option plans	67	108
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities	(2,742)	275
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	328	37
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	2,364	1,716
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 2,692	\$ 1,753
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:		
Cash Paid For:		
Interest	\$ 2,335	\$ 2,415
Income taxes	\$ 1,813	\$ 1,145
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Assets acquired under capital lease obligation	\$	\$ 131

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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SUNLINK HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2010

(all dollar amounts in thousands except per share amounts)

(unaudited)

**Note 1. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for the three and nine month periods ended March 31, 2010 have been prepared in accordance with Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X of the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) and, as such, do not include all information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements included in the SunLink Health Systems, Inc. ( SunLink , we , our , ours , us or the Company ) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, filed with the September 28, 2009. In the opinion of management, the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, which are unaudited, include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly the financial position and results of operations for the periods indicated. The results of operations for the three month and nine month periods ended March 31, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the entire fiscal year or any other interim period.

**Note 2. Business Operations and Corporate Strategy**

Business Operations

SunLink Health Systems, Inc. is a provider of healthcare services in certain rural and exurban markets in the United States. SunLink's business is composed of two business segments:

Healthcare Facilities, which consist of

Our seven community hospitals which have a total of 402 licensed beds;

Our three nursing homes, which have a total of 261 licensed beds, each of which is located adjacent to a corresponding SunLink community hospital; and

Our one home health agency, which operates in connection with a corresponding SunLink community hospital.

Specialty Pharmacy, which consists of

Specialty pharmacy services;

Durable medical equipment;

Institutional pharmacy services; and



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Retail pharmacy products and services, all of which are conducted in rural markets.

SunLink has conducted its healthcare facilities business since 2001 and its specialty pharmacy business since April 2008. Our Specialty Pharmacy Segment currently is operated through Carmichael's Cashway Pharmacy, Inc. (Carmichael), a subsidiary of our ScriptsRx LLC subsidiary and consists of a specialty pharmacy business acquired in April 2008 with four service lines.

### Strategy

SunLink's business strategy is to focus its efforts on internal growth of its existing healthcare facilities and its pharmacy business, supplemented by growth from selected rural and exurban healthcare acquisitions, including but not limited to hospitals, nursing homes, home care businesses, and pharmacy businesses. However, as was the case in 2004 with the sale of our Mountainside Medical Center hospital and in September 2009 with the sale of three home health agencies, we consider disposition of one or more of our facilities or operations based on a variety

of factors including asset values, return on investments, competition from existing and potential facilities and capital improvement needs and other corporate objectives. We likewise evaluate our strategic alternatives on an on-going basis. In addition, as we have previously announced, we have recently engaged Fennebresque & Co. of Charlotte, NC as financial advisor to aid in our evaluation of strategic alternatives as well as in connection with a potential refinancing of our outstanding indebtedness. Currently no agreement has been reached or approved by the Board of SunLink to effect any strategic transaction or to refinance any of our outstanding indebtedness.

Our operational strategy is focused on efforts to increase internal growth. Our primary operational strategy for our community hospitals is to improve the profitability of such hospitals by reducing out-migration of patients, recruiting physicians, expanding services and implementing and maintaining effective cost controls. Our operational strategy for our nursing homes and home health agency is similar to that for our community hospitals and is focused on marketing services and implementing and maintaining effective cost controls.

Finally, our operational strategy for our specialty pharmacy segment is focused on continuing the integration of the Carmichael operations acquired in April 2008, increasing collection efforts, marketing services and implementing and maintaining effective cost controls.

**Note 3. Sale of Home Health Businesses**

In September 2009, we sold three of our home health businesses for approximately \$3,300 resulting in a pre-tax gain of approximately \$2,342 for the nine months ended March 31, 2010. Included in the net assets of the three home health businesses sold was \$429 of goodwill related to our Healthcare Facilities Segment. The home health businesses were located in Adel, GA, Clanton, AL and Fulton, MO.

**Note 4. Discontinued Operations**

All of the businesses discussed below are reported as discontinued operations and the condensed consolidated financial statements for all prior periods have been adjusted to reflect this presentation.

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Results for all of the businesses included in discontinued operations are presented in the following table:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Nine Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
<b>Earnings (Loss) from discontinued operations:</b>				
<b>Housewares Segment:</b>				
Loss from operations	\$ (205)	\$ (51)	\$ (379)	\$ (191)
Income tax benefit	(22)	(23)	(81)	(78)
<b>Loss from Housewares Segment after taxes</b>	<b>(183)</b>	<b>(28)</b>	<b>(298)</b>	<b>(113)</b>
<b>Mountainside Medical Center</b>				
Earnings from operations	1,810		1,767	(98)
Income tax expense	393	(3)	378	(40)
<b>Earnings from Mountainside Medical Center after taxes</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>(58)</b>
<b>Life sciences and engineering segment:</b>				
Loss from operations	(18)	(14)	(53)	(43)
Income tax benefit		(7)	(12)	(18)
<b>Loss from life sciences and engineering segment after taxes</b>	<b>(18)</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>(41)</b>	<b>(25)</b>
<b>Earnings (Loss) from discontinued operations</b>	<b>\$ 1,216</b>	<b>\$ (32)</b>	<b>\$ 1,050</b>	<b>\$ (196)</b>

**Housewares Segment** - Beldray Limited ( Beldray ), SunLink's U.K. housewares manufacturing subsidiary, was sold on October 5, 2001 to two of its managers for nominal consideration. KRUG International U.K. Ltd. ( KRUG UK ), an inactive U.K. subsidiary of SunLink, entered into a guarantee ( the Beldray Guarantee ), at a time when it owned Beldray. The Beldray Guarantee covered Beldray's obligations under a lease of a portion of Beldray's former manufacturing location. KRUG UK was placed into involuntary liquidation by a U.K. High Court in February 2005 and, in an insolvency proceeding, the liquidator in August 2007 made an application against SunLink and three former directors of KRUG UK. This application was settled for approximately \$1,400 on April 13, 2010. A portion of the settlement, \$480, was contributed as an insured claim by SunLink's Directors and Officers' insurer. SunLink's other current expenses at March 31, 2010, included \$920 contributed by SunLink to the settlement. The pre-tax loss of \$205 in the three month period ended March 31, 2010 with respect to the former housewares segment operations resulted from \$342 to increase the reserve for the claim paid to the liquidator in April 2010, \$195 of legal defense expense offset by \$332 of insurance reimbursement for legal expenses paid. The pre-tax loss for the nine months of \$379 was comprised of the increase in the reserve for the claim, the insurance reimbursement and \$369 of legal defense expense. See the Legal Proceedings subsection in Note 14 Commitments and Contingencies which follows for additional disclosure with respect to the liquidator's claim and settlement.

**Mountainside Medical Center** - On June 1, 2004, SunLink sold its Mountainside Medical Center ( Mountainside ) hospital in Jasper, Georgia, for approximately \$40,000 pursuant to the terms of an asset sale agreement. In connection with this sale, a claim by the buyer of Mountainside and a counter claim by SunLink had been in litigation since July 2006. On October 26, 2006, SunLink obtained a judgment for damages of \$1,056 plus accrued prejudgment interest from the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia. The damage amount of \$1,056 is a net amount including \$1,560 of Medicaid receipts owed to SunLink for pre-sale operations of Mountainside (and previously collected and disputed by the buyer) less \$504 SunLink owed to the buyer under the asset sale agreement. This judgment was appealed by the buyer to the Georgia Court of Appeal which affirmed the judgment in November 2009. The judgment was further appealed to the Georgia Supreme Court which, on May 2, 2010, declined to hear the appeal. As a result of this decision, SunLink recorded a receivable at March 31, 2010 for

\$1,325 composed of the judgment amount plus pre-judgment and post-judgment interest through that date in Current Assets of Mountainside in the accompanying March 31, 2010 balance sheet. Included in the pre-tax earnings of Mountainside for the three and nine month periods ended March 31, 2010 as a result of the judgment is \$1,829, composed of total of the \$1,560 payment plus \$266 of accrued judgment interest. Also included in pre-tax earning of Mountainside for three and nine month periods ended March 31, 2010 are legal expenses related to the litigation with the buyer claim and SunLink's counterclaim. Under the terms of the asset sale agreement, SunLink has the right to be indemnified by the buyer for losses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses of litigation) incurred in enforcing the covenants and agreements of the buyer of the asset sale agreement. No amount of any possible recovery of legal fees has been accrued as of March 31, 2010. The retained assets and liabilities of Mountainside are shown in current assets and current liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet. See the Legal Proceedings subsection in Note 14 Commitments and Contingencies which follows for additional disclosure with respect to the claims.

**Life Sciences and Engineering Segment** - SunLink retained a defined benefit retirement plan which covered substantially all of the employees of this segment when it was sold in fiscal 1998. Effective February 28, 1997, the plan was amended to freeze participant benefits and close the plan to new participants. Included in discontinued operations for the three and nine month periods ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, were the following:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Nine Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Interest cost	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 54	\$ 54
Expected return on assets	(11)	(13)	(33)	(38)
Amortization of prior service cost	11	9	32	27
Net pension expense	\$ 18	\$ 14	\$ 53	\$ 43

SunLink did not contribute to the plan in the nine months ended March 31, 2010. We expect to make no contribution to the plan through the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

**Discontinued Operations Reserves** - Over the past 20 years, SunLink has discontinued operations carried on by its former Mountainside Medical Center and its former industrial, U.K. leisure marine, life sciences and engineering, and European child safety segments, as well as the U.K. housewares segment. SunLink's reserves relating to discontinued operations of these segments represent management's best estimate of SunLink's possible liability for property, product liability and other claims for which SunLink may incur liability. These estimates are based on management's judgments, using currently available information, as well as, in certain instances, consultation with its insurance carriers, third party advisors and legal counsel. While estimates have been based on the evaluation of available information, it is not possible to predict with certainty the ultimate outcome of many contingencies relating to discontinued operations. SunLink intends to continue to adjust its estimates of the reserves as additional information is developed and evaluated. However, management believes that the final resolution of these contingencies will not have a material adverse impact on the financial position, cash flows or results of operations of SunLink.

**Note 5. Stock-Based Compensation**

For the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, the Company recognized \$10 and \$26, respectively, in salaries, wages and benefit expense for share options issued to employees and directors of the Company and for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, the Company recognized \$33 and \$173, respectively, in salaries, wages and benefit expense for share options issued to employees and directors of the Company. The fair value of the share options granted was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. There were no share options granted during the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 28,000 share options granted during the nine months ended March 31, 2009.

**Note 6. Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued SFAS No. 168, *The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* (ASC 105, *Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*) ASC 105 . ASC 105 replaces SFAS No. 162, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*, and establishes the *FASB Accounting Standards Codification* ( Codification ) as the source of authoritative accounting principles recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities in the preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP. On the effective date of this Statement, the Codification will supersede all then-existing non-SEC accounting and reporting standards. ASC 105 is effective for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. The codification is effective for the accompanying interim financial statements and the principal impact is limited to disclosures as all future references to authoritative literature will be referenced in accordance with the codification.

In September 2006, the FASB issued new accounting guidance related to fair value measurements and related disclosures. This new guidance defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. We adopted this new guidance on July 1, 2008, as required for our financial assets and financial liabilities. However, the FASB deferred the effective date of this new guidance for one year as it related to fair value measurement requirements for nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis. We adopted these remaining provisions on July 1, 2009. The adoption of this accounting guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments** - The recorded values of cash, receivables, and payables approximate their fair values because of the relatively short maturity of these instruments. Similarly, the fair value of SunLink's long-term debt is estimated to approximate its recorded values due to its relatively short maturity period - six years.

