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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 March 31, 2010

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AUTOLIV, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

51-0378542
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports); and (2) has been subject to such filing requirement for the past 90 days. Yes: No:

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Large accelerated filer:

Accelerated filer:

Non-accelerated filer:

Smaller reporting company:

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes: No:

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: As of April 22, 2010, there were 85,349,845 shares of common stock of Autoliv, Inc., par value \$1.00 per share, outstanding.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Form 10-Q contains statements that are not historical facts but rather forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements are those that address activities, events or developments that Autoliv, Inc. (Autoliv , the Company or we) or its management believes or anticipates may occur in the future, including statements relating to industry trends, business opportunities, sales contracts, sales backlog and on-going commercial arrangements and discussions, as well as any statements about future operating performance or financial results.

In some cases, you can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as estimates, expects, anticipates, projects, plans, intends, believes, might, will, should, or the negative of these terms and other comparable terminology, although not all forward-looking statements are so identified.

All such forward-looking statements, including without limitation, management's examination of historical operating trends and data, are based upon our current expectations, various assumptions, data available from third parties and apply only as of the date of this report. Our expectations and assumptions are expressed in good faith and we believe there is a reasonable basis for them. However, there can be no assurance that such forward-looking statements will materialize or prove to be correct as these assumptions are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond our control.

Because these forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, the outcome could differ materially from those set out in the forward-looking statements for a variety of reasons, including without limitation, changes in and the successful execution of our restructuring and cost reduction initiatives discussed herein and the market reaction thereto, changes in general industry and market conditions, increased competition, higher raw material, fuel and energy costs, changes in consumer and customer preferences for end products, customer losses, customer bankruptcies, consolidations or restructuring, divestiture of customer brands, fluctuation of foreign currencies, fluctuation in vehicle production schedules for which the Company is a supplier, market acceptance of our new products, costs or difficulties related to the integration of any new or acquired businesses and technologies, continued uncertainty in program awards and performance, the financial results of companies in which Autoliv has made technology investments or joint venture arrangements, pricing negotiations with customers, increased costs, supply issues, product liability, warranty and recall claims and other litigation, possible adverse results of pending or future litigation or infringement claims, tax assessments by governmental authorities, legislative or regulatory changes, political conditions, dependence on customers and

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suppliers, as well the risks identified in Item 1A Risk Factors in this report and the risk factors set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. Except for the Company's ongoing obligation to disclose information under the U.S. federal securities laws, the Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information or future events.

For any forward-looking statements contained in this or any other document, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and we assume no obligation to update any such statement.

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(Dollars in millions, except per share data)

	First three months January-March	
	2010	2009
<i>Net sales</i>		
- Airbag products	\$ 1,146.0	\$ 586.5
- Seatbelt products	574.8	340.2
Total net sales	1,720.8	926.7
Cost of sales	(1,337.3)	(846.4)
Gross profit	383.5	80.3
Selling, general & administrative expenses	(81.1)	(72.0)
Research, development & engineering expenses	(91.6)	(75.2)
Amortization of intangibles	(4.3)	(5.8)
Other income (expense), net	(11.1)	(16.0)
Operating income (loss)	195.4	(88.7)
Equity in earnings of affiliates	(1.2)	0.9
Interest income	0.8	2.9
Interest expense	(14.5)	(18.4)
Other financial items, net	(1.3)	(0.2)
Income (loss) before income taxes	179.2	(103.5)
Income tax (expense) benefit	(51.0)	39.4
Net income (loss)	\$ 128.2	\$ (64.1)
Less net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	1.7	(0.7)
Net income (loss) attributable to controlling interest	\$ 126.5	\$ (63.4)
Net earnings (loss) per share basic	\$ 1.48	\$ (0.90)
Net earnings (loss) per share diluted¹⁾	\$ 1.39	\$ (0.90)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding, net of treasury shares (in millions)	85.2	70.5
Weighted average number of shares outstanding, assuming dilution and net of treasury shares (in millions)	90.8	70.5
Number of shares outstanding, excluding dilution and net of treasury shares (in millions)	85.3	85.1
Cash dividend per share declared	\$	\$
Cash dividend per share paid	\$	\$ 0.21

1) *No dilution for the first three months January-March 2009 due to net loss position.*
See Notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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(Dollars in millions)

	March 31, 2010 (unaudited)	December 31, 2009
<i>Assets</i>		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 302.3	\$ 472.7
Receivables	1,315.4	1,053.1
Inventories	510.0	489.0
Other current assets	161.3	164.8
Total current assets	2,289.0	2,179.6
Property, plant & equipment, net	1,012.2	1,041.8
Investments and other non-current assets	228.9	235.5
Goodwill	1,610.1	1,614.4
Intangible assets, net	122.2	114.3
Total assets	\$ 5,262.4	\$ 5,185.6
<i>Liabilities and equity</i>		
Short-term debt	\$ 134.5	\$ 318.6
Accounts payable	873.0	771.7
Accrued expenses	502.2	440.4
Other current liabilities	188.8	162.8
Total current liabilities	1,698.5	1,693.5
Long-term debt	792.5	820.7
Pension liability	113.5	109.2
Other non-current liabilities	124.4	126.2
Total non-current liabilities	1,030.4	1,056.1
Total parent shareholders' equity	2,494.0	2,388.2
Non-controlling interests	39.5	47.8
Total equity	2,533.5	2,436.0
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 5,262.4	\$ 5,185.6

See Notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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	First three months January-March	
	2010	2009
Operating activities		
Net income (loss)	\$ 128.2	\$ (64.1)
Depreciation and amortization	73.4	71.0
Other	24.3	10.8
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(77.0)	(26.5)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	148.9	(8.8)
Investing activities		
Capital expenditures	(38.1)	(35.4)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	2.0	1.7
Acquisitions of businesses, investments in affiliated companies and other, net	(59.6)	1.9
Net cash used in investing activities	(95.7)	(31.8)
Financing activities		
Net (decrease) increase in short-term debt	(182.0)	(90.9)
Issuance of long-term debt		440.0
Repayments and other changes in long-term debt	(29.2)	(79.1)
Dividends paid		(14.8)
Common stock issue, net		238.6
Common stock options exercised	3.5	0.1
Other, net	(13.3)	(4.8)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(221.0)	489.1
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(2.6)	(1.7)
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(170.4)	446.8
Cash and cash equivalents at period-start	472.7	488.6
Cash and cash equivalents at period-end	\$ 302.3	\$ 935.4

See Notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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(Dollars in millions)

	Number of shares	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (loss)	Treasury Stock	Parent Shareholders Equity	Non-controlling interest	Total Equity
Balance at December 31, 2009	102.8	\$ 102.8	\$ 1,559.0	\$ 1,412.8	\$ 74.3	\$ (760.7)	\$ 2,388.2	\$ 47.8	\$ 2,436.0
Total Comprehensive Income:									
Net income				126.5			126.5	1.7	128.2
Net change in cash flow hedges					0.2		0.2		0.2
Foreign currency translation					(25.7)		(25.7)	(2.2)	(27.9)
Pension liability					0.1		0.1		0.1
<i>Total Comprehensive Income</i>							<i>101.1</i>	<i>(0.5)</i>	<i>100.6</i>
Common Stock incentives						3.8	3.8		3.8
Purchase of subsidiaries shares from non-controlling interests			0.9				0.9	(7.8)	(6.9)
Balance at March 31, 2010	102.8	\$ 102.8	\$ 1,559.9	\$ 1,539.3	\$ 48.9	\$ (756.9)	\$ 2,494.0	\$ 39.5	\$ 2,533.5

During the first three months of 2010 approximately 0.2 million shares from the treasury stock have been utilized by the Stock Incentive Plan.

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**(Unless otherwise noted, all amounts are presented in millions of
dollars, except for per share amounts)**

March 31, 2010

1.1 Basis of Presentation

The accompanying interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included in the financial statements. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. Certain prior-year amounts have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation.

The condensed consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2009 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date, but does not include all the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements.

Statements in this report that are not of historical fact are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could affect the actual results of the Company. A description of the important factors that could cause Autoliv's actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this report may be found in Autoliv's other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements, footnotes and definitions thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, filed on February 19, 2010.

The Company's filings with the SEC, including annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, proxy statements, management certifications, current reports on Form 8-K and other documents, can be obtained free of charge from Autoliv at the Company's address. These documents are also available at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov and at the Company's corporate website at www.autoliv.com.

1.2 New Accounting Pronouncements

The following accounting guidance has been issued and will be effective for the Company in or after fiscal year 2010:

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement No.167, *Amendments to FASB Interpretation No.46(R)*, primarily codified into Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 810, *Consolidation*. This guidance requires that the assessment of whether an entity has a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity (VIE) must be performed on an ongoing basis. This guidance also requires that the assessment to determine if an entity has a controlling financial interest in a VIE must be qualitative in nature, and eliminates the quantitative assessment required in FIN 46(R). This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2009. The Company adopted this guidance on January 1, 2010. The adoption of this guidance had no effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements during the first quarter of 2010.

1.3 Business Acquisitions

As of March 31, 2010, Autoliv acquired Delphi's occupant protection systems operations in Korea and China. The preliminary assets and liabilities assumed from these businesses were included in the Company's consolidated financial statements as of March 31, 2010. The results from the operations will be included in the consolidated financial statements from April 1, 2010.

1.4 Fair Value Measurement

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis

The Company uses derivative financial instruments, derivatives, as part of its debt management to mitigate the market risk that occurs from its exposure to changes in interest and foreign exchange rates. The Company does not enter into derivatives for trading or other speculative purposes. The use of such derivatives is in accordance with the strategies contained in the Company's overall financial policy. No derivatives have a maturity beyond 2019. Certain derivatives are designated either as fair value hedges or cash flow hedges in line with the hedge

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accounting criteria in FASB ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*. However, in certain cases hedge accounting is not applied either because non hedge accounting treatment creates the same accounting result or the hedge does not meet the hedge accounting requirements, although entered into applying the same rationale concerning mitigating market risk that occurs from changes in interest and foreign exchange rates.

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When a hedge is classified as a fair value hedge, the change in the fair value of the hedge is recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Operations along with the off-setting change in the fair value of the hedged item. When a hedge is classified as a cash flow hedge, any change in the fair value of the hedge is initially recorded in equity as a component of Other Comprehensive Income, (OCI), and reclassified into the Consolidated Statement of Operations when the hedge transaction effect net earnings. There were no material reclassifications from OCI to the Consolidated Statement of Operations in first quarter of 2010 and, likewise, no material reclassifications are expected for the next twelve months. Any ineffectiveness has been immaterial.

The Company records derivatives at fair value. Any gains and losses on derivatives recorded at fair value are reflected in the Consolidated Statement of Operations with the exception of cash flow hedges where an immaterial portion of the fair value is reflected in other comprehensive income in the balance sheet. The degree of judgment utilized in measuring the fair value of the instruments generally correlates to the level of pricing observability. Pricing observability is impacted by a number of factors, including the type of asset or liability, whether the asset or liability has an established market and the characteristics specific to the transaction. Derivatives with readily active quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of pricing observability and a lesser degree of judgment utilized in measuring fair value. Conversely, assets rarely traded or not quoted will generally have less, or no, pricing observability and a higher degree of judgment utilized in measuring fair value.

Under existing GAAP, there is a hierarchal disclosure framework associated with the level of pricing observability utilized in measuring assets and liabilities at fair value. The three broad levels defined by the hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 - Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reported date.

Level 2 - Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reported date. The nature of these asset and liabilities include items for which quoted prices are available but traded less frequently, and items that are fair valued using other financial instruments, the parameters of which can be directly observed.

Level 3 - Assets and liabilities that have little to no pricing observability as of the reported date. These items do not have two-way markets and are measured using management's best estimate of fair value, where the inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

The following table summarizes the valuation of the Company's derivatives by the above noted pricing observability levels:

Description	Total carrying amount in Consolidated Balance Sheet March 31, 2010	Fair Value Measurements at March 31, 2010		
		Using		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets				
Derivatives	\$ 13.1		\$ 13.1	
Total Assets	\$ 13.1		\$ 13.1	

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Liabilities		
Derivatives	\$ 7.7	\$ 7.7
Total Liabilities	\$ 7.7	\$ 7.7

Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2009
Using

Description	Total carrying amount in Consolidated Balance Sheet	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	Dec. 31, 2009			
Assets				
Derivatives	\$ 17.3		\$ 17.3	
Total Assets	\$ 17.3		\$ 17.3	
Liabilities				
Derivatives	\$ 13.1		\$ 13.1	
Total Liabilities	\$ 13.1		\$ 13.1	

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The tables below present information about the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 and for the three month periods ended March 31, 2009 and 2010.

