

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED MAY 27, 2000

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 No. 0-209

BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia 54-0135270  
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(State or other jurisdiction (I.R.S. Employer  
of incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

3525 Fairystone Park Highway  
Bassett, Virginia 24055  
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(Address of principal executive offices)  
(Zip Code)

(540) 629-6000  
(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, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No X  
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Form 10-K (a) Amendment No. 2 was filed April 11, 2000, subsequent to the March 31, 2000 filing date.

At July 6, 2000, 11,772,754 shares of common stock of the Registrant were outstanding.

PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS  
 FOR THE PERIODS ENDED MAY 27, 2000 AND MAY 29, 1999 - UNAUDITED  
 (Dollars in thousands except per share data)

	Six Months Ended		Quarter Ended	
	May 27, 2000	May 29, 1999	May 27, 2000	May 29, 1999
Net sales	\$187,347	\$ 203,468	\$ 92,366	\$ 103,659
Cost of sales	150,876	161,428	74,468	81,195
Gross profit	36,471	42,040	17,898	22,464
Selling, general and administrative	30,356	35,009	15,063	18,479
Income from operations	6,115	7,031	2,835	3,985
Other income, net	7,462	6,808	3,804	3,456
Income before income taxes	13,577	13,839	6,639	7,441
Income taxes	(4,344)	(4,364)	(2,124)	(2,381)
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change	9,233	9,475	4,515	5,060
Cumulative effect of accounting change (net of income taxes of \$171)	(364)	-	-	-
Net income	\$ 8,869	\$ 9,475	\$ 4,515	\$ 5,060
Retained earnings-beginning of period	187,973	193,130	188,040	192,102
Cash dividends	(4,788)	(5,072)	(2,395)	(2,521)
Purchase and retirement of common stock	(2,871)	(5,709)	(977)	(2,817)
Retained earnings-end of period	\$189,183	\$ 191,824	\$ 189,183	\$ 191,824
Basic earnings per share:				
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.40
Cumulative effect of accounting change	(0.03)	-	-	-
	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.40
Diluted earnings per share:				
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.40
Cumulative effect of accounting change	(0.03)	-	-	-
	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.40
Dividends per share	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.20

The accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements are an integral part of the condensed consolidated financial statements.

PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION - CONTINUED  
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
 MAY 27, 2000 AND NOVEMBER 27, 1999  
 (in thousands)

Assets	(Unaudited) May 27, 2000	November 27, 1999
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 508	\$ 5,740
Trade accounts receivable, net	70,813	64,731
Inventories, net	60,353	50,206
Other current assets	6,883	6,175
Refundable income taxes	1,006	1,006
Deferred income taxes	9,314	9,314
Total current assets	148,877	137,172
Property & equipment		
Cost	232,505	227,439
Less accumulated depreciation	133,632	134,284
Total property & equipment	98,873	93,155
Other long-term assets		
Investment securities	19,849	23,057
Investment in affiliated companies	80,248	67,558
Other	18,139	21,887
Total other long-term assets	118,236	112,502
Total assets	\$ 365,986	\$ 342,829
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 21,313	\$ 30,122
Accrued liabilities	24,151	26,806
Total current liabilities	45,464	56,928
Long-term liabilities		
Employee benefits	10,719	10,998
Notes Payable	50,500	18,000
Deferred income taxes	3,753	1,152
Total long-term liabilities	64,972	30,150
Stockholders' Equity		
Common stock	58,864	60,474
Additional paid in capital	-	-
Retained earnings	189,183	187,973
Accumulated other comprehensive income -		
unrealized holding gains, net of income tax effect	7,795	7,993
Unamortized stock compensation	(292)	(689)
Total stockholders' equity	255,550	255,751
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 365,986	\$ 342,829

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION - CONTINUED  
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
 FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED MAY 27, 2000 AND MAY 29, 1999 - UNAUDITED  
 (in thousands)

