## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 8-K

## CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 19, 2004

## DOVER CORPORATION

## (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

## STATE OF DELAWARE (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

## 1-4018

(Commission File Number)

53-0257888
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

280 Park Avenue, New York, NY
(212) 922-1640
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
(Former Name or Former address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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## Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 19, 2004, Dover Corporation issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 announcing its results of operations for its quarter ended September 30, 2004.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibits, is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any of Dover's filings with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Not applicable
(b) Not applicable
(c) The following exhibit is filed as part of this report:

Press release of Dover Corporation, dated October 19, 2004, is filed as Exhibit 99.1.

## Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DOVER CORPORATION
(Registrant)
Date: October 19, 2004
By: /s/Joseph W. Schmidt
Joseph W. Schmidt, Vice President, General Counsel \& Secretary

## EXHIBIT INDEX

## Exhibit No.

## DOUER CORPORATION

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## October 19, 2004

## DOVER REPORTS THIRD QUARTER EARNINGS RESULTS

New York, New York, October 19, 2004 - Dover Corporation (NYSE: DOV) earned $\$ 116.9$ million or $\$ .58$ diluted earnings per share (EPS) from continuing operations for the third quarter ended September 30, 2004, compared to $\$ 75.2$ million or $\$ .37$ EPS from continuing operations in the comparable period last year, an increase in earnings and EPS of $55 \%$ and $57 \%$, respectively. Net earnings for the third quarter of 2004 were $\$ 120.3$ million or $\$ .59$ EPS, including $\$ 3.4$ million or $\$ .01$ EPS of income from discontinued operations, compared to $\$ 84.4$ million or $\$ .42$ EPS for the same period of 2003, which included $\$ 9.1$ million or $\$ .05$ EPS in earnings from discontinued operations. Sales for the third quarter of 2004 were a record $\$ 1,444.2$ million, an increase of $29 \%$ as compared to $\$ 1,122.9$ million for the comparable period last year.

Dover Corporation earned $\$ 310.3$ million or $\$ 1.52$ EPS from continuing operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, compared to $\$ 204.5$ million or $\$ 1.01$ EPS from continuing operations in the comparable period last year, an increase in earnings and EPS of $52 \%$ and $50 \%$, respectively. Net earnings for the first nine months of 2004 were $\$ 315.6$ million or $\$ 1.54$ EPS, including $\$ 5.3$ million or $\$ .02$ EPS of income from discontinued operations compared to $\$ 216.6$ million or $\$ 1.07$ EPS for the same period of 2003, which included $\$ 12.1$ million or $\$ .06$ EPS in earnings from discontinued operations. Sales for the first nine months of 2004 were also a record $\$ 4,066.9$ million, an increase of $26 \%$ as compared to $\$ 3,215.3$ million for the comparable period last year.

Commenting on the results and the current outlook, Thomas L. Reece, Dover's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said: "Dover's third quarter results continue to reflect the positive market conditions we experienced in the first and second quarters, with thirty-eight of our forty-nine operating companies achieving favorable quarterly year-over-year earnings comparisons. We are pleased with the solid margin growth we achieved in most of our businesses during 2004, with quarterly year-over-year earnings from continuing operations increasing $55 \%$ on a sales increase of $29 \%$. As in the second quarter, our Resources and Technologies segments were the primary drivers of this quarter's strong performance, generating robust year-over-year increases in both sales and earnings. Diversified also delivered improved sales and earnings results, as did many of the Industries companies. In addition to good operating performance, we completed two "add-on" acquisitions in the quarter for about $\$ 229$ million, and are encouraged by the growing number of attractive acquisition candidates in the pipeline.

Looking to the fourth quarter, we feel good about the prospects for Diversified, Industries and Resources companies. Bookings and backlog in those three subsidiaries are generally up over prior year periods, even if leveling off somewhat in the most recent quarter, which suggest continued strong performance. In Technologies, there was a noticeable decline in CBAT bookings and backlog during the quarter, reflecting general market conditions in both the backend semiconductor and circuit board assembly markets served, suggesting that at least in the near term, CBAT will not maintain the sequential improvements in sales and earnings achieved over the past three quarters. We also anticipate some continued moderation in SEC performance, as Vectron digests the CFC acquisition and addresses some short term market softness."

