

VORNADO OPERATING CO

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended: **September 30, 2001**

or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: **001-14525**

VORNADO OPERATING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

22-3569068

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation
or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

888 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York

10019

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(212) 894-7000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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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 No

As of October 26, 2001, there were 4,068,924 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$.01 per share, outstanding.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

**VORNADO OPERATING COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	<u>September 30,</u> <u>2001</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2000</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$4,279	\$589,564
Marketable securities	57,504	
Investment in and advances to AmeriCold Logistics	9,891,950	15,765,891
Prepaid expenses and other assets	240,337	316,399
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	\$10,136,566	\$16,729,358
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS DEFICIT		
Note payable to Vornado Realty Trust	\$30,921,538	\$19,781,538
Due to Transportal Network	582,194	
Due to Vornado Realty Trust	300,423	73,359
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	265,287	337,416
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Total liabilities
 31,487,248 20,774,507

Minority interest

Commitments and contingencies

Stockholders' deficit:

Common stock: par value \$.01 per
 share; authorized, 40,000,000 shares;
 issued and outstanding, 4,068,924
 shares in each period
 40,689 40,689

Additional paid-in capital
 22,462,555 22,462,555

Accumulated deficit
 (43,355,926) (25,828,267)

(20,852,682) (3,325,023)
 Accumulated other comprehensive
 loss
 (498,000) (720,126)

Total stockholders' deficit
 (21,350,682) (4,045,149)

\$10,136,566 \$16,729,358

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VORNADO OPERATING COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	For The Three Months Ended September 30,		For The Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
Revenues:				
Interest income				
\$2,166 \$2,875 \$8,146 \$81,518				
Expenses:				
General and administrative				
426,945 216,853 1,348,530 1,014,077				
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(424,779) (213,978) (1,340,384) (932,559)				
Loss from AmeriCold Logistics				
(5,809,022) (1,833,000) (13,542,142) (9,473,000)				
Interest and debt expense to Vornado Realty Trust				
(644,516) (534,849) (1,867,503) (1,298,245)				
Loss from Transportal Network				
(2,100,000) (4,982,576)				
Unrealized loss from marketable securities				
(777,630)				
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Loss before income tax benefit and minority interest				
(6,878,317) (4,681,827) (17,527,659) (16,686,380)				

Income tax benefit

Loss before minority interest

(6,878,317) (4,681,827) (17,527,659) (16,686,380)

Minority interest

393,314 1,581,765

Net loss

\$(6,878,317) \$(4,288,513) \$(17,527,659) \$(15,104,615)

Net loss per share basic and diluted

\$(1.69) \$(1.05) \$(4.31) \$(3.71)



See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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VORNADO OPERATING COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

**For The Nine Months Ended
September 30,**

2001	2000
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Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

Net loss	
	\$(17,527,659) \$(15,104,615)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operations:	
Minority interest	
(1,581,765)	
Equity in loss from AmeriCold Logistics	
14,262,600 9,552,000	
Loss from Transportal Network	
4,982,576	
Unrealized loss from marketable securities	
777,630	
Stock appreciation rights compensation expense (income)	
(215,807)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	
76,062 (88,725)	
Interest receivable on loans to AmeriCold Logistics	
(70,172) (14,000)	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	
(72,129) 336,885	
Due to Transportal Network	
(582,194)	
Due to Vornado Realty Trust	
227,064 (19,360)	

Net cash used in operating activities	
	(2,908,798) (2,152,811)

Cash Flows from Investing Activities:

Investment in and advances to
 AmeriCold Logistics
 (8,940,000) (9,000,000)
 Repayment of loans to AmeriCold
 Logistics
 123,513
 Investment in Transportal Network
 (4,800,000)
 Purchase of securities available for sale
 (526,375)

Net cash used in investing activities
 (8,816,487) (14,326,375)

Cash Flows from Financing Activities:

Proceeds from borrowings
 11,140,000 15,250,000
 Repayments on borrowings
 (1,905,358)
 Other
 3,400

Net cash provided by financing activities
 11,140,000 13,348,042

Net decrease in cash and cash
 equivalents
 (585,285) (3,131,144)
 Cash and cash equivalents at beginning
 of period
 589,564 3,257,870

Cash and cash equivalents at end of
period
\$4,279 \$126,726

Supplemental Information:

Cash payments for interest
\$1,655,939 \$1,298,245

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VORNADO OPERATING COMPANY

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ORGANIZATION

Vornado Operating Company (the Company) holds its assets and conducts its business through Vornado Operating L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (Company L.P.). The Company is the sole general partner of, and as of September 30, 2001 owned a 90.1% partnership interest in, Company L.P. All references to the Company refer to Vornado Operating Company and its subsidiaries including Company L.P.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2001, the consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2001 and 2000 and the consolidated statements of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 and 2000 are unaudited. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (which include only normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations and changes in cash flows have been made. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full year.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and Company L.P. All significant intercompany amounts have been eliminated.