	2000	1999
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Net income	\$ 8,869	\$ 9,475
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	5,086	4,121
Equity in undistributed income of affiliated companies	(6,785)	(5,364)
Provision for deferred income taxes	2,601	2,608
Net gain from sales of investment securities	(464)	(955)
Net gain from sales of property and equipment	(175)	-
Compensation earned under restricted stock plan	397	119
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Trade accounts receivable	(6,311)	(1,943)
Inventory	(16,506)	(2,263)
Prepaid expenses and other	(1,819)	(576)
Income taxes	-	5,731
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(2,543)	741
Long-term liabilities	(279)	(266)
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Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$(17,929)	\$ 11,428
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Investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(12,725)	(22,372)
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	178	970
Proceeds from sales of investment securities	2,208	24,439
Investments in affiliated companies	(4,200)	(6,050)
Other, net	4,007	(579)
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Net cash (used in) investing activities	\$(10,532)	\$ (3,592)
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Financing activities:		
Borrowings under notes payable	32,500	-
Issuance of common stock	104	29
Repurchase of common stock	(4,587)	(7,501)
Cash dividends	(4,788)	(5,072)
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Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	23,229	(12,544)
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Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(5,232)	(4,708)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	5,740	5,499
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Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 508	\$ 791
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The accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements are an integral part of the condensed consolidated financial statements.

BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-UNAUDITED  
 MAY 27, 2000 (Dollars in thousands except share and per share data)

Note A. Basis of presentation:

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included.

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Bassett Furniture Industries, Incorporated (the "Company") and its subsidiaries, all of which are wholly owned. In the first quarter of fiscal 2000, the Company merged its retail operating segment into a new joint venture known as the Ladin Retail Group (LRG). The Company does not control the joint venture and accordingly the joint venture has been accounted for under the equity method of accounting.

Note B. Reclassifications:

For comparative purposes certain amounts for fiscal 1999 have been reclassified to conform to fiscal 2000 presentation.

Note C. Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change:

In 1998, the AICPA issued SOP 98-5, "Reporting on the Costs of Start-up Activities," which requires start-up costs, as defined, to be expensed as incurred. In accordance with this SOP, any previously capitalized start-up costs are required to be written-off as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle. The Company, upon adoption of this SOP in the first quarter of fiscal 2000, has written off the unamortized balance of such previously capitalized start-up costs as of November 28, 1999, of \$535 (\$364 after tax) or \$.03 per diluted share as a cumulative effect of an accounting change.

Note D. Inventories:

Inventories are carried at last-in, first-out (LIFO) cost which is not in excess of market. Inventories at May 27, 2000 and November 27, 1999 consisted of the following:

	May 27, 2000	November 27, 1999
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Finished goods	\$ 50,582	\$ 41,823
Work in process	10,135	9,880
Raw materials and supplies	25,490	17,881
Retail merchandise	-	6,076
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Total inventories valued at first-in, first-out (FIFO) cost	86,207	75,660
LIFO adjustment	(25,854)	(25,454)
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Total inventories, net	\$ 60,353	\$ 50,206
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Note E. Investment in affiliated companies and joint venture:

Summarized combined income statement information for the Company's equity method investments for the six months ended May 27, 2000 and May 29, 1999 are as follows:

	2000	1999
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Revenues	\$ 47,838	\$ 22,200
Income from operations	14,558	14,549
Net income	10,159	8,937

In the first quarter of 2000 the Company merged all of its eight BFD stores with a licensee's five BFD stores to form a joint venture known as LRG. The Company contributed the net assets from its retail operations - \$1.7 million, along with \$4.2 million in cash, and the licensee contributed their net assets along with \$5.5 million in cash. The effect of the merger has been included in the changes

in operating assets and liabilities in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
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Note F. Comprehensive income:

For the quarters ended May 27, 2000, and May 29, 1999, total comprehensive income was \$5,136 and \$4,839, respectively. Included in total comprehensive income is net income of \$4,515 and \$5,060 and unrealized gains (losses), net of tax of \$621 and (\$221). Comprehensive income was \$8,671 and \$9,061, consisting of net income of \$8,869 and \$9,475 and unrealized holding gains (losses), net of tax of (\$198) and (\$414) for the six month periods ended May 27, 2000, and May 29, 1999, respectively.

