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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

þ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004**  
**Commission File Number: 001 31524**

**BROOKFIELD HOMES CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

**37-1446709**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**12865 Pointe Del Mar**  
**Suite 200**  
**Del Mar, California**

**92014**

(Address of Principal Executive  
Offices)

(Zip Code)

**(858) 481-8500**

(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 requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes x No o

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

Yes x No o

As of April 30, 2004, the registrant had outstanding 30,881,032 shares of its common stock, \$0.01 par value per share.

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements****BROOKFIELD HOMES CORPORATION****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS***(all dollar amounts are in thousands of U.S. dollars)*

	Note	(Unaudited) March 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
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<b>Assets</b>			
Housing and land inventory	2	\$ 632,539	\$ 567,302
Investments in housing and land joint ventures	3	75,154	78,198
Consolidated land inventory not owned	2	33,931	25,542
Receivables and other assets		64,213	80,346
Cash and cash equivalents	4	221,059	218,606
Deferred tax asset		40,043	43,446
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		\$ 1,066,939	\$ 1,013,440
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<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>			
Project specific and other financings		\$ 456,574	\$ 426,311
Accounts payable and other liabilities		153,101	145,090
Minority interest	2	65,289	59,781
Preferred stock - 10,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued			
Common stock - 65,000,000 shares authorized, 30,881,032 (excluding 1,192,749 treasury shares with a cost of \$21,695) issued and outstanding at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003		299,043	299,043
Retained earnings		92,932	83,215
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		\$ 1,066,939	\$ 1,013,440
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*See accompanying notes to financial statements*



**BROOKFIELD HOMES CORPORATION****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME***(all dollar amounts are in thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts)*

		<b>(Unaudited)</b>	
		<b>Three Months Ended March</b>	
		<b>31</b>	
	<b>Note</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Housing		\$ 138,958	\$ 81,443
Land and other revenues		4,231	60,332
Equity in earnings from housing and land joint ventures		851	2,213
		<u>144,040</u>	<u>143,988</u>
<b>Direct Cost of Sales</b>		106,171	103,681
		<u>37,869</u>	<u>40,307</u>
Selling, general and administrative expense		16,171	9,735
Interest expense	2	3,880	5,511
Minority interest		2,146	774
		<u>15,672</u>	<u>24,287</u>
<b>Net Income Before Taxes</b>		15,672	24,287
Income tax expense		5,955	9,707
		<u>9,717</u>	<u>14,580</u>
<b>Net Income</b>		<u>\$ 9,717</u>	<u>\$ 14,580</u>
<b>Earnings Per Share Basic</b>	1	<u>\$ 0.31</u>	<u>\$ 0.46</u>
<b>Earnings Per Share Diluted</b>	1	<u>\$ 0.31</u>	<u>\$ 0.45</u>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements*





**BROOKFIELD HOMES CORPORATION****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS***(all dollar amounts are in thousands of U.S. dollars)*

	<i>(Unaudited)</i>	
	<b>Three Months Ended March</b>	
	<b>31</b>	
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>		
Net income	\$ 9,717	\$ 14,580
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities:		
Undistributed income from housing and land joint ventures		(2,213)
Minority interest	2,146	774
Provision for deferred income taxes	3,403	9,707
Stock option expense	4,412	323
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease in receivables and other assets	16,133	13,614
Increase in housing and land inventory	(67,241)	(18,328)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable and other liabilities	3,599	(7,077)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>(27,831)</u>	<u>11,380</u>
 <b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</b>		
Net recovery from/(investment in) housing and land joint ventures	<u>3,044</u>	<u>(3,744)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	<u>3,044</u>	<u>(3,744)</u>
 <b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</b>		
Net borrowings under revolving project specific and other financings	30,263	35,243
Repayment of subordinated debt		(34,300)
Net (distributions to)/contributions from minority interest	<u>(3,023)</u>	<u>1,437</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>27,240</u>	<u>2,380</u>

Increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,453	10,016
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	218,606	35,903
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 221,059	\$ 45,919
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 <b>Supplemental Cash Flow Information</b>		
Interest paid	\$ 4,420	\$ 4,621
Increase in consolidated land inventory not owned	6,385	

