# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

# FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2003

OR

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

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

**Commission file numbers:** 

# **H&E EQUIPMENT SERVICES L.L.C.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana (State of Incorporation) 72-1287046 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

I.R.S. Employer Identification No. **70816** 

(Zip Code)

333-99587 333-99589

11100 Mead Road, Suite 200, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (225) 298-5200

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes 🗵 No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2).

Yes o No 🗵

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

H&E Holdings L.L.C. owns 100% of the registrant's limited liability company interests.

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# H&E EQUIPMENT SERVICES L.L.C. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

		June 30, 2003	D	ecember 31, 2002
		(In	thousands)	
ASSETS				
Cash	\$	2,826	\$	3,398
Receivables, net of allowance for doubtfull accounts of \$3,012 and \$3,609,				
respectively		65,268		65,145
Inventories, net		49,809		47,992
Prepaid expenses and other assets		3,757		1,945
Rental equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$111,223 and \$87,064, respectively		289,581		314,892
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$12,531 and \$13,338,		209,501		514,052
respectively		16,516		19,156
Deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$1,825 and \$854,		10,010		10,100
respectively		11,926		12,612
Goodwill, net		3,204		3,204
Total assets	\$	442,887	\$	468,344
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LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT) Liabilities:				
Senior secured credit facility	\$	73,701	\$	76,724
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Accounts payable		87,010		91,213
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		15,052		12,329
Accrued loss from litigation		17,000		
Notes payable		1,217		1,402
Senior secured notes, net of discount		198,614		198,570
Senior subordinated notes, net of discount		42,797		42,602
Capital lease obligations		8,266		10,841
Deferred compensation		10,610		10,233
Total liabilities		454,267		443,914
Member's equity (deficit)		(11,380)		24,430
Total liabilities and member's equity (deficit)	\$	442,887	\$	468,344

### H&E EQUIPMENT SERVICES L.L.C. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

		Three Mont June 3		Six Mont Jun			
		2003	2002	2003	2002		
		(In thous	sands)	(In tho	usands)		
Revenues:	•						
Equipment rentals	\$	37,828	\$ 27,003	\$ 74,856	\$ 49,882		
New equipment sales		20,460	16,410	40,830	32,457		
Used equipment sales		18,657	13,043	37,067	22,166		
Parts sales		14,234	10,822	26,439	20,312		
Service revenues		8,591	6,078	17,178	11,247		
Other		5,086	3,406	9,708	6,398		
Total revenues		104,856	76,762	206,078	142,462		
Cost of revenues:							
Rental depreciation		13,962	9,624	27,753	17,408		
Rental expense		12,571	6,553	24,722	12,539		
New equipment sales		18,370	14,677	36,949	29,394		
Used equipment sales		15,409	11,385	30,007	18,886		
Parts sales		10,191	8,076	19,120	15,159		
Service revenues		3,517	2,493	6,870	4,689		
Other		4,907	3,640	9,512	6,794		
Total cost of revenues		78,927	56,448	154,933	104,869		
Gross profit		25,929	20,314	51,145	37,593		
Selling, general and administrative expenses		25,663	17,289	50,409	32,857		
Loss from litigation				17,000			
Gain on sale of assets		64	8	37	29		
Income (loss) from operations		330	3,033	(16,227)	4,765		
Other income (expense):							
Interest expense		(9,866)	(5,648)	(19,679)	(8,494)		
Other, net		75	68	96	93		
Total other expense, net		(9,791)	(5,580)	(19,583)	(8,401)		
Loss before income taxes		(9,461)	(2,547)	(35,810)	(3,636)		
Income tax benefit		_	892		1,271		
Net loss	\$	(9,461)	\$ (1,655)	\$ (35,810)	\$ (2,365)		

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements

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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

	Six Months F	Ended June 30,
	2003	2002
	(In the	ousands)
Cash flows from operating activities: Net loss	\$ (35,810)	\$ (2,365)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	- (,)	¢ (_,)
Depreciation on property and equipment	1,964	1,092
Depreciation on rental equipment	27,753	17,408
Amortization of loan discounts and deferred financing costs	1,209	76
Provision for losses on accounts receivable	142	176
Gain on sale of property and equipment	(37)	(29)
Gain on sale of rental equipment	(5,748)	(2,273)
Deferred income taxes	—	(1,306)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of business combination:		
Receivables, net	(265)	(4,650)
Inventories, net	(2,371)	(10,645)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(1,812)	(1,314
Accounts payable	(4,203)	1,853
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	2,723	2,019
Accrued loss from litigation	17,000	
Deferred compensation	377	
Net cash provided by operating activities	922	59
Cash flows from investing activities: Purchases of property and equipment	(1,562)	(1,666)
Purchases of rental equipment	(21,220)	
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	(21,220) 2,275	(10,545)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment Proceeds from sale of rental equipment	25,650	12,362
	25,050	
Cash acquired in ICM business combination		3,643
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	5,143	(2,144
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Borrowings on senior secured credit facility	203,641	81,900
Payments on senior secured credit facility	(206,664)	(304,415
Net proceeds from issuance of senior secured notes	—	198,526
Net proceeds from issuance of senior subordinated notes	—	50,009
Payment of amount due to member	—	(13,347
Payment of deferred financing costs	(854)	(11,487
Principal payments on notes payable	(185)	(284
Payments on capital lease obligations	(2,575)	(1,947
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(6,637)	(1,045)
Net decrease in each		(0.100
Net decrease in cash	(572)	(3,130
Cash, beginning of period	3,398	4,322
Cash, end of period	\$ 2,826	\$ 1,192

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

		Six Months E	nded Ju	1e 30,
	2	2003		2002
		(In tho	usands)	
Supplemental schedule of noncash investing and financing activities:				
Assets transferred from new and used inventory to rental fleet	\$	554	\$	4,690
Rental equipment financed under capital lease obligations				4,182
Members' equity issued with the subordinated notes		_		7,600
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:				
Cash paid during the period for:				
Interest		19,626		10,356
Income taxes		97		106

As of June 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002, the Company had \$51.8 and \$55.1 million, respectively, in flooring plans outstanding, which were used to finance purchases of inventory and rental equipment.

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### H&E EQUIPMENT SERVICES L.L.C. NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Organization and Nature of Operations

#### Basis of Presentation

H&E Equipment Services L.L.C. (H&E Equipment Services) is a wholly owned subsidiary of H&E Holdings L.L.C. (H&E Holdings). H&E Holdings is principally a holding company conducting all of its operations through H&E Equipment Services (see Note 2). The condensed consolidated financial statements include the results of operations of H&E Equipment Services and its wholly owned subsidiaries H&E Finance Corp., GNE Investments, Inc. and Great Northern Equipment, Inc., collectively referred to herein as the "Company".

The nature of the Company's business is such that short-term obligations are typically met by cash generated from long-term assets. Consequently, consistent with industry practice, the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets are presented on an unclassified basis.

#### Nature of Operations

The Company is an integrated equipment rental, service and sales company located in the United States with an integrated network of 41 facilities, most of which have full service capabilities, and a workforce that includes a group of service technicians and a separate rental and equipment sales force. In addition to renting equipment, the Company also sells new and used equipment and provides extensive parts and service support. The Company generates a significant portion of its gross profit from parts sales and service revenues.