Description	Nominal volume	Fair Value Measurements at March 31, 2010		Balance sheet location
		Derivative asset	Derivative liability	
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments				
Cross currency interest rate swaps, less than 1 year (cash flow hedge)	\$ 50.5	\$ 0.9	\$ 3.8	Other current assets/ current liabilities
Interest rate swaps, less than 10 years (fair value hedge)	60.0	7.1		Other non current asset
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments	\$ 110.5	\$ 8.0	\$ 3.8	
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments				
Cross currency interest rate swaps, less than 1 year	\$ 20.3	\$ 0.5		Other current assets
Cross currency interest rate swaps, less than 2 years	40.3	1.1		Other non-current assets
Foreign exchange swaps, less than 6 months	877.2	3.5	3.9	Other current assets/ liabilities
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	\$ 937.8	\$ 5.1	\$ 3.9	
Total derivatives	\$ 1,048.3	\$ 13.1	\$ 7.7	

Description	Nominal volume	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2009		Balance sheet location
		Derivative asset	Derivative liability	
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments				
Cross currency interest rate swaps, less than 1 year (cash flow hedge)	\$ 52.5	\$ 2.3	\$ 4.5	Other current assets/ current liabilities
Interest rate swaps, less than 10 years (fair value hedge)	60.0	6.5		Other non-current asset
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments	\$ 112.5	\$ 8.8	\$ 4.5	

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Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments				
Cross currency interest rate swaps, less than 1 year	\$ 20.3	\$ 0.5	\$	Other current assets
Cross currency interest rate swaps, less than 2 years	40.3	1.1		Other non-current assets
Foreign exchange swaps, less than 6 months	1,379.3	6.9	8.6	Other current assets/ liabilities
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	\$ 1,439.9	\$ 8.5	\$ 8.6	
Total derivatives	\$ 1,552.4	\$ 17.3	\$ 13.1	

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Description	Amount gain (loss) recognized in Consolidated Statement of Operations Jan-March 2010				Amount of gain (loss) recognized in OCI on derivative effective portion	Amount of gain (loss) reclassified from accumulated OCI into interest expense
	Nominal Volume	Other Financial Items, net	Interest Expense	Interest Income		
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments						
Cross currency interest rate swaps, less than 1 years (cash flow hedge)	\$ 50.5	\$ (1.0)	\$	\$	\$ 0.3	\$
Interest rate swaps, less than 10 years (fair value hedge)	60.0		0.6			
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments	\$ 110.5					

The hedged item related to the fair value hedge consists of a \$60 million debt note which matures in 2019. The fair value change related to this note of \$(0.6) million has increased interest expense for the first three months 2010 and thus fully off-sets the \$0.6 million fair value change related to the hedging instrument disclosed in the table above.

Description	Amount gain (loss) recognized in Consolidated Statement of Operations Jan-March 2009				Amount of gain (loss) recognized in OCI on derivative effective portion	Amount of gain (loss) reclassified from accumulated OCI into interest expense
	Nominal volume	Other financial items, net	Interest expense	Interest income		
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments						
Cross currency interest rate swaps, less than 1 year (cash flow hedge)	\$ 30.7					\$ (0.1)
Cross currency interest rate swaps, less than 2 years (cash flow hedge)	49.4					0.0
Interest rate swaps, less than 11 years (fair value hedge)	60.0		(3.0)			
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments	\$ 140.1					

The hedged item related to the fair value hedge consists of a \$60 million debt note which matures in 2019. The fair value change related to this note of \$3.0 million has decreased interest expense for the first three months 2009 and thus fully off-sets the \$(3.0) million fair value change related to the hedging instrument disclosed in the table above.

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Description	Nominal Volume	Amount gain (loss) recognized in Consolidated Statement of Operations Jan-March 2010		
		Other Financial Items, net	Interest Expense	Interest Income
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments				
Cross currency interest rate swaps, less than 1 year	\$ 20.3	\$ (0.0)	\$	\$ 0.0
Cross currency interest rate swaps, less than 2 years	40.3	(0.0)		0.0
Foreign exchange swaps, less than 6 months	877.2	1.8	(0.4)	
Total Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	\$ 937.8			

Description	Nominal Volume	Amount gain (loss) recognized in Consolidated Statement of Operations Jan-March 2009		
		Other Financial Items, net	Interest Expense	Interest Income
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments				
Cross currency interest rate swaps, less than 3 years	\$ 60.6	\$ (1.6)	\$	\$ 0.1
Foreign exchange swaps, less than 6 months	1,540.3	(26.7)	(0.2)	
Total Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	\$ 1,600.9			

All amounts recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Operations related to derivatives, not designated as hedging instruments, relate to economic hedges and thus have been materially off-set by an opposite statement of operations effect of the related financial liabilities or financial assets.

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and short-term debt approximate their fair value because of the short term maturity of these instruments. The valuation technique for establishing fair value of long-term debt is determined from quoted market prices as provided in the secondary market which was estimated using a discounted cash flow method based on the company's current borrowing rates for similar types of financing without a quoted market price. The fair value of derivatives is estimated using a discounted cash flow method based on quoted market prices. The fair value and carrying value of debt is summarized in the table below.

Fair Value of Debt

	March 31, 2010 Carrying value ¹⁾	March 31, 2010 Fair value	Dec. 31, 2009 Carrying value ¹⁾	Dec. 31, 2009 Fair value
Long-term debt				
Commercial paper	\$ 88.5	\$ 88.5	\$ 117.6	\$ 117.6
U.S. Private placement	407.1	433.4	406.5	413.0
Medium-term notes	124.7	131.9	124.8	131.8

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Notes ²⁾	148.6	184.5	146.4	181.5
Other long-term debt	23.6	23.6	25.4	25.5
Total	\$ 792.5	\$ 861.9	\$ 820.7	\$ 869.4
Short-term debt				
Overdrafts and other short-term debt	\$ 81.4	\$ 81.4	\$ 54.1	\$ 54.1
Short-term portion of				
long-term debt	53.1	53.1	264.5	264.5
Total	\$ 134.5	\$ 134.5	\$ 318.6	\$ 318.6

- 1) Debt as reported in balance sheet.
- 2) Issued as part of the equity units offering (for further information, see Note 1.11).

