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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 27, 2011**

TRIMAS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**001-10716**	**38-2687639**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

39400 Woodward Avenue, Suite 130, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan	**48304**
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(248) 631-5400**

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

TriMas Corporation (the "Corporation") issued a press release and held a teleconference on October 27, 2011, reporting its financial results for the third quarter ending September 30, 2011. A copy of the press release and teleconference visual presentation are attached hereto as exhibits and are incorporated herein by reference. The press release and teleconference visual presentation are also available on the Corporation's website at www.trimascorp.com.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Corporation under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are furnished herewith:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release
99.2	The Corporation's visual presentation titled "Third Quarter 2011 Earnings Presentation"

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.

TRIMAS CORPORATION

Date:	October 27, 2011	By:	/s/ David M. Wathen
		Name:	David M. Wathen
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TRIMAS CORPORATION REPORTS RECORD THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

Company Reports Sales Growth of 17% and Growth in Diluted EPS of 40%

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Michigan, October 27, 2011 - TriMas Corporation (NASDAQ: TRS) today announced financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2011. The Company reported record third quarter net sales from continuing operations of $277.7 million, an increase of 16.8% compared to third quarter 2010. Third quarter 2011 income from continuing operations was $17.0 million, a 42% improvement from $12.0 million in third quarter 2010. The Company reported record third quarter 2011 diluted earnings per share from continuing operations of $0.49, as compared to $0.35 during third quarter 2010.

During the third quarter of 2011, the Company reported diluted earnings per share of $0.03 related to its precision cutting tool and specialty fitting lines of businesses now classified as discontinued operations and assets held for sale. Third quarter 2011 total Company net income per diluted share was $0.52, an increase of 40.5% as compared to $0.37 in third quarter 2010.

<u>TriMas Highlights</u>

- Reported record third quarter net sales of $277.7 million, an increase of 16.8%, with sales growth in all six segments compared to third quarter 2010.
- Improved both income and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations by more than 40% compared to third quarter 2010.
- Amended its accounts receivable facility with improved pricing and terms, which, in conjunction with the recent refinance of the Company's U.S. credit facilities, will continue to reduce interest costs, extend maturities and improve financial and operating flexibility.
- Completed the acquisition of Innovative Molding, a technology leader in the design, lining and manufacturing of specialty plastic closures for bottles and jars for the food and nutrition industries.
- Completed two small, bolt-on acquisitions to extend the Company's sales and manufacturing footprint into India and South Africa.

"We achieved our sixth consecutive quarter of double-digit sales and earnings growth, delivered by our continued attention to new product innovation, market share gains, geographic expansion and successful bolt-on acquisitions," said David Wathen, TriMas President and Chief Executive Officer. "We remain focused on our productivity and lean initiatives, and we will use these savings to fund growth, offset inflation and expand margins. As a result of our 16.8% sales growth and productivity initiatives, we also achieved record third quarter earnings per share from continuing operations of $0.49, an increase of approximately 40% as compared to third quarter 2010."

Wathen continued, "We continued to refine our business portfolio to support our strategic imperatives by adding Innovative Molding to our Packaging segment and recently completing two small acquisitions to expand our footprint in India and South Africa. We also moved two businesses within our Engineered Components segment into discontinued operations. While Hi-Vol and Precision Tool Company are well-run, profitable businesses, they are not serving markets where we have chosen to spend our growth capital. Proceeds from the sale of these businesses will be targeted toward our growth platforms and debt reduction, as appropriate."

"We remain positive about TriMas' ability to outperform the economy, create sustainable operating leverage and generate strong cash flow. Our diverse product portfolio and end markets serve us well, especially during times of economic uncertainty. While we experienced some softness in Packaging, which we quickly responded to, we experienced continued strength in our energy and aerospace-related markets. With the uncertain economic environment, we are not assuming any economic tailwinds as we model 2012. We believe we will have to earn every bit of growth and earnings improvement achieved. We are well-positioned to execute on our strategic imperatives throughout the remainder of 2011 and achieve double-digit EPS growth in 2012," Wathen concluded.

Third Quarter Financial Results - From Continuing Operations

- TriMas reported record third quarter net sales of $277.7 million, an increase of 16.8% as compared to $237.7 million in third quarter 2010. While the Energy, Engineered Components and Cequent Asia Pacific segments led this growth with more than 30% increases in net sales, sales increased in each reportable segment compared to third quarter 2010. Overall, sales increased due to market share gains, new product introductions, geographic expansion and additional sales from a bolt-on acquisitions. In addition, net sales were favorably impacted by approximately $4.9 million as a result of currency exchange.

- The Company reported operating profit of $35.8 million in third quarter 2011, as compared to operating profit of $31.7 million during third quarter 2010, primarily as a result of higher sales levels. Third quarter 2011 operating profit margin was 12.9%, as compared to 13.3% in third quarter 2010. This slight decline in operating margin was primarily due to a sales mix shift, as reportable segments with lower margins, Energy and Engineered Components, comprised a greater percentage of sales in third quarter 2011. The Company continued to generate significant savings from productivity and lean initiatives which funded investment in growth initiatives and offset economic cost increases.

- Third quarter 2011 income from continuing operations was $17.0 million, or $0.49 per diluted share, compared to income from continuing operations of $12.0 million, or $0.35 per diluted share, during third quarter 2010.