The Company's operations are principally connected with construction and industrial activities. Consequently, a downturn in construction or industrial activity may lead to a decrease in the demand for equipment or depressed rental rates and sales prices of equipment. The Company has a substantial amount of debt. In accordance with the terms of the current debt agreements, the Company must comply with certain restrictive financial and operational covenants. Failure to comply with these covenants may adversely affect the Company's ability to finance future operations or capital needs or to engage in business activities.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and, in the opinion of management, such financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments necessary to present fairly the results of the interim periods presented. Interim financial statements do not require all disclosures normally presented in year-end financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and, accordingly, certain disclosures have been omitted. Results of operations for the three- and six-month periods ended June 30, 2003 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2003. The Company suggests the information included in this report be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes included in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the prior-period condensed consolidated financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform to the presentation in the current condensed consolidated financial statements.

In May 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 150 (SFAS No. 150), "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Liabilities and Equity." The new statement establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures certain financial instruments with characteristics of both debt and equity. The provisions of SFAS No. 150 apply to the classification and disclosure requirements for the following three types of financial instruments: Mandatorily Redeemable Instruments, Instruments with Repurchase Obligations, and Instruments with Obligations to Issue a Variable Number of Securities. The new reporting and disclosure requirements for SFAS No. 150 become effective for the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003 or for any covered instruments entered into or modified subsequent to May 31, 2003. The Company has not completed its analysis of the potential impacts from adopting the new reporting requirements of SFAS No. 150.

### 2. Reorganization and Acquisition of ICM Equipment Company L.L.C.

On June 17, 2002, the equity holders of H&E Equipment Services and ICM Equipment Company L.L.C. (ICM) formed H&E Holdings by executing a Limited Liability Company Agreement of H&E Holdings and by contributing to H&E Holdings all of the outstanding equity securities and certain outstanding subordinated debt of the two companies to the members of H&E Holdings in exchange for certain equity securities of H&E Holdings. Pursuant to a Contribution Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, H&E Holdings contributed all of the outstanding equity securities of ICM to H&E Equipment Services, consummating the merger.

The consolidated results of operations data shown below is presented on an unaudited pro forma basis and represents the results of H&E Equipment Services had the business combination occurred at the beginning of the period presented for the three and six months ended June 30, 2002 (in thousands):

	 Three Months Ended June 30, 2002	Six Months Ended June 30, 2002
Revenues	\$ 116,000	\$ 222,500
Net loss	\$ (4,600)	\$ (10,600)

The unaudited pro forma financial information is presented for informational purposes only and is based upon certain assumptions and estimates, which are subject to change. The results are not necessarily indicative of the operating results that would have occurred had the transaction been consummated at the beginning of the period presented, nor are they necessarily indicative of future operating results.

#### 3. Litigation

In July 2000, a complaint was filed by a competitor of the Company in the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg under the caption *Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. v. Head & Engquist Equipment, d/b/a H&E Hi-Lift, et al.* On May 2, 2003, the court handed down an order and opinion in favor of the plaintiff. The Company recorded a \$17.0 million loss for estimated damages, plaintiff's attorney's fees and other costs during the quarter ended March 31, 2003.

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The final judgment has not yet been entered in this matter. The Company's management intends to appeal and vigorously contest this judgment. During the appeals process, management anticipates posting a standby letter of credit for the amount of the final judgment. Even if there is a reduction in the amount of damages awarded to the plaintiff on appeal, management believes that the resulting judgment could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business or financial condition.

As a result of the Company recording the \$17.0 million estimated loss from litigation, on May 14, 2003, the Company's senior secured credit agreement was amended to modify certain restrictive financial covenants and financial ratios. The credit agreement was amended to:

- 1. Exclude the loss from litigation from the calculation of Company's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization.
- 2. Adjust the maximum leverage ratio and the maximum adjusted leverage ratio, respectively, to 5.20x from 4.60x for the remaining term of the credit agreement. The minimum adjusted interest coverage ratio was adjusted to 1.25x from 1.45x through 2004. In 2005, the ratio increases to 1.30x with an additional increase to 1.40x in 2006 through the remainder of the agreement.
- 3. Increase the maximum amount of letters of credit allowed under the senior credit facility to \$30.0 million from \$10.0 million.
- 4. Institute a pricing grid such that if excess availability (defined as the total borrowing base assets less total outstanding borrowings):
  - a. falls below \$90.0 million, the interest rate and letter of credit fee increase by 25 basis points,
  - b. falls below \$50.0 million, the interest rate and letter of credit fee increase an additional 25 basis points.
- 5. Institute a \$20.0 million block on availability based on the total borrowing base assets.

On May 14, 2003, the Company paid a loan amendment fee of \$0.4 million that is being amortized over the remaining term of the loan. Consequently, the Company is not and does not expect to be in default under the senior secured credit facility as a result of the estimated loss from litigation.

The Company has identified five reportable segments; new equipment sales, used equipment sales, equipment rentals, parts and service revenues. These segments are based upon how management of the Company allocates resources and assesses performance. Non-segmented revenues and non-segmented costs relate to equipment support activities including transportation, hauling, parts freight and damage-waiver charges and are not allocated to the other reportable segments. Selling, general, and administrative expenses and all other income and expense items below gross profit are generally not allocated to reportable segments. The Company does not compile discrete financial information by its segments other than the information presented below. The following table presents information about the Company's reportable segments (in thousands):

	For the Th Ended J				For the S Ended		
	2003		2002		2003		2002
Revenues:	 	_					
Equipment rentals	\$ 37,828	\$	27,003	\$	74,856	\$	49,882
New equipment sales	20,460		16,410		40,830		32,457
Used equipment sales	18,657		13,043		37,067		22,166
Parts sales	14,234		10,822		26,439		20,312
Services revenues	 8,591		6,078		17,178		11,247
Total segmented revenues	99,770		73,356		196,370		136,064
Non-segmented revenues	 5,086		3,406		9,708		6,398
Total revenues	\$ 104,856	\$	76,762	\$	206,078	\$	142,462
Gross Profit:							
Equipment rentals	\$ 11,295	\$	10,826	\$	22,381	\$	19,935
New equipment sales	 2,090	-	1,733	-	3,881	-	3,063
Used equipment sales	3,248		1,658		7,060		3,280
Parts sales	4,043		2,746		7,319		5,153
Services revenues	5,074		3,585		10,308		6,558
Total grass profit from revenues	 25.750		20 5 49		F0.040		27.000
Total gross profit from revenues	25,750		20,548		50,949		37,989
Non-segmented gross profit (loss)	 179	_	(234)		196	_	(396)
Total gross profit	\$ 25,929	\$	20,314	\$	51,145	\$	37,593

	As of June	30,	As o	f December 31,
	2003			2002
gment identified assets:				
Equipment sales	\$	34,182	\$	31,283
Equipment rentals		289,581		314,892
Parts and service		15,627		16,709
Total segment identified assets		339,390		362,884
Non-segment identified assets		103,497		105,460
Total assets	\$	442,887	\$	468,344
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The Company operates only in U.S. markets and had no significant international sales for any of the periods presented. No one customer accounted for more than 10% of the Company's sales on an overall or segment basis for any of the periods presented.