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Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis

The Company did not take any significant impairment charges on long-lived assets and no other significant events requiring non-financial assets and liabilities to be measured at fair value occurred during the first quarter 2010.

1.5 Income Taxes

For the first three months of 2010 the effective tax rate was 28.5%, compared with an effective tax benefit rate of 38.1% in the first three months of 2009. The net impact of discrete tax items in the first three months of 2010 was not material. The net impact of discrete tax items in the first three months of 2009 caused a 4.0 percentage point increase to the effective tax benefit rate for the first quarter 2009.

The Company files income tax returns in the United States federal jurisdiction and various states and foreign jurisdictions. At any given time, the Company is undergoing tax audits in several tax jurisdictions covering multiple years. The Company is no longer subject to income tax examination by the U.S. Federal tax authorities for years prior to 2003. With few exceptions, the Company is also no longer subject to income tax examination by U.S. state or local tax authorities for tax years prior to 2003. In addition, with few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to income tax examinations by non-U.S. tax authorities for years before 2003. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) began an examination of the Company's 2003-2005 U.S. income tax returns in the second quarter of 2006. On March 31, 2009, the IRS field examination team issued an examination report in which the examination team proposed changes to increase U.S. taxable income by approximately \$294.4 million due to alleged incorrect transfer pricing in transactions between a U.S. subsidiary and other subsidiaries during the period 2003 through 2005. The Company believes, after consultation with its tax counsel, that the examination team's proposed adjustments are based on errors in fact and law. Accordingly, on April 30, 2009, the Company filed a protest in response to the examination report. The Company expects that, after the conclusion of the applicable administrative procedures and review within the IRS, including the mutual agreement procedure of income tax treaties to which the U.S. is a party, and/or a judicial determination of the facts and applicable law, any adjustment with respect to the transfer pricing in these transactions will not produce a material increase to the Company's consolidated income tax liability. The Company is not able to estimate when these administrative procedures and review within the IRS will be completed. In addition, the IRS began an examination of the Company's 2006-2008 U.S. income tax returns in the third quarter 2009. The Company is also undergoing tax audits in several non-U.S. jurisdictions covering multiple years. As of March 31, 2010, as a result of those tax examinations, the Company is not aware of any material proposed income tax adjustments. The Company expects the completion of certain tax audits in the near term. It is reasonably possible that the amount of unrecognized benefits with respect to certain of the unrecognized tax positions could significantly increase or decrease in some future period or periods. However, at this time, an estimate of the range of the reasonably possible outcomes is not possible.

During the first quarter 2010, the Company recorded an increase of \$0.4 million to income tax reserves for unrecognized tax benefits based on tax positions related to the current and prior years, including accruing additional interest in 2010 related to unrecognized tax benefits of prior years. Of the total unrecognized tax benefits of \$47.1 million recorded at March 31, 2010, \$28.7 million is classified as current tax payable and \$18.4 million is classified as non-current tax payable on the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

1.6 Receivables

During the first quarter of 2010, the Company sold receivables related to selected customers with high credit worthiness as a means of saving interest cost, net of discounts. The receivables were sold to various external financial institutions without recourse. Since the Company uses the cash received to repay debt, these factoring agreements have the effect of reducing debt and accounts receivable. At March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 receivables would have been higher by \$73 million and \$74 million, respectively, if these agreements had not been entered into. The discount cost is recognized in Other financial items, net in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

1.7 Inventories

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Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (principally FIFO) or market. The components of inventories were as follows, net of reserves:

	March 31, 2010	December 31, 2009
Raw materials	\$ 199.3	\$ 194.9
Work in progress	195.5	189.5
Finished products	115.2	104.6
Total	\$ 510.0	\$ 489.0

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1.8 Restructuring

Restructuring provisions are made on a case by case basis and primarily include severance costs incurred in connection with headcount reductions and plant consolidations. The Company expects to finance restructuring programs over the next several years through cash generated from its ongoing operations or through cash available under existing credit facilities. The Company does not expect that the execution of these programs will have an adverse impact on its liquidity position. The tables below summarize the change in the balance sheet position of the restructuring reserves from December 31, 2008 to March 31, 2010.

First quarter 2010

The employee-related restructuring provisions in the first quarter 2010 mainly relate to headcount reductions in Europe. The cash payments mainly relate to high-cost countries in Europe. The changes in the employee-related reserves were charged against Other income (expense), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The table below summarizes the change in the balance sheet position of the restructuring reserves from December 31, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

	December 31, 2009	Provision/ Charge	Cash payments	Translation difference	March 31, 2010
Restructuring employee-related	\$ 100.1	\$ 15.0	\$ (18.2)	\$ (4.8)	\$ 92.1
Other	0.2	0.2	(0.1)		0.3
Total reserve 2009	\$ 100.3	\$ 15.2	\$ (18.3)	\$ (4.8)	\$ 92.4

In 2009, the employee-related restructuring provisions, made on a case by case basis, related mainly to headcount reductions throughout North America, South America, Europe, Japan and Australia. Reversals in 2009 mainly relate to 2008 restructuring reserves in North America and Europe. These reversals were due to customer program cancellations which were not as severe as originally communicated and final settlement of employee-related amounts were less than initial restructuring plan estimates. The cash payments mainly relate to high-cost countries in North America and Europe and in Japan. The changes in the employee-related reserves have been charged against Other income (expense), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Impairment charges mainly relate to machinery and equipment impaired in connection with restructuring activities in North America. The fixed asset impairments have been charged against Cost of sales in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The table below summarizes the change in the balance sheet position of the restructuring reserves from December 31, 2008 to December 31, 2009.