- The Company generated Free Cash Flow (defined as Cash Flow from Operating Activities less Capital Expenditures) of $30.7 million for third quarter 2011, compared to $24.3 million in third quarter 2010. The Company expects to generate approximately $50 million in Free Cash Flow for 2011.

Discontinued Operations

During the third quarter 2011, the Company committed to a plan to exit its precision cutting tool and specialty fittings lines of business, both of which were part of the Engineered Components segment.

Financial Position

At quarter end, TriMas reported total indebtedness of $476.0 million as of September 30, 2011, as compared to $494.7 million as of December 31, 2010. TriMas ended third quarter 2011 with $162.7 million of cash and aggregate availability under its revolving credit and accounts receivable facilities.

Business Segment Results - From Continuing Operations

Packaging - *(Consists of Rieke Corporation including its foreign subsidiaries of Englass, Rieke Germany, Rieke Italia and Rieke China)*

Net sales for third quarter increased 3.6% compared to the year ago period as a result of the Innovative Molding acquisition completed in the third quarter of 2011 and favorable currency exchange. This sales increase was partially offset by decreases in legacy industrial closure and specialty systems product sales, primarily due to customers' management of inventory levels in response to the economic uncertainty. Operating profit for the quarter decreased primarily due to lower legacy business sales levels. Operating profit margin decreased primarily due to the effect of purchase accounting adjustments and incremental selling, general and administrative costs related to the acquisition, as well as manufacturing inefficiencies at Innovative Molding resulting from the move to a new manufacturing facility. Excluding the impact of the Innovative Molding acquisition, legacy business margin levels increased as a result of continued productivity initiatives, despite lower sales volumes. The Company continues to develop specialty dispensing and closure applications for growing end markets, including pharmaceutical, personal care, nutrition and food/beverage, and expand into complementary products.

Energy - *(Consists of Lamons)*

Third quarter net sales increased 34.6% compared to the year ago period, due to incremental sales as a result of the South Texas Bolt & Fitting acquisition completed in the fourth quarter of 2010, as well as market share gains due to enhanced specialty bolt manufacturing capabilities provided by the acquisition. This segment also benefited from sales from newly opened branches and increased gasket and bolt demand resulting from higher levels of turn-around activity at refineries and petrochemical plants. Operating profit and the related margin percentage for the quarter increased primarily due to higher sales levels, partially offset by a less favorable product mix, increased sales at newer branches, which typically have lower margins due to more aggressive market pricing and additional launch costs, and higher selling, general and administrative costs in support of branch expansion. The Company continues to grow its sales and service branch network and capitalize on synergies related to the acquisition of South Texas Bolt & Fitting.

Aerospace & Defense - *(Consists of Monogram Aerospace Fasteners and NI Industries)*

Net sales for the third quarter increased 6.1% compared to the year ago period, due primarily to improved demand for blind bolts and temporary fasteners from aerospace distribution customers, partially offset by lower sales in the defense business related to decreased activity associated with managing the relocation to and establishment of the new U.S. Army's shell manufacturing facility. Operating profit remained relatively flat as the higher sales levels were essentially offset by a less favorable mix from the defense business and higher selling, general and administrative expenses. The Company continues to invest in this high-margin segment by developing and marketing highly-engineered products for aerospace applications, as well as expanding its offerings to military and defense customers.

Engineered Components - *(Consists of Arrow Engine and Norris Cylinder)*

Third quarter net sales increased 50.7% compared to the year ago period due to increased demand for industrial cylinders and market share gains with global customers, as well as improved demand for engines, gas compression products and other well-site content. Third quarter operating profit and the related margin percentage improved compared to the prior year period, due to higher sales levels, increased absorption of fixed costs, and productivity and cost reduction efforts, partially offset by higher selling, general and administrative expenses in support of increased sales levels and growth projects. The Company continues to develop new products and expand its international sales efforts. During the third quarter of 2011, the Company committed to a plan to exit its precision cutting tool and specialty fittings businesses and classified these businesses as discontinued operations and assets held for sale.

Cequent Asia Pacific - *(Consists of Cequent Australia/Asia Pacific)*

Net sales for the third quarter increased 42.3% compared to third quarter 2010 due to new business awards from several customers in Australia and Thailand, and the favorable impact of currency exchange. Operating profit and the related margin percentage increased primarily due to higher sales levels and continued productivity efforts, as well as a third quarter 2011 customer agreement to reimburse start-up costs incurred during the prior quarter associated with a new business award. The Company continues to reduce fixed costs and leverage Cequent's strong brand positions to capitalize on growth opportunities in expanding markets.

Cequent North America - *(Consists of Cequent Performance Products and Cequent Consumer Products)*

Net sales for third quarter increased 3.2% compared to the year ago period, resulting primarily from increased sales within the retail and industrial channels. Sales increases were the result of market share gains and new product introductions. Third quarter operating profit decreased compared to third quarter 2010 due to sales of higher cost inventory, manufacturing inefficiencies and increased selling, general and administrative costs, partially offset by higher sales levels, improved sourcing and productivity initiatives. The Company continues to reduce fixed costs, minimize its investment in working capital, and leverage Cequent's strong brand positions and new products for increased market share.