## SEGMENT RESULTS

## Diversified

| (in thousands, unaudited) | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 | \%Change |  | 2004 | 2003 | \%Change |
| Net sales | \$346,273 | \$288,479 | 20\% | \$ | 963,555 | \$866,041 | 11\% |
| Earnings | 43,029 | 30,653 | 40\% |  | 111,691 | 98,660 | 13\% |
| Operating margins | 12.4\% | 10.6\% |  |  | 11.6\% | 11.4\% |  |
| Bookings | 369,179 | 287,872 | 28\% |  | 1,063,554 | 858,363 | 24\% |
| Book-to-Bill | 1.07 | 1.00 |  |  | 1.10 | 0.99 |  |
| Back log |  |  |  |  | 436,755 | 333,408 | 31\% |

Diversified's earnings improved $40 \%$ over the prior year quarter and $14 \%$ over the second quarter, led by favorable year-over-year comparisons at Mark Andy, Crenlo and Graphics Microsystems. Favorable quarterly year-over-year earnings were posted by nine of the 12 operating companies and 11 of 12 operating companies reported increased bookings over prior year. Total Diversified bookings were up $7 \%$ compared to the second quarter of this year. Increased material commodity costs have reduced quarterly margins by approximately 150 basis points. Hill Phoenix achieved record shipments despite delays in customer construction projects in the Southeast due to the severe hurricane season. Earnings were flat, compared to a record quarter last year, as steel cost increases continued to impact margins. Mark Andy realized improved sales and bookings, primarily from strong growth in the label market in the U.S., Eastern Europe and South America. As a result of this increase in sales, earnings and margins improved significantly over the prior year. Due to the continued strengthening of the cab markets, sales at Crenlo increased by $49 \%$. Crenlo's book-to-bill was 1.16 for the quarter and its backlog is at a four-year high. Belvac had its best bookings, sales and earnings quarter of the year, beating its prior year earnings performance by $145 \%$ on a $37 \%$ sales increase. Bookings were up $30 \%$ over prior year, due primarily to robust large machine order activity in Europe. While quarterly results for Belvac were a significant improvement over the previous quarter, they remained below the prior year to date earnings. Graphics Microsystems had a strong quarter in bookings, sales and earnings as its color and ink control products continued to gain acceptance among their larger customers. Sargent reported improved sales, fueled by strong demand for helicopter components, business jet engine parts and increased spares to the commercial airline industry. Sargent's earnings improved $11 \%$ year-over-year and its margins increased by two percentage points over the prior quarter. PMI's earnings were up $4 \%$ on flat sales, as strong North American powersports and automotive markets were offset by a
weak European OEM business. SWEP and Tranter PHE's sales and bookings remained strong in the quarter, although their margins continued to be negatively impacted by higher raw material prices. Hydratight Sweeney's earnings were up $61 \%$ on a $15 \%$ increase in sales as the robust oil and gas markets drove increased demand for equipment sales and service. Waukesha Bearing's bookings increased $84 \%$ over the prior year on the strength of large orders for both fluid film and magnetic bearing products and a sizeable order for nuclear waste clean-up equipment.

## Industries

| (in thousands, unaudited) | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 | \%Change | 2004 | 2003 | \%Change |
| Net sales | \$307,503 | \$264,637 | 16\% | \$898,184 | \$761,387 | 18\% |
| Earnings | 32,273 | 30,908 | 4\% | 100,796 | 85,068 | 18\% |
| Operating margins | 10.5\% | 11.7\% |  | 11.2\% | 11.2\% |  |
| Bookings | 306,749 | 272,101 | 13\% | 943,466 | 784,872 | 20\% |
| Book-to-Bill | 1.00 | 1.03 |  | 1.05 | 1.03 |  |
| Backlog |  |  |  | 251,011 | 149,236 | 68\% |

Industries generated record third quarter revenues, reflecting improving market conditions and continued share gains, with favorable quarterly year-over-year earnings comparisons at seven of its 12 operating companies. Sales grew at 11 of the 12 companies, with 10 contributing double-digit gains, but earnings were negatively impacted by both rising steel costs, which, net of price increases, reduced quarterly margins by approximately 240 basis points. Nine of the 12 operating companies reported increased bookings over the prior year's quarter, while backlog increased by $68 \%$, driven primarily by military orders at Heil Trailer. Despite escalating steel costs and a slight decline in the refuse market, Heil Environmental was the largest earnings contributor, as revenues rose $24 \%$. Although Rotary's sales increased for the seventh consecutive quarter, earnings declined on a year-over-year basis due to the aforementioned run-up in steel costs. Both companies have instituted price increases that have begun to offset the impact of these higher steel costs, although the full benefit isn’t expected to be realized until the fourth quarter of 2004. Chief's sales also grew $24 \%$ on a $71 \%$ increase in unit sales of computerized measuring products, offsetting a $25 \%$ decline in pulling product sales. Strong sales in Eastern Europe drove a $13 \%$ increase at Tipper Tie’s international subsidiaries. Marathon's new product offerings in its baler line, along with strong compactor sales, helped to generate record results, while PDQ's strong performance was the result of strong customer acceptance of its reintroduced 'G5' touch-free product line. Kurz Kasch's earnings increased due to better than expected performance at Wabash, a recent acquisition, and a more active truck market. Somero continues to benefit from strong market acceptance of its new product introductions. Triton generated record revenues for the quarter, driven primarily by increased sales of recently introduced high end ATM's. Earnings were slightly down, however, as Triton continued to make investments in internal infrastructure and expand into new markets in Europe and the Far East. Strong military shipments continue to positively impact sales at Heil Trailer, although earnings were negatively affected by charges associated with Heil's U.K. realignment. DI Foodservice had a disappointing quarter, as volume declines and a number of accrual adjustments, both of which were significant, resulted in a loss. The unfavorable sales performance was driven by institutional projects falling below expectations, as municipal customers continued to be severely hampered by lower tax receipts.