	December 31, 2008	Provision/ Charge	Provision/ Reversal	Cash payments	Non- cash	Translation difference	December 31, 2009
Restructuring employee-related	\$ 55.3	\$ 133.6	\$ (5.7)	\$ (85.1)	\$	\$ 2.0	\$ 100.1
Fixed asset impairment		5.3			(5.3)		
Other	0.4			(0.2)			0.2
Total reserve Action Program	\$ 55.7	\$ 138.9	\$ (5.7)	\$ (85.3)	\$ (5.3)	\$ 2.0	\$ 100.3

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The action program initiated in July 2008 (the Action Program) was finalized as of December 31, 2008 and the remaining reserves at the end of 2008 have substantially been paid during 2009. The Company has not initiated additional restructuring activities under this comprehensive program. From January 2009 and onwards new provisions for restructuring activities have been made on a case by case basis. The table above includes the cash payments and remaining reserves associated with the Action Program initiated in July 2008 and such payments and remaining reserve are also separately disclosed in the table below.

	December 31, 2008	Provision/ Charge	Provision/ Reversal	Cash payments	Non- cash	Translation difference	December 31, 2009
Restructuring employee-related	\$ 46.4	\$	\$ (3.8)	\$ (35.4)	\$	\$ 0.1	\$ 7.3
Other	0.2			(0.2)			
Total reserve	\$ 46.6	\$	\$ (3.8)	\$ (35.6)	\$	\$ 0.1	\$ 7.3

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1.9 Product-Related Liabilities

The Company maintains reserves for product risks. Such reserves relate to product performance issues, including recall, product liability and warranty issues. The Company records liabilities for product-related risks when probable claims are identified and when it is possible to reasonably estimate the costs. Provisions for warranty claims are estimated based on prior experience, likely changes in performance of newer products and the mix and volume of the products sold. Cash payments have been made, in the past, for recall and warranty-related issues in connection with a variety of different products and customers. For further explanation, see Note 1.11 Contingent Liabilities below.

The table below summarizes the change in the balance sheet position of the product-related liabilities. The provisions recorded for the three month period ended March 31, 2010 mainly relate to recalls and the cash payments mainly relate to warranty-related issues.

	First three months January-March	
	2010	2009
Reserve at beginning of the period	\$ 30.6	\$ 16.7
Provision	2.4	1.7
Cash payments	(1.8)	(1.3)
Translation difference	(0.5)	(0.6)
Reserve at end of the period	\$ 30.7	\$ 16.5

1.10 Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) includes net income (loss) for the period and items charged directly to equity.

	First three months January-March	
	2010	2009
Net income (loss)	\$ 128.2	\$ (64.1)
Pension liability	0.1	0.9
Net change in cash flow hedges	0.2	(0.1)
Translation of foreign operations	(27.9)	(50.6)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(27.6)	(49.8)
Comprehensive income loss	\$ 100.6	\$ (113.9)
Less Comprehensive (loss) income attributable to non-controlling interest	(0.5)	(2.7)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to controlling interest	\$ 101.1	\$ (111.2)

1.11 Equity and Equity Units Offering

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On March 30, 2009, the Company sold, in an underwritten registered public offering, approximately 14.7 million common shares from treasury stock and 6.6 million equity units (the Equity Units), listed on the NYSE as Corporate Units, for an aggregate stated amount and public offering price of \$235 million and \$165 million, respectively. Equity Units is a term that describes a security that is either a Corporate Unit or a Treasury Unit, depending upon what type of note (either a Note or a Treasury Security, as described below) is used by the holder to secure the forward purchase contract. The Equity Units initially consisted of a Corporate Unit which is (i) a forward purchase contract obligating the holder to purchase from the Company for a price in cash of \$25, on the purchase contract settlement date of April 30, 2012, subject to early settlement in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Contract and Pledge Agreement, a certain number (at the Settlement Rate) of shares of Common Stock; and (ii) a 1/40, or 2.5%, undivided beneficial ownership interest in a \$1,000 principal amount of the Company's 8% senior notes due 2014 (the Senior Notes).

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The Settlement Rate will be calculated as follows:

If the applicable market value (defined as the closing prices per share of the Company's Common Stock on each of the 20 consecutive trading days ending on the third trading day immediately preceding the settlement day) of the Common Stock is equal to or greater than \$19.20 (the Threshold Appreciation Price), then the Settlement Rate will be 1.3021 shares of common stock;

If the applicable market value of the common stock is less than the threshold appreciation price but greater than \$16.00 (the Reference Price), then the Settlement Rate will be a number of shares of common stock equal to \$25 divided by the applicable market value; and

If the applicable market value of the common stock is less than or equal to the Reference Price, then the Settlement Rate will be 1.5625 shares of Common Stock.

The Notes will be remarketed between January 12, 2012 and March 31, 2012 whereby the interest rate on the Senior Notes will be reset and certain other terms of the Senior Notes may be modified in order to generate sufficient remarketing proceeds to satisfy the Equity Unit holders obligations under the purchase contract. If the Senior Notes are not successfully remarketed, then a put right of holders of the notes will be automatically exercised unless such holders (a) notify the Company of their intent to settle their obligations under the purchase contracts in cash, and (b) deliver \$25 in cash per purchase contract, by the applicable dates specified by the purchase contracts. Following such exercise and settlement, the Equity Unit holders' obligations to purchase shares of Common Stock under the purchase contracts will be satisfied in full, and the Company will deliver the shares of Common Stock to such holders.

The Company allocated proceeds received upon issuance of the Equity Units based on relative fair values at the time of issuance. The fair value of the purchase contract at issuance was \$3.75 and the fair value of the note was \$21.25. The discount on the notes will be amortized using the interest method. Accordingly, the difference between the stated rate (i.e. cash payments of interest) and the effective interest rate will be credited to the value of the notes. Thus, at the end of the three years, the notes will be stated on the balance sheet at their face amount. The Company has allocated 1% of the 6% of underwriting commissions paid to the debt as deferred charges based on commissions paid for similar debt issuances, but including factors for current market conditions and the Company's current credit rating. The deferred charges will be amortized over the life of the note (until remarketing day) using the interest method. The remaining underwriting commissions (5%) were allocated to the equity forward and recorded as a reduction to paid-in capital.

1.12 Contingent Liabilities

Legal Proceedings

Various claims, lawsuits and proceedings are pending or threatened against the Company or its subsidiaries, covering a range of matters that arise in the ordinary course of its business activities with respect to commercial, product liability and other matters.