2011 Outlook

The Company updated its outlook for full-year 2011 diluted earnings per share (EPS) from continuing operations to be between $1.52 and $1.57 per share, which excludes approximately $0.13 in EPS related to the businesses reclassified as discontinued operations during the third quarter and any events defined as Special Items. Total Company net income per share is expected to be between $1.65 and $1.70 per share, within the high end of the previously provided 2011 EPS guidance range of between $1.60 and $1.70 per share. The Company also raised its 2011 sales outlook from an increase of 13% to 16% to a range of 16% to 17% compared to 2010. In addition, the Company expects 2011 Free Cash Flow, defined as Cash Flow from Operating Activities less Capital Expenditures, to be approximately $50 million.

Conference Call Information

TriMas Corporation will host its third quarter 2011 earnings conference call today, Thursday, October 27, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. EDT. The call-in number is (800) 236-9788. Participants should request to be connected to the TriMas Corporation third quarter 2011 earnings conference call (Conference ID #4995221). The conference call will also be simultaneously webcast via TriMas' website at www.trimascorp.com, under the "Investors" section, with an accompanying slide presentation. A replay of the conference call will be available on the TriMas website or by dialing (888) 203-1112 (Replay Code #4995221) beginning October 27, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. EDT through November 3, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. EDT.

Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-looking Statements

Any "forward-looking" statements contained herein, including those relating to market conditions or the Company's financial condition and results, expense reductions, liquidity expectations, business goals and sales growth, involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, risks and uncertainties with respect to general economic and currency conditions, various conditions specific to the Company's business and industry, the Company's substantial leverage, liabilities imposed by the Company's debt instruments, market demand, competitive factors, supply constraints, material and energy costs, technology factors, litigation, government and regulatory actions, the Company's accounting policies, future trends, and other risks which are detailed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, and in the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. These risks and uncertainties may cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements made herein are based on information currently available, and the Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

About TriMas

Headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, TriMas Corporation (NASDAQ: TRS) provides engineered and applied products for growing markets worldwide**.** TriMas is organized into six reportable segments: Packaging, Energy, Aerospace & Defense, Engineered Components, Cequent Asia Pacific and Cequent North America. TriMas has approximately 4,000 employees at more than 60 different facilities in 11 countries. For more information, visit *www.trimascorp.com*.

TriMas Corporation
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet
(Unaudited - dollars in thousands)

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 10,540	$ 46,370
Receivables, net of reserves of approximately $4.1 million and $4.4 million as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively	151,970	111,380
Inventories	173,770	155,980
Deferred income taxes	23,590	34,500
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	6,720	6,670
Assets of discontinued operations held for sale	32,850	30,360
Total current assets	399,440	385,260
Property and equipment, net	157,180	149,290
Goodwill	215,920	205,890
Other intangibles, net	158,870	159,910
Other assets	26,450	23,810
Total assets	$ 957,860	$ 924,160
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities, long-term debt	$ 2,920	$ 17,730
Accounts payable	119,420	124,390
Accrued liabilities	72,620	66,600
Liabilities of discontinued operations	5,470	5,710
Total current liabilities	200,430	214,430
Long-term debt	473,040	476,920
Deferred income taxes	67,790	63,880
Other long-term liabilities	54,210	56,610
Total liabilities	795,470	811,840
Total shareholders' equity	162,390	112,320
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	$ 957,860	$ 924,160

TriMas Corporation
Consolidated Statement of Operations
(Unaudited - dollars in thousands, except for share amounts)

	Three months ended September 30, 2011	Three months ended September 30, 2010	Nine months ended September 30, 2011	Nine months ended September 30, 2010
Net sales	$ 277,660	$ 237,730	$ 824,310	$ 689,950
Cost of sales	(195,720)	(165,660)	(582,260)	(481,150)
Gross profit	81,940	72,070	242,050	208,800
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(46,170)	(40,130)	(137,180)	(117,170)
Gain (loss) on dispositions of property and equipment	20	(210)	50	(930)
Operating profit	35,790	31,730	104,920	90,700
Other income (expense), net:				
Interest expense	(10,730)	(12,550)	(34,370)	(39,780)
Debt extinguishment costs	—	—	(3,970)	—
Gain on bargain purchase	—	—	—	410
Other, net	540	(200)	(1,170)	(1,230)
Other income (expense), net	(10,190)	(12,750)	(39,510)	(40,600)
Income from continuing operations before income tax expense	25,600	18,980	65,410	50,100
Income tax expense	(8,620)	(7,030)	(21,730)	(18,800)
Income from continuing operations	16,980	11,950	43,680	31,300
Income from discontinued operations, net of income tax expense	1,290	770	3,430	8,280
Net income	$ 18,270	$ 12,720	$ 47,110	$ 39,580
Earnings per share—basic:				
Continuing operations	$ 0.49	$ 0.36	$ 1.28	$ 0.93
Discontinued operations	0.04	0.02	0.10	0.24
Net income per share	$ 0.53	$ 0.38	$ 1.38	$ 1.17
Weighted average common shares—basic	34,417,879	33,827,939	34,182,592	33,730,852
Earnings per share—diluted:				
Continuing operations	$ 0.49	$ 0.35	$ 1.26	$ 0.91
Discontinued operations	0.03	0.02	0.10	0.24
Net income per share	$ 0.52	$ 0.37	$ 1.36	$ 1.15
Weighted average common shares—diluted	34,901,277	34,512,820	34,736,307	34,380,188