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#### 5. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information of Guarantor Subsidiaries

All of the indebtedness of H&E Equipment Services is guaranteed by GNE Investments, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary Great Northern Equipment, Inc. The guarantor subsidiaries are all wholly owned and the guarantees are made on a joint and several basis and are full and unconditional (subject to subordination provisions and subject to a standard limitation which provides that the maximum amount guaranteed by each guarantor will not exceed the maximum amount that can be guaranteed without making the guarantee void under fraudulent conveyance laws). There are no restrictions on H&E Equipment Services' ability to obtain funds from the guarantor subsidiaries by dividend or loan.

The condensed consolidating financial information of H&E Equipment Services and its subsidiaries are included below.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET (In thousands)

	 Parent	_	Guarantor Subsidiaries	_	Elimination		Consolidated
ASSETS							
Cash	\$ 2,784	\$	42	\$		\$	2,826
Receivables, net	64,497		771		_		65,268
Inventories, net	49,243		566				49,809
Prepaid expenses and other assets	3,757						3,757
Rental equipment, net	283,066		6,515				289,581
Property and equipment, net	16,221		295		_		16,516
Deferred financing costs, net	11,926		_				11,926
Investment in guarantor subsidiaries	4,485		—		(4,485)		—
Goodwill, net	 3,204						3,204
Total assets	\$ 439,183	\$	8,189	\$	(4,485)	\$	442,887
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT) Liabilities:							
Senior secured credit facility	\$ 73,701	\$		\$		\$	73,701
Accounts payable	87,010						87,010
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	11,348		3,704				15,052
Accrued loss from litigation	17,000		_				17,000
Notes payable	1,217		—				1,217
Senior secured notes, net of discount	198,614		—				198,614
Senior subordinated notes, net of discount	42,797		_				42,797
Capital lease obligations	8,266		—		—		8,266
Deferred compensation	 10,610					_	10,610
Total liabilities	450,563		3,704				454,267
Member's equity (deficit)	 (11,380)	_	4,485	_	(4,485)	_	(11,380)
Total liabilities and member's equity (deficit)	\$ 439,183	\$	8,189	\$	(4,485)	\$	442,887

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET (In thousands)

December 31, 2002

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		Parent	_	Guarantor Subsidiaries		Elimination		Consolidated
ASSETS								
Cash	\$	3,331	\$	67	\$	—	\$	3,398
Receivables, net		64,742		403		—		65,145
Inventories, net		46,535		1,457		—		47,992
Prepaid expenses and other assets		1,941		4		—		1,945
Rental equipment, net		309,006		5,886		—		314,892
Property and equipment, net		19,031		125		—		19,156
Deferred financing costs, net		12,612		_		—		12,612
Investment in guarantor subsidiaries		4,841		_		(4,841)		
Goodwill, net		3,204		—		—		3,204
							_	
Total assets	\$	465,243	\$	7,942	\$	(4,841)	\$	468,344
	_							
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Senior secured credit facility	\$	76,724	\$		\$	—	\$	76,724
Accounts payable		91,125		88		—		91,213
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		9,316		3,013		—		12,329
Notes payable		1,402				_		1,402
Senior secured notes, net of discount		198,570		_		—		198,570
Senior subordinated notes, net of discount		42,602				—		42,602
Capital lease obligations		10,841		—		_		10,841
Deferred compensation		10,233		—		—		10,233
			_		_		_	

Total liabilities	440,813	3,	,101	_	443,914
Member's equity	24,430	4,	,841	(4,841)	24,430
Total liabilities and member's equity	\$ 465,243	\$7,	,942	\$ (4,841)	\$ 468,344

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (In thousands)

			Three Months E	nded June 30, 20	03		
	]	Parent	Guarantor Ibsidiaries	Eliminatio	on	Сог	solidated
Revenues:			 				
Equipment rentals	\$	36,635	\$ 1,193	\$	—	\$	37,828
New equipment sales		19,670	790				20,460
Used equipment sales		17,592	1,065				18,657
Parts sales		13,904	330				14,234
Service revenues		8,372	219				8,591
Other		4,940	 146		_		5,086
Total revenues		101,113	 3,743				104,856
Cost of Revenues:							
Rental depreciation		13,510	452		_		13,962
Rental expense		12,383	188		—		12,571
New equipment sales		17,683	687		_		18,370
Used equipment sales		14,598	811		—		15,409
Parts sales		9,972	219		_		10,191
Service revenues		3,455	62		—		3,517
Other		4,748	 159				4,907
Total cost of revenues		76,349	2,578	_	_		78,927
Gross profit		24,764	1,165				25,929
		,	_,				,
Selling, general and administrative expenses		24,687	976		—		25,663
Gain on sale of assets		59	5		—		64
Equity (deficit) in earnings of guarantor subsidiaries		(16)	_		16		_
Income from operations		120	 194		16		330
Other income (expense):							
Interest expense		(9,649)	(217)		—		(9,866
Other, net		68	 7		_		75
Total other expense, net		(9,581)	 (210)				(9,791
	\$	(9,461)	\$ (16)	ф.	16	\$	(9,461

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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (In thousands)

Three Months Ended June 30, 2002

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Parent	Guarantor	Elimination	Consolidated

Revenues:					
Equipment rentals	\$	26,837	\$ 166	\$	\$ 27,003
New equipment sales		16,355	55	—	16,410
Used equipment sales		12,824	219	—	13,043
Parts sales		10,779	43	—	10,822
Service revenues		6,048	30		6,078
Other		3,406	—	—	3,406
Total revenues		76,249	513	—	76,762
Cost of Revenues:					
Rental depreciation		9,624	_	_	9,624
Rental expense		6,452	101	—	6,553
New equipment sales		14,641	36		14,677
Used equipment sales		11,205	180	—	11,385
Parts sales		8,047	29	—	8,076
Service revenues		2,484	9	—	2,493
Other		3,640	—	_	3,640
Total cost of revenues		56,093	355	—	56,448
Gross profit		20,156	158	—	20,314
Selling, general and administrative expenses		17,215	74		17,289
Gain on sale of assets		8	—		8
Equity in earnings of guarantor subsidiaries		63	—	(63)	—
Income from operations		3,012	84	(63)	3,033
Other income (expense):		$( \Gamma C A 0 )$			(F. C. 40)
Interest expense		(5,648)	—	—	(5,648)
Other, net		68	—	_	68
		(5.500)			
Total other expense, net		(5,580)	—	_	(5,580)
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Income (loss) before provision for income taxes		(2,568)	84	(63)	(2,547)
Income tax benefit (provision)		913	(21)	—	892
Net income (loss)	¢		¢ (2)	¢ (CD)	¢ (1.055)
Net income (loss)	\$	(1,655)	\$ 63	\$ (63)	\$ (1,655)

Subsidiaries

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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (In thousands)