Note G. Contingencies:

A suit was filed in June, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles (the "Superior Court") against the Company, two major retailers and certain current and former employees of the Company. The suit sought certification of a class consisting of all consumers who purchased certain mattresses and box springs from the major retailers that were manufactured by a subsidiary of the Company, E.B. Malone Corporation, with allegedly different specifications than those originally manufactured for sale by these retailers. The suit alleged various causes of action, including negligent misrepresentation, breach of warranty, violations of deceptive practices laws and fraud. Plaintiffs sought compensatory damages of \$100 million and punitive damages. In 1998, the Superior Court dismissed the class action allegations in plaintiffs' complaint and transferred the entire action out of the class action department. The Court also dismissed many of the individual claims. Plaintiffs then filed a notice of appeal from the class action ruling. Plaintiffs also filed a petition for a writ of mandamus or other extraordinary relief, which was denied. The suit was subsequently transferred from the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles to the Superior Court for Orange County. After the case was transferred to Orange County, the plaintiffs stipulated to a dismissal with prejudice of all individual defendants. Additionally, all remaining claims against the Company were stayed by the Court pending plaintiffs' appeal of the dismissal of their class action allegations. On June 13, 2000, the Court of Appeal denied plaintiffs' appeal and entered an order affirming the dismissal of the class action allegations. With the dismissal of the class action allegations, the suit now consists of damage claims by nine named plaintiffs (seven individuals and two companies), together with restitution claims for other purchasers under Business & Professions Code 17200. The Company intends to vigorously defend the remaining portions of this suit. Because the Company believes that the two major retailers were unaware of any alleged changes in specifications, the Company has agreed to indemnify the two major retailers with respect to the above.

Legislation has phased out interest deductions on certain policy loans related to Company owned life insurance (COLI) as of January 1, 1999. The Company has recorded cumulative reductions to income tax expense of approximately \$8,000 as the result of COLI interest deductions through 1998. The Internal Revenue Service, on a national level, has pursued an adverse position regarding the deductibility of COLI policy loan interest for years prior to January 1, 1999. In 1999, the IRS received a favorable Tax Court ruling on one taxpayer regarding the non-deductibility of COLI loan interest. Management understands that this ruling and the adverse position taken by the IRS will be subjected to extensive challenges in court. In the event that the IRS prevails, the outcome could result in potential income tax and interest payments which could be material to the Company's future results of operations.

The Company is also involved in various other claims and actions, including environmental matters at certain of its plant facilities, which arise in the normal course of business. Although the final outcome of these legal and environmental matters cannot be determined, based on the facts presently known, it is management's opinion that the final resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or future results of operations.

PART I-FINANCIAL INFORMATION-CONTINUED  
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
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Note H. Financial Instruments:

In the first quarter of 1999, the Company entered into an equity collar arrangement in order to reduce its exposure to fluctuations in its investment portfolio. The equity collar was a series of puts and calls on a market index, covering a notional amount of securities, which expired quarterly in varying amounts over a three year period. In the first quarter of 2000, the Company terminated this particular financial instrument and recognized a gain of \$1.4 million, which is included in other income, and entered into a new financial instrument which more clearly correlates to its equity portfolio. The new financial instrument has a notional value of \$10.1 million and expires quarterly in varying amounts over the next six years. The fair market value of this financial instrument at May 27, 2000 was approximately \$1 million and is included in accrued liabilities on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

Note I. Earnings per share:

The following reconciles basic and diluted earnings per share before cumulative effect of accounting change:

	Net Income	Weighted Average Shares	Earnings per share
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For the six months ended May 27, 2000			
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Income available to common stockholders	\$ 9,233	11,885,470	\$ 0.78
Add effect of dilutive securities:			
Options and restricted stock	-	2,190	-
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Diluted earnings per share	\$ 9,233	11,887,660	\$ 0.78
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For the quarter ended May 27, 2000			
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Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 4,515	11,798,975	\$ 0.38
Add effect of dilutive securities:			
Options and restricted stock	-	2,014	-
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Diluted earnings per share	\$ 4,515	11,800,989	\$ 0.38
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For the six months ended May 29, 1999			
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Income available to common stockholders	\$ 9,475	12,704,089	\$ 0.75
Add effect of dilutive securities:			
Options and restricted stock	-	8,828	-
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Diluted earnings per share	\$ 9,475	12,712,917	\$ 0.75
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For the quarter ended May 29, 1999			
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Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 5,060	12,613,367	\$ 0.40
Add effect of dilutive securities:			
Options and restricted stock	-	11,888	-
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Diluted earnings per share	\$ 5,060	12,625,255	\$ 0.40
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Options to purchase 1.7 and 1.4 million shares of common stock were outstanding



during the second quarters of 2000 and 1999, respectively, that could potentially dilute basic EPS in the future.