TriMas Corporation
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow
(Unaudited - dollars in thousands)

	Nine months ended September 30, 2011	Nine months ended September 30, 2010
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net income	$ 47,110	$ 39,580
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities, net of acquisition impact:		
Gain on dispositions of property and equipment	(30)	(9,080)
Gain on bargain purchase	—	(410)
Depreciation	19,160	17,670
Amortization of intangible assets	10,780	10,600
Amortization of debt issue costs	2,230	2,200
Deferred income taxes	10,580	14,480
Debt extinguishment costs	3,970	—
Non-cash compensation expense	2,580	1,050
Increase in receivables	(39,080)	(31,370)
Increase in inventories	(13,500)	(3,150)
Increase in prepaid expenses and other assets	(2,320)	(1,770)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(4,750)	19,340
Other, net	(1,180)	2,460
Net cash provided by operating activities, net of acquisition impact	35,550	61,600
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Capital expenditures	(23,520)	(11,090)
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(28,620)	(12,760)
Net proceeds from disposition of assets	2,240	14,720
Net cash used for investing activities	(49,900)	(9,130)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from borrowings on term loan facilities	226,520	—
Repayments of borrowings on term loan facilities	(250,170)	(10,040)
Proceeds from borrowings on revolving credit facilities and accounts receivable facility	551,900	376,430
Repayments of borrowings on revolving credit facilities and accounts receivable facility	(547,020)	(382,130)
Debt financing fees	(6,680)	—
Shares surrendered upon vesting of options and restricted stock awards to cover tax obligations	(830)	(240)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	960	100
Excess tax benefits from stock based compensation	3,840	440
Net cash used for financing activities	(21,480)	(15,440)
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
Increase (decrease) for the period	(35,830)	37,030
At beginning of period	46,370	9,480
At end of period	$ 10,540	$ 46,510
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	$ 25,350	$ 27,710
Cash paid for taxes	$ 12,140	$ 6,260

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Company and Business Segment Financial Information
Continuing Operations
(Unaudited - dollars in thousands)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Packaging				
Net sales	$ 46,090	$ 44,490	$ 137,890	$ 133,610
Operating profit	$ 10,240	$ 13,140	$ 37,140	$ 38,480
Energy				
Net sales	$ 42,690	$ 31,710	$ 125,810	$ 94,400
Operating profit	$ 4,560	$ 3,100	$ 14,920	$ 11,360
Aerospace & Defense				
Net sales	$ 20,330	$ 19,170	$ 60,160	$ 53,470
Operating profit	$ 5,420	$ 5,350	$ 14,000	$ 13,020
Engineered Components				
Net sales	$ 46,010	$ 30,530	$ 126,870	$ 77,810
Operating profit	$ 7,730	$ 3,220	$ 19,010	$ 8,630
Cequent Asia Pacific				
Net sales	$ 26,020	$ 18,280	$ 67,390	$ 57,040
Operating profit	$ 5,250	$ 2,430	$ 9,720	$ 9,420
Cequent North America				
Net sales	$ 96,520	$ 93,550	$ 306,190	$ 273,620
Operating profit	$ 9,580	$ 11,000	$ 30,630	$ 28,180
Corporate Expenses				
Operating loss	$ (6,990)	$ (6,510)	$ (20,500)	$ (18,390)
Total Company				
Net sales	$ 277,660	$ 237,730	$ 824,310	$ 689,950
Operating profit	$ 35,790	$ 31,730	$ 104,920	$ 90,700

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Additional Information Regarding Special Items Impacting
Reported GAAP Financial Measures
(Unaudited)

(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	Three months ended September 30, 2011				Three months ended September 30, 2010			
	Income		Diluted EPS		Income		Diluted EPS	
Income and EPS from continuing operations, as reported	$	16,980	$	0.49	$	11,950	$	0.35
After-tax impact of Special Items to consider in evaluating quality of income and EPS from continuing operations:								
None		—		—		—		—
Excluding Special Items, income and EPS from continuing operations would have been	$	16,980	$	0.49	$	11,950	$	0.35
Weighted-average shares outstanding for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010				34,901,277				34,512,820

(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	Nine months ended September 30, 2011				Nine months ended September 30, 2010			
	Income		Diluted EPS		Income		Diluted EPS	
Income and EPS from continuing operations, as reported	$	43,680	$	1.26	$	31,300	$	0.91
After-tax impact of Special Items to consider in evaluating quality of income and EPS from continuing operations:								
Debt extinguishment costs		2,460		0.07		—		—
Excluding Special Items, income and EPS from continuing operations would have been	$	46,140	$	1.33	$	31,300	$	0.91
Weighted-average shares outstanding for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010				34,736,307				34,380,188

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Third Quarter 2011 Earnings Presentation

October 27, 2011

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Safe Harbor Statement

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Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- Financial Highlights
- Segment Highlights
- Outlook and Summary
- Questions and Answers
- Appendix

Opening Remarks – Third Quarter Results

- Playbook in place continues to enhance TriMas value
  - Operating processes established to maximize results
  - Great execution of growth and productivity programs
  - Strategic plans and actions to maximize long-term portfolio and business focus
- Sixth consecutive quarter of double-digit sales and earnings growth despite choppy markets
  - Diversified business portfolio driving positive results
  - Took quick actions in response to mixture of end market softness and strength in our diverse segments
  - Ongoing "restructuring" to ensure best cost producer position
- Strategic aspirations consistent

Delivering on our commitments, while investing in future growth.