## Resources

| (in thousands, unaudited) | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 | \%Change | 2004 | 2003 | \%Change |
| Net sales | \$348,708 | \$242,528 | 44\% | \$ 979,972 | \$698,463 | 40\% |
| Earnings | 57,774 | 37,193 | 55\% | 163,234 | 101,933 | 60\% |
| Operating margins | 16.6\% | 15.3\% |  | 16.7\% | 14.6\% |  |
| Bookings | 331,170 | 244,654 | 35\% | 1,031,816 | 709,852 | 45\% |
| Book-to-Bill | 0.95 | 1.01 |  | 1.05 | 1.02 |  |
| Back log |  |  |  | 157,144 | 84,445 | 86\% |

Resources’ sales and earnings in the third quarter were sequentially stronger than the first two quarters of 2004. The increases were due primarily to continued improvement in the energy, material handling and fluid solution markets, as well as by positive leverage related to internal initiatives to improve productivity and offset material cost increases. For the quarter, 11 of 12 companies achieved favorable earnings compared to last year's third quarter, in which nine companies experienced double-digit earnings growth. The continued strength in oil and gas exploration, production, refining, and retailing favorably impacted a number of businesses, although disciplined capital expenditures by customers has somewhat neutralized the impact of higher energy prices. Energy Products Group, which on September 1st acquired US Synthetic, a leading supplier of polycrystalline diamond cutters used in drill bits for oil and gas drilling, continues to generate positive year-over-year comparisons, as does C. Lee Cook, which supplies equipment to the natural gas processing and transmission markets. The material handling businesses, WARN, Tulsa Winch and Texas Hydraulics continue to experience strong demand from winch, automotive powertrain and construction equipment customers, and all have done an excellent job of ramping up production and managing the material availability issues associated with strong demand. The companies associated with fluid solutions, which include the OPW and pump companies, have benefited from increased chemical and petroleum processing as well as favorable changes in environmental regulations. In particular, the pump companies serving the process markets, Blackmer and Wilden, have achieved strong growth in the global markets they serve. Despite the fact that revenue at De-Sta-Co Industries and Hydro Systems was flat as compared to the prior year, earnings improvements were achieved through solid cost control initiatives.

## Technologies

| (in thousands, unaudited) | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 | \%Change | 2004 | 2003 | \%Change |
| Net sales | \$444,128 | \$329,313 | 35\% | \$1,232,116 | \$895,562 | 38\% |
| Earnings | 55,267 | 29,794 | 85\% | 141,171 | 61,022 | 131\% |
| Operating margins | 12.4\% | 9.0\% |  | 11.5\% | 6.8\% |  |
| Bookings | 374,841 | 332,233 | 13\% | 1,234,140 | 921,422 | 34\% |
| Book-to-Bill | 0.84 | 1.01 |  | 1.00 | 1.03 |  |
| Back log |  |  |  | 214,024 | 158,146 | 35\% |

Technologies reported an increase in sales and earnings over the prior year quarter in all three of its operating groups: Imaje, Circuit Board Assembly and Test (CBAT) and Specialty Electronic Components (SEC). There were favorable quarterly year-over-year earnings comparisons at 11 of the 13 operating companies and all but one of the operating companies were profitable during the third quarter. However, sequential quarterly comparisons at Technologies for bookings decreased by $17 \%$, while earnings and sales were essentially flat.

Imaje's quarterly sales increased by $11 \%$ over the same period last year while earnings were up $5 \%$. Sales in Continuous Ink Jet (CIJ) products were up as Imaje continued to gain market
share. Interest is strong, especially in Europe, for the new non-CIJ products, including the new Thermal Transfer on Line, Print \& Apply system and Drop on Demand Printers. Imaje's U.S. production platform, which has begun to manufacture printers, and its newly established facility in China, which came on-line late in the quarter, will both provide improvements in global customer delivery capabilities.