Litigation is subject to many uncertainties, and the outcome of any litigation cannot be assured. After discussions with counsel, it is the opinion of management that the various lawsuits to which the Company currently is a party will not have a material adverse impact on the consolidated financial position of Autoliv, but the Company cannot provide assurance that Autoliv will not experience material litigation, product liability or other losses in the future.

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In 1997, Autoliv AB (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Autoliv, Inc.) acquired Marling Industries plc (Marling). At that time, Marling was involved in a litigation relating to the sale in 1992 of a French subsidiary. In the litigation, the plaintiff has sought damages of 40 million (approximately \$54 million) from Marling, claiming that Marling and another entity then part of the Marling group, had failed to disclose certain facts in connection with the 1992 sale and that such failure was the proximate cause of losses in the amount of the damages sought. In May 2006, a French court ruled that Marling (now named Autoliv Holding Limited) and the other entity had failed to disclose certain facts in connection with the 1992 sale and appointed an expert to assess the losses suffered by the plaintiff. Autoliv has appealed the May 2006 court decision and believes it has meritorious grounds for such appeal. While the appeal is pending, the financial expert appointed by the lower court has delivered his report. The report does not address the issue of the proximate cause of the losses, but assessed the losses to a maximum of 10 million (approx. \$14 million). In our opinion it is not possible to give any meaningful estimate of any financial impact that may arise from the claim but it is possible (while we do not believe it is probable) that the final outcome of this litigation will result in a loss that will have to be recorded by Autoliv, Inc.

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Product Warranty and Recalls

Autoliv is exposed to various claims for damages and compensation if products fail to perform as expected. Such claims can be made, and result in costs and other losses to the Company, even where the product is eventually found to have functioned properly. Where a product (actually or allegedly) fails to perform as expected the Company faces warranty and recall claims. Where such (actual or alleged) failure results, or is alleged to result, in bodily injury and/or property damage, the Company may also face product-liability claims. There can be no assurance that the Company will not experience material warranty, recall or product (or other) liability claims or losses in the future, or that the Company will not incur significant costs to defend against such claims. The Company may be required to participate in a recall involving its products. Each vehicle manufacturer has its own practices regarding product recalls and other product liability actions relating to its suppliers. As suppliers become more integrally involved in the vehicle design process and assume more of the vehicle assembly functions, vehicle manufacturers are increasingly looking to their suppliers for contribution when faced with recalls and product liability claims. A warranty, recall or product-liability claim brought against the Company in excess of its insurance may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business. Vehicle manufacturers are also increasingly requiring their outside suppliers to guarantee or warrant their products and bear the costs of repair and replacement of such products under new vehicle warranties. A vehicle manufacturer may attempt to hold the Company responsible for some, or all, of the repair or replacement costs of products, when the product supplied did not perform as represented by us or expected by the customer. Accordingly, the future costs of warranty claims by the customers may be material. However, the Company believes its established reserves are adequate to cover potential warranty settlements. Autoliv's warranty reserves are based upon the Company's best estimates of amounts necessary to settle future and existing claims. The Company regularly evaluates the appropriateness of these reserves, and adjusts them when appropriate. However, the final amounts determined to be due related to these matters could differ materially from the Company's recorded estimates.

The Company believes that it is currently reasonably insured against recall and product liability risks, at levels sufficient to cover potential claims that are reasonably likely to arise in our businesses based on past experience. Autoliv cannot be assured that the level of coverage will be sufficient to cover every possible claim that can arise in our businesses, now or in the future, or that such coverage always will be available should we, now or in the future, wish to extend or increase insurance.

In its products, the Company utilizes technologies which may be subject to intellectual property rights of third parties. While the Company does seek to identify the intellectual property rights of relevance to its products, and to procure the necessary rights to utilize such intellectual property rights, we may fail to do so. Where the Company so fail the Company may be exposed to material claims from the owners of such rights. Where the Company has sold products which infringe upon such rights, our customers may be entitled to be indemnified by us for the claims they suffer as a result thereof. Also such claims could be material.

The table in Note 1.9 Product-Related Liabilities above summarizes the change in the balance sheet position of the product related liabilities for the three month period ended March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2009.

1.13 Retirement Plans

The Company has non-contributory defined benefit pension plans covering employees at most operations in the United States. Benefits are based on an average of the employee's earnings in the years preceding retirement and on credited service. Certain supplemental unfunded plan arrangements also provide retirement benefits to specified groups of participants.

The Company has frozen participation in the U.S. pension plans to include only those employees hired as of December 31, 2003. The U.K. defined benefit plan is the most significant non-U.S pension plan and the company has frozen participation to include only those employees hired as of April 30, 2003.

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The Net Periodic Benefit Costs related to Other Post-retirement Benefits were not significant to the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the three month period ended March 31, 2010 or 2009.

For further information on Pension Plans and Other Post-retirement Benefits, see Note 18 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

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The components of total Net Periodic Benefit Cost associated with the Company's defined benefit retirement plans are as follows:

	First three months January-March	
	2010	2009
Service cost	\$ 3.4	\$ 3.6
Interest cost	3.8	3.6
Expected return on plan assets	(3.1)	(2.5)
Amortization prior service cost (credit)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Amortization of (gain) loss	1.2	1.5
Net Periodic Benefit Cost	\$ 5.1	\$ 6.0

1.14 Earnings per share

The Company calculates basic earnings per share (EPS) by dividing net income attributable to controlling interest by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period (net of treasury shares). When it would not be antidilutive (such as during periods of net loss), the diluted EPS also reflects the potential dilution that could occur if common stock were issued for awards under the Stock Incentive Plan and for common stock issued upon conversion of the equity units.

For the three month period, ended March 31, 2010, 5 million shares were included in the dilutive weighted average share amount related to the equity units. The potential number of shares which will be converted in the future related to the equity units varies between 8.6 million, if the Autoliv share price is \$19.20 or higher, and 10.3 million, if the price is \$16.00 or less. In addition approximately 2 million common shares, related to the Company's Stock Incentive Program, could potentially be dilutive in the future.

Actual weighted average shares used in calculating earnings (losses) per share were:

(In millions)	First three months January-March	
	2010	2009
Weighted average shares basic	85.2	70.5
Effect of dilutive securities:		
- stock options/share awards	0.6	
- equity units	5.0	
Weighted average shares diluted	90.8	70.5 ¹⁾

1) No dilution for the first three months January-March 2009 due to net loss position.