*See accompanying notes to financial statements*

**BROOKFIELD HOMES CORPORATION**

**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

*(Tabular amounts in \$U.S. thousands except per share amounts)*

**Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies**

*(a) Basis of Presentation*

Brookfield Homes Corporation (the Company or Brookfield Homes) was incorporated on August 28, 2002 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Brookfield Properties Corporation ( Brookfield Properties ) to acquire as of October 1, 2002 all of the California and Northern Virginia homebuilding and land development operations (the Land and Housing Operations ) of Brookfield Properties pursuant to a reorganization of its business (the Spin-off ). On January 6, 2003, Brookfield Properties completed the Spin-off by distributing all of the issued and outstanding common stock it owned in the Company to its common stockholders. Brookfield Homes began trading as a separate company on the New York Stock Exchange on January 7, 2003.

These financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( U.S. GAAP ) and include the consolidated accounts of Brookfield Homes and its subsidiaries and investments in unconsolidated joint ventures and variable interests in which the Company is the primary beneficiary.

The financial statements have been prepared by management without audit by independent public accountants and should be read in conjunction with the December 31, 2003 audited financial statements in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year then ended. However, in the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for fair presentation of the accompanying consolidated condensed financial statements have been made.

The Company historically has experienced, and expects to continue to experience, variability in quarterly results. The consolidated statements of income for the three months ended March 31, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. In addition, certain of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year s presentation.

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 amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*(b) Earnings Per Share*

Earnings per share is computed in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) 128. The weighted average number of common shares outstanding used in the calculation of basic earnings per share for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 were 30.9 million and 32.1 million, respectively, and in connection with diluted earnings per share for the same periods were calculated on the basis that there were 31.4 million and 32.2 million shares outstanding, respectively, reflecting the dilutive impact of options issued by the Company.

*(c) Recent Accounting Pronouncements*

In April 2003, the FASB issued SFAS 149, Amendment of SFAS 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities ( SFAS 149 ). SFAS 149 amends and clarifies accounting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities under SFAS No. 133 Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities ( SFAS 133 ). In particular, it: clarifies under what circumstances a contract with an initial net investment meets the characteristic of a derivative; clarifies when a derivative contains a financing component; amends the definition of an underlying derivative; and amends certain other existing pronouncements. SFAS 149 is generally effective for contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003 and for hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. The adoption of SFAS 149 by the Company has not had a material impact on the results of operations or financial conditions.

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In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Liabilities and Equity ( SFAS 150 ). SFAS 150 establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires that an issuer classify a financial instrument that is within its scope as a liability (or an asset in some circumstances). Many of those instruments were previously classified as equity. Some of the provisions of this Statement are consistent with the current definition of liabilities in FASB Concepts Statement No. 6, Elements of Financial Statements. The remaining provisions of this Statement are consistent with the proposal to revise that definition to encompass certain obligations that a reporting entity can or must settle by issuing its own equity shares, depending on the nature of the relationship established between the holder and the issuer. SFAS 150 is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise is effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. The adoption of SFAS 150 by the Company has not had a material impact on the results of operations or financial condition.

In December 2003, the FASB issued revised Interpretation 46 ( FIN 46R ), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities ( VIEs ), an Interpretation of Accounting Research Bulletin 51, Consolidated Financial Statements, and replaces the previous version of FASB Interpretation 46 issued in January 2003 ( FIN 46 ). This interpretation applied immediately to variable interest entities created after January 31, 2003. A company that holds a variable interest in a VIE it acquired before February 1, 2003 shall apply the provision of this interpretation no later than the first fiscal year or interim period ending after March 15, 2004 unless those entities are considered to be special purpose entities in which the application is to be no later than the end of the first reporting period that ends after December 15, 2003. This interpretation may be applied prospectively with a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date on which it is first applied or by restating previously issued financial statements for one or more years with a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the beginning of the first year restated. The Company applied the provision of this new pronouncement effective January 1, 2003 but did not restate any previously issued financial statements. The decision whether to consolidate a VIE begins with establishing that a VIE exists. A VIE exists when either the total equity investment at risk is not sufficient to permit the entity to finance its activities by itself, or the equity investor lack one of three characteristics associated with owning a controlling financial interest. Those characteristics are the direct or indirect ability to make decisions about the entity's activities through voting rights or similar rights, the obligation to absorb the expected losses of an entity, and the right to receive the expected residual returns. The entity with the majority of the expected losses or expected residual return is considered to be the primary beneficiary of the entity and is required to consolidate such entity. The Company has determined they are the primary beneficiary of certain VIEs which are presented in these financial statements under Consolidated land inventory not owned with the interest of others included in Minority interest. See Notes 2 and 3 for further discussion on the consolidation of land options contracts and joint ventures.