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2003					
	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Elimination	Consolidated		
Revenues:						
Equipment rentals	\$ 72,842	\$ 2,014	\$ —	\$ 74,856		
New equipment sales	39,798	1,032	—	40,830		
Used equipment sales	35,272	1,795	_	37,067		
Parts sales	25,831	608	_	26,439		
Service revenues	16,732	446	_	17,178		
Other	9,481	227	_	9,708		
Total revenues	199,956	6,122	_	206,078		
Cost of Revenues:						
Rental depreciation	26,875	878		27,753		
Rental expense	24,282	440	_	24,722		
New equipment sales	36,061	888	_	36,949		
Used equipment sales	28,655	1,352	_	30,007		
Parts sales	18,708	412	_	19,120		

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Service revenues	6,736		—	6,870
Other	9,250	262	—	9,512
Total cost of revenues	150,567	4,366	—	154,933
Gross profit	49,389	1,756	—	51,145
Selling, general and administrative expenses	48,689	1,720	_	50,409
Loss from litigation	17,000	_	_	17,000
Gain on sale of assets	15	22	_	37
Equity in earnings of guarantor subsidiaries	(356)	_	356	—
Income (loss) from operations	(16,641)	58	356	(16,227)
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Other income (expense):				
Interest expense	(19,259)	(420)	_	(19,679)
Other, net	90	6		96
Total other expense, net	(19,169)	(414)		(19,583)
Total oller expense, net	(13,103)	(414)		(15,505)
Netlass	\$ (35.810)	¢ (256)	¢ 256	¢ (25.010)
Net loss	\$ (35,810)	\$ (356)	\$ 356	\$ (35,810)

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (In thousands)

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2002						
	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Elimination	Consolidated			
Revenues:							
Equipment rentals	\$ 49,716	\$ 166	\$ —	\$ 49,882			
New equipment sales	32,402	55	_	32,457			
Used equipment sales	21,947	219	_	22,166			
Parts sales	20,269	43	—	20,312			
Service revenues	11,217	30	_	11,247			
Other	6,398	—	—	6,398			
Total revenues	141,949	513		142,462			
Cost of Revenues:							
Rental depreciation	17,408	—		17,408			
Rental expense	12,438	101		12,539			
New equipment sales	29,358	36	_	29,394			
Used equipment sales	18,706	180	_	18,886			
Parts sales	15,130	29	_	15,159			
Service revenues	4,680	9	_	4,689			
Other	6,794	—	—	6,794			
Total cost of revenues	104,514	355		104,869			
Gross profit	37,435	158		37,593			
Selling, general and administrative expenses	32,783	74		32,857			
Gain on sale of assets	29	_		29			
Equity in earnings of guarantor subsidiaries	63		(63)				
Income from operations	4,744	84	(63)	4,765			
Other income (expense):							
Interest expense	(8,494)	_		(8,494			
Other, net	93	—	_	93			
Total other expense, net	(8,401)			(8,401			

Income (loss) before provision for income taxes	(3,657)	84	(63)	(3,636)
Income tax benefit (provision)	1,292	(21)	—	1,271
Net income (loss)	\$ (2,365)	\$ 63	\$ (63)	\$ (2,365)

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (In thousands)

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2003						
		Parent		Guarantor Subsidiaries	Elimination	Consolidated	
Cash flows from operating activities:							
Net loss	\$	(35,810)	\$	(356)	\$ 356	\$	(35,810)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:							
Depreciation on property and equipment		1,928		36			1,964
Depreciation on rental equipment Amortization of loan discounts and deferred		26,875		878	_		27,753
financing costs		1,209		—	_		1,209
Provision for losses on accounts receivables		142			—		142
Gain on sale of property and equipment		(15)		(22)	—		(37)
Gain on sale of rental equipment		(5,356)		(392)	—		(5,748)
Equity in earnings of guarantor subsidiaries		356		—	(356)		—
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:							
Receivables, net		103		(368)	—		(265)
Inventories, net		(3,262)		891	—		(2,371)
Prepaid expenses and other assets		(1,816)		4	_		(1,812)
Accounts payable		(4,115)		(88)			(4,203)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		2,032		691	_		2,723
Accrued loss from litigation		17,000		—	—		17,000
Deferred compensation		377		—	—		377
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities		(352)		1,274			922
Cash flows from investing activities:							
Purchases of property and equipment		(1,356)		(206)			(1,562)
Purchases of rental equipment		(18,588)		(2,632)	_		(21,220)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		2,253		22			2,275
Proceeds from sale of rental equipment		24,133		1,517	_		25,650
roccess non succorrenal equipment	_		_				
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities:		6,442		(1,299)	_		5,143
Cash flows from financing activities:							
Borrowings on senior secured credit facility		203,641		_	_		203,641
Payments on senior secured credit facility		(206,664)			_		(206,664)
Payment of deferred financing costs		(854)		—	—		(854)
Principal payments on notes payable		(185)		—	—		(185)
Payments on capital lease obligations		(2,575)					(2,575)
Net cash used in financing activities		(6,637)					(6,637)
Net decrease in cash		(547)					(573)
		(547)		(25)	_		(572)
Cash, beginning of period		3,331		67			3,398
Cash, end of period	\$	2,784	\$	42	\$ —	\$	2,826

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (In thousands)

		Six Months End			
	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Elimination	Consolidated	
h flows from operating activities:					
Net income (loss)	\$ (2,365)	\$ 63	\$ (63)	\$ (2,3)	
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:					
Depreciation on property and equipment	1,092		_	1,0	
Depreciation on rental equipment	17,408		_	17,4	
Amortization of loan discounts and deferred financing costs	76		_		
Provision for losses on accounts receivables	176	_	_	1	
Gain on sale of property and equipment	(29)	_	_	(	
Gain on sale of rental equipment	(2,273)	_		(2,2	
Equity in earnings of guarantor subsidiaries	(63)	_	63	(_,_	
Deferred taxes	(1,306)			(1,3	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of business combination:	(1,500)			(1,5	
Receivables, net	(4,039)	(611)		(4,6	
Inventories, net	(10,345)	(300)	_	(10,6	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(1,302)	(12)		(1,3	
Accounts payable	1,853	_		1,8	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	2,231	(212)	_	2,0	
Deferred compensation	17				
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	1,131	(1,072)	_		
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,666)	_		(1,6	
Purchases of rental equipment	(17,301)	756	_	(16,5	
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	62			(10,0	
Proceeds from sale of rental equipment	12,362		_	12,3	
Cash acquired in ICM business combination	3,643			3,6	
Cush acquired in Terri Business combination	5,015				
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities:	(2,900)	756		(2,1	
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Borrowings on senior secured credit facility	82,245	(345)	_	81,9	
Payments on senior secured credit facility	(304,415)	(3+3)		(304,4	
Net proceeds from issuance of senior secured	(304,413)			(504,-	
notes	198,526		_	198,5	
Net proceeds from issuance of senior subordinated notes	50,009	_	_	50,0	
Payment of amount due to member	(13,347)	_	_	(13,3	
Payment of deferred financing costs	(11,487)	_		(11,4	
Principal payments on notes payable	(284)	_	_	(2	
Payments on capital lease obligations	(1,947)	_	_	(1,9	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(700)	(345)		(1,0	
Not decrease in cash	(2.460)	(661)		(0.1	
Net decrease in cash Cash, beginning of period	(2,469) 3,630	(661) 692	_	(3,1 4,3	
Cash, end of period	\$ 1,161	\$ 31	\$ _	\$ 1,1	

### Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion reviews our operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 and should be read in conjunction with the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes included herein. The following discussion and analysis should also be read in

conjunction with the Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.

