

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of the earliest event reported)
March 9, 2010

KRONOS WORLDWIDE, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-31763
(Commission
File Number)

76-0294959
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1700, Dallas, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

75240-2697
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code
(972) 233-1700

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

The registrant hereby furnishes the information set forth in its press release issued on March 9, 2010, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information, including the exhibit, the registrant furnishes in this report is not deemed “filed” for purposes of section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Registration statements or other documents filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission shall not incorporate this information by reference, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Item No.	Exhibit Index
99.1	Press release dated March 9, 2010 issued by the registrant.

SIGNATURE

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

KRONOS WORLDWIDE, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Gregory M. Swalwell
Gregory M. Swalwell, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 9, 2010

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Press release dated March 9, 2010 issued by the registrant.

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



KRONOS WORLDWIDE REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS

DALLAS, TEXAS...March 9, 2010... Kronos Worldwide, Inc. (NYSE:KRO) today reported net income for the fourth quarter of 2009 of \$5.1 million, or \$.11 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$7.2 million, or \$.15 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of 2008. For the full year of 2009, Kronos reported a net loss of \$34.7 million, or \$.71 per diluted share, compared with net income of \$9.0 million, or \$.18 per diluted share in 2008. Comparability of the Company's results was impacted by lower income from operations resulting principally from lower sales volumes and higher manufacturing costs as a result of temporary plant curtailments the Company implemented during the first half of 2009.

Net sales of \$301.9 million in the fourth quarter of 2009 were \$55.0 million, or 22%, higher than the fourth quarter of 2008. Net sales of \$1,142.0 million for the full year 2009 were \$174.9 million, or 13%, lower than the full year 2008. Net sales increased in the fourth quarter of 2009 primarily due to higher TiO₂ sales volumes and the favorable effect of fluctuations in currency exchange rates, which increased sales by approximately \$20 million, partially offset by lower average selling prices. For the full year period, net sales were lower in 2009 primarily due to lower sales volumes and average selling prices and the unfavorable effect of fluctuations in currency exchange rates, which decreased sales by approximately \$35 million. Although the Company's average selling prices were 5% lower in the fourth quarter of 2009 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2008, the Company's average selling prices at the end of the fourth quarter 2009 were 2% higher than at the end of the third quarter 2009. The table at the end of this release shows how each of these items impacted the overall decrease in sales.

The Company's TiO₂ segment profit (see description of non-GAAP information below) for the fourth quarter of 2009 was \$13.3 million compared with \$22.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2008. For the full year period, the Company's segment loss was \$8.1 million compared with a segment profit of \$54.6 million for the full year 2008. Segment profit decreased in the fourth quarter of 2009 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2008 due to lower average TiO₂ selling prices and the unfavorable effect of fluctuations in currency exchange rates, which decreased segment profit by approximately \$10 million. For the full year 2009, segment profit declined primarily due to the negative effects of production curtailments in the first half of the year, which resulted in higher manufacturing costs per ton of pigment production during the year, as well as the effect of lower sales volumes and lower average TiO₂ selling prices. This was partially offset by lower maintenance costs and the favorable effects of fluctuations in currency exchange rates, which increased segment profit by approximately \$40 million. The Company's TiO₂ production volumes were 1% lower in the fourth quarter of 2009 and 22% lower in the full year 2009 as compared to the same periods in 2008. Finished goods inventories at December 31, 2009, which represented approximately 2 months of average sales, were lower compared to December 31, 2008.

Steven L. Watson, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said, "During the fourth quarter, we continued our near full capacity production rates from the third quarter following the production curtailments we implemented in the first half of the year in order to reduce our finished goods inventories to an appropriate level necessary to meet customer requirements in each of our markets during the year. The higher capacity utilization during the second half of 2009 significantly decreased our per unit fixed cost of production, which, along with higher selling prices produced a return to profitability in the second half of 2009. The increased capacity utilization is expected to continue into 2010. Despite the economic downturn negatively impacting all TiO₂ producers during 2009, we believe the continuing improvement in demand in all key market segments and the continued implementation of both previously-announced and future price increases will result in continued improved operating and financial performance for 2010. In addition, and as a result of a European Court ruling that resulted in the favorable resolution of certain income tax issues in Germany, we expect to report a non-cash income tax benefit in the first quarter of 2010 of approximately \$35.2 million (or \$.72 per diluted share)."

The Company's effective income tax rate varies from the U.S. statutory federal income tax rate in both periods of 2008 and 2009. The Company's income tax benefit in 2008 includes a \$7.2 million (\$.15 per diluted share) non-cash deferred income tax benefit in the second quarter related to a European Court ruling that resulted in the favorable resolution of certain income tax issues related to our German operations and an increase in the amount of our German corporate and trade tax net operating loss carryforwards. The Company's income tax benefit in 2009 includes a \$4.7 million (\$.10 per diluted share) non-cash deferred income tax benefit in the fourth quarter related to a net decrease in our reserve for uncertain tax positions.