## Circuit Board Assembly and Test (CBAT)

| (in thousands, unaudited) | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 | \%Change | 2004 | 2003 | \%Change |
| Net sales | \$300,139 | \$204,425 | 47\% | \$808,011 | \$532,479 | 52\% |
| Earnings | 42,891 | 19,497 | 120\% | 103,016 | 31,285 | 229\% |
| Operating margins | 14.3\% | 9.5\% |  | 12.7\% | 5.9\% |  |
| Bookings | 236,193 | 206,146 | 15\% | 803,236 | 548,445 | 46\% |
| Book-to-Bill | 0.79 | 1.01 |  | 0.99 | 1.03 |  |
| Back log |  |  |  | 120,989 | 90,553 | 34\% |

The CBAT businesses recorded an increase in earnings of $\$ 23.4$ million over the comparable quarter in 2003 on a sales increase of $\$ 95.7$ million. This strong increase in earnings was reported at all but one of the CBAT companies, with overall margins at $14.3 \%$. Sequential quarterly earnings increased $\$ 3.1$ million or $8 \%$ on a sales increase of $\$ 15.6$ million or $5 \%$ while bookings decreased $24 \%$ over the second quarter of 2004 . The book-to-bill ratio for the quarter was .79 and ending backlog was $\$ 121.0$ million, a decrease of $33 \%$ from the second quarter. The decrease in the book-to-bill ratio was attributable to two primary factors. First, the recent warnings of softness in the semiconductor sector had a negative impact on the back-end semiconductor equipment companies, resulting in a book-to-bill ratio that was lower than that of CBAT as a whole. It now appears that bookings may have peaked in the second quarter as the near term semiconductor market continues to weaken. Additionally, in the pure Circuit Board Assembly sector, the Asian market (particularly China) is showing signs of moderation in booking patterns as it absorbs the recent increase in buying from earlier in the year. Mitigating this trend to some extent were bookings at Vitronics Soltec and OK International, both of which have introduced technical product offerings that address the soon-to-be mandated migration to leadfree solder. Also, Alphasem recorded a large booking in the quarter for an application specific project. Universal Instruments’ bookings also declined from the previous quarter, reflecting overall softness in the market. Sales of new products introduced this year by Universal have been adversely impacted by the current volatile market conditions as well as ongoing product sourcing and production challenges. Everett Charles Technologies, DEK, OK, Hover Davis and Vitronics Soltec all recorded solid double-digit margins for the quarter.

## Specialty Electronic Components (SEC)

| (in thousands, unaudited) | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 | \%Change | 2004 | 2003 | \%Change |
| Net sales | \$63,386 | \$51,969 | 22\% | \$182,142 | \$154,365 | 18\% |
| Earnings | 2,060 | 732 | 181\% | 12,047 | 5,606 | 115\% |
| Operating margins | 3.2\% | 1.4\% |  | 6.6\% | 3.6\% |  |
| Bookings | 57,884 | 55,048 | 5\% | 185,677 | 160,754 | 16\% |
| Book-to-Bill | 0.91 | 1.06 |  | 1.02 | 1.04 |  |
| Backlog |  |  |  | 68,049 | 49,246 | 38\% |

The SEC businesses recorded an increase in earnings of only $\$ 1.3$ million over the comparative quarter in 2003 on a sales increase of $\$ 11.4$ million. Vectron, Dielectric and Dow Key reported year-over-year increased earnings. However, four of the five SEC companies recorded sequential quarterly earnings declines as telecom orders weakened for the second consecutive quarter. Acquisition related costs at Vectron and operational realignment charges at K\&L also
impacted earnings in the quarter. Overall, the SEC companies reported a $5 \%$ decrease in bookings over the second quarter with a book-to-bill ratio of . 91 and ending backlog of $\$ 68.0$ million. The softer order rates (as compared to fourth quarter 2003 and first half of 2004) reflect weaker end market demand as well as excess inventory in the OEM/EMS channel. Though longer-term telecom market fundamentals continue to indicate growth, the next two or three quarters comparisons may lag the positive comparisons recorded in the first half of 2004. Orders from military and medical customers continue to be strong. In September, Vectron acquired Corning Frequency Controls, a competitive leading supplier of oscillators to the telecommunications, military/aerospace, test and instrumentation markets.

## Other Information:

Of the $29 \%$ revenue growth in 3rd quarter, 17 percentage points - or nearly $59 \%$ of the growth — came from existing businesses, with 9 percentage points from acquisitions ( $30 \%$ ) and the balance reflecting currency translation. Of the $26 \%$ sales growth in the first nine months of 2004, the comparable percentages were $16 \%$ organic growth, $7 \%$ from acquisitions and the remaining $3 \%$ from currency translation.