In December 2007, the FASB issued new accounting guidance related to the accounting for noncontrolling interests in consolidated financial statements. This guidance establishes accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. This guidance requires that noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries be reported in the equity section of the controlling company's balance sheet. It also changes the manner in which the net income of the subsidiary is reported and disclosed in the controlling company's income statement. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. We adopted this guidance on July 1, 2009 and reclassified minority interest to the equity section of the balance sheet. (See Note 12 Noncontrolling Interest)

**Note 7. Receivables- net**

Summary information for receivables is as follows:

	March 31, 2010	June 30, 2009
Accounts receivable (net of contractual allowances)	\$ 36,662	\$ 36,077
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(17,026)	(14,961)
<b>Receivables - net</b>	<b>\$ 19,636</b>	<b>\$ 21,116</b>

Net revenues included increases of \$624 and \$119 for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, for the settlements and filings of prior year Medicare and Medicaid cost reports. Net revenues included increases of \$1,084 and \$391 for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, for the settlements of prior year Medicare and Medicaid cost reports.

**Note 8. Goodwill And Intangible Assets**

SunLink has goodwill and intangible assets related to its Healthcare Facilities and Specialty Pharmacy segments.

Intangibles consist of the following, net of amortization:

	March 31, 2010	June 30, 2009
<b>Healthcare Facilities Segment</b>		
Certificates of Need	\$ 630	\$ 630
Noncompetition Agreements	266	266
	896	896
Accumulated Amortization	(386)	(301)
	\$ 510	\$ 595
<b>Specialty Pharmacy Segment</b>		
Trade Name	5,400	5,400
Customer Relationships	6,400	6,400
Medicare License	769	769
Noncompetition Agreements	290	290
	12,859	12,859
Accumulated Amortization	(1,415)	(867)
	11,444	11,992
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,954</b>	<b>\$ 12,587</b>

Amortization expense was \$211 and \$240 for the quarters ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Amortization expense was \$633 and \$692 for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Goodwill consists of the following:

	March 31, 2010	June 30, 2009
Healthcare Facilities Segment	\$ 2,515	\$ 2,944
Specialty Pharmacy Segment	6,509	6,509
	\$ 9,024	\$ 9,453

In September 2009, we sold three of our home health businesses for approximately \$3,300. Included in the net assets of the three home health businesses sold was \$429 of goodwill related to our Healthcare Facilities Segment.

**Note 9. Long-Term Debt**

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2010	June 30, 2009
Term Loan	\$ 31,273	\$ 32,587
Capital lease obligations	62	108
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,335</b>	<b>32,695</b>
Less current maturities	(1,796)	(1,808)
	<b>\$ 29,539</b>	<b>\$ 30,887</b>

**SunLink Credit Facilities** On April 23, 2008, SunLink entered into a \$47,000 seven-year senior secured credit facility ( Credit Facility ) comprised of a revolving line of credit of up to \$12,000 with an interest rate at LIBOR plus 3.50% (6.25% at March 31, 2010) (the Revolving Loan ) and a \$35,000 term loan with an interest rate at LIBOR plus 5.07% (7.82% at March 31, 2010) (the Term Loan ). In the Credit Facility, LIBOR is defined as the Thirty-Day published rate, not to be less than 2.75%, nor more than 5.50%. The total availability of credit under all components of the credit facility is keyed to the level of SunLink's earnings, which, based upon the Company's estimates, provided for current borrowing capacity, before any draws, of approximately \$40,670 at March 31, 2010. Costs and fees related to execution of the Credit Facility were \$2,179. The fees will be amortized over seven years at approximately \$317 a year and are recorded in other assets and other non-current assets. Amortization expense was approximately \$100 and \$293, respectively, for the quarter and nine months ended March 31, 2010 and \$95 and \$282, respectively, for the quarter and nine months ended March 31, 2009. Accumulated amortization was approximately \$731 and \$343 at March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The Credit Facility is secured by a first priority security interest in substantially all real and personal property of the Company and its consolidated domestic subsidiaries, including a pledge of all of the equity interests in such subsidiaries.

The Credit Facility contains various terms and conditions, including operational and financial restrictions and limitations, and affirmative and negative covenants. The covenants include financial covenants measured on a quarterly basis which require SunLink to comply with maximum leverage and minimum fixed charge ratios, maximum capital expenditure amounts, collateral value to loan amount and liquidity and cash flow measures, all as defined in the Credit Agreement. We believe we are currently in compliance with such covenants based upon an interpretation of various covenant definitions we believe reasonable but about which there can be no certainty. Thus no assurance is given that our interpretation could not be challenged by our lenders or that we will be able to continue in compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the Credit Facility in subsequent fiscal quarters. If we fail to remain in compliance with the Credit Facility, we would cease to have a right to draw on the Credit Facility and the lenders would, among other things, be entitled to call a default and demand repayment of the indebtedness outstanding thereunder.

**Note 10. Subordinated Long-Term Debt**

Subordinated long-term debt consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2010	June 30, 2009
Carmichael	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,850
Less current maturities	(300)	(300)
	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,550

**Carmichael Loan** On April 22, 2008, SunLink Scripts Rx, LLC entered into a \$3,000 promissory note agreement with an interest rate of 8% with the former owners of Carmichael as part of the acquisition purchase price. The note is payable in semi-annual installments of \$150 beginning on April 22, 2009 with the remaining balance of \$1,200 due April 22, 2015. Interest is payable in arrears semi-annually on the six-month anniversary of the issuance of the note. The note is guaranteed by SunLink Health Systems, Inc. for the payment of the note and accrued interest. The note is subordinate to our Credit Facility.

**Note 11. Income Taxes**

Income tax expense of \$391 (\$535 federal tax expense and \$144 state tax benefit) and income tax expense of \$1,159 (\$837 federal tax benefit and \$322 state tax benefit) was recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Income tax expense of \$609 (\$753 federal tax expense and \$144 state tax benefit) and \$509 (\$260 federal tax expense and \$249 state tax expense) was recorded for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The high effective income tax rate of 51.7% for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 resulted from the tax non-deductibility of \$429 of goodwill included in the net assets of the home health businesses sold during the nine months.

We had an estimated net operating loss carry-forward for federal income tax purposes of approximately \$6,200 at March 31, 2010. Use of this net operating loss carry-forward is subject to the limitations of the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 382. As a result, not all of the net operating loss carry-forward is available to offset federal taxable income in the current year. At March 31, 2010, we have provided a partial valuation allowance against the domestic deferred tax asset so that the net domestic tax asset was \$4,785. Based upon management's assessment that it was more likely than not that a portion of its domestic deferred tax asset (primarily its domestic net operating losses subject to limitation) would not be recovered, the Company established a valuation allowance for the portion of the domestic tax asset which may not be utilized. The Company has provided a valuation allowance for the entire amount of the foreign tax asset as it is more likely than not that none of the foreign deferred tax assets will be realized through future taxable income or implementation of tax planning strategies.



The Company accounts for uncertainty in income taxes for a change in judgment related to prior years' tax positions in the quarter of such change. Activity in the unrecognized tax benefit liability account is as follows from July 1, 2008 through March 31, 2010:

Balance at July 1, 2008	58
Additions based on tax positions related to current year	31
Reduction for tax positions of prior years	(23)
Balance at June 30, 2009	66
Additions based on tax positions related to current year	27
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	(23)
Balance at March 31, 2010	70

SunLink or one or more of our subsidiaries files income tax returns with the United States, various states in the United States and in certain foreign jurisdictions. We are not currently subject to U.S. federal, state or local, or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities for any tax years. We therefore believe that there is no tax jurisdiction in which the outcome of unresolved issues or claims is likely to be material to our financial position, cash flows or results of operations. We further believe that we have made adequate provision for all income tax uncertainties.

At July 1, 2009, our unrecognized tax benefits, the aggregate tax effect of differences between tax return positions and the benefits recognized in our financial statements as shown above, amounted to \$66. If recognized, all of our unrecognized tax benefits would not reduce our income tax expense or effective tax rate except as such recognition related to the removal of the liability associated with interest classified as income tax expense. No portion of any such reduction might be reported as discontinued operations. During fiscal year 2010, certain factors could potentially reduce our unrecognized tax benefits, either because of the expiration of open statutes of limitation or modifications to our intercompany accounting policies and procedures. Of these tax positions, none relate to positions that would affect our total tax provision or effective tax rate (except as such recognition related to the removal of the liability associated with interest classified as income tax expense).

We classify interest accrued on tax deficiencies as tax expense and classify income tax penalties as tax expense. At March 31, 2010, before any tax benefits, our accrued interest on unrecognized tax benefits amounted to \$14 and we had recorded no related accrued penalties.

#### **Note 12. Noncontrolling Interest**

On February 1, 2008, SunLink sold 17% of the Chilton Medical Center in Clanton, Alabama, to individual physicians, most of whom practice at that facility. The noncontrolling interest reported reflects these physicians ownership interest at March 31, 2010. The results of operations for the period from February 1, 2008 to March 31, 2010 were a loss and did not impact the physicians' ownership interest. In December 2007, the FASB issued new guidance relating to accounting for noncontrolling interests in consolidated financial statements and requires that noncontrolling interest in subsidiaries be reported in the equity section of the controlling company's balance sheet. The Company adopted this guidance on July 1, 2009 and has retroactively adjusted the accompanying June 30, 2009 condensed consolidated balance sheet to conform to this accounting standard and the March 31, 2010 presentation.

**Note 13. Comprehensive Earnings**

Our comprehensive earnings include foreign currency translation adjustments and change in minimum pension liability. The foreign currency translation adjustment results primarily from the effect of changes in the exchange rates of the UK pound on our reserve for the Beldray Guarantee (See Note 4. *Discontinued Operations* ).

Total comprehensive earnings for the following periods were as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Net earnings	\$ 1,646	\$ 949	\$ 1,618	\$ 21
Other comprehensive income net of tax:				
Change in equity due to:				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	49	62	64	395
<b>Comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$ 1,695</b>	<b>\$ 1,011</b>	<b>\$ 1,682</b>	<b>\$ 416</b>

**Note 14. Commitments and Contingencies**Legal Proceedings

On July 13, 2006, Piedmont Healthcare, Inc. ( *PHI* ) and Piedmont Mountainside Hospital, Inc. ( *PMH* ) (collectively the *Plaintiffs* or *Piedmont*) filed a Complaint in the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia, alleging breach of the Asset Purchase Agreement (the *Agreement* ) dated as of April 9, 2004 by and among *PMH*, Piedmont Medical Center, Inc. (n/k/a *PMI*), Southern Health Corporation of Jasper, Inc. ( *SHCJ* ), SunLink Healthcare LLC (formerly SunLink Healthcare Corp.) and SunLink (collectively *Defendants* or *SunLink* ) pursuant to which the Mountainside Medical Center was sold to *PMH* in June 2004. Specifically, Piedmont sought to have SunLink reimburse Piedmont for certain costs associated with an alleged indigent and charity care shortfall of Piedmont Mountainside Hospital (formerly Mountainside Medical Center) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 demanded by the Georgia Department of Community Health ( *DCH* ). In addition, Piedmont sought reimbursement for funds allegedly recouped from *PMH* by *DCH* in respect of Medicaid Cost Report settlements and adjustments for the reporting periods ended June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003 and May 31, 2004. Piedmont also sought a declaratory judgment to the effect that *PMH* could retain certain payments it received or likely would receive from the *DCH*'s Indigent Care Trust Fund for Disproportionate Share Hospitals. Piedmont also sought recovery of costs and attorney's fees pursuant to the *Agreement* and under Georgia Law.