#### General

The Company derives its revenues primarily from the following sources: (i) rental of equipment; (ii) new equipment sales and distribution; (iii) used equipment sales and distribution; and (iv) parts and service. Equipment rental, as well as new and used equipment sales, includes products such as hi-lift equipment, cranes, earthmoving equipment and industrial lift trucks. Used equipment sales are primarily derived from our rental fleet. Our integrated approach leads to revenue for each source being partially driven by our activities of the other sources. Our revenues are dependent on several factors, including the demand for rental equipment, rental fleet availability, rental rates, the demand for new and used equipment, the level of industrial and construction activity and general economic conditions.

Cost of revenues include cost of equipment sold, depreciation and maintenance costs of rental equipment and cost of parts and service. Cost of equipment sold consists of (i) the net book value of rental equipment at the time of sales for used equipment and (ii) the cost of new equipment sales. Depreciation of rental equipment represents the depreciation costs attributable to rental equipment and is generally calculated over the assets estimated useful lives after giving effect to an estimated salvage value of 0% to 25% of cost. Maintenance of rental equipment represents the costs of servicing and maintaining rental equipment on an ongoing basis. Cost of parts and service represents costs attributable to the sale of parts directly to customers and service provided for the maintenance and repair of customer owned equipment.

Selling, general and administrative expenses include sales and marketing expenses, payroll and related costs, professional fees, property and other taxes and administrative overhead, and depreciation associated with property and equipment (other than rental equipment).

#### Accounting for Acquisitions

The Company completed the acquisition of ICM on June 17, 2002 (see Note 2 to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein for further information) and accounted for this acquisition using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly, ICM's results of operations are included in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2002 from the date of acquisition (June 17, 2002) and thereafter.

#### **Results of Operations**

#### Three months ended June 30, 2003 compared to three months ended June 30, 2002

Total revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2003 increased 36.6% or \$28.1 million to \$104.9 million, from \$76.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2002. The revenues during these periods were attributable to the following sources:

*Equipment Rental Revenues.* Total revenues from equipment rentals increased \$10.8 million, or 40.0%, to \$37.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2003 from \$27.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2002. Included in the increase is \$13.4 million of equipment rental revenues generated by rental locations associated with the ICM acquisition. The remaining decrease of \$2.6 million is comprised of a decrease in crane rental revenues of \$1.5 million, a decrease in hi lift equipment rental revenues of \$0.4 million and a decrease in other small

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equipment rental revenues of \$1.6 million. These decreases were offset by an increase in earthmoving equipment rental revenues of \$0.9 million. The overall decline is due primarily to lower time utilization in our crane segment and both lower time utilization and rental rates in our hi lift segment.

*Equipment Sales Revenues.* Revenues. Revenues from new equipment sales increased \$4.1 million, or 25.0% to \$20.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2003 from \$16.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2002. Total increase in new equipment sales attributable to the acquisition of ICM was \$5.6 million. The remaining \$1.5 million decrease in new equipment sales year over year is attributable primarily to a \$1.3 million decline in new crane sales and a \$3.4 million decline in new hi lift equipment sales. Sales of new earthmoving equipment increased \$3.5 million and sales of other new equipment decreased \$0.3 million. Customer demand for new equipment has declined as a result of the current economic conditions.

Revenues from used equipment sales increased \$5.7 million, or 43.8% to \$18.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2003 from \$13.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2002. The total increase in used equipment sales attributable to the acquisition of ICM was \$5.0 million. The remaining \$0.7 million increase in used equipment sales is attributable to a \$2.4 million increase in used earthmoving equipment and a \$0.3 increase in used lift trucks and other small equipment. Sales of used cranes decreased \$1.6 million and sales of used hi lift equipment decreased \$0.4 million.

*Parts and Service Revenues.* Parts sales and service revenues increased \$5.9 million, or 34.9% to \$22.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2003 from \$16.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2002. Total parts sales and service revenues attributable to the acquisition of ICM were \$6.2 million. The offsetting \$0.3 million decrease in parts sales and service revenues was attributable to a \$0.1 million increase in parts sales and a decrease of \$0.4 million in service revenues. Service revenues are down accross all product lines.

*Other Revenues.* Other revenues consist primarily of billings to customers for equipment support activities including transportation, hauling, parts freight, and damage waiver charges. Other revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2003 increased \$1.7 million, or 50.0% to \$5.1 million from \$3.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2002. The acquisition of ICM accounted for \$1.7 million of the increase.

*Total Gross Profit.* Total gross profit for the three months ended June 30, 2003 increased \$5.6 million or 27.6% to \$25.9 million from \$20.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2002. Total gross profit increase attributable to the acquisition of ICM was \$8.7 million. Gross profit contribution by segment as a percentage of total gross profit was 43.6% for equipment rentals, 8.1% for new equipment sales, 12.4% for used equipment sales and 35.1% for parts sales and service revenue and 0.8% for other revenues.

*Equipment Rentals Gross Profit.* Gross profit from equipment rentals increased \$0.5 million to \$11.3 million in the three months ended June 30, 2003 from \$10.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2002. Included in the increase is \$3.7 million of equipment rental gross profit generated by rental locations associated with the ICM acquisition. The remaining gross profit decreased \$3.2 million, or 33.3% for the three months ended June 30,

2003 to \$6.7 million from \$9.9 million for the same period last year. The decline is primarily a result of lower rental revenue and increasing maintenance costs associated with aging the rental fleet.

*Equipment Sales Gross Profit.* Gross profit from new equipment sales increased \$0.4 million to \$2.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2003 from \$1.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2002. Included in gross profit is \$0.8 million related to the new equipment sales from the ICM locations. Excluding the increase related to the ICM acquisition, the gross profit margin on new equipment sales decreased to 8.6% for the three months ended June 30, 2002. This decline in the gross profit margin is attributable to the mix of new equipment sold.

The gross profit from used equipment sales increased \$1.5 million to \$3.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2003 from \$1.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2002. Included in the gross profit is \$1.0 million related to the used equipment sales from the ICM locations. The remaining \$0.5 million increase in used equipment gross profit is primarily due to a \$0.2 million increase in used equipment sales. Used crane sales and other equipment sales accounted for the remaining \$0.3 million increase. The gross profit margin on used equipment sales, excluding the increase related to the ICM acquisition, increased 4.6% to 16.5% for the three months ended June 30, 2003 from 11.9% for the three months ended June 30, 2002. The increase in gross margin is primarily a result of the mix of used equipment sold.