During the third quarter of 2004, Dover acquired two add-on companies; one in Resources and one in Technologies. Neither of these acquisitions had a material impact on the company's quarterly financial results. For the third quarter and first nine months of 2004, Dover's investment in acquisitions was $\$ 229.2$ million and $\$ 312.0$, respectively.

Also in the third quarter of 2004, Dover sold two previously discontinued businesses, one from Industries and one from the Resources market segments for net cash proceeds of $\$ 45.6$ million. For the year-to-date, Dover sold five businesses for net cash proceeds of $\$ 67.9$ million. There is only one remaining business in discontinued operations that is expected to be sold in the fourth quarter. Comparatively, during the third quarter of 2003, Dover divested one business from the Technologies market segment for net cash proceeds of $\$ 4.4$ million and for the prior year-to-date, Dover sold four businesses for net cash proceeds of $\$ 9.5$ million.

Discontinued operations earnings for the current and prior year third quarter of $\$ 3.4$ million and $\$ 9.1$ million, respectively, were primarily from the favorable resolution of certain outstanding tax matters and tax benefits related to losses on sales of discontinued businesses. These gains were partially offset by modest losses on the sales of discontinued businesses and charges related to contingent liabilities from the entities sold.

The effective tax rate for continuing operations for the third quarter of 2004 was $26.4 \%$ compared to last year's third quarter tax rate of $25.0 \%$. For the first nine months of 2004, the effective tax rate for continuing operations was $28.2 \%$, compared to $24.3 \%$ for the first nine months of 2003 . The increase in the quarter and year-to-date 2004 rates is primarily attributable to a decrease in the amounts of anticipated tax benefits from tax credit programs such as those for R\&D, an increase in sales not qualifying for tax incentives relating to U.S. export sales and the recognition of certain non-recurring capital loss benefits in 2003.

Net debt increased by $\$ 19.8$ million to $\$ 716.0$ million during the first nine months of 2004 as a result of acquisition spending offset by a reduction in commercial paper, and the net debt to total capitalization ratio decreased to $19.5 \%$ during the period. The following table provides a reconciliation of net debt to total capitalization, with the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) information found in the attached financial information.

| Net Debt to Total Capitalization Ratio (in thousands, unaudited) | $\underset{2004}{\text { September 30, }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } 31, \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Short-term debt and commercial paper | \$ 22,837 | \$ 63,669 |
| Long-term debt | 1,000,059 | 1,003,915 |
| Less: Cash, equivalents and marketable securities | 306,907 | 371,397 |
| Net debt | 715,989 | 696,187 |
| Add: Stockholders' equity | 2,956,464 | 2,742,671 |
| Total capitalization | \$3,672,453 | \$3,438,858 |
| Net debt to total capitalization | 19.5\% | 20.2\% |

Free cash flow for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, increased significantly as cash generated from operations improved by $\$ 141.3$ million compared to last year. The 2004 improvement in free cash flow primarily reflects improved net earnings of $\$ 105.8$ million and a decrease in discretionary defined benefit plan contributions, offset by increases in working capital. Discretionary contributions made to the defined benefit pension plan during the first nine months of 2003 were approximately $\$ 45.8$ million, with no contributions made during the first nine months of 2004 . The following table is a reconciliation of free cash flow with cash flows from operating activities.

Nine Months Ended September 30,


In an effort to provide additional information regarding the company's results as determined by GAAP, the company also discloses non-GAAP information, which management believes is useful for investors. Free cash flow, net debt, total capitalization and organic growth are not financial measures under GAAP and should not be considered as a substitute for cash flows from operating activities, debt and equity and reported sales growth, as determined in accordance with GAAP, and they may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. Management believes the net debt to total capitalization ratio and free cash flow are important measures of liquidity and operating performance because they provide both management and investors with a measurement of cash generated from operations that is available to fund acquisitions and repay debt. Management believes that reporting organic sales growth, which excludes the impact of foreign currency exchange rates and the impact of acquisitions, provides a better comparison of the company's revenue performance and trends between reported periods.

Dover will host a Webcast of its third quarter 2004 conference call at 9:00 AM Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 20, 2004. The conference call will also be made available for replay on the website and additional information on Dover's third quarter 2004 results and its operating companies can also be found on the company website at www.dovercorporation.com

Dover Corporation makes information available to the public, orally and in writing, which may use words like "expects" and "believes," which are "forwardlooking statements" under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. This press release contains forward-looking statements regarding future events and the performance of Dover Corporation that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially including, but not limited to, the impact of continued events in the Middle East on the worldwide economy, economic conditions, increases in the cost or availability of raw materials or energy, changes in customer
demand, increased competition in the relevant markets, failure to successfully integrate acquisitions and others. Dover Corporation refers you to the documents that it files from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission, such as its reports on Form 10-K, Form 10-Q and Form 8-K, which contain additional important factors that could cause its actual results to differ from its current expectations and from the forward-looking statements contained in this press release.