On August 11, 2006, SunLink filed an Answer to the complaint asserting factual and legal defenses, along with a Counterclaim. In the Counterclaim, *SHCJ* alleged that *PMH* breached the *Agreement* by failing to reimburse *SHCJ* for certain Medicaid Cost Report adjustments for the reporting periods ended June 30, 1999, and June 30, 2000, as well as funds paid to *PMH* from the *DCH*'s Indigent Care Trust Fund for Disproportionate Share Hospitals, which payments *Defendants* contended qualified as excluded assets not sold to *PMH* under the *Agreement*. *SHCJ* also alleged that *PMH* breached the *Agreement* by failing to cooperate with *SHCJ* in an appeal of certain Medicaid Cost Reports settlements for the reporting periods ended June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003 and May 31, 2004. *SHCJ* further alleged that Piedmont breached its obligations to guarantee *PMH*'s payment and performance of its obligations under the *Agreement*. SunLink sought a declaratory judgment regarding the parties' rights in respect of the Medicaid Cost Report settlements and adjustments, as well as the payments made under the Indigent Care Trust Fund. Also, *Defendants* sought to recover their costs and attorney's fees pursuant to the *Agreement* and under Georgia law.

On October 13, 2008, the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia, ruled in SunLink's favor and determined that the May and August 2006 DSH payments constituted excluded assets not sold to PMH under the Agreement and, therefore, the right to receive the payments belonged to SunLink. By PMH retaining the payments for itself and failing to pay an equivalent amount of money to SunLink, PMH was in breach of the agreement. PMH was held liable to SunLink for damages in the net amount of \$1,056 (\$1,560 in DSH payments minus \$504 SHCJ owed PMH pursuant to the Agreement), plus prejudgment interest from August 11, 2006 to November 11, 2008 at the legal rate of 7%, and post-judgment interest after November 11, 2008 at the legal rate of 7%. Piedmont appealed the ruling of the Superior Court to the Georgia Court of Appeals. On November 30, 2009, the Georgia Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment in favor of SunLink in all respects. In December of 2009, Piedmont filed a petition for *certiorari* requesting that the Georgia Supreme Court hear the case. SunLink opposed the petition, and on May 3, 2010 the Georgia Supreme Court declined to hear the appeal. Therefore, SunLink has recorded a receivable of \$1,325 for the judgment amount plus pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, and offset the amounts owing to PMH. The receivable is included in the accompanying March 31, 2010 balance sheet, and the benefit associated therewith is included in earnings from discontinued operations in the consolidated statement of earnings for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2010. Under the terms of the asset sale agreement, SunLink has the right to be indemnified by the buyer for losses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses of litigation) incurred in enforcing the covenants and agreements of the buyer of the asset sale agreement.

On December 7, 2007, Southern Health Corporation of Ellijay, Inc. (SHC-Ellijay) filed a Complaint against James P. Garrett and Roberta Mundy, both individually and as Fiduciary of the Estate of Randy Mundy (collectively, the Mundys), seeking specific performance of an Option Agreement (the Option Agreement) dated April 17, 2007, between SHC-Ellijay, Mr. Garrett, and Ms. Mundy as Executrix of the Estate of Randy Mundy for the sale of approximately 24.74 acres of real property located in Gilmer County, Georgia, and recovery of SHC-Ellijay's damages suffered as a result of the Mundys failure to close the transaction in accordance with the Option Agreement. SHC-Ellijay also stated alternative claims for breach of the Option Agreement and fraud, along with claims to recover attorney's fees and punitive damages.

In January 2008, the Mundys filed a motion to strike, motion to dismiss, answer, affirmative defenses, and a counterclaim against SHC-Ellijay. On March 3, 2009, SHC-Ellijay filed a First Amended and Restated Complaint for Damages, which effectively dropped the cause of action for specific performance of the Option Agreement. On May 7, 2009, Mr. Garrett and Ms. Mundy served a motion for summary judgment on all counts and causes of action stated in the First Amended Complaint. The court has postponed consideration of the defendants' motion for summary judgment and SHC-Ellijay's response thereto until after a discovery dispute between the parties has been resolved.

SunLink denies that it has any liability to the Mundys and intends to vigorously defend the claims asserted against SunLink by the Mundys complaint and to vigorously pursue its claims against the Mundys. While the ultimate outcome and materiality of the litigation cannot be determined, in management's opinion the litigation will not have a material adverse effect on SunLink's financial condition or results of operations.

As discussed in Note 4. *Discontinued Operations*, SunLink sold its former U.K. housewares manufacturing subsidiary, Beldray Limited (Beldray) in October 2001. Beldray subsequently entered into administrative receivership under the administration of its primary lender. SunLink believes Beldray ceased to operate in October 2004.

On August 6, 2007 the liquidator in an insolvency proceeding in the United Kingdom involving SunLink's former subsidiary KRUG International (UK) Limited (KRUG UK) made an

application in The Birmingham County Court in Birmingham, England which sought a declaration by the court that a transfer of certain funds in 2001 from KRUG UK to SunLink in connection with the purchase of certain preferred stock of another subsidiary of SunLink, the making of a loan to SunLink, and certain forgiveness of debt to SunLink by KRUG UK Limited was improper as, among other things, KRUG UK was then effectively insolvent and that the approval of such transfers by the then directors of KRUG UK resulted in a breach of their fiduciary duties. The liquidator sought to have the court order the former directors or, in the alternative, SunLink, to account for, repay or restore such funds to the liquidator of KRUG UK. This application was settled in April 2010 with SunLink agreeing to pay approximately \$1,400. SunLink's insurer under a Directors and Officers insurance policy contributed \$480 to the settlement with SunLink paying the difference of \$920.

SunLink's current liabilities at March 31, 2010, included \$920 for this payment. SunLink expensed \$342 in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2010 to increase the recorded liability to the settlement amount and the amount is included in results of discontinued operations for those periods. SunLink also expensed \$196 in the quarter ended March 31, 2010 for legal costs to defend against the claim. This expense was offset by \$332 of insurance reimbursement for legal expenses paid by SunLink's insurer. As a result of the settlement of this claim and the U.K. liquidation proceedings against KRUG UK, SunLink expects KRUG UK to be wound-up in liquidation in the UK and has fully reserved for the assets of KRUG UK.

Additional contingent obligations, other than with respect to our existing operations, include potential product liability claims for products manufactured and sold before the disposal of our discontinued industrial segment in fiscal year 1989 and for guarantees of certain obligations of former subsidiaries. SunLink provided an accrual at March 31, 2010 related to the Beldray Lease Guarantee, as discussed above. Based upon an evaluation of information currently available and consultation with legal counsel, management has not reserved any amounts for contingencies related to these liquidations.

SunLink is a party to claims and litigation incidental to its business, for which it is not currently possible to determine the ultimate liability, if any. Based on an evaluation of information currently available and consultation with legal counsel, management believes that resolution of such claims and litigation is not likely to have a material effect on the financial position, cash flows, or results of operations of SunLink. SunLink expenses legal costs as they are incurred.

Contractual Obligations, Commitments and Contingencies

Contractual obligations, commitments and contingencies related to long-term debt, non-cancelable operating leases, physician guarantees and interest on outstanding debt from continuing operations at March 31, 2010 were as follows:

Payments due in:	Long-Term Debt	Subordinated Long-Term Debt	Operating Leases	Physician Guarantees	Interest On Outstanding Debt	Interest On Subordinated Outstanding Debt
1 year (2011)	\$ 1,796	\$ 300	\$ 3,178	\$ 546	\$ 2,380	\$ 221
2 years (2012)	1,766	300	1,484		2,241	200
3 years (2013)	1,750	300	895		2,103	176
4 years (2014)	1,750	300	469		1,967	152
5 years (2015)	1,750	300	397		1,830	128
5 years +	22,523	1,050	1,000		1,760	104
	\$ 31,335	\$ 2,550	\$ 7,423	\$ 546	\$ 12,281	\$ 981

At March 31, 2010, SunLink had contracts with two physicians which contained guaranteed minimum gross receipts. A physician with whom a guarantee agreement is made generally agrees to maintain his/her practice within the hospital geographic area for a specific period (normally three years) or be liable to repay all or a portion of the guarantee received. The physician's liability for any guarantee repayment due to non-compliance with guarantee provisions generally is collateralized by the physician's patient accounts receivable and/or a promissory note from the physician. Included in the Company's consolidated balance sheet at March 31, 2010 is a liability of \$205 for two physician guarantees. During the three and nine months ended March 31, 2010, SunLink expensed \$85 and \$214 on physician guarantees and recruiting for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively and expensed \$517 and \$598 on physician guarantees and recruiting for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, respectively. The table above shows non-cancelable commitments under physician guarantee contracts as of March 31, 2010.

**Note 15. Related Party Transactions**

A director of the Company and our company secretary (who was a director of SunLink until November 2003 and is now a director emeritus) are members of two different law firms, each of which provides services to SunLink. The Company has paid an aggregate of \$147 and \$118 for legal services to these law firms in the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$399 and \$433 for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

**Note 16. Financial Information By Segments**

Prior to the acquisition of Carmichael in April 2008, we operated as a single business segment. Under ASC Topic No. 280, Segment Reporting, operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker, or decision-making group, in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. Our chief operating decision-making group is composed of the chief executive officer and members of senior management. Our two reportable operating segments are Healthcare Facilities and Specialty Pharmacy.