Financial Highlights

Third Quarter Summary

($ in millions, except per share amounts)

(from continuing operations)	Q3 2011		Q3 2010		% Chg
Revenue	$	277.7	$	237.7	16.8%
Gross Profit	$	81.9	$	72.1	13.7%
Gross Profit Margin		*29.5%*		*30.3%*	*-80 bps*
Operating Profit	$	35.8	$	31.7	12.8%
Operating Profit Margin		*12.9%*		*13.3%*	*-40 bps*
Income	$	17.0	$	12.0	42.1%
Diluted earnings per share	$	0.49	$	0.35	40.0%
Free Cash Flow (1)	$	30.7	$	24.3	26.3%
Debt and A/R Securitization	$	476.0	$	499.4	-4.7%

- Sales increased 16.8% vs. Q3 2010 with growth in all segments
  - Investments in bolt-on acquisitions, new products and expanding geographies driving positive results
- Productivity efforts continued to fund growth initiatives and offset commodity inflation
- Sales mix had continued negative impact on margin levels
- Income and EPS increased more than 40% compared to Q3 2010 due to increased sales volume and reductions in interest expense
- Continued focus on cash flow and debt reduction

(1) Free Cash Flow is defined as Cash Flows from Operating Activities Less Capital Expenditures.

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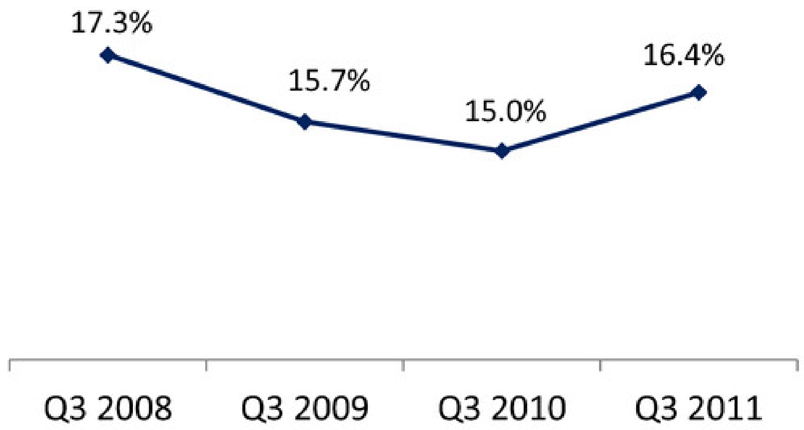
Q3 2011 Total Company Income per Diluted Share of $0.52, an improvement of 40.5% as compared to $0.37 in Q3 2010.

Working Capital

Operating Working Capital as a % of LTM Sales



Comments:

- Significant growth and global expansion adds complexity to the supply chain – focus on continuous improvement
- Made decision to increase inventory levels to improve fill rates and meet customer needs in select businesses
- Long-term target remains approximately 13% of sales at year end – more efficiencies yet to come

Significant sales growth and geographic expansion adds complexity – process improvements ongoing.

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Capitalization

(Unaudited, $ in thousands)	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 10,540	$ 46,370
Term loan	224,440	248,950
Revolving credit facilities	5,000	-
Non-U.S. bank debt and other	750	290
	230,190	249,240
9 3/4% senior secured notes, due December 2017	245,770	245,410
A/R Facility Borrowings	-	-
Total Debt	$ 475,960	$ 494,650
Key Ratios:		
Bank LTM EBITDA	$ 180,080	$ 165,960
Interest Coverage Ratio	4.04 x	3.10 x
Leverage Ratio	2.65 x	3.06 x
Bank Covenants:		
Minimum Interest Coverage Ratio	*2.50 x*	*2.00 x*
Maximum Leverage Ratio	*4.00 x*	*5.00 x*

As of September 30, 2011, TriMas had $162.7 million of cash and available liquidity under its revolving credit and accounts receivables facilities.

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Segment Highlights

Packaging



($ in millions)

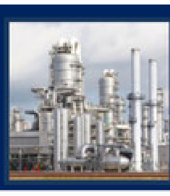
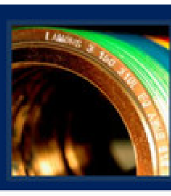
Results:

- Q3 2011 sales increased as a result of the Innovative Molding acquisition in August 2011 and favorable currency exchange
- Legacy industrial closure and specialty system sales decreased, primarily due to customers' management of inventory levels in light of economic uncertainty
- Gross profit margin was negatively impacted 480 basis points due to purchase accounting adjustments, additional costs related to the acquisition and inefficiencies at Innovative resulting from a move to a new manufacturing facility
- Operating profit decreased due to lower legacy business sales levels and margin decreased primarily due to the incremental costs related to the acquisition
- Legacy business margin levels increased despite lower sales volumes as a result of continued productivity and lean initiatives

Key Initiatives:

- Target specialty dispensing and closure products in higher growth end markets
  - Pharmaceutical, medical
  - Food, beverage and nutrition
  - Personal care
- Increase geographic coverage efforts in Europe and Asia
- Continue integrating Innovative Molding and consider other complementary bolt-on acquisitions
- Increase low-cost country sourcing and manufacturing
- Ensure new products continue to have barriers to entry

Energy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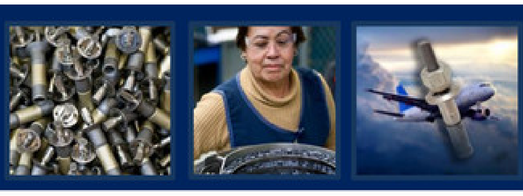
Results:

- Q3 2011 sales increased as a result of the South Texas Bolt & Fitting (STB&F) acquisition in Q4 2010, incremental sales from newer branch facilities and improved customer demand
- The results generated by the acquisition of STB&F are exceeding expectations
- Operating profit and margin level increased due to higher sales volumes, partially offset by a less favorable sales mix and higher SG&A in support of growth initiatives

Key Initiatives:

- Faster expansion of business with major customers globally
- Capitalize on synergies related to acquisition of STB&F
- Increase sales of specialty gaskets and bolts
- Capture larger share of new markets such as OEM, Engineered & Construction, Power Generation and Pulp/Paper
- Continue to reduce costs and improve working capital turnover

Aerospace & Defense



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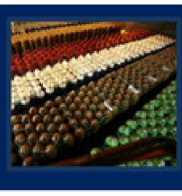
Results:

- Q3 2011 sales increased due to improved demand from aerospace distribution customers - higher sales of blind bolts and temporary fasteners
  - Partially offset by lower sales in defense business
- Operating profit remained relatively flat as the higher sales levels were essentially offset by a less favorable mix from the defense business and higher SG&A expenses
- Expectations for continued ramp-up of large frame, composite aircraft

Key Initiatives:

- Expand aerospace fastener product lines to increase content and applications per aircraft
- Drive ongoing lean initiatives to lower working capital and reduce costs
- Leverage and further develop existing defense customer relationships
- Consider complementary bolt-on acquisitions

Engineered Components



($ in millions)

Results:

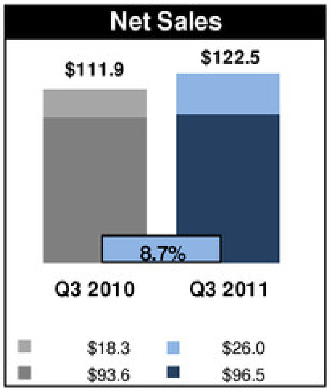
- Q3 2011 sales increased due to improved demand and increased market share for industrial cylinders, engines, compressors and other well-site content
- Specialty fittings and precision cutting tool businesses now classified as discontinued operations and assets held for sale
- Operating profit increased due to higher sales volumes, increased absorption of fixed costs and productivity efforts, partially offset by higher SG&A supporting the increased sales levels
- Q3 2011 operating profit margin improved approximately 630 basis points compared to Q3 2010

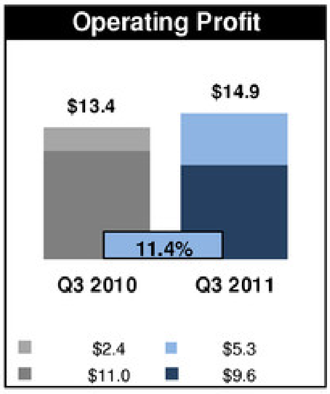
Key Initiatives:

- Expand complementary product lines at well-site and grow natural gas compression products
- Capitalize on shale and natural gas opportunities
- Develop additional capabilities of cylinder business to capture new markets
- Continue to reduce costs and improve working capital turnover
- Continue to expand product offering and geographies

Cequent (Asia Pacific & North America)

($ in millions)





Results:

- Q3 sales in North America improved due to increased sales within the retail and industrial channels resulting from market share gains
- North America operating profit and margin level decreased due to sale of higher cost inventory, manufacturing inefficiencies and increased SG&A costs, partially offset by higher sales levels and productivity initiatives
- Asia Pacific sales increased compared to Q3 2010 due to new business awards in Thailand and Australia and the impact of favorable currency exchange
- Asia Pacific operating profit and related margin percentage increased due to higher sales levels and continued productivity efforts, as well as customer agreement to reimburse new program start-up costs incurred during Q2 2011

Key Initiatives:

- Continue to reduce fixed costs and simplify the businesses
- Improve processes for better customer service and support
- Leverage strong brands for additional market share and cross-selling
- Expand sales to newer geographies
- Continue to reduce working capital requirements

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YTD 2011 Summary

- Strong organic growth through market share gains, product innovation, geographic expansion and increased end market demand
- Recent acquisitions ahead of schedule with enhanced synergies and growth
- Improved operating leverage and capital structure
- Successfully refinanced and amended debt – Strong capital position through 2016
- Working capital provides ongoing opportunity to increase efficiency
- Continuous productivity initiatives fund investments in long-term growth

Continue momentum to drive positive results.