**Note 2. Housing and Land Inventory**

Housing and land inventory includes homes completed and under construction, model homes and land under and held for development which will be used in the Company's homebuilding operations or sold as building lots to other homebuilders. The following summarizes the components of housing and land inventory:

**March 31,      December 31,**

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	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Housing under construction	\$308,570	\$200,553
Model homes	23,551	21,029
Land and land under development	<u>300,418</u>	<u>345,720</u>
	<u>\$632,539</u>	<u>\$567,302</u>

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The Company capitalizes interest which is expensed as housing units and building lots are sold. For the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, interest incurred and capitalized by the Company was \$4.4 million and \$4.6 million, respectively. Capitalized interest expensed for the same periods was \$3.9 million and \$5.5 million, respectively.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company has entered into a number of option contracts to acquire lots in the future in accordance with specific terms and conditions of such agreements. Under these option contracts, the Company will fund deposits to secure the right to purchase land or lots at a future point in time. The Company has evaluated its option contracts and determined that for those entities considered to be VIEs, it is the primary beneficiary on options for 442 lots with aggregate exercise prices of \$33.9 million, which are required to be consolidated. In these cases, the only asset recorded is the Company's exercise price for the option to purchase, with an increase in minority interest of \$30.2 million for the assumed third party investment in the VIE. Where the land sellers are not required to provide the Company with financial information related to the VIE, certain assumptions by the Company were required in its assessment as to whether or not it is the primary beneficiary.

Housing and land inventory includes non-refundable deposits and other costs totaling \$21.0 million in connection with options that are not required to be consolidated under the provisions of FIN 46R. The total exercise price of these options is \$404.5 million including the non-refundable deposits identified above. The number of lots for which the Company has obtained an option to purchase, excluding those already consolidated, and their respective dates of expiry and their exercise price are as follows:

<b>Year of Expiry</b>	<b>Number of Lots</b>	<b>Total Exercise Price</b>
2004	388	\$ 24,739
2005	1,143	114,409
2006	2,060	40,500
Thereafter	7,450	224,826
	11,041	\$404,474

**Note 3. Investments in Housing and Land Joint Ventures**

The Company participates in a number of joint ventures in which it has less than a controlling interest. Summarized condensed financial information on a combined 100% basis of the joint ventures is as follows:

**March 31,**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>December 31, 2003</b>
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<b>Assets</b>		
Housing and land inventory	\$376,314	\$ 310,324
Other assets	33,606	42,729
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	\$409,920	\$ 353,053
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<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ 17,148	\$ 15,606
Project specific financings	225,416	182,452
Investment and advances		
Brookfield Homes	75,154	78,198
Others	92,202	76,797
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	\$409,920	\$ 353,053
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**BROOKFIELD HOMES CORPORATION****NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***(Tabular amounts in \$U.S. thousands except per share amounts)*

	<b>Three Months Ended March</b>	
	<b>31</b>	
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Revenue and Expenses</b>		
Revenue	\$ 19,678	\$ 36,594
Expenses	(17,805)	(31,056)
Net income	<u>\$ 1,873</u>	<u>\$ 5,538</u>
Company's share of net income	<u>\$ 851</u>	<u>\$ 2,213</u>

In reporting the Company's share of net income, all inter-company profits or losses from housing and land joint ventures are eliminated on lots purchased by the Company.

Joint ventures in which the Company has a non-controlling interest are accounted for using the equity method. In addition, the Company has performed an evaluation of its existing joint venture relationships by applying the provisions of FIN 46R. The Company has determined that for those entities in which this interpretation applies, none of these joint ventures were considered to be a VIE requiring consolidation pursuant to the requirement of FIN 46R.

The Company and/or its joint venture partners have provided varying levels of guarantees of debt in its joint ventures. At March 31, 2004, the Company had recourse guarantees of \$71.1 million and limited maintenance guarantees of \$27.3 million with respect to debt in its joint ventures.