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We evaluate performance of our operating segments based on revenue and operating income (loss). Segment information for the quarter and nine months ended March 31, 2010 is as follows:

	Healthcare Facilities	Specialty Pharmacy	Corporate And Other	Total
<b>Three months ended March 31, 2010</b>				
Net Revenues from external customers	\$ 39,508	\$ 12,219	\$	\$ 51,727
Operating profit (loss)	3,490	(176)	(1,664)	1,650
Depreciation and amortization	1,179	411	112	1,702
Assets	63,564	26,001	15,584	105,149
Expenditures for property, plant and equipment	326	141	8	475

<b>Nine months ended March 31, 2010</b>				
Net Revenues from external customers	\$ 114,620	\$ 35,077	\$	\$ 149,697
Operating profit (loss)	7,838	6	(4,069)	3,775
Depreciation and amortization	3,500	1,225	334	5,059
Assets	63,564	26,001	15,584	105,149
Expenditures for property, plant and equipment	1,161	537	114	1,812

	Healthcare Facilities	Specialty Pharmacy	Corporate And Other	Total
<b>Three months ended March 31, 2009</b>				
Net Revenues from external customers	\$ 39,774	\$ 13,789	\$	\$ 53,563
Operating profit (loss)	3,572	60	(1,222)	2,410
Depreciation and amortization	1,249	384	100	1,733
Assets	70,193	28,147	10,788	109,128
Expenditures for property, plant and equipment	374	78	6	458

<b>Nine months ended March 31, 2009</b>				
Net Revenues from external customers	\$ 113,271	\$ 36,728	\$	\$ 149,999
Operating profit (loss)	6,170	1,051	(3,896)	3,325
Depreciation and amortization	3,670	1,138	329	5,137
Assets	70,193	28,147	10,788	109,128
Expenditures for property, plant and equipment	716	265	182	1,163

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**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**  
**(dollars in thousands, except per share and admissions data)**

**Forward-Looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report and the documents that are incorporated by reference in this Quarterly Report contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include all statements that do not relate solely to historical or current facts and may be identified by the use of words such as may, believe, will, expect, project, estimate, anticipate, plan or continue. These forward-looking statements are plans and expectations and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors which could significantly affect current plans and expectations and our future financial condition and results. These factors, which could cause actual results, performance and achievements to differ materially from those anticipated, include, but are not limited to:

*General Business Conditions*

general economic and business conditions in the U.S., both nationwide and in the states in which we operate;

the competitive nature of the U.S. community hospital, nursing home, homecare and specialty pharmacy businesses;

demographic changes in areas where we operate;

the availability of cash or borrowings to fund working capital, renovations, replacements, expansions and capital improvements at existing hospital facilities and for acquisitions and replacement hospital facilities;

changes in accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S.; and,

fluctuations in the market value of equity securities including SunLink common shares;

*Operational Factors*

inability to operate profitably in one or more segments of the healthcare business;

the availability of, and our ability to attract and retain, sufficient qualified staff physicians, management, nurses, pharmacists and staff personnel for our operations;

timeliness and amount of reimbursement payments received under government programs;

restrictions imposed by debt agreements;

the cost and availability of insurance coverage including professional liability (e.g., medical malpractice) and general liability insurance;

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the efforts of insurers, healthcare providers, and others to contain healthcare costs;

the impact on hospital services of the treatment of patients in lower acuity healthcare settings, whether with drug therapy or via alternative healthcare services, such as surgery centers or urgent care centers;

changes in medical and other technology;

risks of changes in estimates of self insurance claims and reserves;

increases in prices of materials and services utilized in our hospital and pharmacy operations;

increases in wages as a result of inflation or competition for management, physician, nursing, pharmacy and staff positions;

increases in the amount and risk of collectability of accounts receivable, including deductibles and co-pay amounts;

the functionality or costs with respect to our information systems for our healthcare facilities and specialty pharmacy segments and our corporate office, including both software and hardware; and



the availability and competition from alternative drugs or treatments provided by our specialty pharmacy segment;  
*Liabilities, Claims, Obligations and Other Matters*

claims under leases, guarantees and other obligations relating to discontinued operations, including sold facilities, retained or acquired subsidiaries and former subsidiaries;

potential adverse consequences of known and unknown government investigations;

claims for product and environmental liabilities from continuing and discontinued operations;

professional, general and other claims which may be asserted against us; and,

weather-related events such as flooding, wind damage and population evacuations affecting areas in which we operate, including Louisiana and South Georgia.

*Regulation and Governmental Activity*

existing and proposed governmental budgetary constraints;

the regulatory environment for our businesses, including state certificate of need laws and regulations, rules and judicial cases relating thereto;

anticipated adverse changes in the levels and terms of government (including Medicare, Medicaid and other programs) and private reimbursement for SunLink's healthcare services including the payment arrangements and terms of managed care agreements;

changes in or failure to comply with Federal, state or local laws and regulations affecting the healthcare industry including healthcare reform proposals currently being debated in Congress; and,

the possible enactment of Federal healthcare reform laws or reform laws in states where we operate hospital and pharmacy facilities (including Medicaid waivers and other reforms);

*Acquisition Related Matters*

the availability and terms of capital to fund additional acquisitions or replacement facilities;

impairment or uncollectibility of certain acquired assets;

assumed liabilities discovered subsequent to an acquisition;

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our ability to integrate acquired healthcare businesses and implement our business strategy; and,

competition in the market for acquisitions of hospitals and healthcare businesses.

As a consequence, current plans, anticipated actions and future financial condition and results may differ from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of SunLink. You are cautioned not to unduly rely on such forward-looking statements when evaluating the information presented in this Form 10-Q. We have not undertaken any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

### **Corporate Business Strategy**

SunLink's business strategy is to focus its efforts on internal growth of its existing healthcare facilities and its pharmacy business, supplemented by growth from selected rural and exurban healthcare acquisitions, including but not limited to hospitals, nursing homes, home care businesses, and pharmacy businesses. However, as was the case in 2004 with the sale of our Mountainside Medical Center hospital and in September 2009 with the sale of three home health agencies, we do consider disposition of one or more of our facilities or operations based on a variety of factors including asset values, return on investments, competition from existing and potential facilities and capital improvement needs and other corporate objectives. We likewise evaluate our strategic alternatives on an on-going basis. In addition, as we have previously announced, we have recently engaged Fennebresque & Co. of Charlotte, NC as financial advisor

to aid in our evaluation of strategic alternatives as well as in connection with a potential refinancing of our outstanding indebtedness. Currently no agreement has been reached or approved by the Board of SunLink to effect any strategic transaction or to refinance any of our outstanding indebtedness.

Our operational strategy is focused on efforts to increase internal growth. Our primary operational strategy for our community hospitals is to improve the profitability of such hospitals by reducing out-migration of patients, recruiting physicians, expanding services and implementing and maintaining effective cost controls. Our operational strategy for our nursing homes and home health agency is similar to that for our community hospitals and is focused on marketing services and implementing and maintaining effective cost controls.

Finally, our operational strategy for our specialty pharmacy segment is focused on continuing the integration of the Carmichael operations acquired in April 2008, increasing collection efforts, marketing services and implementing and maintaining effective cost controls.

### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts and related disclosures. We consider an accounting estimate to be critical if:

it requires assumptions to be made that were uncertain at the time the estimate was made; and

changes in the estimate or different estimates that could have been made could have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations or financial condition.

Our critical accounting estimates are more fully described in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K and continue to include the following areas:

Receivables net and provision for doubtful accounts;

Revenue recognition / Net Patient Service Revenues;

Goodwill and accounting for business combinations;

Professional and general liability claims; and

Accounting for income taxes.

**Financial Summary**

The results of continuing operations shown in the financial summary below are for our two business segments, Healthcare Facilities and Specialty Pharmacy.

	THREE MONTHS ENDED			NINE MONTHS ENDED		
	2010	March 31, 2009	% Change	2010	March 31, 2009	% Change
Net Revenues - Healthcare Facilities	\$ 39,508	\$ 39,774	-0.7%	\$ 114,620	\$ 113,271	1.2%
Net Revenues - Specialty Pharmacy	12,219	13,789	-11.4%	35,077	36,728	-4.5%
<b>Total Net Revenues</b>	<b>51,727</b>	<b>53,563</b>	<b>-3.4%</b>	<b>149,697</b>	<b>149,999</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
Costs and expenses	(50,077)	(51,153)	-2.1%	(148,264)	(146,674)	1.1%
Gain on sale of Home Health businesses			N/A	2,342		N/A
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>-31.5%</b>	<b>3,775</b>	<b>3,325</b>	<b>13.5%</b>
Gain on sale of assets			N/A		180	N/A
Interest expense	(832)	(292)	184.9%	(2,610)	(2,818)	-7.4%
Interest income	3	22	-86.4%	12	39	-69.2%
<b>Earnings (Loss) from continuing operations before income taxes</b>	<b>\$ 821</b>	<b>\$ 2,140</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$ 1,177</b>	<b>\$ 726</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Healthcare Facilities Segment:**

Admissions	2,009	2,269	-11.5%	5,717	6,445	-11.3%
Equivalent admissions	5,822	6,245	-6.8%	18,200	18,548	-1.9%
Surgeries	947	953	-0.6%	2,926	2,817	3.9%
Revenue per equivalent admission	\$ 6,747	\$ 6,369	5.9%	\$ 6,285	\$ 6,107	2.9%

*Equivalent admissions* Equivalent admissions is used by management (and certain investors) as a general measure of combined inpatient and outpatient volume for our hospital operations. Equivalent admissions are computed by multiplying admissions (inpatient volume) by the sum of gross inpatient revenues and gross outpatient revenues and dividing the result by gross inpatient revenues. The equivalent admissions computation is intended to relate outpatient revenues to the volume measure (admissions) used to measure inpatient volume to result in a general approximation of combined inpatient and outpatient volume (equivalent admissions).

**Results of Operations**

Our net revenues are from our two business segments, healthcare facilities and specialty pharmacy.

**Healthcare Facilities Segment**

Net revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 were \$39,508 with a total of 5,822 equivalent admissions and revenue per equivalent admission of \$6,747 compared to net revenues of \$39,774 with a total of 6,245 equivalent admissions and revenue per equivalent admission of \$6,369 for the quarter ended March 31, 2009. Net revenues for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 were \$114,620 with a total of 18,200 equivalent admissions and revenue per equivalent admission of \$6,285 compared to net revenues of \$113,271 with a total of 18,548 equivalent admissions and revenue per equivalent admission of \$6,107 for the nine months ended March 31, 2009.

The following table sets forth the percentage of net patient revenues from major payor sources for the Company's hospitals during the periods indicated:

Source	Three Months Ended March 31,		Nine Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Medicare	39.7%	40.9%	38.7%	41.2%
Medicaid	14.2%	14.4%	15.6%	14.2%
Self pay	15.3%	12.9%	14.1%	12.8%
Commercial Insurance & Other	30.8%	31.8%	31.6%	31.8%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

The decrease in net revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 was due to decreases in Medicare and commercial insurance revenue offset by an increase in self pay revenue and Medicaid revenue. Net Medicare revenues decreased \$557, a 3.4% decrease from last year to \$15,686 for the three months ended March 31, 2010. Management believes Medicare net revenues have decreased due to lower Medicare volumes resulting from patients deferring treatment until it is absolutely necessary. Commercial insurance revenues decreased \$513, a 4.1% decrease from last year to \$12,150 for the three months ended March 31, 2010. The Company believes the decrease in commercial insurance and other revenues is due to fewer patients having commercial insurance due to the current economic conditions. Self-pay net revenues increased \$916, a 17.8% increase from last year to \$6,058 for the three months ended March 31, 2010. The increase in self-pay net revenues is due to higher self-pay admissions resulting from more uninsured patients.

The increase in net revenues for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 was due to increases in Medicaid and self-pay revenues offset by a decrease in Medicare revenue. Medicaid revenue increased \$1,760, a 10.9% increase from last year to \$17,844 for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the prior year's period due to revenue from state indigent care programs and more patients applying and qualifying for Medicaid coverage. Our healthcare facilities have increased their efforts to assist such patients to qualify for Medicaid. Net self pay revenues increased \$1,616, an 11.1% increase from last year to \$16,115 for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and increased to 14.1% of net revenues from 12.8% last year. Medicare revenues decreased \$2,281, a 4.9% decrease from last year to \$44,387 for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and decreased to 38.7% of net revenues from 41.2% last year. Management believes Medicare net revenues have decreased due to lower Medicare volumes resulting from patients deferring treatment until it is absolutely necessary.

Net revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 included \$1,679 and \$1,442, respectively, from state indigent care programs. Net revenues included an increase of \$624 and \$119 for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, for the settlements and filings of prior year Medicare and Medicaid cost reports. Net revenue for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 included \$2,629 and \$2,082, respectively, from state indigent care programs. Net revenues for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 included \$1,084 and \$391, respectively, for the settlements and filings of prior year Medicare and Medicaid cost reports.