## DOVER CORPORATION

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS <br> (unaudited) (in thousands, except per share figures)

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2004 |  | 2003 |  | 2004 |  | 2003 |
| Net sales |  | \$1,444,196 |  | \$1,122,909 |  | \$4,066,936 |  | \$3,215,282 |
| Cost of sales |  | 949,587 |  | 739,635 |  | 2,652,722 |  | 2,105,828 |
| Gross profit |  | 494,609 |  | 383,274 |  | 1,414,214 |  | 1,109,454 |
| Selling and administrative expenses |  | 321,911 |  | 265,117 |  | 937,879 |  | 786,771 |
| Operating profit |  | 172,698 |  | 118,157 |  | 476,335 |  | 322,683 |
| Interest expense, net |  | 15,938 |  | 15,443 |  | 45,943 |  | 47,588 |
| All other (income) expense, net |  | $(1,948)$ |  | 2,457 |  | $(1,691)$ |  | 5,091 |
| Total |  | 13,990 |  | 17,900 |  | 44,252 |  | 52,679 |
| Earnings from continuing operations, before taxes on income |  | 158,708 |  | 100,257 |  | 432,083 |  | 270,004 |
| Federal and other taxes on income |  | 41,850 |  | 25,022 |  | 121,749 |  | 65,490 |
| Net earnings from continuing operations |  | 116,858 |  | 75,235 |  | 310,334 |  | 204,514 |
| Net earnings from discontinued operations |  | 3,406 |  | 9,120 |  | 5,307 |  | 12,094 |
| Net earnings |  | 120,264 |  | \$ 84,355 |  | \$ 315,641 |  | \$ 216,608 |
| Net earnings per common share: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Continuing operations |  | 0.58 |  | \$ 0.37 |  | \$ 1.53 |  | \$ 1.01 |
| - Discontinued operations |  | 0.01 |  | 0.05 |  | 0.02 |  | 0.06 |
| - Net earnings |  | \$ 0.59 |  | \$ 0.42 |  | \$ 1.55 |  | \$ 1.07 |
| Diluted |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Continuing operations |  | 0.58 | \$ | \$ 0.37 |  | \$ 1.52 |  | \$ 1.01 |
| - Discontinued operations |  | 0.01 |  | 0.05 |  | 0.02 |  | 0.06 |
| - Net earnings |  | 0.59 |  | \$ 0.42 |  | \$ 1.54 |  | \$ 1.07 |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic |  | 203,335 |  | 202,568 |  | 203,229 |  | 202,509 |
| Diluted |  | 204,714 |  | 204,017 |  | 204,754 |  | 203,366 |

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## DOVER CORPORATION

MARKET SEGMENT RESULTS
(unaudited) (in thousands)

| SALES | Three Months Ended September 30, |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| Diversified | 346,273 | \$ 288,479 | \$ 963,555 | \$ 866,041 |
| Industries | 307,503 | 264,637 | 898,184 | 761,387 |
| Resources | 348,708 | 242,528 | 979,972 | 698,463 |
| Technologies | 444,128 | 329,313 | 1,232,116 | 895,562 |
| Intramarket eliminations | $(2,416)$ | $(2,048)$ | $(6,891)$ | $(6,171)$ |
| Net sales | \$1,444,196 | \$1,122,909 | \$4,066,936 | \$3,215,282 |
| EARNINGS |  |  |  |  |
| Diversified | \$ 43,029 | \$ 30,653 | \$ 111,691 | \$ 98,660 |
| Industries | 32,273 | 30,908 | 100,796 | 85,068 |
| Resources | 57,774 | 37,193 | 163,234 | 101,933 |
| Technologies | 55,267 | 29,794 | 141,171 | 61,022 |
| Subtotal continuing operations | 188,343 | 128,548 | 516,892 | 346,683 |
| Corporate expense/other | $(13,697)$ | $(12,848)$ | $(38,866)$ | $(29,091)$ |
| Net interest expense | $(15,938)$ | $(15,443)$ | $(45,943)$ | $(47,588)$ |
| Earnings from continuing operations, before taxes on income | 158,708 | 100,257 | 432,083 | 270,004 |
| Federal and other taxes on income | 41,850 | 25,022 | 121,749 | 65,490 |
| Net earnings from continuing operations | \$ 116,858 | \$ 75,235 | \$ 310,334 | \$ 204,514 |

(more)