**Note 4. Other**

(a) The Company had demand deposits of \$213.0 million at March 31, 2004 (2003 - \$205.0 million) with a financial subsidiary of the Company's largest stockholder, Brascan Corporation.

(b) When selling a home, it is normal course for the Company to provide customers with standard product one year limited warranties. The following summarizes the product warranties accrual recorded as part of accounts payable and other liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheet as at March 31:

**2004**

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Balance, at beginning of period	\$11,417
Payments made during the period	(307)
Warranties issued during the period	1,144
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Balance, at end of period	\$12,254
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(c) The Company has entered into a \$60.0 million interest rate swap contract which effectively fixes \$60.0 million of the Company's variable rate debt at 5.07% until the contract expires in February, 2009. At March 31, 2004, the fair market value of the contract was nominal.

**Note 5. Subsequent Event**

On April 1, 2004 the Company's Board of Directors declared a special dividend of \$9.00 per common share, payable \$4.50 in cash and \$4.50 in principal amount of the Company's 12% senior subordinated notes due 2020. The subordinated notes totaling approximately \$139 million will be due June 30, 2020, and will be unsecured and subordinated to all project specific and other financings of the Company. The subordinated notes will be redeemable by the Company at par at any time. The Company arranged for payment of the special dividend on April 30, 2004.

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

This discussion includes forward-looking statements that reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance and that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors including risks discussed in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Forward-Looking Statements elsewhere in this report and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.

### **Overview**

We design, construct and market single-family and multi-family homes primarily to move-up and luxury homebuyers and develop land for sale to other homebuilders. Our operations are currently focused primarily in five markets: San Francisco Bay Area; Southland / Los Angeles; San Diego / Riverside; Sacramento; and Northern Virginia. Our goal is to maximize the total return on our common stockholders' equity over the long term.

The 22,883 lots that we control, of which we own 11,400 directly or through joint ventures, provide a strong foundation for our future homebuilding business and visibility on our future cash flow and earnings. The lots we control represent in excess of a 12 year lot supply, based on an average of 2004 and 2005 planned home closings.

Homebuilding is our primary source of revenue and has represented approximately 90% of our total revenue since 1999. Our operations are positioned to close between 1,700 and 2,000 homes per year. Operating in markets with higher price points and catering to move-up and luxury buyers, our average sales price as of March 31, 2004 of \$570,000 was well in excess of the national average sales price of approximately \$245,000. We also sell serviced and unserviced lots to other homebuilders generally on an opportunistic basis where we can enhance our returns, reduce risk in a market or redeploy capital to an asset providing higher returns.

In addition to our housing and land inventory and investments in housing and land joint ventures, which together comprised 70% of our total assets as of March 31, 2004, we had \$221 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$104 million in other assets. Other assets consist of homebuyer receivables of \$14 million, deferred taxes of \$40 million, and mortgages and other receivables of \$50 million. Homebuyer receivables consist primarily of proceeds due from homebuyers on the closing of homes. Our mortgages receivable and other receivables relate primarily to land assets we have sold or on which we have granted options to purchase.

Since 1999, our revenues and net income have grown at compounded annual growth rates of 16% and 34%, respectively. Over this period, we generated over \$400 million in operating cash flow that was used mainly to improve our net debt to capitalization ratio from a high at the end of 2000 of 68% to 34% as of March 31, 2004. At the same time, we believe we have positioned our business for future growth through the selective acquisition of a significant number of large projects and our overall level of lots controlled. Our recent growth is primarily the result of strong economic fundamentals in the markets in which we operate, our success in acquiring strategic parcels of land and in controlling costs at all levels of our operation.

### **Special Dividend**

On April 1, 2004, the Company declared a special dividend of \$9.00 per common share, payable \$4.50 in cash and \$4.50 in principal amount of the Company's 12% senior subordinated notes due 2020. The subordinated notes totaling approximately \$139 million will be due June 30, 2020, and will be unsecured and subordinated to all our project specific and other financings. The subordinated notes will be redeemable by us at par at any time. We arranged for payment of the special dividend on April 30, 2004.

In declaring the special dividend, we considered our strong operating results and the cash received from bulk lot sales during 2003. Subsequent to the dividend payment, we had available \$70 million of cash and cash equivalents and while our net debt to capitalization will increase significantly in the short term, we believe we will generate strong operating cash flow during the remainder of 2004 and 2005 to significantly improve this ratio.