We added seven net new doctors during the year ended June 30, 2009 and six net new doctors during the nine months ended March 31, 2010. During the three and nine months ended March 31, 2010, SunLink expensed \$85 and \$517 on physician guarantees and recruiting for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively and expensed \$517 and \$598 on physician guarantees and recruiting for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, respectively. We also have expended approximately \$3,513 for capital expenditures to upgrade services and facilities since July 1, 2008.

We continue to seek increased patient volume by attracting additional physicians to our hospitals, upgrading the services offered by the hospitals on an as-needed basis and improving our hospitals physical facilities based on the availability of capital resources and our assessment of expected return on capital.

Specialty Pharmacy Segment

Specialty Pharmacy net revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2010 was \$12,219, a decrease of \$1,570, or 11.4%, from \$13,789 for the three months ended March 31, 2009. The decrease resulted from a decrease in pharmacy revenue, primarily one infusion therapy drug prescribed for premature babies at high risk for lung disease. The major revenue source for the infusion therapy drug is Louisiana Medicaid, which has reduced the utilization of the drug this fiscal year. This reduced utilization decreased Specialty Pharmacy revenue by \$1,567 and \$1,950 for three and nine months ended March 31, 2010, respectively. For the nine months ended March 31, 2010, Specialty Pharmacy net revenue was \$35,077, a decrease of \$1,651, or 4.5%, from \$36,728 for the nine months ended March 31, 2009.

Healthcare Facilities Segment Cost and Expenses

Costs and expenses for our Healthcare Facilities, including depreciation and amortization, were \$36,447 and \$35,551 for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$109,575 and \$106,313 for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

	Costs and Expenses As % of Net Revenues Three Months Ended March 31,		Costs and Expenses As % of Net Revenues Nine Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	Salaries, wages and benefits	44.5%	44.1%	45.9%
Provision for bad debts	15.9%	14.0%	16.1%	14.4%
Supplies	9.8%	9.4%	10.1%	9.5%
Purchased services	6.3%	6.2%	6.7%	6.8%
Other operating expenses	10.8%	10.1%	11.7%	11.5%
Rent and lease expense	1.9%	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%
Depreciation and amortization expense	3.0%	3.1%	3.1%	3.2%

Salaries, wages and benefits expense as a percentage of net revenues increased slightly in the three months ended March 31, 2010 compared to the same period in the prior year due to increased employed physicians. Supplies increased in the three months and nine months ended March 31, 2010 due to an increase in the cost of implants as compared to the same periods in the prior year.

Provision for bad debts increased as a percentage of net revenue in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2010 compared to the prior year periods due to higher self-pay revenues, increased coinsurance and deductible amounts that insured persons have to pay and the overall increased aging of accounts receivable due to self pay receivables taking longer to collect than other payor receivables. This overall increase in the aging of accounts receivable required a higher allowance for bad debts. Self-pay revenues increased \$1,616 or 11.1% in the nine months ended March 31, 2010 compared to the comparable prior year period and \$916 or 17.8% in the three months ended March 31, 2010 compared to the comparable prior year period.

Specialty Pharmacy Segment Cost and Expenses

Cost and expenses for our Specialty Pharmacy Segment, including depreciation and amortization, were \$12,396 and \$13,729 for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$35,071 and \$35,677 for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

	Costs and Expenses As % of Net Revenues Three Months Ended March 31,		Costs and Expenses As % of Net Revenues Nine Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	Cost of Goods Sold	69.1%	72.6%	68.5%
Salaries, wages and benefits	14.7%	13.3%	15.2%	14.6%
Provision for bad debts	7.2%	5.9%	5.1%	5.1%
Supplies	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%
Purchased services	3.4%	2.3%	3.7%	2.7%
Other operating expenses	3.0%	1.9%	3.1%	2.4%
Rent and lease expense	0.1%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%
Depreciation and amortization expense	3.4%	2.8%	3.5%	2.1%

Cost of goods as a percent of net revenue decreased in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the prior year due to sales product mix. Decreased sales of certain high volume infusion therapy products, which have a higher cost of sales as a percentage of revenue, resulted in the decreased costs of goods sold during in the current year. Salaries, wages and benefits increased as a percent of net revenue in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the prior year primarily due to increased staffing in the accounting and business office areas needed for implementing and improving system controls and procedures. Salaries, wages and benefits also increased \$135 for the nine months ended March 31, 2010, respectively. The provision for bad debts as a percent of net revenues increased during the three months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the same period last year due to increased reserve needed for aged pharmacy receivables and write-off of aged DME receivables. The provision for bad debts as a percentage of net revenue was unchanged for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009.

Corporate Overhead Costs and Expenses

Cost and expenses for Corporate Overhead including depreciation and amortization, was \$1,233 and \$1,441 for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$3,617 and \$4,251 for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The decrease in the nine months ended March 31, 2010 was primarily due to a decrease in corporate overhead expense for the Specialty Pharmacy Segment in the current year's quarter compared to the same quarter of the prior year.

Impairment of Construction in Process Land Acquisition Costs

In August 2007, SunLink received final approval of a Certificate of Need application with the State of Georgia to build a replacement hospital in Ellijay, Georgia. SunLink exercised its option to purchase land in Ellijay to build the replacement hospital; however, the owner failed to close. SunLink is pursuing a claim for damages against the owner based upon the owner's failure to close the sale as agreed. We are currently in litigation with the owner. The outcome of the litigation is uncertain. The agreed purchase price for such property was approximately \$3,300. During the three months ended March 31, 2009, SunLink expensed \$433 of costs which had been capitalized relating to the land.

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Operating Profit

SunLink had an operating profit of \$1,650 and \$2,410 for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Operating profit for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 was \$3,775 compared to operating profit of \$3,325 last year. The decrease in operating profit for the three months ended March 31, 2010 compared to the prior year period resulted from the lower net revenues of both operating segments and increased bad debt expense. The increase in operating profit in the nine months ended March 31, 2010 compared to the operating profit in the prior year periods was due to sale of three home health businesses in September 2009.

Sale of Home Health Businesses

In September 2009, the Company sold three of its home health businesses for approximately \$3,300 resulting in a pre-tax gain of approximately \$2,342. Included in the net assets of the three home health businesses sold was \$429 of goodwill related to the Healthcare Facilities Segment. The home health businesses were located in Adel, GA, Clanton, AL and Fulton, MO.

Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$832 and \$292 for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and was \$2,610 and \$2,818 for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Interest expense for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2010 decreased from the same periods last year due to decreased debt. The increase in current year's interest expense as compared to interest expense the prior year resulted from the accrual of derivative interest expense of \$291 and \$601 recorded in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, respectively, related to the Carmichael acquisition. The former owners of Carmichael ( Sellers ) received 334,448 common shares of SunLink as partial consideration for SunLink's purchase of Carmichael in April 2008. SunLink was obligated to pay to the Sellers the difference between market value at the business sale date and price per share received for any shares sold less \$1 per share if these shares were sold within a year. The derivative interest expense of \$291 and \$601 for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 resulted from the change in the calculated liability for the obligation. In March 2009, SunLink and the Sellers reached an agreement to cancel SunLink's share price guarantee in exchange for a one-year extension of the consulting agreement with one of the Sellers, assumption by SunLink of \$227 of disputed pre-acquisition expenses that SunLink determined were the obligation of the Sellers, and payment by SunLink of certain post closing items.

Income Taxes

Income tax expense of \$391 (\$535 federal tax expense and \$144 state tax benefit) and income tax expense of \$1,159 (\$837 federal tax benefit and \$322 state tax benefit) was recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Income tax expense of \$609 (\$753 federal tax expense and \$144 state tax benefit) and \$509 (\$260 federal tax expense and \$249 state tax expense) was recorded for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The high effective income tax rate of 51.7% for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 resulted from the tax non-deductibility of \$429 of goodwill included in the net assets of the home health businesses sold during the nine months.

We had an estimated net operating loss carry-forward for federal income tax purposes of approximately \$6,200 at March 31, 2010. Use of this net operating loss carry-forward is subject to the limitations of the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 382. As a result, not all of the net operating loss carry-forward is available to offset federal taxable income in the current year. At March 31, 2010, we have provided a partial valuation allowance against the domestic deferred tax asset so that the net domestic tax asset was \$4,785. Based upon management's assessment that it was more likely than not that a portion of its domestic deferred tax asset (primarily its domestic net operating losses subject to limitation) would not be recovered, the



Company established a valuation allowance for the portion of the domestic tax asset which may not be utilized. The Company has provided a valuation allowance for the entire amount of the foreign tax asset as it is more likely than not that none of the foreign deferred tax assets will be realized through future taxable income or implementation of tax planning strategies.

Earnings from continuing operations were \$430 (\$0.05 per fully diluted share) for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 compared to earnings from continuing operations of \$981 (\$0.12 per fully diluted share) for the quarter ended March 31, 2009. The decreased earnings in the current year's quarter resulted from the lower operating profit and higher interest expense as compared to the same quarter in the prior year. Earnings from continuing operations was \$568 (\$0.07 earnings per fully diluted share) for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 compared to earnings from continuing operations of \$217 (\$0.03 per fully diluted share) for the comparable period last year. Earnings from continuing operations in the current year's nine months results increased from the same period last year due to the sale of three of our home health agencies in September 2009.

Earnings from discontinued operations of \$1,050 for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 resulted from the Mountainside Medical Center earnings from operations of \$1,389 which resulted from a litigation settlement, \$298 of losses attributable to our former KRUG UK operations which resulted from a litigation settlement and defense cost and \$41 resulting from domestic pension items relating to discontinued operations. Earnings from discontinued operations of \$1,216 for the three months ended March 31, 2010 resulted from the Mountainside Medical Center earnings from operations of \$1,417 which resulted from litigation settlement, \$183 of losses attributable to our former KRUG UK operations which resulted from a litigation settlement and a defense cost and \$18 resulting from domestic pension items relating to discontinued operations.

Net earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 was \$1,646 (\$0.20 per fully diluted share) compared to net earnings of \$949 (\$0.12 earnings per fully diluted share) for the quarter ended March 31, 2009. Net earnings for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 was \$1,618 (\$0.20 per fully diluted share) compared to net earnings of \$21 (\$0.00 loss per fully diluted share) for the nine months ended March 31, 2009.

**Adjusted earnings before income taxes, interest, depreciation and amortization**

Earnings before income taxes, interest, depreciation and amortization ( EBITDA ) represent the sum of income before income taxes, interest, depreciation and amortization. We understand that certain industry analysts and investors generally consider EBITDA to be one measure of the liquidity of a company, and it is presented to assist analysts and investors in analyzing the ability of a company to generate cash, service debt and meet capital requirements. We believe increased EBITDA is an indicator of improved ability to service existing debt and to satisfy capital requirements. EBITDA, however, is not a measure of financial performance under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and should not be considered an alternative to net income as a measure of operating performance or to cash liquidity. Because EBITDA is not a measure determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and is thus susceptible to varying calculations, Ebitda, as presented, may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other corporations. Where we adjust EBITDA for non-cash charges we refer to such measurement as Adjusted EBITDA , which we report on a company wide basis. Non-cash adjustments in Adjusted EBITDA are not intended to be identified or characterized in any respect as non-recurring, infrequent or unusual, if we believe such charge is reasonably likely to recur within two years, or if there was a similar charge (or gain) within the prior two years. Where we report Adjusted EBITDA, we typically also report Hospital Facilities Segment Adjusted EBITDA and Specialty Pharmacy Segment Adjusted EBITDA which is the EBITDA for the applicable segments without any allocation of corporate overhead, which we report as a separate line item,

gains on sales of businesses and without any allocation of the non-cash adjustments, which we also report as a separate line item in Adjusted EBITDA. Net cash used in operations for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, is shown below.