*Parts Sales and Service Revenues Gross Profit.* Gross profit from parts sales and service revenues increased \$2.8 million to \$9.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2002. Total parts sales and service revenues attributable to the acquisition of ICM were \$3.0 million. The remaining \$0.2 million decrease for the second quarter relates primarily to lower parts sales and service revenues as previously discussed. The gross profit margin for the three months ended June 30, 2003 decreased 0.9% to 36.0% compared to 36.9% for the three months ended June 30, 2003.

*Depreciation and Amortization*. Depreciation expense on rental equipment is recorded in rental cost of revenues. Depreciation and amortization expense on property and equipment is recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses. Total depreciation and amortization expense increased \$4.7 million to \$14.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2003 from \$10.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2002. Included in the depreciation and amortization expense is \$5.8 million related to the ICM acquisition.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.* Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses increased \$8.4 million to \$25.7 million, or 24.5% of total revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2003 from \$17.3 million, or 22.5% of total revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2002. Included in SG&A expense is \$10.0 million associated with the ICM acquisition. The remaining \$1.6 million decrease in SG&A expense year over year, excluding the effect of ICM, is primarily due to reductions in labor-related costs.

*Income from Operations.* Based on the foregoing, income from operations decreased to \$0.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2003 from \$3.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2002. The \$2.7 million decrease was net of \$1.2 million loss from operations relating to ICM's operations for the second quarter of 2003.

*Other Income (Expense).* Other expense increased by \$4.2 million to \$9.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2003 from \$5.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2002. Interest expense for the quarter ended June 30, 2003 increased \$4.2 million year over year as a result of the refinancing of the Company's total debt and the acquisition of ICM. Other income was comparable year over year. The annual interest rates on the senior secured credit facility averaged 5.3% for the three months ended June 30, 2003 compared to 5.2% for the three months ended June 30, 2002.

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*Income Tax Benefit.* H&E Equipment Services is a limited liability company that has elected to be treated as a C corporation for income tax purposes. Income tax benefit decreased by \$0.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2003 compared to the three months ended June 30, 2002. The Company has recorded a tax valuation allowance for its entire net deferred income tax assets. The valuation allowance was recorded given the cumulative losses incurred by the Company and the Company's belief that it is more likely than not that the Company will be unable to recover the net deferred income tax assets. Accordingly, no income tax benefit was recorded in the three months ended June 30, 2003.

## Six months ended June 30, 2003 compared to six months ended June 30, 2002.

Total revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2003 increased 44.6% or \$63.6 million to \$206.1 million, from \$142.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002. The revenues during these periods were attributable to the following sources:

*Equipment Rental Revenues.* Total revenues from equipment rentals increased \$25.0 million, or 50.1%, to \$74.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003 from \$49.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002. Included in the increase is \$29.9 million of equipment rental revenues generated by rental locations associated with the ICM acquisition. The remaining decrease of \$4.9 million is comprised of a decrease in crane rental revenues of \$2.5 million, a decrease in hi lift equipment rental revenues of \$1.3 million and a decrease in other small equipment rental revenues of \$2.6 million. These decreases were offset by an increase in earthmoving equipment rental revenues of \$1.5 million. The decline is primarily due to lower time utilization in our crane segment and both lower time utilization and rental rates in our hi lift segment. The Company continues to focus on its four core segments and is de-emphasizing the other small equipment rentals.

*Equipment Sales Revenues.* Revenues from new equipment sales increased \$8.3 million, or 25.5% to \$40.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003 from \$32.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002. Total new equipment sales attributable to the acquisition of ICM were \$10.9 million. The remaining \$2.6 million decrease in new equipment sales year over year is attributable primarily to a \$3.3 million decline in new hi lift equipment sales. Sales of new cranes decreased \$0.8 million and sales of other new equipment decreased \$0.4 million. These decreases were offset by a \$1.9 million increase in new earthmoving equipment sales.

Revenues from used equipment sales increased \$14.9 million, or 67.1% to \$37.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003 from \$22.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002. Total used equipment sales attributable to the acquisition of ICM were \$11.2 million. The remaining \$3.7 million increase in used equipment sales is attributable to a \$4.2 million increase in used earthmoving equipment sales and a \$0.5 increase in used other equipment sales from other product lines. Sales of used cranes decreased \$1.0 million.

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Customer demand for new and used equipment has declined due to the current economic conditions.

*Parts and Service Revenues.* Parts sales and service revenues increased \$12.0 million, or 38.0% to \$43.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003 from \$31.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002. Total parts sales and service revenues attributable to the acquisition of ICM were \$14.2 million. The offsetting \$2.1 million decrease in parts sales and service revenues was attributable to a \$1.3 million decrease in the parts sales and a \$0.8 million decrease in service revenues. As a result of the slowing economy, customers continue deferring or canceling major repairs to their fleets.

*Other Revenues.* Other revenues consist primarily of billings to customers for equipment support activities including transportation, hauling, parts freight, and damage waiver charges. Other revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2003 increased \$3.3 million, or 51.6% to \$9.7 million from \$6.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002. The acquisition of ICM accounted for \$3.6 million of the increase.

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*Total Gross Profit.* Total gross profit for the six months ended June 30, 2003 was \$51.1 million compared to total gross profit of \$37.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002. Total gross profit attributable to the acquisition of ICM was \$19.9 million. Gross profit contribution by segment as a percentage of total gross profit was 43.8% for equipment rentals, 7.6% for new equipment sales, 13.8% for used equipment sales, 34.4% for parts sales and service revenue, and 0.4% for other revenues.

*Equipment Rentals Gross Profit.* Gross profit from equipment rentals increased \$2.5 million to \$22.4 million in the six months ended June 30, 2003 from \$19.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002. Included in the increase is \$9.0 million of equipment rental gross profit generated by rental locations associated with the ICM acquisition. The remaining gross profit decreased \$6.5 million, or 32.7% for the six months ended June 30, 2003 to \$12.5 million from \$19.0 million for the same period last year. This decline is primarily a result of lower rental revenues and increasing maintenance costs associated with aging the rental fleet.

*Equipment Sales Gross Profit.* Gross profit from new equipment sales increased \$0.8 million to \$3.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003 from \$3.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002. Included in the gross profit is \$1.2 million related to the new equipment sales from the ICM locations. In addition to the lower sales volumes and excluding the increase related to the ICM acquisition, the gross profit margin on new equipment sales decreased to 8.6% for the six months ended June 30, 2003 from 9.4% for the six months ended June 30, 2002. This decline in the gross margin is attributable to the mix of new equipment sold and the Company's continued focus on retail selling rental fleet equipment.

The gross profit from used equipment sales increased \$3.8 million to \$7.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003 from \$3.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002. Included in the gross profit is \$2.6 million related to the used equipment sales from the ICM locations. The remaining \$1.2 million increase in used equipment gross profit is primarily due to a \$0.5 million increase in used equipment sales. Used crane sales and other used equipment sales accounted for the remaining \$0.7 million increase. The gross profit margin on used equipment sales, excluding the increase related to the ICM acquisition, increased 2.6% to 17.1% for the six months ended June 30, 2003 from 14.5% for the six months ended June 30, 2002. The increase in gross margin is primarily a result of the mix of used equipment sold.