**Results of Operations**

<i>Selected Financial Information (\$ millions)</i>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31</b>	
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Revenue:		
Housing	\$ 139	\$ 82
Land and other revenues	4	60
Equity in earnings from housing and land joint ventures	1	2
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Total revenues	144	144
Cost of sales	106	104
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Gross margin	38	40
Selling, general and administrative expense	16	10
Interest expense	4	5
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Operating income	18	25
Minority interest	2	1
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net income before taxes	16	24
Income tax expense	6	9
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net income	\$ 10	\$ 15
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<i>Selected Operating Data</i>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31</b>	
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Home closings (units):		
San Francisco Bay Area	54	31
Southland / Los Angeles	58	36
San Diego / Riverside	51	37
Northern Virginia	81	55
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Consolidated total	244	159
Unconsolidated joint ventures	13	27
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Total	257	186
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Average selling price:		
San Francisco Bay Area	\$ 743,000	\$ 542,000
Southland / Los Angeles	731,000	819,000
San Diego / Riverside	304,000	300,000
Northern Virginia	506,000	436,000
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Average	\$ 570,000	\$ 512,000
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net new orders (units): <sup>(1)</sup>		
San Francisco Bay Area	131	80
Southland / Los Angeles	140	61
San Diego / Riverside	161	151
Northern Virginia	135	130
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total	567	422
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Backlog (units at end of period): <sup>(2)</sup>		
San Francisco Bay Area	190	95
Southland / Los Angeles	267	148
San Diego / Riverside	224	233
Northern Virginia	291	254
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total	972	730
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Lots Controlled: <sup>(3)</sup>		
San Francisco	3,871	3,425
Southland / Los Angeles	2,250	976
San Diego / Riverside	6,860	9,155
Sacramento	4,520	1,800
Virginia	5,382	4,695
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	22,883	20,051
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

- (1) Net new orders for any period represent the aggregate of all homes ordered by customers, net of cancellations for consolidated projects.
- (2) Backlog represents the number of new homes subject to pending sales contracts for consolidated projects.
- (3) Lots controlled represents the total of residential lots owned and lots controlled under option.

### **Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2003**

#### *Net Income*

Net income was \$10 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004, an increase of \$5 million over the first three months of 2003 excluding net income of \$9.6 million from the bulk sale of 2,600 lots in Riverside County, California in 2003. The increase in net income was primarily due to 85 more home closings over the same period in 2003, an increase of 53%.

#### *Results of Operations*

Housing revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2004 were \$139 million, an increase of \$57 million over the same period in 2003. The increase was primarily due to higher home closings in each of our business units and an 11% increase in our average selling price to \$570,000.

The gross margin on housing revenues was \$34 million or 24.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2004 compared with \$18 million or 22.2% for the same period in 2003. The increase in the gross margin percentage is due to continued strong market conditions, particularly in the San Diego / Riverside area.

For the three months ended March 31, 2004, land and other revenues totaled \$4 million, a decrease of \$56 million compared to the same period in 2003. The 2003 land and other revenues included \$52 million from the bulk sale of 2,600 lots in Riverside County, California. Our land revenues may vary significantly from period to period due to the timing and the nature of land sales as they generally occur on an opportunistic basis.

The gross margin on land and other revenues was \$3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 compared with \$20 million for the same period in 2003.

Equity in earnings from housing and land joint ventures for the three months ended March 31, 2004 was \$1 million compared with \$2 million for the same period in 2003. Income contributed during the three months ended March 31, 2004 was primarily from our housing operations at the Fullerton joint venture in the Southland / Los Angeles area.

#### *Other Expenses*

Selling, general and administrative expense was \$16 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 compared to \$10 million for the same period in 2003. This increase was primarily a result of additional active projects and an increase in stock option expense of \$4 million over the same period 2003. Excluding stock option expense, selling, general and administrative expense as a percentage of housing revenue was 8.5% for the three months ending March 31, 2004 compared with 11.9% for the same period in 2003. Our selling, general and administrative expense as a percentage of annual housing revenue is targeted to be 8%, however, the percentage will fluctuate between quarters depending on the number of homes closed in any particular quarter.