The statements in this release relating to matters that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements that represent management's beliefs and assumptions based on currently available information. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, it cannot give any assurances that these expectations will prove to be correct. Such statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties that could significantly impact expected results, and actual future results could differ materially from those described in such forward-looking statements. While it is not possible to identify all factors, the Company continues to face many risks and uncertainties. The factors that could cause actual future results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Future supply and demand for our products
- The extent of the dependence of certain of our businesses on certain market sectors
- The cyclicity of our businesses
- Customer inventory levels (such as the extent to which our customers may, from time to time, accelerate purchases of TiO₂ in advance of anticipated price increases or defer purchases of TiO₂ in advance of anticipated price decreases)
- Changes in raw material and other operating costs (such as energy costs)
- General global economic and political conditions (such as changes in the level of gross domestic product in various regions of the world)

- and the impact of such changes on demand for TiO₂)
- Competitive products and substitute products
- Customer and competitor strategies
- Potential consolidation or solvency of our competitors
- The impact of pricing and production decisions
- Competitive technology positions
- Possible disruption of our business or increases in the cost of doing business resulting from terrorist activities or global conflicts
- The introduction of trade barriers
- Fluctuations in currency exchange rates (such as changes in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and each of the euro, the Norwegian krone and the Canadian dollar)
- Operating interruptions (including, but not limited to, labor disputes, leaks, natural disasters, fires, explosions, unscheduled or unplanned downtime and transportation interruptions)
- The timing and amounts of insurance recoveries
- Our ability to renew or refinance credit facilities
- Our ability to maintain sufficient liquidity
- The ultimate outcome of income tax audits, tax settlement initiatives or other tax matters
- The ultimate ability to utilize income tax attributes, the benefits of which have been recognized under the more-likely-than-not recognition criteria
- Environmental matters (such as those requiring compliance with emission and discharge standards for existing and new facilities)
- Government laws and regulations and possible changes therein
- The ultimate resolution of pending litigation
- Possible future litigation

Should one or more of these risks materialize (or the consequences of such a development worsen), or should the underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results could differ materially from those forecasted or expected. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement whether as a result of changes in information, future events or otherwise.

In an effort to provide investors with additional information regarding the Company's results of operations as determined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), the Company has disclosed certain non-GAAP information, which the Company believes provides useful information to investors:

- The Company discloses segment profit (loss), which is used by the Company's management to assess the performance of the Company's TiO₂ operations. The Company believes disclosure of segment profit (loss) provides useful information to investors because it allows investors to analyze the performance of the Company's TiO₂ operations in the same way that the Company's management assesses performance. The Company defines segment profit (loss) as income (loss) before income taxes, interest expense and certain general corporate items. Corporate items excluded from the determination of segment profit (loss) include corporate expense and interest income not attributable to the Company's TiO₂ operations.

Kronos Worldwide, Inc. is a major international producer of titanium dioxide products.

KRONOS WORLDWIDE, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In millions, except per share and metric ton data)
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended December 31,		Twelve months ended December 31,	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Net sales	\$ 246.9	\$ 301.9	\$ 1,316.9	\$ 1,142.0
Cost of sales	<u>193.0</u>	<u>249.3</u>	<u>1,096.3</u>	<u>1,011.7</u>
Gross margin	53.9	52.6	220.6	130.3
Selling, general and administrative expense	33.2	40.0	167.4	148.2
Other operating income (expense):				
Currency transactions, net	.9	.8	.6	9.9
Disposition of property & equipment	(.3)	(.6)	(.9)	(.9)
Other Income, net	.6	.5	.7	.6
Corporate expense	<u>(2.0)</u>	<u>(2.0)</u>	<u>(6.4)</u>	<u>(7.4)</u>
Income (loss) from operations	19.9	11.3	47.2	(15.7)
Other income (expense):				
Trade interest income	.1	-	1.0	.2
Interest expense	<u>(9.2)</u>	<u>(10.8)</u>	<u>(42.2)</u>	<u>(41.4)</u>
Income (loss) before income taxes	10.8	.5	6.0	(56.9)
Provision for income taxes (benefit)	<u>3.6</u>	<u>(4.6)</u>	<u>(3.0)</u>	<u>(22.2)</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 7.2</u>	<u>\$ 5.1</u>	<u>\$ 9.0</u>	<u>\$ (34.7)</u>
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share	<u>\$.15</u>	<u>\$.11</u>	<u>\$.18</u>	<u>\$ (.71)</u>
Basic and diluted weighted-average shares used in the calculation of net income per share	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
TiO ₂ data – metric tons in thousands:				
Sales volumes	88	110	478	445
Production volumes	124	122	514	402

KRONOS WORLDWIDE, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF SEGMENT PROFIT TO
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS
(In millions)
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended December 31,		Twelve months ended December 31,	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Segment profit (loss)	\$ 22.0	\$ 13.3	\$ 54.6	\$ (8.1)
Adjustments:				
Trade interest income	(.1)	-	(1.0)	(.2)
Corporate expense	(2.0)	(2.0)	(6.4)	(7.4)
Income (loss) from operations	<u>\$ 19.9</u>	<u>\$ 11.3</u>	<u>\$ 47.2</u>	<u>\$ (15.7)</u>

IMPACT OF PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN SALES
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended December 31, 2009 vs. 2008	Twelve months ended December 31, 2009 vs. 2008
Percent change in sales:		
TiO ₂ product pricing	(5)%	(1)%
TiO ₂ sales volume	25%	(7)%
TiO ₂ product mix	(6)%	(2)%
Changes in foreign currency exchange rates	<u>8%</u>	<u>(3)%</u>
Total	<u>22%</u>	<u>(13)%</u>