1.15 Subsequent Events

In March 2010, the Company made a \$50 million tender offer for the remaining 49% of the shares in its Estonian subsidiary AS Norma. At the end of the offer period in April, the Company had shares and acceptances representing 93.7% of the Norma shares, sufficient to initiate a compulsory selling procedure for the remaining outstanding shares.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS
The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying Notes thereto included elsewhere herein and with our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 19, 2010. Unless otherwise noted, all dollar amounts are in millions.

Autoliv is the world's largest automotive safety system supplier with sales to all the leading vehicle manufacturers in the world. Autoliv develops, markets and manufactures airbags, seatbelts, safety electronics, steering wheels, anti-whiplash systems, child safety as well as night vision systems and other active safety systems. Autoliv accounts for more than one third of its market. Autoliv has manufacturing facilities in 29 vehicle-producing countries.

Autoliv is a Delaware holding corporation with principal executive offices in Stockholm, Sweden, which owns two principal subsidiaries, Autoliv AB ("AAB") and Autoliv ASP, Inc. ("ASP"). AAB, a Swedish corporation, is a leading developer, manufacturer and supplier to the automotive industry of car occupant restraint systems. Starting with seat belts in 1956, AAB expanded its product lines to include seat belt pretensioners (1989), frontal airbags (1991), side-impact airbags (1994), steering wheels (1995) and seat sub-systems (1996). ASP, an Indiana corporation, pioneered airbag technology in 1968 and has since grown into one of the world's leading producers of airbag modules and inflators. ASP designs, develops and manufactures airbag inflators, modules and airbag cushions, seat belts and steering wheels. It sells inflators and modules for use in driver, passenger, side-impact and knee bolster airbag systems for worldwide automotive markets.

Shares of Autoliv common stock are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "ALV" and Swedish Depositary Receipts representing shares of Autoliv common stock trade on the NASDAQ OMX Nordic Exchange in Stockholm under the symbol "ALIV". Options in Autoliv shares are traded in Philadelphia and AMSE under the symbol "ALV". Corporate Units from the Company's Equity Unit offering in 2009 are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ALV.PrZ.

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Some of the following discussions refer to non-GAAP financial measures: see Organic sales, Operating working capital, Net debt, Leverage ratio and Interest coverage ratio. Management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures assist investors in analyzing trends in the Company's business. Investors should consider these non-GAAP financial measures in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, financial reporting measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. These non-GAAP financial measures have been identified as applicable in each section of this report with a tabular presentation reconciling them to GAAP. It should be noted that these measures, as defined, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**Overview**

The following table shows some of the key ratios. Management uses these measures internally as a means of analyzing the Company's current and future financial performance and our core operations as well as identifying trends in our financial conditions and results of operations. We have provided this information to investors to assist in meaningful comparisons of past and present operating results and to assist in highlighting the results of ongoing core operations. These ratios are more fully explained in our MD&A discussion below and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements in our annual report and the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in this quarterly report.

KEY RATIOS**(Dollars in millions)**

	First three months January-March or as of March 31	
	2010	2009
Operating working capital ¹⁾	\$ 426	\$ 501
Capital employed ⁷⁾	\$ 3,153	\$ 3,297
Net debt ¹⁾	\$ 619	\$ 1,010
Net debt to capitalization, % ^{1, 2)}	20	31
Gross margin, % ³⁾	22.3	8.7
Operating margin, % ⁴⁾	11.4	(9.6)
Return on total equity, % ⁸⁾	20.6	(11.5)
Return on capital employed, % ⁹⁾	24.9	(10.5)
No. of employees at period-end ¹⁰⁾	31,010	30,800
Headcount at period-end ¹¹⁾	39,699	33,600
Days receivables outstanding ⁵⁾	72	75
Days inventory outstanding ⁶⁾	32	53

1) See tabular presentation reconciling this non-GAAP measure to GAAP below under the heading *Liquidity and Sources of Capital*

2) Net debt in relation to net debt and total equity (including non-controlling interest)

3) Gross profit relative to sales

4) Operating income (loss) relative to sales

5) Outstanding receivables relative to average daily sales

6) Outstanding inventory relative to average daily sales

7) Total equity and net debt

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- 8) *Net income (loss) relative to average total equity*
- 9) *Operating income and equity in earnings of affiliates, relative to average capital employed*
- 10) *Employees with a continuous employment agreement, recalculated to full time equivalent heads*
- 11) *Employees plus temporary, hourly workers*

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During the three-month period January - March 2010, global light vehicle production (LVP) is estimated by CSM to have increased by 47% compared to the same quarter 2009. This was 12 percentage points better than expected at the beginning of the quarter. LVP in the Triad (i.e. North America, Europe and Japan), where Autoliv generates approximately 80% of its sales, is also estimated to have risen by 47%.

In Europe (including Eastern Europe), where Autoliv derives more than 40% of its revenues, LVP is estimated to have recovered by 33%, both in Western Europe and Eastern Europe.

In North America, which accounts for nearly 30% of revenues, LVP recovered by 70%. Production of passenger cars recovered by 70% and production of light trucks by 69%. Chrysler increased its production by 53%, Ford by 60% and General Motors (GM) by 81%. Asian and European vehicle manufacturers improved their production in the region by 74%.

In Japan, which accounts for more than one tenth of Autoliv's consolidated sales, LVP recovered by 55%. The recovery was especially strong for vehicles for export to markets in North America and Western Europe.

In the Rest of the World (RoW), which accounts for almost 20% of sales, LVP grew by 46%, primarily due to increases of 64% in China and 40% in India. In addition, LVP in the important Korean market, where the average safety content per vehicle is higher than in India and China, recovered by 42%.

Consolidated Sales

The Company has substantial operations outside the United States and currently more than 80% of its sales are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. This makes the Company and its performance in regions outside the United States sensitive to changes in U.S. dollar exchange rates. The measure "Organic sales" presents the increase or decrease in the Company's overall U.S. dollar net sales on a comparative basis, allowing separate discussion of the impacts of acquisitions/divestments and exchange rate fluctuations. The tabular reconciliation below presents the change in "Organic sales" reconciled to the change in the total net sales as can be derived from our unaudited financial statements.