Interest expense as a percentage of total revenue was 2.7% for the three months ended March 31, 2004 compared with 3.8% for the same period in 2003. The lower percentage in 2004 is a result of lower weighted average interest rates on our debt. Given that we capitalize interest costs to our projects, our level of interest expense may vary from period to period due to the mix of the projects that have home closings.

#### *Sales Activity*



Net new orders during the first three months of 2004 were 145 units higher than the same period in 2003. The increase was due mainly to continued strong market conditions and a higher number of active selling communities. First quarter 2004 net new orders of 567 units, added to the order backlog at December 31, 2003 of 649 units, totaled at March 31, 2004, approximately 70% of our 1,750 planned home closings for 2004.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

### Financial Position

Our total assets as of March 31, 2004 were \$1,067 million, consistent with December 31, 2003.

Our total debt as of March 31, 2004 was \$457 million, consistent with \$426 million as of December 31, 2003. Total debt as of March 31, 2004 consisted mainly of project specific financings which represent construction and development loans that are repaid from home and lot sales proceeds. As new homes are constructed, further loan facilities are arranged on a rolling basis. Our major project specific lenders are Bank of America, Housing Capital Corporation and Wells Fargo. Other debt comprises deferred compensation on which interest is paid at prime. As of March 31, 2004, the average interest rate on our debt was 4.4% with maturities as follows:

(\$ millions)	Maturities				
	2004	2005	2006	Post 2006	Total
San Francisco Bay Area	\$ 77	\$ 19	\$	\$	\$ 96
Southland / Los Angeles	90	33			123
San Diego / Riverside	100	32	6		138
Northern Virginia	1	28	26		55
Other	—	—	11	34	45
Total	\$268	\$112	\$43	\$ 34	\$457

### Cash Flow

Our principal uses of working capital include purchases of land, land development and home construction. Cash flows for each of our communities depend upon the applicable stage of the development cycle and can differ substantially from reported earnings. Early stages of development require significant cash outlays for land acquisitions, site approvals and entitlements, construction of model homes, roads, certain utilities and other amenities and general landscaping. Because these costs are capitalized, income reported for financial statement purposes during such early stages may significantly exceed cash flow. Later, cash flow can significantly exceed earnings reported for financial statement purposes, as cost of sales includes charges for substantial amounts of previously expended costs.

Cash used in our operating activities totaled \$28 million during the three months ended March 31, 2004 compared with cash provided of \$11 million for the same period in 2003. The cash used in the first three months of 2004 was a result of significant expenditures on the construction of our homes in sales backlog. Our cash generated in the first three months of 2003 was due primarily to the sale of 2,600 lots in Riverside County, California.

Cash provided in our investing activities in joint ventures for the three months ended March 31, 2004 was \$3 million, compared to cash used of \$4 million for the same period in 2003.

Cash provided from our financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2004 was \$27 million compared with \$2 million in 2003. Our cash from financing activities in the first quarter of 2004 came primarily from a \$30 million increase in construction and other development loans.

### **Contractual Obligations and Other Commitments**

We generally fund the development of our communities through the use of project specific financing. As of March 31, 2004, we had project specific debt lines of \$218 million available to complete land development and construction activities.

A total of \$380 million of our project specific and other financings mature prior to the end of 2005. The high level of maturities in 2004 and 2005 is due to our expected project completions over this period. Although the level of our maturing debt is high, we expect to generate cash flow from our assets in 2004 and 2005 to repay these obligations. Our net debt to total capitalization ratio as of March 31, 2004, which is defined as total interest-bearing debt less cash divided by total interest-bearing debt less cash plus stockholders' equity and minority interest, was 34%. For a description of the specific risks facing us if, for any reason, we are unable to meet these obligations, refer to the section of our 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K entitled "Risk Factors - Our Debt and Leverage Could Adversely Affect our Financial Condition."

In February 2004, we entered into a \$60 million interest rate swap contract which effectively fixes \$60 million of our variable rate debt at 5.07% until the contract expires in February, 2009. At March 31, 2004, the fair market value of the contract was nominal.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

In the ordinary course of business, we use lot option contracts and joint ventures to acquire control of land to mitigate the risk of declining land values. Option contracts for the purchase of land permit us to control lots for an extended period of time, until options expire and/or we are ready to construct homes or sell the land. This reduces our financial risk associated with land holdings. As of March 31, 2004, we had \$25 million of primarily non-refundable option deposits and advanced costs. The total exercise price of these options is \$438 million. Pursuant to FIN 46R, as defined elsewhere in this Form 10-Q, we have consolidated \$34 million of these option contracts.