Outlook and Summary

2011 Outlook

	As of 2/28/11	As of 4/28/11	As of 7/28/11	As of 10/27/11 Continuing Operations[1]	As of 10/27/11 Discontinued Operations[1]
Sales Growth	6% to 9%	8% to 11%	13% to 16%	16% to 17%	
Earnings Per Share, diluted	$1.40 to $1.50	$1.45 to $1.60	$1.60 to $1.70	$1.52 to $1.57	Approximately $0.13
Free Cash Flow[2]	$50 to $60 million	$50 to $60 million	$50 to $60 million	Approximately $50 million	

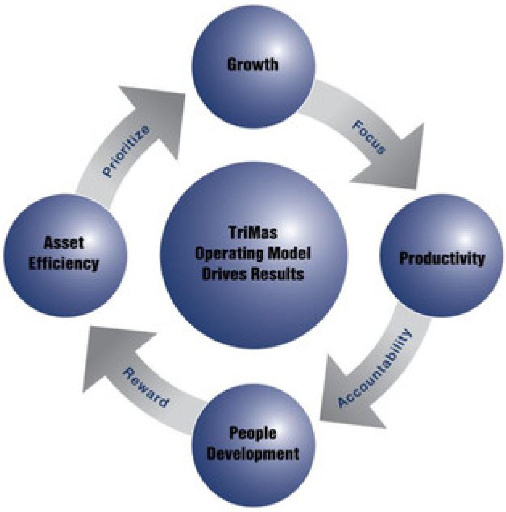
[1] During the third quarter 2011, the Company committed to a plan to exit its precision cutting tool and specialty fittings lines of business, both of which were part of the Engineered Components segment. These businesses are now classified as discontinued operations and assets held for sale.

[2] 2011 Free Cash Flow is defined as Cash Flow from Operating Activities less Capital Expenditures.

2011 Total Company Net Income Per Diluted Share is expected to be between $1.65 and $1.70, within the high end of outlook previous provided.

Strategic Aspirations

- High single-digit top-line growth
- Earnings growth faster than revenue growth
- 3% to 5% of total gross cost productivity gains annually – utilize savings to fund growth
- Invest in growth programs that deliver new products, new markets and expanded geographies
- Increase revenues in fastest growing markets
- Ongoing improvement in capital turns and all cycle times
- Continued decrease in leverage ratio



Strategic aspirations are our foundation for 2012.

Questions & Answers

Appendix

YTD Summary

($ in millions, except per share amounts)

(from continuing operations)	Q3 YTD 2011	Q3 YTD 2010	% Chg
Revenue	$ 824.3	$ 690.0	19.5%
Gross Profit	$ 242.1	$ 208.8	15.9%
Gross Profit Margin	*29.4%*	*30.3%*	*-90 bps*
Operating Profit	$ 104.9	$ 90.7	15.7%
Operating Profit Margin	*12.7%*	*13.1%*	*-40 bps*
Income	$ 43.7	$ 31.3	39.6%
Excl. Special Items (1), Income would have been:	*$ 46.1*	*$ 31.3*	*47.4%*
Diluted earnings per share	$ 1.26	$ 0.91	38.5%
Excl. Special Items (1), diluted EPS would have been:	*$ 1.33*	*$ 0.91*	*46.2%*
Free Cash Flow (2)	$ 12.0	$ 50.5	*unfav*
Debt and A/R Securitization	$ 476.0	$ 499.4	*-4.7%*

- Sales increased 19.5% vs. YTD Q3 2010 as a result of successful execution of the Company's growth initiatives, bolt-on acquisitions and improved end market demand
- Productivity efforts continue to fund growth and offset commodity inflation
- Sales mix had negative impact on margin levels as lower margin segments experienced significant growth
- Income and EPS increased more than 40% (excluding Special Items) compared to YTD Q3 2010 due to increased volume and lower interest expense
- Continued focus on cash flow and debt reduction

(1) "Special Items" for each period are provided in the Appendix.
(2) Free Cash Flow is defined as Cash Flows from Operating Activities Less Capital Expenditures.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 10,540	$ 46,370
Receivables, net of reserves	151,970	111,380
Inventories	173,770	155,980
Deferred income taxes	23,590	34,500
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	6,720	6,670
Assets of discontinued operations held for sale	32,850	30,360
Total current assets	399,440	385,260
Property and equipment, net	157,180	149,290
Goodwill	215,920	205,890
Other intangibles, net	158,870	159,910
Other assets	26,450	23,810
Total assets	$ 957,860	$ 924,160
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities, long-term debt	$ 2,920	$ 17,730
Accounts payable	119,420	124,390
Accrued liabilities	72,620	66,600
Liabilities of discontinued operations	5,470	5,710
Total current liabilities	200,430	214,430
Long-term debt	473,040	476,920
Deferred income taxes	67,790	63,880
Other long-term liabilities	54,210	56,610
Total liabilities	795,470	811,840
Total shareholders' equity	162,390	112,320
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	$ 957,860	$ 924,160

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Consolidated Statement of Operations