PART I-FINANCIAL INFORMATION-CONTINUED  
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
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Note J. Segment Information:

Segment information for the periods ended May 27, 2000 and May 29, 1999 were as follows:

For the six months ended May 27, 2000

	Wood	Upholstery	Other	Consolidated
Net sales	\$ 132,802	\$ 47,998	\$ 6,547	\$ 187,347
Operating income (loss)	20,816	4,109	(18,810)	6,115
Depreciation and amortization	2,511	414	2,161	5,086
Capital expenditures	3,527	1,687	7,511	12,725

For the six months ended May 29, 1999

	Wood	Upholstery	Other	Consolidated
Net sales	\$ 128,721	\$ 55,120	\$ 19,627	\$ 203,468
Operating income (loss)	22,654	4,972	(20,595)	7,031
Depreciation and amortization	2,061	330	1,730	4,121
Capital expenditures	8,731	1,935	11,706	22,372

For the quarter ended May 27, 2000

	Wood	Upholstery	Other	Consolidated
Net sales	\$ 65,323	\$ 23,551	\$ 3,492	\$ 92,366
Operating income (loss)	10,143	2,191	(9,499)	2,835
Depreciation and amortization	1,243	177	989	2,409
Capital expenditures	1,835	1,511	2,400	5,746

For the quarter ended May 29, 1999

	Wood	Upholstery	Other	Consolidated
Net sales	\$ 67,168	\$ 27,542	\$ 8,949	\$ 103,659
Operating income (loss)	13,063	2,315	(11,393)	3,985
Depreciation and amortization	1,037	139	784	1,960
Capital expenditures	6,947	1,023	8,991	16,961

The Company's other businesses consist of the Bedding Division (for the first five months of fiscal 1999), a contemporary furniture business (Weiman), the retail business (for the first half of 1999) and corporate operations, all included to reconcile segment information to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Operating income by business segment is defined as sales less direct operating costs and expenses.

PART I-FINANCIAL INFORMATION-CONTINUED  
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 May 27, 2000  
 (Dollars in thousands except share and per share data)

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Results of Operations -Periods ended May 27, 2000 compared with periods ended May 29, 1999

In the second quarter of 2000 Bassett reported \$92.4 million in sales, a decline of 11% from the \$103.7 million reported for the second quarter of 1999. Sales for the six months ended May 27, 2000 were \$187.3 million versus \$203.5 million for the six months ended May 29, 1999, reflecting a decline of 8.0%. Both declines were due partially to the disposal of certain businesses. In April of 1999, the Company sold its Bedding Division, which had revenues of \$4.4 million and \$11.6 million for the second quarter of 1999 and the six months ended May 29, 1999, respectively. In the first quarter of 2000, the Company merged its eight BFD stores and formed a new joint venture known as the Ladin Retail Group (LRG). Corporate retail sales totaled \$1.3 million for second quarter of 1999 and \$1.5 million for the first six months of 1999. On a comparable sales basis, sales were only \$98 million in second quarter of 1999 and \$190.4 million for the first six months of 1999, reflecting a decline of only 5.7% and 1.6%, respectively. These declines were due primarily to shipping delays associated with a new company-wide software package which was implemented during the second quarter of 2000, and a slight softening in retail furniture demand.