*Parts Sales and Service Revenues Gross Profit.* Gross profit from parts sales and service revenues increased \$5.9 million to \$17.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003 from \$11.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002. Total parts sales and service revenues attributable to the acquisition of ICM were \$6.9 million. The gross profit on parts sales and service revenue, excluding the ICM acquisition, decreased \$1.0 million for the second quarter 2003 compared to the second quarter 2002, and the gross profit margin for the six months ended June 30, 2003 decreased 0.5% to 36.3% compared to 36.8% for the six months ended June 30, 2002. The decrease in the gross profit margin is attributable to changes in product mix.

*Depreciation and Amortization*. Depreciation expense on rental equipment is recorded in rental costs of revenues. Depreciation and amortization expense on property and equipment is recorded in SG&A expenses. Total depreciation and amortization expense increased \$11.2 million to \$29.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003 from \$18.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002. Included in the depreciation and amortization expense is \$12.4 million related to the ICM acquisition.

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*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.* Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses increased \$17.5 million to \$50.4 million, or 24.5% of total revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2003 from \$32.9 million, or 23.1% of total revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2002. Included in SG&A expense is \$21.7 million relating to the acquisition of ICM. The remaining \$4.2 million decrease in SG&A expense year over year, excluding the effect of ICM, is primarily due to reductions in labor related costs.

*Loss from Litigation.* On May 2, 2003, an order and opinion was handed down by the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenberg in the complaint of *Sunbelt Rentals Inc. v. Head and Engquist Equipment L.L.C., d/b/a H&E Hi Lift, et al.* pursuant to which the plaintiff was awarded damages of \$5.0 million, which amount was trebled pursuant to statute to total \$15.0 million, plus plaintiff's attorneys' fees. The Company has recorded a \$17.0 million loss for estimated damages, plaintiff's attorneys' fees and other costs. The Company intends to appeal and vigorously contest this judgment. The Company will continue to monitor the progress of the case and modify the estimated loss, if necessary. See Liquidity and Capital Resources and Part II Item 1. Legal Proceedings, for further information.

*Income (Loss) from Operations.* Based primarily on the foregoing, income (loss) from operations decreased to a \$16.2 million loss for the six months ended June 30, 2003 from income of \$4.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002. The \$21.0 million decrease was net of \$1.7 million loss from operations relating to ICM's income from operations for the six months ended June 30, 2003.

*Other Income (Expense).* Other expense increased by \$11.2 million to \$19.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003 from \$8.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002. Interest expense for the six months ended June 30, 2003 increased \$11.2 million quarter over quarter as a result of the refinancing of the Company's total debt and the acquisition of ICM. Other income was comparable quarter over quarter. The annual interest rates on the senior secured credit facility averaged 5.2% for the six months ended June 30, 2003 compared to 5.1% for the six months ended June 30, 2002.

*Income Tax Benefit.* H&E Equipment Services is a limited liability company that has elected to be treated as a C corporation for income tax purposes. Income tax benefit decreased by \$1.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2002. The Company has recorded a tax valuation allowance for its entire net deferred income tax assets. The valuation allowance was recorded given the cumulative

losses incurred by the Company and the Company's belief that it is more likely than not that the Company will be unable to recover the net deferred income tax assets. Accordingly, no income tax benefit was recorded in the six months ended June 30, 2003.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash flows from operating activities. For the six months ended June 30, 2003 cash provided by operating activities was \$0.9 million. The significant components of operating activities that provided cash were total property and equipment and rental fleet depreciation expense of \$29.7 million and the \$17.0 million accrued loss from litigation. Significant components of operating activities that used cash consisted of a \$35.8 million net loss, a net gain on sale of both rental and non-rental equipment of \$5.8 million, an increase in accounts receivable of \$0.3 million, an increase in inventories of \$2.4 million, and a decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$1.5 million.

Cash flows from investing activities. For the six months ended June 30, 2003 cash provided by investing activities was \$5.1 million. This is a result of purchasing \$22.8 million in rental and non-rental equipment. The proceeds from the sale of rental and non-rental equipment was \$27.9 million.

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Cash flows from financing activities. For the six months ended June 30, 2003 cash used in financing activities was \$6.6 million. The net payments under the senior secured credit facility were \$3.0 million. Payments on capital leases and other notes totaled \$2.7 million and \$0.9 million was paid in additional deferred financing costs.

As of July 31, 2003, the balance outstanding on the senior secured credit facility was \$73.3 million with \$71.6 million available in additional borrowings (based on the borrowing base assets) net of \$5.1 million in standby letters of credit. Also, at July 31, 2003, the total balance payable on capital lease obligations and notes payable were \$7.8 million and \$1.2 million, respectively.

As a result of the Company recording the \$17.0 million estimated loss from litigation, on May 14, 2003, the Company's senior secured credit agreement was amended to modify certain restrictive financial covenants and financial ratios. The credit agreement was amended to:

- 1. Exclude the loss from litigation from the calculation of Company's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization.
- 2. Adjust the maximum leverage ratio and the maximum adjusted leverage ratio, respectively, to 5.20x from 4.60x for the remaining term of the credit agreement. The minimum adjusted interest coverage ratio was adjusted to 1.25x from 1.45x through 2004. In 2005, the ratio increases to 1.30x with an additional increase to 1.40x in 2006 through the remainder of the agreement.
- 3. Increase the maximum amount of letters of credit allowed under the senior credit facility to \$30.0 million from \$10.0 million.
- 4. Institute a pricing grid such that if excess availability (defined as the total borrowing base assets less total outstanding borrowings):
  - a. falls below \$90.0 million, the interest rate and letter of credit fee increase by 25 basis points,
  - b. falls below \$50.0 million, the interest rate and letter of credit fee increase an additional 25 basis points.
- 5. Institute a \$20.0 million block on availability based on the total borrowing base assets.

On May 14, 2003, the Company paid a loan amendment fee of \$0.4 million that is being amortized over the remaining term of the loan. Consequently, the Company is not and does not expect to be in default under the senior secured credit facility as a result of the estimated loss from litigation.

The Company's management intends to appeal and vigorously contest the judgement related to the litigation described in Note 3 of the notes to condensed consolidated financial statements. During the appeals process, management anticipates posting a standby letter of credit for the amount of the final judgement.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements. At June 30, 2003 and at December 31, 2002, we did not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. We are, therefore, not materially exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in such relationships.

#### **Contractual and Commercial Commitments Summary**

The following summarizes our contractual obligations at June 30, 2003, and the effect such obligations are expected to have on our liquidity and cash flow in future periods (in thousands).

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		Payments Due by Year								
		Total		2003(1)	2004-2005		2006-2007		Threafter	
						(In thousands)				
Long-term debt (including subordinated notes payable)	\$	254,217	¢	163	¢	593	\$	364	¢	253 007
Interest payments on senior secured	φ	211,251	φ	11,125	Φ	44,500	¢	44,500	φ	253,097 111,126

notes							
Interest payments on senior							
subordinated notes	69,525	3	,312	13,250	13,250		39,713
Revolving credit facility	73,701			—	—		73,701
Capital lease obligations (including							
interest)	8,807	6	,164	2,643	—		
Operating leases (2)	84,805	14	,960	40,356	22,565		6,924
Other long-term obligations (3)	58,103	8	,462	27,672	21,669		300
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Total contractual cash obligations	\$ 760,409	\$ 44	,186	\$ 129,014	\$ 102,348	\$	484,861

(1) This includes payments due during the six months ending December 31, 2003.