Please see Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Form 10-Q for additional information on our lot options.

We also control 4,303 lots through joint ventures. As of March 31, 2004, our investment in housing and land joint ventures was \$75 million. We have provided varying levels of guarantees of debt in our joint ventures. As of March 31, 2004, we had recourse guarantees of \$71 million and limited maintenance guarantees of \$27 million with respect to debt in our joint ventures.

We obtain letters of credit, performance bonds and other bonds to support our obligations with respect to the development of our projects. The amount of these obligations outstanding at any time varies in accordance with our development activities. If these letters of credit or bonds are drawn upon, we will be obligated to reimburse the issuer of the letter of credit or bonds. As of March 31, 2004, we had for these purposes \$19 million in letters of credit outstanding and \$284 million in performance bonds for these purposes. We do not believe that any of these letters of credit or bonds are likely to be drawn upon.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the United States federal securities laws. The words may, believe, will, anticipate, expect, estimate, project, future, and other expressions which are predictions of or indicate future events and trends and which do not relate to historical matters identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q include, among others, statements with respect to:

- expected home closings and project completions and timing thereof;
- expected lot supply;
- estimates of revenues, cash flows, debt levels and debt to capitalization ratio;
- the visibility on our future cash flow and earnings;
- sources of future growth;
- the effect of interest rate changes on our cash flows;
- targeted selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of housing revenue;

the effect on our business of existing lawsuits; and

whether or not our letters of credit or performance bonds will be drawn upon.

Reliance should not be placed on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause the actual results to differ materially from the anticipated future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forward in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

changes in general economic, real estate and other conditions;

mortgage rate changes;

availability of suitable undeveloped land at acceptable prices;

adverse legislation or regulation;

ability to obtain necessary permits and approvals for the development of our land;

availability of labor or materials or increases in their costs;

ability to develop and market our master-planned communities successfully;

confidence levels of consumers;

ability to raise capital on favorable terms;

adverse weather conditions and natural disasters;

relations with the residents of our communities;

risks associated with increased insurance costs or unavailability of adequate coverage;

ability to obtain surety bonds;

competitive conditions in the homebuilding industry, including product and pricing pressures; and

additional risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, referred to in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 and our other SEC filings.

We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. However, any further disclosures made on related subjects in subsequent reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K should be consulted.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

#### **Exchange Rates**

We conduct business in U.S. dollars only, so we are not exposed to currency risks.

#### **Interest Rates**

We are exposed to financial risks that arise from the fluctuations in interest rates. Our interest bearing assets and liabilities are mainly at floating rates, so we would be negatively affected, on balance, if interest rates increase. Based on our debt levels as of March 31, 2004, a 1% change up or down in interest rates would have either a positive or negative effect of approximately \$4 million on our cash flows.

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

(a) *Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* As of the end of our fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2004, an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a - 15(e) and 15d - 15(e) of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act )) was carried out under the supervision of our Chief Executive Officer ( CEO ) and Chief Financial Officer ( CFO ). Based upon that evaluation, the CEO and CFO have concluded that as of the end of such fiscal quarter our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms.

It should be noted that while our management, including the CEO and CFO, believe our disclosure controls and procedures provide a reasonable level of assurance, they do not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls will prevent all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived or operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met.

(b) *Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting.* There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2004, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

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

We are party to various legal actions arising in the ordinary course of our business. We believe that none of these actions, either individually or in the aggregate will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

### **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.

### **Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K**

(a) Exhibits.

31.1 Rule 13a 14(a) certification by Ian G. Cockwell, President and Chief Executive Officer.

31.2 Rule 13a 14(a) certification by Paul G. Kerrigan, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

32.1 Section 1350 certification of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K:

During the quarter ended March 31, 2004, we filed the following Current Reports on Form 8-K:

- (1) On January 9, 2004, we filed a Current Report on Form 8-K for the purpose of filing a press release announcing our net new orders and active selling communities for the quarterly periods ended December 31, 2003 and 2002.
- (2) On February 19, 2004, we filed a Current Report on Form 8-K for the purpose of filing a press release announcing our earnings and results of operations for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2003.







**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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