Gross margin, selling, general and administrative (S,G&A) expenses, and operating income as a percentage of net sales were as follows for the quarters and six months ended May 27, 2000 and May 29, 1999:

	For the Six Months Ended		For the Quarter Ended	
	May 27, 2000	May 29, 1999	May 27, 2000	May 29, 1999
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Gross margin	19.5%	20.7%	19.4%	21.7%
S,G&A	16.2%	17.2%	16.3%	17.8%
Operating income	3.3%	3.5%	3.1%	3.8%

Overall gross margin decreased by 2.3 percentage points from 21.7% in the second quarter of 1999 to 19.4% in the second quarter of 2000. For the six months ended May 27, 2000, gross margins decreased by 1.2 percentage points from 20.7% in the first six months of 1999 to 19.5%. Gross margins were negatively impacted in the first six months of 2000 due to start-up costs of approximately \$0.9 million at the new dining table top plant, plus the closing of the Dumas plant in the Upholstery Division in the first quarter. Excluding the effects of the disposal of the two divisions and the start-up costs of the new dining table top plant, gross margins would have been down by only 1.4 percentage points on a quarter to quarter comparison, and down by only 1.0 percentage points for the first six months of 2000 as compared to the same period in 1999. A considerable increase in certain lumber prices, together with volume related production issues at several facilities further impacted the decline in margins for the first half of the fiscal year. The Company continually evaluates both its pricing practices and its labor and overhead cost structure in an effort to improve its overall gross margin. The Company has undertaken several initiatives in the areas of material yields and set up time reduction to drive divisional gross margin improvement in the future.

S,G&A expenses decreased in the second quarter from 17.8% in 1999 to 16.3% in 2000. For the six months ended May 27, 2000, S,G&A expenses were 16.2% versus 17.2% for the six months ended May 29, 1999. These decreases were mainly attributable to the retail operations being transferred to the joint venture at the beginning of fiscal 2000. Exclusive of the retail operations, as a percentage of sales, S,G&A experienced a slight increase due to a national marketing campaign and a new company-wide information system. The Company plans to continue to focus its spending on marketing and advertising in order to drive future sales growth. Management targets S,G&A spending to approximate 16.5% of wholesale furniture sales over the next five years.

PART I-FINANCIAL INFORMATION-CONTINUED  
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 May 27, 2000

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

Other income increased to \$3.8 million in the second quarter 2000 from \$3.5 million in the second quarter 1999 and to \$7.5 million for first six months of 2000 from \$6.8 million in the first six months of 1999. The increase in 2000 was due primarily to continued strong returns on affiliate investments. Additionally, a \$1.4 million gain was recognized in the first quarter of 2000 on the termination of an equity index collar. These results were offset by both the Company's share of losses in the LRG joint venture (\$2.3 million for the six months ended May 29, 2000) and by interest expense on the outstanding notes payable (\$1.3 million for the six months ended May 27, 2000). Other income will continue to be an integral component of the Company's future earnings.

The effective tax rate was flat from second quarter 1999 to second quarter 2000 at 32%. However, for the six months ended May 27, 2000, the tax rate increased slightly from 31.5% for the first six months of 1999 to 32% in 2000. The tax rates are lower than the statutory federal income tax rate due to exclusions for tax exempt income.

For the quarter and six months ended May 27, 2000, income before cumulative effect of the accounting change was \$4.5 million or \$.38 per diluted share and \$9.2 million or \$.78 per diluted share, respectively. This reflects a decrease of 10.8% from the second quarter of 1999 and 2.6% from the first six months of 1999. The effect of the accounting change was \$364 after the impact of income taxes or \$.03 per diluted share. Net income was \$4.5 million or \$.38 per diluted share for the quarter and \$8.9 million or \$.75 per diluted share for the first six months of 2000, compared to \$5.1 million or \$.40 per diluted share for the quarter ended May 29, 1999 and \$9.5 million or \$.75 per diluted share for the six months ended May 29, 1999.

Segment Information

The following is a discussion of operating results for each of Bassett's business segments.

Wood Division	For the Six Months Ended		Quarter Ended	
	May 27, 2000	May 29, 1999	May 27, 2000	May 29, 1999
Net sales	\$ 132,802	\$ 128,721	\$ 65,323	\$ 67,168
Contribution to profit and overhead	\$ 20,816	\$ 22,654	\$ 10,143	\$ 13,063

Wood Division net sales decreased by 2.7% in the second quarter 2000, but increased by 3.2% in the first six months of 2000. The decrease this quarter is due to shipping issues with the new software package and some attrition in the Company's traditional distribution channels. Actions have been taken to address issues with the new software in order to improve shipping performance. Sales growth will be bolstered in the second half of the year, as the Company expects to open eight BFD stores and over thirty At Home with Bassett galleries.