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Nine Months Ended March 31,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Healthcare Facilities Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 4,236	\$ 5,470	\$ 8,544	\$ 10,626
Specialty Pharmacy Adjusted EBITDA	234	445	1,230	2,189
Corporate overhead costs	(1,117)	(1,339)	(3,281)	(3,920)
Taxes and interest expense	(1,591)	(1,755)	(3,492)	(3,911)
Other non-cash expenses and net change in operating assets and liabilities	(219)	(1,761)	(1,419)	(4,712)
Net cash provided by operations	\$ 1,543	\$ 1,060	\$ 1,582	\$ 272

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

We generated \$1,582 of cash from operating activities during the nine months ended March 31, 2010 compared to \$272 of cash used in operating activities during the comparable period last year. The cash generated from operations in the current quarter resulted mainly from decreased accounts receivable and third party payor settlements receivable offset by decreases in income taxes payable.

On April 23, 2008, SunLink entered into a \$47,000 seven-year senior secured credit facility ( Credit Facility ) comprised of a revolving line of credit of up to \$12,000 with an interest rate at LIBOR plus 3.50% (6.25% at March 31, 2010) (the Revolving Loan ) and a \$35,000 term loan with an interest rate at LIBOR plus 5.07% (7.82% at March 31, 2010) (the Term Loan ). In the Credit Facility, LIBOR is defined as the Thirty-Day published rate, not to be less than 2.75%, nor more than 5.50%. The total availability of credit under all components of the credit facility is keyed to the level of SunLink's earnings, which, based upon the Company's estimates, provided for current borrowing capacity, before any draws, of approximately \$40,670 at March 31, 2010. Costs and fees related to execution of the Credit Facility were \$2,179. The fees will be amortized over seven years at approximately \$317 a year and are recorded in other assets and other non-current assets. Amortization expense was approximately \$100 and \$293, respectively, for the quarter and nine months ended March 31, 2010 and \$95 and \$282, respectively, for the quarter and nine months ended March 31, 2009. Accumulated amortization was approximately \$731 and \$343 at March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The Credit Facility is secured by a first priority security interest in substantially all real and personal property of the Company and its consolidated domestic subsidiaries, including a pledge of all of the equity interests in such subsidiaries.

The Credit Facility contains various terms and conditions, including operational and financial restrictions and limitations, and affirmative and negative covenants. The covenants include financial covenants measured on a quarterly basis which require SunLink to comply with maximum leverage and minimum fixed charge ratios, maximum capital expenditure amounts, collateral value to loan amount and liquidity and cash flow measures, all as defined in the Credit Agreement. We believe we are currently in compliance with such covenants based upon an interpretation of various covenant definitions we believe reasonable but about which there can be no certainty. Thus no assurance is given that our interpretation could not be challenged by our lenders or that we will be able to continue in compliance with all of the terms and conditions of the Credit Facility in subsequent fiscal quarters. If we fail to remain in compliance with the Credit Facility, we would cease to have a right to draw on the Credit Facility and the lenders would, among other things, be entitled to call a default and demand repayment of the indebtedness outstanding thereunder.

Subject to the forgoing, we believe we have adequate financing and liquidity to support our current level of operations through the next twelve months. Our primary sources of liquidity are cash generated from continuing operations and availability under the Credit Facility. The total availability of credit under all components of the Credit Facility is keyed to the level of SunLink's earnings, which, based upon the Company's estimates, would provide for current borrowing capacity of approximately \$40,670 at March 31, 2010, of which \$31,273 was outstanding under the Term Loan and \$2,100 was outstanding under the Revolving Loan. The current remaining availability under the Revolving Loan of approximately \$7,297 at March 31, 2010 could be adversely affected by, among other things, the risk, uncertainties and other factors listed at the beginning of the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), as well as continued lower earnings due to lower demand for our services by patients, changes in patient mix and changes in terms and levels of government and private reimbursement for services. Cash generated from operations could be adversely affected by, among other things, the risks, uncertainties and other factors listed at the beginning of the MD&A, as well as continued lower patient demand for our services, higher operating costs (including, but not limited to, salaries, wages and benefits, provisions for bad debts, general liability and other insurance costs, cost of pharmaceutical drugs and other operating expenses) or by changes in terms and levels of government and private reimbursement for services, and the regulatory environment of the community hospital segment.

We expended \$1,812 for capital improvements during the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and expect to spend approximately \$500 during the remainder of this fiscal year. We believe attractive and up-to-date physical facilities assist in recruiting quality staff and physicians, as well as attracting patients, and the capital expenditures related primarily to imaging and surgical equipment for the Healthcare Facilities Segment and durable medical equipment for rent and delivery equipment for the Specialty Pharmacy Segment.

### **Contractual Obligations, Commitments and Contingencies**

Contractual obligations, commitments and contingencies related to long-term debt, non-cancelable operating leases, physician guarantees and interest on outstanding debt from continuing operations at March 31, 2010 were as follows:

	Long-Term Debt	Subordinated Long-Term Debt	Operating Leases	Physician Guarantees	Interest On Outstanding Debt	Interest On Subordinated Outstanding Debt
<b>Payments due in:</b>						
1 year (2011)	\$ 1,796	\$ 300	\$ 3,178	\$ 546	\$ 2,380	\$ 221
2 years (2012)	1,766	300	1,484		2,241	200
3 years (2013)	1,750	300	895		2,103	176
4 years (2014)	1,750	300	469		1,967	152
5 years (2015)	1,750	300	397		1,830	128
5 years +	22,523	1,050	1,000		1,760	104
	\$ 31,335	\$ 2,550	\$ 7,423	\$ 546	\$ 12,281	\$ 981

At March 31, 2010, SunLink had contracts with two physicians which contained guaranteed minimum gross receipts. A physician with whom a guarantee agreement is made generally agrees to maintain his/her practice within the hospital geographic area for a specific

period (normally three years) or be liable to repay all or a portion of the guarantee received. The physician's liability for any guarantee repayment due to non-compliance with guarantee provisions generally is collateralized by the physician's patient accounts receivable and/or a promissory note from the physician. Included in the Company's consolidated balance sheet at March 31, 2010 is a liability of \$205 for two physician guarantees. SunLink expensed \$171 and \$214 on physician guarantees and recruiting for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively and expensed \$517 and \$598 on physician guarantees and recruiting for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The table above shows non-cancelable commitments under physician guarantee contracts as of March 31, 2010.

The former owners of Carmichael's Cashway Pharmacy, Inc. (Sellers) received 334,448 common shares of SunLink as partial consideration for the business. In the April 2008 acquisition agreement, SunLink was obligated to pay the difference between the market value at the acquisition date and the price per share the Sellers received for shares sold, less \$1 per share, if the shares were sold within one year from the acquisition date. In March 2009, SunLink and the Sellers agreed to cancel SunLink's price guarantee obligation relating to the shares. Concurrently, SunLink and the Sellers agreed to a one-year extension of a consulting agreement with one of the Sellers, assumption by SunLink of \$227 of disputed pre-acquisition expenses and payment of certain post closing items.

At March 31, 2010, we had outstanding long-term debt and subordinated debt of \$34,035 of which \$31,273 was incurred under the SunLink 2008 Credit Facility, \$2,700 was incurred under the subordinated loan, and \$62 was related to capital leases. Also outstanding at March 31, 2010 was a revolving line of credit loan of \$2,100.

### **Discontinued Operations**

SunLink sold its former U.K. housewares manufacturing subsidiary, Beldray Limited (Beldray), to two of its managers in October 2001. Beldray has since entered into administrative receivership and being liquidated under the administration of its primary lender.

On August 6, 2007 the liquidator in an insolvency proceeding in the United Kingdom involving SunLink's former subsidiary KRUG International (UK) Limited (KRUG UK) made an application in The Birmingham County Court in Birmingham, England which sought a declaration by the court that a transfer of certain funds in 2001 from KRUG UK to SunLink in connection with the purchase of certain preferred stock of another subsidiary of SunLink, the making of a loan to SunLink, and certain forgiveness of debt to SunLink by KRUG UK Limited was improper as, among other things, KRUG UK was then effectively insolvent and that the approval of such transfers by the then directors of KRUG UK resulted in a breach of their fiduciary duties. The liquidator sought to have the court order the former directors or, in the alternative, SunLink, to account for, repay or restore such funds to the liquidator of KRUG UK. This application was settled in April 2010 with SunLink agreeing to pay approximately \$1,400. SunLink's insurer under a Directors and Officers insurance policy contributed \$480 with SunLink paying the difference of \$920 in April 2010.

SunLink's other current expenses in current liabilities at March 31, 2010, included \$920 for this payment. SunLink expensed \$342 in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2010 to increase the recorded liability to the settlement amount and is included in results of discontinued operations for those periods. SunLink also expensed \$196 in the quarter ended March 31, 2010 for legal costs to defend against the claim. This expense was offset by \$332 of insurance reimbursement for legal paid by SunLink's insurer. As a result of the settlement of this claim and the U.K. liquidation proceedings against KRUG UK, SunLink expects KRUG UK to be wound-up in liquidation in the UK and has fully reserved for any assets of KRUG UK.

Additional contingent obligations, other than with respect to our existing operations, include potential product liability claims for products manufactured and sold before the disposal of our discontinued industrial segment in fiscal year 1989 and for guarantees of certain obligations of former subsidiaries. We are currently in the process of liquidating two dormant subsidiaries in Germany and France. Based upon an evaluation of information currently available and consultation with legal counsel, management has not reserved any amounts for contingencies related to these liquidations.

### **Legal Proceedings**

On July 13, 2006, Piedmont Healthcare, Inc. ( *PHI* ) and Piedmont Mountinside Hospital, Inc. ( *PMH* ) (collectively the *Plaintiffs* or *Piedmont*) filed a Complaint in the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia, alleging breach of the Asset Purchase Agreement (the *Agreement* ) dated as of April 9, 2004 by and among *PMH*, Piedmont Medical Center, Inc. (n/k/a *PMI*), Southern Health Corporation of Jasper, Inc. ( *SHCJ* ), SunLink Healthcare LLC (formerly SunLink Healthcare Corp.) and SunLink (collectively *Defendants* or *SunLink* ) pursuant to which the Mountainside Medical Center was sold to *PMH* in June 2004. Specifically, Piedmont sought to have SunLink reimburse Piedmont for certain costs associated with an alleged indigent and charity care shortfall of Piedmont Mountinside Hospital (formerly Mountainside Medical Center) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 demanded by the Georgia Department of Community Health ( *DCH* ). In addition, Piedmont sought reimbursement for funds allegedly recouped from *PMH* by *DCH* in respect of Medicaid Cost Report settlements and adjustments for the reporting periods ended June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003 and May 31, 2004. Piedmont also sought a declaratory judgment to the effect that *PMH* could retain certain payments it received or likely will receive from the *DCH*'s Indigent Care Trust Fund for Disproportionate Share Hospitals. Piedmont also sought recovery of costs and attorney's fees pursuant to the *Agreement* and under Georgia Law.