## DOVER CORPORATION

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited) (in thousands)

| BALANCE SHEET | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } 30, \\ 2004 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Assets: |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 306,643 | \$ 370,379 |
| Receivables, net of allowances for doubtful accounts | 931,919 | 747,567 |
| Inventories | 756,601 | 639,339 |
| Deferred tax \& other current assets | 113,232 | 92,355 |
| Property, plant \& equipment, net | 750,023 | 717,875 |
| Goodwill | 2,013,544 | 1,844,701 |
| Intangibles, net | 389,140 | 349,328 |
| Other assets | 203,907 | 208,069 |
| Assets of discontinued operations | 55,054 | 164,139 |
|  | \$5,520,063 | \$5,133,752 |
| Liabilities \& Stockholders' Equity: |  |  |
| Short term debt | \$ 22,837 | \$ 63,669 |
| Payables and accrued expenses | 846,092 | 705,701 |
| Taxes payable and other deferrals | 664,857 | 543,910 |
| Long-term debt | 1,000,059 | 1,003,915 |
| Liabilities of discontinued operations | 29,754 | 73,886 |
| Stockholders' equity | 2,956,464 | 2,742,671 |
|  | \$5,520,063 | \$5,133,752 |


|  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 |
| CASH FLOWS |  |  |
| Operating activities: |  |  |
| Net earnings | \$ 315,641 | \$216,608 |
| (Earnings) losses from discontinued operations, net of tax | $(5,307)$ | $(12,094)$ |
| Depreciation and amortization | 116,789 | 110,568 |
| Net change (increase) decrease in assets and liabilities | $(49,653)$ | $(33,155)$ |
| Contributions to defined benefit pension plan | - | $(45,780)$ |
| Net cash from (used in) operating activities | 377,470 | 236,147 |
| Investing activities: |  |  |
| Proceeds from the sale of property and equipment | 13,949 | 7,708 |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment | $(72,444)$ | $(68,137)$ |
| Proceeds from sale of discontinued business | 67,921 | 9,500 |
| Acquisitions (net of cash and cash equivalents acquired) | $(312,014)$ | $(31,240)$ |
| Net cash from (used in) investing activities | $(302,588)$ | $(82,169)$ |
| Financing activities: |  |  |
| Increase (decrease) in debt | $(52,736)$ | 25,657 |
| Cash dividends to stockholders | $(93,507)$ | $(85,079)$ |
| Purchase of treasury stock and proceeds from exercise of stock options | 5,989 | 2,950 |
| Net cash from (used in) financing activities | (140,254) | $(56,472)$ |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | $(4,893)$ | 5,714 |
| Net cash from (used in) discontinued operations | 6,529 | 6,537 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash \& equivalents | $(63,736)$ | 109,757 |
| Cash \& cash equivalents at beginning of period | 370,379 | 293,824 |
| Cash \& cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 306,643 | \$403,581 |

DOVER CORPORATION
QUARTERLY MARKET SEGMENT INFORMATION (1)

## DIVERSIFIED

|  | $\begin{aligned} & 2003 \\ & 1 \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | 2 Qtr. | 3 Qtr. | 4 Qtr . | $\begin{aligned} & 2004 \\ & 1 \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | 2 Qtr. | 3 Qtr. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$276,171 | \$301,391 | \$288,479 | \$302,215 | \$293,560 | \$323,722 | \$346,273 |
| Earnings | 31,238 | 36,769 | 30,653 | 33,207 | 30,862 | 37,800 | 43,029 |
| Bookings | 278,883 | 291,608 | 287,872 | 302,648 | 349,479 | 344,896 | 369,179 |
| Backlog | 334,701 | 333,758 | 333,408 | 334,349 | 391,838 | 414,403 | 436,755 |
| Book-to -Bill | 1.01 | 0.97 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.19 | 1.07 | 1.07 |
| Operating margins | 11.3\% | 12.2\% | 10.6\% | 11.0\% | 10.5\% | 11.7\% | 12.4\% |

## INDUSTRIES

|  | $\begin{aligned} & 2003 \\ & 1 \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | 2 Qtr. | 3 Qtr. | 4 Qtr . | $\begin{aligned} & 2004 \\ & 1 \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | 2 Qtr. | 3 Qtr. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$241,062 | \$255,688 | \$264,637 | \$278,543 | \$287,169 | \$303,512 | \$307,503 |
| Earnings | 26,363 | 27,797 | 30,908 | 36,133 | 32,716 | 35,807 | 32,273 |
| Bookings | 257,844 | 254,927 | 272,101 | 320,174 | 323,907 | 312,810 | 306,749 |
| Backlog | 137,826 | 141,007 | 149,236 | 201,866 | 239,335 | 250,046 | 251,011 |
| Book-to-Bill | 1.07 | 1.00 | 1.03 | 1.15 | 1.13 | 1.03 | 1.00 |
| Operating margins | 10.9\% | 10.9\% | 11.7\% | 13.0\% | 11.4\% | 11.8\% | 10.5\% |