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

	Three months ended September 30, 2011	Three months ended September 30, 2010	Nine months ended September 30, 2011	Nine months ended September 30, 2010
Net sales	$ 277,660	$ 237,730	$ 824,310	$ 689,950
Cost of sales	(195,720)	(165,660)	(582,260)	(481,150)
Gross profit	81,940	72,070	242,050	208,800
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(46,170)	(40,130)	(137,180)	(117,170)
Gain (loss) on dispositions of property and equipment	20	(210)	50	(930)
Operating profit	35,790	31,730	104,920	90,700
Other income (expense), net:				
Interest expense	(10,730)	(12,550)	(34,370)	(39,780)
Debt extinguishment costs	-	-	(3,970)	-
Gain on bargain purchase	-	-	-	410
Other, net	540	(200)	(1,170)	(1,230)
Other income (expense), net	(10,190)	(12,750)	(39,510)	(40,600)
Income from continuing operations before income tax expense	25,600	18,980	65,410	50,100
Income tax expense	(8,620)	(7,030)	(21,730)	(18,800)
Income from continuing operations	16,980	11,950	43,680	31,300
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	1,290	770	3,430	8,280
Net income	$ 18,270	$ 12,720	$ 47,110	$ 39,580
Earnings per share - basic:				
Continuing operations	0.49	0.36	1.28	0.93
Discontinued operations	0.04	0.02	0.10	0.24
Net income per share	$ 0.53	$ 0.38	$ 1.38	$ 1.17
Weighted average common shares - basic	34,417,879	33,827,939	34,182,592	33,730,852
Earnings per share - diluted:				
Continuing operations	0.49	0.35	1.26	0.91
Discontinued operations	0.03	0.02	0.10	0.24
Net income per share	$ 0.52	$ 0.37	$ 1.36	$ 1.15
Weighted average common shares - diluted	34,901,277	34,512,820	34,736,307	34,380,188

Additional Information Regarding Special Items Impacting Reported GAAP Financial Measures

(Unaudited)

(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	Three months ended September 30, 2011 Income	Three months ended September 30, 2011 Diluted EPS	Three months ended September 30, 2010 Income	Three months ended September 30, 2010 Diluted EPS
Income and EPS from continuing operations, as reported	$16,980	$ 0.49	$11,950	$ 0.35
After-tax impact of Special Items to consider in evaluating quality of income and EPS from continuing operations:				
None	-	-	-	-
Excluding Special Items, income and EPS from continuing operations would have been	$ 16,980	$ 0.49	$ 11,950	$ 0.35
Weighted-average shares outstanding for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010		34,901,277		34,512,820

(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	Nine months ended September 30, 2011 Income	Nine months ended September 30, 2011 Diluted EPS	Nine months ended September 30, 2010 Income	Nine months ended September 30, 2010 Diluted EPS
Income and EPS from continuing operations, as reported	$ 43,680	$ 1.26	$ 31,300	$ 0.91
After-tax impact of Special Items to consider in evaluating quality of income and EPS from continuing operations:				
Debt extinguishment costs	2,460	0.07	-	-
Excluding Special Items, income and EPS from continuing operations would have been	$ 46,140	$ 1.33	$ 31,300	$ 0.91
Weighted-average shares outstanding for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010		34,736,307		34,380,188

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Company and Business Segment Financial Information – Cont. Ops

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

	Three months ended September 30, 2011	Three months ended September 30, 2010	Nine months ended September 30, 2011	Nine months ended September 30, 2010
Packaging				
Net sales	$ 46,090	$ 44,490	$ 137,890	$ 133,610
Operating profit	$ 10,240	$ 13,140	$ 37,140	$ 38,480
Energy				
Net sales	$ 42,690	$ 31,710	$ 125,810	$ 94,400
Operating profit	$ 4,560	$ 3,100	$ 14,920	$ 11,360
Aerospace & Defense				
Net sales	$ 20,330	$ 19,170	$ 60,160	$ 53,470
Operating profit	$ 5,420	$ 5,350	$ 14,000	$ 13,020
Engineered Components				
Net sales	$ 46,010	$ 30,530	$ 126,870	$ 77,810
Operating profit	$ 7,730	$ 3,220	$ 19,010	$ 8,630
Cequent Asia Pacific				
Net sales	$ 26,020	$ 18,280	$ 67,390	$ 57,040
Operating profit	$ 5,250	$ 2,430	$ 9,720	$ 9,420
Cequent North America				
Net sales	$ 96,520	$ 93,550	$ 306,190	$ 273,620
Operating profit	$ 9,580	$ 11,000	$ 30,630	$ 28,180
Corporate Expenses				
Operating loss	$ (6,990)	$ (6,510)	$ (20,500)	$ (18,390)
Total Company				
Net sales	$ 277,660	$ 237,730	$ 824,310	$ 689,950
Operating profit	$ 35,790	$ 31,730	$ 104,920	$ 90,700

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LTM Bank EBITDA as Defined in Credit Agreement

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

Reported net income for the twelve months ended September 30, 2011	$	52,800
Interest expense, net (as defined)		46,550
Income tax expense		21,620
Depreciation and amortization		39,410
Non-cash compensation expense		3,710
Other non-cash expenses or losses		3,480
Non-recurring expenses or costs for acquisition integration		820
Debt extinguishment costs		3,970
Non-recurring expenses or costs for cost saving projects		220
Negative EBITDA from discontinued operations		50
Permitted dispositions		3,450
Permitted acquisitions		4,000
Bank EBITDA - LTM Ended September 30, 2011 [1]	$	180,080

[1] As defined in the Credit Agreement dated June 21, 2011.