On August 11, 2006, SunLink filed an Answer to the complaint asserting factual and legal defenses, along with a Counterclaim. In the Counterclaim, *SHCJ* alleges that *PMH* breached the *Agreement* by failing to reimburse *SHCJ* for certain Medicaid Cost Report adjustments for the reporting periods ended June 30, 1999, and June 30, 2000, as well as funds paid to *PMH* from the *DCH*'s Indigent Care Trust Fund for Disproportionate Share Hospitals, which payments *Defendants* contended qualified as excluded assets not sold to *PMH* under the *Agreement*. *SHCJ* also alleged that *PMH* breached the *Agreement* by failing to cooperate with *SHCJ* in an appeal of certain Medicaid Cost Reports settlements for the reporting periods ended June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003 and May 31, 2004. *SHCJ* further alleged that Piedmont breached its obligations to guarantee *PMH*'s payment and performance of its obligations under the *Agreement*. SunLink sought a declaratory judgment regarding the parties' rights in respect of the Medicaid Cost Report settlements and adjustments, as well as the payments made under the Indigent Care Trust Fund. Also, *Defendants* sought to recover their costs and attorney's fees pursuant to the *Agreement* and under Georgia law.

On October 13, 2008, the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia, ruled in SunLink's favor and determined that the May and August 2006 DSH payments constituted excluded assets not sold to *PMH* under the *Agreement* and, therefore, the right to receive the payments belonged to SunLink. By *PMH* retaining the payments for itself and failing to pay an equivalent amount of money to SunLink, *PMH* was in breach of the agreement. *PMH* was held liable to SunLink for damages in the net amount of \$1,056 (\$1,560 in DSH payments minus \$504 *SHCJ* owed *PMH* pursuant to the *Agreement*), plus prejudgment interest from August 11, 2006 to November 11, 2008 at the legal rate of 7%, and post-judgment interest after November 11, 2008 at the legal rate of 7%. Piedmont appealed the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia ruling to the Georgia Court of Appeals. On November 30, 2009, the Georgia Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment in favor of SunLink in all respects. In December of 2009, Piedmont filed a petition for *certiorari* requesting that the Georgia Supreme Court hear the case. SunLink opposed the petition, and on

May 3, 2010 the Georgia Supreme Court declined to hear the appeal. Therefore, SunLink has recorded a receivable of \$1,325 for the judgment amount plus prejudgment and post-judgment interest, and offset the amounts owing to PMH. The receivable is included in the accompanying March 31, 2010 balance sheet, and the benefit associated therewith is included in earnings from discontinued operations in the consolidated statement of earnings for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2010. Under the terms of the asset sale agreement, SunLink has the right to be indemnified by the buyer for losses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses of litigation) incurred in enforcing the covenants and agreements of the buyer of the asset sale agreement. No amount of any possible recovery of legal fees has been accrued as of March 31, 2010.

On December 7, 2007, Southern Health Corporation of Ellijay, Inc. ( SHC-Ellijay ) filed a Complaint against James P. Garrett and Roberta Mundy, both individually and as Fiduciary of the Estate of Randy Mundy (collectively, the Mundys ), seeking specific performance of an Option Agreement (the Option Agreement ) dated April 17, 2007, between SHC-Ellijay, Mr. Garrett, and Ms. Mundy as Executrix of the Estate of Randy Mundy for the sale of approximately 24.74 acres of real property located in Gilmer County, Georgia, and recovery of SHC-Ellijay's damages suffered as a result of the Mundys failure to close the transaction in accordance with the Option Agreement. SHC-Ellijay also stated alternative claims for breach of the Option Agreement and fraud, along with claims to recover attorney's fees and punitive damages.

In January 2008, the Mundys filed a motion to strike, motion to dismiss, answer, affirmative defenses, and a counterclaim against SHC-Ellijay. On March 3, 2009, SHC-Ellijay filed a First Amended and Restated Complaint for Damages, which effectively dropped the cause of action for specific performance of the Option Agreement. On May 7, 2009, Mr. Garrett and Ms. Mundy served a motion for summary judgment on all counts and causes of action stated in the First Amended Complaint. The court has postponed consideration of the defendants' motion for summary judgment and SHC-Ellijay's response thereto until after a discovery dispute between the parties has been resolved.

SunLink denies that it has any liability to the Mundys and intends to vigorously defend the claims asserted against SunLink by the Mundys complaint and to vigorously pursue its claims against the Mundys. While the ultimate outcome and materiality of the litigation cannot be determined, in management's opinion the litigation will not have a material adverse effect on SunLink's financial condition or results of operations.

SunLink sold its former U.K. housewares manufacturing subsidiary, Beldray Limited ( Beldray ) in October 2001. Beldray subsequently entered into administrative receivership under the administration of its primary lender. SunLink believes Beldray ceased to operate in October 2004.

On August 6, 2007 the liquidator in an insolvency proceeding in the United Kingdom involving SunLink's former subsidiary KRUG International (UK) Limited ( KRUG UK ) made an application in The Birmingham County Court in Birmingham, England which sought a declaration by the court that a transfer of certain funds in 2001 from KRUG UK to SunLink in connection with the purchase of certain preferred stock of another subsidiary of SunLink, the making of a loan to SunLink, and certain forgiveness of debt to SunLink by KRUG UK Limited was improper as, among other things, KRUG UK was then effectively insolvent and that the approval of such transfers by the then directors of KRUG UK resulted in a breach of their fiduciary duties. The liquidator sought to have the court order the former directors or, in the alternative, SunLink, to account for, repay or restore such funds to the liquidator of KRUG UK. This application was settled in April with SunLink agreeing to pay approximately \$1,400. SunLink's insurer under a Directors and Officers insurance policy contributed \$480 with SunLink paying the difference of \$920 in April 2010.

SunLink's other current expenses in current liabilities at March 31, 2010, included \$920 for this payment. SunLink expensed \$342 in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2010 to increase the recorded liability to the settlement amount and is included in results of discontinued

operations for those periods. SunLink also expensed \$196 in the quarter ended March 31, 2010 for legal costs to defend against the claim. This expense was offset by \$332 of insurance reimbursement for legal paid by SunLink's insurer. As a result of the settlement of this claim and the U.K. liquidation proceedings against KRUG UK, SunLink expects KRUG UK to be wound-up in liquidation in the UK and has fully reserved for any assets of KRUG UK.

Additional contingent obligations, other than with respect to our existing operations, include potential product liability claims for products manufactured and sold before the disposal of our discontinued industrial segment in fiscal year 1989 and for guarantees of certain obligations of former subsidiaries.

SunLink is a party to claims and litigation incidental to its business, for which it is not currently possible to determine the ultimate liability, if any. Based on an evaluation of information currently available and consultation with legal counsel, management believes that resolution of such claims and litigation is not likely to have a material effect on the financial position, cash flows, or results of operations of SunLink. SunLink expenses legal costs as they are incurred.

#### **Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404**

We are in the third year of compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ( Sarbanes-Oxley ) under which our management must report on, as of March 31, 2010, and our independent auditors must attest to, as of June 30, 2010, our internal controls over financial reporting as required by Sarbanes-Oxley. See Management's Report over Internal Controls Reporting in Item 4T of this Quarterly Report for our assessment. We are establishing the process to update our documentation and perform testing of internal controls for the Company. Legislation has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives which would exempt public companies which are not accelerated filers from the obligation to have their independent auditors attest to the company's internal controls over financial reporting. We cannot predict if or when any said legislation may become law.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued SFAS No. 168, *The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* (ASC 105, *Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*) ASC 105 . ASC 105 replaces SFAS No. 162, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*, and establishes the *FASB Accounting Standards Codification* ( Codification ) as the source of authoritative accounting principles recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities in the preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP. On the effective date of this Statement, the Codification will supersede all then-existing non-SEC accounting and reporting standards. ASC 105 is effective for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. The codification is effective for the accompanying interim financial statements and the principal impact is limited to disclosures as all future references to authoritative literature will be referenced in accordance with the codification.

In September 2006, the FASB issued new accounting guidance related to fair value measurements and related disclosures. This new guidance defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. We adopted this new guidance on July 1, 2008, as required for our financial assets and financial liabilities. However, the FASB deferred the effective date of this new guidance for one year as it related to fair value measurement requirements for nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis. We adopted these remaining provisions on July 1, 2009. The adoption of this accounting guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments** The recorded values of cash, receivables, and payables approximate their fair values because of the relatively short maturity of these instruments. Similarly, the fair value of SunLink's long-term debt is estimated to approximate its recorded values due to its relatively short maturity period—six years.

In December 2007, the FASB issued new accounting guidance related to the accounting for noncontrolling interests in consolidated financial statements. This guidance establishes accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. This guidance requires that noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries be reported in the equity section of the controlling company's balance sheet. It also changes the manner in which the net income of the subsidiary is reported and disclosed in the controlling company's income statement. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. We adopted this guidance on July 1, 2009 and reclassified minority interest to the equity section of the balance sheet. (See Note 12—Noncontrolling Interest)

#### **Related Party Transactions**

A director of the Company and our company secretary (who was a director of SunLink until November 2003 and is now a director emeritus) are members of two different law firms, each of which provides services to SunLink. The Company has paid an aggregate of \$147 and \$118 for legal services to these law firms in the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$399 and \$433 for the nine months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

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

We are exposed to interest rate changes, primarily as a result of borrowing under our 2008 Credit Facility. At March 31, 2010, borrowings under the facility of \$33,011 have been drawn at an interest rate based upon LIBOR. A one percent change in the LIBOR rate would result in a change in interest expense of \$330 on an annual basis. No action has been taken to mitigate our exposure to interest rate market risk and we are not a party to any interest rate market risk management activities.

#### **ITEM 4T. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**Restatement** In July 2009, we identified potential errors in our accounting for accounts receivable, contractual allowances and bad debt reserves at our Carmichael subsidiary. Upon completion of our investigation and analysis of Carmichael's accounts receivable, on August 28, 2009, SunLink's management concluded that we would amend our previously filed Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended September 30, 2008, December 31, 2008 and March 31, 2009, respectively, to correct our previously reported net revenues, provision for bad debts and receivables net. The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors concurred with management's decision to amend our previously filed reports on August 28, 2009. Additionally, management concluded that our failure to identify the errors in our accounting for Carmichael's accounts receivable, revenues, provision for bad debts and contractual allowances constituted a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting. A material weakness is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected. Solely as a result of this material weakness, our management revised its earlier assessment and concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was not



effective as of June 30, 2009, due to a failure of internal controls at our Carmichael subsidiary. This material weakness caused us to amend our Form 10-Qs for the quarters ended September 30, 2008, December 31, 2008 and March 31, 2009, respectively.

**Disclosure Controls and Procedures** We maintain controls and procedures designed to ensure that we are able to collect the information we are required to disclose in the reports we file with the SEC, and to process, summarize and disclose this information within the time periods specified in the rules of the SEC.

In light of the restatements, our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and SunLink's Audit Committee, evaluated our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 as amended (the *Exchange Act*)). Based on this evaluation our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as a result of the material weakness in the internal control over financial reporting at our Carmichael subsidiary described above and the ongoing nature of our remediation efforts that our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of the end of the period covered by our report on Form 10-K and were not effective as of the period covered by this report on Form 10-Q.

Since our April 2008 acquisition of Carmichael, (see Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements included in our annual report or form 10-K), we have focused upon integrating the operations acquired into our disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls. However, in accordance with the rules of the SEC, we did not assess the internal control over financial reporting of our Carmichael subsidiary.