Contribution to profit and overhead is defined by the Company as gross profit less direct divisional operating expenses but excluding any allocation of corporate overhead expenses, interest expense, or income taxes. For the Wood Division, contribution to profit and overhead decreased from 19.4% of sales in the second quarter of 1999 to 15.5% of sales in the second quarter of 2000, and for the six months ended May 27, 2000 from 17.6% to 15.7%. Lumber prices increased by approximately 25% on certain species in the first half of 2000. This, coupled with volume related production issues at several facilities led to the margin decline. Management believes lumber prices have stabilized and will be lower in the second half of the year.

One of the Company's wood manufacturing facilities posted notable improvements in its contribution to profit and overhead from the second quarter 1999 to the second quarter 2000. The Mt. Airy, North Carolina plant's contribution increased by 9.6% for the first six months of 2000 as a result of the combination of consolidation and absorption efficiencies, investments in equipment and technology and improvements in manufacturing processes.

PART I-FINANCIAL INFORMATION-CONTINUED  
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (continued)

In addition, sales of the Company's import products nearly doubled from the first six months of 1999 to the first six months of 2000, improving sales and profitability for the Wood Division. Offsetting these positive results were approximately \$0.9 million of start-up related costs associated with the Dining Table Top plant located in Martinsville, Virginia.

Upholstery Division	For the Six Months Ended		Quarter Ended	
	May 27, 2000	May 29, 1999	May 27, 2000	May 29, 1999
Net sales	\$ 47,998	\$ 55,120	\$ 23,551	\$ 27,542
Contribution to profit and overhead	\$ 4,109	\$ 4,972	\$ 2,191	\$ 2,315

Net sales for the Upholstery Division have declined for the second quarter 2000 as compared to the second quarter 1999, as the Company continues its repositioning of this segment and refinement of product offerings. Certain key large accounts experienced sales declines for the first six months of 2000 compared to 1999. The Company has hired a new merchandising team in the Upholstery Division to reverse this trend and continue the product line repositioning. The Company is focusing this segment on its BFD stores, its At Home with Bassett galleries, and several of its major customers.

Contribution to profit and overhead for the Upholstery Division has grown from 8.4% of sales in the second quarter of 1999 to 9.3% of sales in 2000. This increase is a result of several operational initiatives put into place in an effort to improve results, including closing the Dumas plant. For the six months ended May 27, 2000, their contribution percentage has decreased slightly from 9.0% of sales in the first six months of 1999 to 8.6% in the first six months of 2000.

In the first quarter of 2000, the Company merged its eight BFD stores and formed a new joint venture known as the Ladin Retail Group (LRG). Bassett retains a 51% ownership of the joint venture but does not retain control of the joint venture and accordingly the joint venture has been accounted for under the equity method of accounting. The results of LRG's operations for the periods ended May 27, 2000 have been included as a component of other income.

The changes in "Other" operations from the periods ended May 27, 2000, to the periods ended May 29, 1999, detailed in Note J to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements reflect the elimination of discontinued operations, the sale of the Bedding Division, and the increase in corporate related marketing and support structure spending.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash used in operating activities was \$17.9 million for the first six months of 2000 compared to net cash provided of \$11.4 million for the same period in 1999. The increase in net cash used was attributable primarily to significantly increased levels of inventory and accounts receivable. Inventory levels increased in part to improve service and as a result of the increase in lumber prices, but primarily from a significant shortfall in actual versus planned sales for the first half of the year. Accounts receivable increased due to the shift in the Company's sales distribution (towards BFD's), as well as disruptions in supply experienced with the implementation of the new software package.

The Company invested \$12.7 million for the six months ended May 27, 2000 for real estate, manufacturing equipment to improve productivity, and new enterprise-wide information systems, as compared to \$22.4 million for the six months ended May 29, 1999. This decrease of \$9.7 million is due to less real estate expenditures versus

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1999, plus the new dining table top plant which is included in 1999. In the first quarter of 2000, cash of \$4.2 million was invested into the new joint venture with LRG and only minimal (\$2.2 million) sales of investment securities took place.