Reconciliation of the change in Organic sales to GAAP financial measure**Components of net sales increase (decrease)****Quarter January-March, 2010****(Dollars in millions)**

	Europe		North America		Japan		RoW		Total	
	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$
Organic sales change	29.5	147.1	99.7	203.7	116.4	98.6	104.7	145.5	64.2	594.9
Effect of Production days	8.7	43.4	8.7	17.8	8.7	7.4	8.7	12.1	8.7	80.7
Effect of exchange rates	7.3	36.7	3.3	6.8	3.0	2.5	10.8	15.0	6.6	61.0
Impact of acquisitions/divestments	0.9	4.3	26.1	53.2					6.2	57.5
Reported net sales change	46.4	231.5	137.8	281.5	128.1	108.5	124.2	172.6	85.7	794.1

Consolidated net sales increased by 86% to \$1,721 million compared to the same quarter 2009. Currency effects added 7% and acquisitions 6% (see Significant Events). Additionally, three more production days with higher average daily sales than in 2009 (the production day effect) added 9%. Consequently, organic sales (non-U.S. GAAP measure, see enclosed table) increased by 64%.

The sales increase reflects the sharp LVP-recovery in the established markets in the Triad, a favorable LVP-mix and the Company's strong performance, primarily in China and South Korea where organic sales grew more than twice as much as LVP.

Sales by Product

Sales of airbag products (including steering wheels and electronics) rose by 95% to \$1,146 million. Acquisitions added 9%. The production day effect also added 9%, while currency effects added 6%. Consequently, organic sales of airbag products grew by 71%, which compares favorably with the 47% increase in LVP in the Triad, which is the dominant market for airbags. Autoliv's strong performance was due to new business with GM, Ford, Hyundai, Kia and a strong sales recovery in Japan, especially with Toyota, Mitsubishi, Nissan and Honda.

Sales of seatbelt products (including seat sub-systems) increased by 69% to \$575 million. The production day effect added 9%, currency effects 8% and acquisitions 1%. Consequently, organic sales of seatbelt products rose by 51% compared to the 47% increase in global LVP. Autoliv's strong performance reflects a positive LVP mix, new business with Ford, GM, and Hyundai as well as strong sales recoveries, especially with Renault, Daimler, Citroën and Mitsubishi.

Sales by Region

Sales from Autoliv's European companies increased by 46% to \$730 million. The production day effect added 9%, currency effects 7% and acquisitions 1%. Organic sales therefore rose by 29%. This increase was driven by the recovery in European light vehicle production and by new business for the Opel Astra and strong demand for the Peugeot 206+, the Renault Mégane and the Mercedes E-class. These favourable effects were partially offset by the expiration of certain contracts, model change-overs and lower volumes of a few important models for Autoliv.

Sales from Autoliv's North American companies increased by 138% to \$486 million primarily due to the recovery in LVP. Acquisitions added 26%, the production day effect added 9% and currency effects 3% due to a stronger Mexican peso. Organic sales growth of 100% was 30 percentage points more than the recovery in the North American light vehicle production. Autoliv's better than the market performance was due to a favorable LVP mix stemming in part from a sharp recovery in production of, for instance, Ford's F-series and E-Series; and of Chevrolet's Equinox, Traverse and Silverado.

Sales from Autoliv's companies in Japan increased by 128% to \$193 million. The production day effect added 9% and currency effects 3%. Organic sales growth of 116% was more than twice as high as the 55% growth in Japanese LVP. This was mainly due to the strong recovery in the production of vehicles that had dropped the most last year. These were premium cars, SUVs and other vehicles with high safety content for the North American and West European markets. Autoliv benefited particularly from the strong production recoveries for Toyota's Land Cruiser Prado, Rav4, Vitz, and 4-Runner; Lexus' LX470 and RX; Mitsubishi's Outlander; Mazda's 2, 3, 6 and CX; and Nissan's Serena and Rogue. Autoliv's strong growth also reflects new business for Toyota's new Prius and Alphard; and Honda's StepWagon.

Sales from Autoliv's companies in the Rest of the World (RoW) increased by 124% to \$312 million. Excluding currency effects which added 11% and the production day effect which added 9%, organic sales rose by 104% compared to the 46% increase in the region's LVP. Autoliv's strong performance primarily reflects organic sales increases of 137% in China and 110% in South Korea. In China, sales were driven by new business for Geely's Emgrand EC7, Great Wall's CoolBear, Florid and Hover; Chery's A5 and S18; FAW's Besturn; Jianghuai's Rein; Citroën's C5; and Peugeot's 408. Sales were also driven by increased production for Audi, Buick, Chevrolet, Daewoo, Kia, Peugeot, and Volkswagen. In India, organic sales grew by 44%, driven by the country's strong LVP and by new business for Suzuki's Alto and Hyundai's i10.

Earnings for the Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2010

For the first quarter 2010, Autoliv reported the highest quarterly gross profit and gross margin ever, as well as the highest quarterly operating income, operating margin, income before taxes and net income in the Company's history. This was due to the strong sales recovery, along with the effects of ongoing restructuring efforts initiated in July 2008.

Gross profit improved by \$303 million to \$384 million and gross margin to 22.3% from 8.7% in the first quarter 2009. The margin improvement mainly reflects the result of our restructuring efforts, enhanced labor efficiency and lower costs for raw materials. These restructuring efforts have also resulted in a higher share of production and component sourcing in low-cost countries.

Operating income improved by \$284 million to \$195 million due to the \$303 million gross profit increase. This increase was partially offset by \$16 million higher Research, Development and Engineering (RD&E) expense, net and \$9 million higher Selling, General & Administrative (SG&A) expense, partially due to currency effects. These negative effects were partially offset by \$5 million lower other operating expense, net which was reduced to \$11 million by lower restructuring costs. Operating margin improved to 11.4%. This was due to the improvement in gross margin as well as to the fact that SG&A was reduced in relation to sales to 4.7% from 7.8% and RD&E to 5.3% from 8.1% in the first quarter 2009.

Income before taxes improved by \$283 million to \$179 million, virtually in line with the \$284 million improvement in operating income.

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Net income attributable to controlling interest increased by \$190 million to \$127 million. The effective tax rate was 28.5%. In the first quarter of 2009, there was a pre-tax loss which resulted in