As previously disclosed, because of the need to integrate Carmichael into our system of disclosure and internal controls, there is a risk that we are not able to calculate meaningful changes in bad debts or revenue until after we are able to fully assess the internal controls at Carmichael and address the material weaknesses we have identified. Furthermore, the pre-existing deficiencies in the Carmichael financial systems, processes and related internal controls increase the risk that the historical or current financial statements of the Carmichael operations and cash flows provided to SunLink both before or after the acquisition might not be accurate in additional ways or to an extent beyond the ways previously identified by us in Current Reports on Form 8-K, including reports filed on September 19, 2008, May 22, 2009 and August 28, 2009 or amendments thereto.

As previously disclosed, on September 17, 2008, we announced that the financial statements of Carmichael for the periods June 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, and January 1, 2008 through April 22, 2008, should not be relied upon and that we expected the audited financial statements of Carmichael would be restated to adjust the pre-acquisition periods previously reported in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 9, 2008. Such financial statements were restated and were included in our Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on May 22, 2009.

We reached our conclusion with respect to such pre-acquisition periods based on information reviewed by SunLink's Management, SunLink's Audit Committee and SunLink's independent registered public accounting firm that the Carmichael pre-acquisition financial statements contained errors that include the amount of customer receivables and which related to pre-acquisition collections, bad debts policies and Carmichael collection activities.

As previously discussed, on August 28, 2009, we announced that the unaudited financial statements contained in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended September 30, 2008, December 31, 2008 and March 31, 2009, should not be relied upon and that we expected such financial statements to be restated due to the impact of post-acquisition non-cash accounting errors at Carmichael. We filed amendments to our Form 10-Qs for such periods on

September 25, 2009. In light of the restatements and the ongoing nature of our remediation efforts, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as a result of the material weakness in internal control over financial reporting at Carmichael described above, SunLink had a corresponding weakness in our disclosure controls and procedures such that our internal controls and procedures were not effective as of June 30, 2009 and March 31, 2010.

We reached our conclusion with respect to such restated post-acquisition periods based on information reviewed by SunLink's management, SunLink's Audit Committee, the Investigation Accountant we retained, and SunLink's independent registered public accounting firm that the Carmichael post-acquisition financial statements for the specified quarters contained errors that include accounting for accounts receivable, contractual allowances, revenues and provision for bad debts.

**Remediation of Material Weakness in Internal Control** We have performed an extensive review of the matters impacted by the material weakness described above in an effort to ensure that our financial statements reflect all necessary adjustments. We believe that this review, the investigation and analysis of the errors described above, and the changes in the related accounting processes which are being or have been implemented as a result of the restatements will remediate the material weakness and are designed so that, when fully implemented, we may conclude that the internal control over financial reporting at our Carmichael subsidiary are effective and accordingly that no material weakness in our consolidated controls and procedures will remain as a result thereof. However, as of the date of the filing of this report, not all of the remedial actions have been implemented. Accordingly, until all of our remedial actions with respect to Carmichael have been completed and tested, material weakness in our internal controls may exist.

**Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting** Except as described above, there were no changes to our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2010 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**Accounting Firm Attestation** Our most recent annual report did not include an attestation report of the Company's registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's annual report was not subject to attestation by the company's registered public accounting firm pursuant to temporary rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that permit the company to provide only management's report in such annual report.

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**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Items required under Part II not specifically shown below are not applicable.**

**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

On August 6, 2007, the liquidator of KRUG International (UK) Limited ( KRUG UK ) made an application in the Birmingham County Court in Birmingham, England, in which the liquidator is seeking a declaration by the court that a transfer of certain funds in 2001 from KRUG UK to SunLink in connection with the purchase of certain preferred stock of another subsidiary of SunLink and the making of a loan to SunLink, and certain forgiveness of debt to SunLink by KRUG UK was improper, among other things, as KRUG UK was then effectively insolvent and that the approval of such transfers by the then directors of KRUG UK resulted in a breach of their fiduciary duties. The liquidator seeks to have the court order the former directors or, in the alternative, the Company, to account for, repay or restore such funds plus interest to the liquidator of KRUG UK. In connection with the allegations in the application of breach of fiduciary duty by the directors of KRUG UK in approving such transfer of funds, SunLink has indemnification obligations to the former directors of KRUG UK. This application was settled in April with SunLink agreeing to pay approximately \$1,400. SunLink's insurer under a Directors and Officers insurance policy contributed \$480 with SunLink paying the difference of \$920 in April 2010.

On July 13, 2006, Piedmont Healthcare, Inc. ( PHI ) and Piedmont Mountainside Hospital, Inc. ( PMH ) (collectively the Plaintiffs or Piedmont) filed a Complaint in the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia, alleging breach of the Asset Purchase Agreement (the Agreement ) dated as of April 9, 2004 by and among PMH, Piedmont Medical Center, Inc. (n/k/a PMI), Southern Health Corporation of Jasper, Inc. ( SHCJ ), SunLink Healthcare LLC (formerly SunLink Healthcare Corp.) and SunLink (collectively Defendants or SunLink ) pursuant to which the Mountainside Medical Center was sold to PMH in June 2004. Specifically, Piedmont sought to have SunLink reimburse Piedmont for certain costs associated with an alleged indigent and charity care shortfall of Piedmont Mountainside Hospital (formerly Mountainside Medical Center) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 demanded by the Georgia Department of Community Health ( DCH ). In addition, Piedmont sought reimbursement for funds allegedly recouped from PMH by DCH in respect of Medicaid Cost Report settlements and adjustments for the reporting periods ended June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003 and May 31, 2004. Piedmont also sought a declaratory judgment to the effect that PMH could retain certain payments it received or likely will receive from the DCH's Indigent Care Trust Fund for Disproportionate Share Hospitals. Piedmont also sought recovery of costs and attorney's fees pursuant to the Agreement and under Georgia Law.

On August 11, 2006, SunLink filed an Answer to the complaint asserting factual and legal defenses, along with a Counterclaim. In the Counterclaim, SHCJ alleges that PMH breached the Agreement by failing to reimburse SHCJ for certain Medicaid Cost Report adjustments for the reporting periods ended June 30, 1999, and June 30, 2000, as well as funds paid to PMH from the DCH's Indigent Care Trust Fund for Disproportionate Share Hospitals, which payments Defendants contended qualified as excluded assets not sold to PMH under the Agreement. SHCJ also alleged that PMH breached the Agreement by failing to cooperate with SHCJ in an appeal of certain Medicaid Cost Reports settlements for the reporting periods ended June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003 and May 31, 2004. SHCJ further alleged that Piedmont breached its obligations to guarantee PMH's payment and performance of its obligations under the Agreement. SunLink sought a declaratory judgment regarding the parties' rights in respect of the Medicaid Cost Report settlements and adjustments, as well as the payments made under the Indigent Care Trust Fund. Also, Defendants sought to recover their costs and attorney's fees pursuant to the Agreement and under Georgia law.

On October 13, 2008, the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia, ruled in SunLink's favor and determined that the May and August 2006 DSH payments constituted excluded assets not sold to PMH under the Agreement and, therefore, the right to receive the payments belonged to SunLink. By PMH retaining the payments for itself and failing to pay an equivalent amount of money to SunLink, PMH was in breach of the agreement. PMH was held liable to SunLink for damages in the net amount of \$1,056 (\$1,560 in DSH payments minus \$504 SHCJ owed PMH pursuant to the Agreement), plus prejudgment interest from August 11, 2006 to November 11, 2008 at the legal rate of 7%, and post-judgment interest after November 11, 2008 at the legal rate of 7%. Piedmont appealed the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia ruling to the Georgia Court of Appeals. On November 30, 2009, the Georgia Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment in favor of SunLink in all respects. In December of 2009, Piedmont filed a petition for *certiorari* requesting that the Georgia Supreme Court hear the case. SunLink opposed the petition, and on May 3, 2010 the Georgia Supreme Court declined to hear the appeal. Therefore, SunLink has recorded a receivable of \$1,325 for the judgment amount plus prejudgment and post-judgment interest, offset the amounts owing to PMH. The receivable is included in the accompanying March 31, 2010 balance sheet, and the benefit associated therewith is included in earnings from discontinued operations in the consolidated statement of earnings for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2010. Under the terms of the asset sale agreement, SunLink has the right to be indemnified by the buyer for losses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses of litigation) incurred in enforcing the covenants and agreements of the buyer of the asset sale agreement. No amount of any possible recovery of legal fees has been accrued as of March 31, 2010.

On December 7, 2007, Southern Health Corporation of Ellijay, Inc. (SHC-Ellijay) filed a Complaint against James P. Garrett and Roberta Mundy, both individually and as Fiduciary of the Estate of Randy Mundy (collectively, Defendants), seeking specific performance of an Option Agreement (the Option Agreement) dated April 17, 2007, between SHC-Ellijay, Mr. Garrett, and Ms. Mundy as Executrix of the Estate of Randy Mundy for the sale of approximately 24.74 acres of real property located in Gilmer County, Georgia, and recovery of SHC-Ellijay's damages suffered as a result of Defendants' failure to close the transaction in accordance with the Option Agreement. SHC-Ellijay also stated alternative claims for breach of the Option Agreement and fraud, along with claims to recover attorney's fees and punitive damages.

In January 2008, the Mundys filed a motion to strike, motion to dismiss, answer, affirmative defenses, and a counterclaim against SHC-Ellijay. On March 3, 2009, SHC-Ellijay filed a First Amended and Restated Complaint for Damages, which effectively dropped the cause of action for specific performance of the Option Agreement. On May 7, 2009, Mr. Garrett and Ms. Mundy served a motion for summary judgment on all counts and causes of action stated in the First Amended Complaint. The court has postponed consideration of the defendants' motion for summary judgment and SHC-Ellijay's response thereto until after a discovery dispute between the parties has been resolved.

SunLink denies that it has any liability to the Mundys and intends to vigorously defend the claims asserted against SunLink by the Mundys complaint and to vigorously pursue its claims against the Mundys. While the ultimate outcome and materiality of the litigation cannot be determined, in management's opinion the litigation will not have a material adverse effect on SunLink's financial condition or results of operations.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

### Risk Factors Relating to an Investment in SunLink

Information regarding risk factors appears in MD&A Forward-Looking Statements, in Part I Item 2 of this Form 10-Q and in MD&A -Risks Factors Relating to an Investment in SunLink in Part I Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2009. While we believe there have been no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in such Annual Report, except as discussed in MD&A Corporate Business Strategy and MD&A Discontinued Operations in Item 2 of this Form 10-Q, you

should carefully consider, in addition to the other information set forth in this report, the risk factors discussed in our Annual Report which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results. Such risk factors are expressly incorporated herein by reference. The risks described in our Annual Report are not the only risks facing our Company. In addition to risks and uncertainties inherent in forward looking statements contained in this Report on Form 10-Q, additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results. Whenever we refer to SunLink, Company, we, our, or us in this Item 1A, we mean SunLink Health Systems, Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless the context suggests otherwise.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

**Exhibits:**

- 31.1 Chief Executive Officer's Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 31.2 Chief Financial Officer's Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 32.1 Chief Executive Officer's Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 Chief Financial Officer's Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, SunLink Health Systems, Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

SunLink Health Systems, Inc.

By: /s/ Mark J. Stockslager  
Mark J. Stockslager  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: May 17, 2010