## RESOURCES

|  | $\begin{aligned} & 2003 \\ & 1 \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | 2 Qtr. | 3 Qtr. | 4 Qtr . | $\begin{aligned} & 2004 \\ & \mathbf{1} \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | 2 Qtr. | 3 Qtr. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$223,106 | \$232,829 | \$242,528 | \$284,196 | \$303,711 | \$327,553 | \$348,708 |
| Earnings | 32,486 | 32,254 | 37,193 | 34,917 | 49,389 | 56,071 | 57,774 |
| Bookings | 232,830 | 232,368 | 244,654 | 280,205 | 349,634 | 351,012 | 331,170 |
| Backlog | 80,068 | 81,744 | 84,445 | 104,395 | 149,809 | 173,357 | 157,144 |
| Book-to-Bill | 1.04 | 1.00 | 1.01 | 0.99 | 1.15 | 1.07 | 0.95 |
| Operating margins | 14.6\% | 13.9\% | 15.3\% | 12.3\% | 16.3\% | 17.1\% | 16.6\% |

## TECHNOLOGIES

|  | $\begin{aligned} & 2003 \\ & 1 \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | 2 Qtr. | 3 Qtr. | 4 Qtr. | $\begin{aligned} & 2004 \\ & 1 \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | 2 Qtr. | 3 Qtr. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$260,042 | \$306,207 | \$329,313 | \$335,679 | \$360,110 | \$427,878 | \$444,128 |
| Earnings | 10,497 | 20,731 | 29,794 | 23,741 | 30,870 | 55,034 | 55,267 |
| Bookings | 276,497 | 312,692 | 332,233 | 354,176 | 407,561 | 451,738 | 374,841 |
| Backlog | 146,415 | 157,821 | 158,146 | 182,427 | 223,044 | 263,973 | 214,024 |
| Book-to-Bill | 1.06 | 1.02 | 1.01 | 1.06 | 1.13 | 1.06 | 0.84 |
| Operating margins | 4.0\% | 6.8\% | 9.0\% | 7.1\% | 8.6\% | 12.9\% | 12.4\% |

(1) Excludes discontinued operations.

DOVER CORPORATION
CBAT AND SEC QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL INFORMATION (1)

## CBAT

|  | $\begin{aligned} & 2003 \\ & 1 \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | 2 Qtr. | 3 Qtr. | 4 Qtr . | $\begin{aligned} & 2004 \\ & 1 \text { Qtr. } \end{aligned}$ | 2 Qtr. | 3 Qtr. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$148,883 | \$179,171 | \$204,425 | \$199,270 | \$223,348 | \$284,524 | \$300,139 |
| Earnings | 1,637 | 10,151 | 19,497 | 12,406 | 20,320 | 39,805 | 42,891 |
| Bookings | 160,495 | 181,804 | 206,146 | 212,478 | 259,353 | 307,690 | 236,193 |
| Backlog | 84,957 | 91,157 | 90,553 | 107,036 | 142,697 | 181,280 | 120,989 |
| Book-to-Bill | 1.08 | 1.01 | 1.01 | 1.07 | 1.16 | 1.08 | 0.79 |
| Operating margins | 1.1\% | 5.7\% | 9.5\% | 6.2\% | 9.1\% | 14.0\% | 14.3\% |

SEC

|  | $\begin{gathered} 2003 \\ 1 \text { Qtr. } \end{gathered}$ | 2 Qtr. | 3 Qtr. | 4 Qtr. | $\begin{gathered} 2004 \\ 1 \text { Qtr. } \end{gathered}$ | 2 Qtr. | 3 Qtr. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$50,315 | \$52,081 | \$51,969 | \$57,210 | \$58,971 | \$59,785 | \$63,386 |
| Earnings | 3,009 | 1,865 | 732 | 1,683 | 4,956 | 5,031 | 2,060 |
| Bookings | 53,856 | 51,850 | 55,048 | 60,391 | 66,894 | 60,899 | 57,884 |
| Backlog | 46,422 | 46,299 | 49,246 | 53,074 | 55,006 | 58,102 | 68,049 |
| Book-to-Bill | 1.07 | 1.00 | 1.06 | 1.06 | 1.13 | 1.02 | 0.91 |
| Operating margins | 6.0\% | 3.6\% | 1.4\% | 2.9\% | 8.4\% | 8.4\% | 3.2\% |

(1) Excludes discontinued operations.