(2) This includes total operating lease payments having initial or remaining non-cancelable lease terms longer than one year.

(3) This includes: (i) BRS annual management fees through 2006 (based upon the lesser of 1.75% of estimated EBITDA excluding operating lease expense or \$2.0 million per year) for \$4.7 million; (ii) Thomas R. Engquist management fees (6 years) for \$1.7 million; (iii) payments for secured floor plan financing for \$51.7 million.

Additionally, we have standby letters of credit totaling \$5.1 million that expire in September 2003 and January 2004.

#### Seasonality

Our business is seasonal with demand for our rental equipment tending to be lower in the winter months. The equipment rental activities are directly related to commercial and industrial construction and maintenance activities. Therefore, equipment rental will be correlated to the levels of active construction activities. The severity of weather conditions can have a temporary impact on the level of construction activities.

Equipment sales cycles are also subject to seasonality with the peak selling period during spring season and expanding through summer. Parts and service activities are less affected by changes in demand caused by seasonality.

#### Inflation

Although we cannot accurately anticipate the effect of inflation on our operations, we believe that inflation has not had, and is not likely in the foreseeable future to have, a material impact on our results of operations.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

We prepare our financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. In applying many accounting principles, we need to make assumptions, estimates and/or judgements. These assumptions, estimates and judgements are often subjective and may change based on changing circumstances or changes in our analysis. Material changes in these assumptions, estimates, and judgements have the potential to materially alter our results of operations. We have

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identified below those of our accounting policies that we believe could potentially produce materially different results were we to change underlying assumptions, estimates and judgements.

*Revenue Recognition.* The Company's policy is to recognize revenue from equipment rentals in the period earned, over the contract term, regardless of the timing of the billing to customers. A rental contract term can be daily, weekly or monthly. Because the term of the contracts can extend across financial reporting periods, we record unbilled rental revenue and deferred revenue at the end of reporting periods so rental revenue is appropriately stated in the periods presented. Revenue from the sale of equipment and parts is recognized at the time of delivery to, or pick-up by, the customer and when all obligations under the sales contract have been fulfilled and collectability is reasonably assured. Service revenues are recognized at the time the services are rendered. Other revenues consist primarily of billings to customers for rental equipment delivery and damage waiver charges.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts. We maintain allowances for doubtful accounts. This allowance reflects our estimate of the amount of our receivables that we will be unable to collect. Our estimate could require change based on changing circumstances, including changes in the economy or in the particular circumstances of individual customers. Accordingly, we may be required to increase or decrease our allowance.

Useful Lives of Rental Equipment and Property and Equipment. We depreciate rental equipment and property and equipment over their estimated useful lives, after giving effect to an estimated salvage value ranging from 0% to 25% of cost. The useful life of an asset (ranging from three to ten years) is determined based on our estimate of the period the asset will generate revenues, and the salvage value is determined based on our estimate of the minimum value we could realize from the asset after such period. We may be required to change these estimates based on changes in our industry or other changing circumstances. If these estimates change in the future, we may be required to recognize increased or decreased depreciation expense for the assets.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain of the statements contained in this Report are forward looking in nature. Such statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "believe," "expect," "may," "will," "should," "seek," "on- track," "plan," "intend," or "anticipate" or the negative thereof or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy. You are cautioned that our business and operations are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties and, consequently, our actual results may materially differ from those projected by any forward-looking statements. Certain of these factors are discussed in our Form 10-K for the year ended

December 31, 2002. We make no commitment to revise or update any forward-looking statements in order to reflect events or circumstances after the date any such statement is made.

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

The Company's earnings are effected by changes in interest rates due to the fact that interest on the revolving line of credit is calculated based upon LIBOR plus 300 basis points. The Company is also required to pay the lenders a commitment fee equal to 0.5% per annum in respect of undrawn commitments under the revolving credit facility. At June 30, 2003, and as a result of the refinancing the Company had variable rate debt representing 22.8% of total debt. A portion of our indebtedness bears interest at variable rates that are linked to changing market interest rates. Based upon the balances outstanding at June 30, 2003, a one percent increase in market rates would increase our annual interest expense approximately \$1.3 million. The Company does not have significant exposure to the changing interest rates on its fixed-rate senior secured notes, senior subordinated notes or the capital lease obligations, which represented 77.2% of total debt.

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

(a) The Company carried out an evaluation as of the end of the period covered by this report, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer along with the Company's Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(d). Based upon that evaluation, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer along with the Company's Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in timely alerting them to material information relating to the Company (including its consolidated subsidiaries) required to be included in the Company's periodic SEC filings.

(b) There have been no significant changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation described in paragraph (a) above that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

### PART II OTHER INFORMATION

#### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

As of June 30, 2003, except for the legal proceeding referred to below, we were not subject to any legal proceedings that management believes could have a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition.

In July 2000, a complaint was filed by a competitor of the Company in the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg under the caption *Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. v. Head & Engquist Equipment, d/b/a H&E Hi-Lift, et al.* On May 2, 2003, the court handed down an order and opinion in favor of the plaintiff. The Company recorded a \$17.0 million loss for estimated damages, plaintiff's attorney's fees and other costs during the quarter ended March 31, 2003.

The final judgment has not yet been entered in this matter. The Company's management intends to appeal and vigorously contest this judgment. During the appeals process, management anticipates posting a standby letter of credit for the amount of the final judgment. Even if there is a reduction in the amount of damages awarded to the plaintiff on appeal, management believes that the resulting judgment could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business or financial condition.

#### Item 2. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds.

None.

#### Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities.

None.

#### Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

None.

#### Item 5. Other information.

None.

a) Exhibits

31.1 Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 200231.2 Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

b) Reports on Form 8-K1. Form 8-K filed on May 15, 2003

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

	H&E EQUIPMENT SERVICES L.L.C.
Dated: August 14, 2003	By: /s/ JOHN M. ENGQUIST
	John M. Engquist Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
Dated: August 14, 2003	By: /s/ LINDSAY C. JONES
	Lindsay C. Jones Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)
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#### CERTIFICATIONS

I, John M. Engquist, President and Chief Executive Officer of H&E Equipment Services L.L.C., certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of H&E Equipment Services L.L.C.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and we have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting.

Date: August 14, 2003

By: /s/ JOHN M. ENGQUIST

John M. Engquist President and Chief Executive Officer

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Exhibit 31.1

**CERTIFICATIONS** 

#### CERTIFICATIONS

I, Lindsay C. Jones, Chief Financial Officer of H&E Equipment Services L.L.C., certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of H&E Equipment Services L.L.C.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and we have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting.

Date: August 14, 2003

By: /s/ LINDSAY C. JONES

Lindsay C. Jones Chief Financial Officer

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