The Company entered into a \$50 million revolving credit facility in fiscal 1999. Management decided to borrow money at competitive rates rather than further liquidate its investment portfolio, which continues to generate favorable returns. Borrowings under the credit facility were \$32.5 million for the six months ended May 27, 2000. The increase in borrowings was used to fund the increase in working capital and the capital expenditures discussed above.

Given this significant increase in borrowings, the Company is now focusing on reducing working capital, with targeted plans for raw material inventories, finished goods inventories and accounts receivable. This is one of two major priorities for the Company in the second half of the year. The other major priority is improving customer service through better communication and complete on-time deliveries. The Company is also negotiating to increase its current revolving credit facility which should be finalized in the third quarter of fiscal 2000.

The Company purchased and retired 321,000 shares of its Common Stock during the first six months of 2000. These purchases were part of the Company's stock repurchase program, approved in fiscal 1998, which allows the Company to repurchase shares for an aggregate purchase price not to exceed \$40 million. The average cost of the shares purchased during the first six months of 2000 was \$14.33, resulting in a total expenditure of \$4.6 million. As of May 27, 2000, the Company has completed approximately 67% of its current repurchase plan.

The current ratio as of May 27, 2000 and November 27, 1999, respectively, was 3.27 to 1 and 2.41 to 1. Working capital at May 27, 2000 was \$103.4 million compared to \$80.2 million at November 27, 1999. The Company's consolidated financial statements are prepared on the basis of historical cost and are not intended to show the impact of inflation or changing prices.

YEAR 2000:

July 2000 Update:

Through the second quarter of the year 2000, Bassett's operations throughout the United States are fully functioning and have not experienced any significant problems associated with the Y2K issue. We are pleased by the results of our Year 2000 efforts, and that of our customers, suppliers, and third party service providers.

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MARKET RISK:

The Company is exposed to market risk for changes in market prices of its various types of investments. The Company's investments include equity securities, a financial instrument entered into in order to hedge its equity securities, and an investment partnership included in its investments in affiliated companies. The Company does not use these securities for trading purposes and is not party to any leveraged derivatives.

The Company's equity securities portfolio, which totaled \$19.8 million at May 27, 2000, is diversified among over twenty different medium to large capitalization interests. The Company entered into an equity collar in 1999 to reduce its exposure to fluctuations in the market value of these securities. In the first quarter of 2000, management decided to liquidate this financial instrument and enter into a new financial instrument which more clearly correlates to its equity portfolio. The new financial instrument has a notional value of \$10.1 million and expires quarterly in varying amounts over the next six years. Although there are no maturity dates for the Company's equity investments, management has plans to liquidate both its current equity portfolio and the related financial instrument on a scheduled basis over the next six years.

The Company's investment in a limited partnership, which totaled \$65 million at May 27, 2000, invests in various other private limited partnerships which contain contractual commitments with elements of market risk. These contractual commitments, which include fixed-income securities and derivatives, may involve future settlements, which give rise to both market and credit risk. The investment partnership's exposure to market risk is determined by a number of factors, including the size, composition, and diversification of positions held, volatility of interest, market currency rates, and liquidity.

SAFE-HARBOR, FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS:

This discussion contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to the financial condition, results of operations and business of Bassett Furniture Industries, Incorporated. These forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties. No assurance can be given that any such matters will be realized. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by such forward-looking statements include:

- - competitive conditions in the home furnishings industry
- - general economic conditions that are less favorable than expected
- - overall consumer demand for home furnishings
- - timing and number of new BFD openings
- - cost and availability of raw materials and labor
- - information and technology advances, including Year 2000 issues
- - effectiveness of marketing and advertising campaigns
- - future tax legislation, or regulatory or judicial positions related to COLI

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Item 4. Submission of matters to a vote of security holders

March 28, 2000 vote of stockholders was reported in the 10-Q filed for the period ended February 26, 2000.

Item 6.

- a. Exhibits  
(27) Financial Data Schedule



SIGNATURES

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

BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED

/s/ Barry C. Safrit

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Barry C. Safrit, Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer

July 11, 2000

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