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

Certain amounts in the prior year's financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

3. MARKETABLE SECURITIES

The Company recognized an unrealized loss from marketable securities of \$777,630 during the first quarter of 2001 due to an other than temporary decline in fair value of securities available for sale.

4. INVESTMENTS IN PARTNERSHIPS

The Company's investments in and advances to partnerships and loss recognized from such investments are as follows:

	Investments in and Advances to Partnership	
	September 30, 2001	December 31, 2000
AmeriCold Logistics (60% interest)	\$9,891,950	\$15,765,891
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During the second quarter of 2001, the Company made two loans to AmeriCold Logistics. The first loan, made on April 30, 2001, was \$3,840,000 and is secured by a mortgage on AmeriCold Logistics quarries. This loan bears interest at 12% and requires monthly payments of interest until maturity on March 31, 2002. The second loan, made on June 6, 2001, was \$5,100,000 and is secured by property, plant and equipment. This loan bears interest at 14% and requires monthly payments of principal and interest of \$98,933 until maturity on December 31, 2002.

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Loss from Investments in Partnerships

For The Three Months Ended September 30,		For The Nine Months Ended September 30,	
2001	2000	2001	2000

AmeriCold Logistics (60% interest)
 \$(5,809,022) \$(1,833,000) \$(13,542,142) \$(9,473,000)
 Transportal Network (60% interest)
 (2,100,000) (4,982,576)

\$(5,809,022) \$(3,933,000) \$(13,542,142) \$(14,455,576)

The following condensed operating data represents 100% of AmeriCold Logistics of which the Company's share is 60%:

For The Three Months Ended September 30,		For The Nine Months Ended September 30,	
2001	2000	2001	2000

Revenues
 \$164,270,000 \$168,715,000 \$478,771,000 \$501,921,000

Costs other than depreciation applicable to revenues
 \$(161,536,000) \$(160,815,000) \$(464,132,000) \$(484,764,000)

Net loss
 \$(10,373,000) \$(3,187,000) \$(23,771,000) \$(15,920,000)

AmeriCold Logistics is experiencing cash flow deficits which management of AmeriCold Logistics is currently addressing through sales of non-core assets.

During the second and third quarters of 2001, AmeriCold Logistics exercised its right, pursuant to the terms of its leases with the Vornado REIT/Crescent REIT Partnership (the Landlord), to defer payment of rent as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>The Company's Share</u>
Quarter ended September 30, 2001		
\$8,852,000	\$5,311,200	
Quarter ended June 30, 2001		
3,900,000	2,340,000	
Amount deferred at December 31, 2000		
24,411,000	14,646,600	

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Total deferred rent at September 30, 2001
\$37,163,000 \$22,297,800



Lease Restructuring

On February 22, 2001, AmeriCold Logistics leases with the Landlord were restructured to, among other things, (i) reduce 2001's contractual rent to \$146,000,000 (\$14,500,000 less than 2000's contractual rent), (ii) reduce 2002's contractual rent to \$150,000,000 (plus additional contingent rent in certain circumstances), (iii) increase the Landlord's share of annual maintenance capital expenditures by \$4,500,000 to \$9,500,000 effective January 1, 2000 and (iv) extend the deferred rent period to December 31, 2003 from March 11, 2002. Total rent expense was \$111,905,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, \$16,823,000 less than the comparable period in 2000. However, for the full year ending December 31, 2001 the Company continues to expect (as indicated in (i) above) that the rent will be approximately \$14,500,000 less than the prior year.

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5. VORNADO AGREEMENT

The Company and Vornado Realty Trust (Vornado) have entered into an agreement (Vornado Agreement) pursuant to which, among other things, (a) Vornado will under certain circumstances offer the Company an opportunity to become the lessee of certain real property owned now or in the future by Vornado (under mutually satisfactory lease terms) and (b) the Company will not make any real estate investment or other REIT-Qualified Investment unless it first offers Vornado the opportunity to make such investment and Vornado has rejected that opportunity.

Under the Vornado Agreement, Vornado provides the Company with certain administrative, corporate, accounting, financial, insurance, legal, tax, data processing, human resources and operational services. Also, Vornado makes available to the Company, at Vornado's offices, space for the Company's principal corporate office. For these services, the Company compensates Vornado in an amount determined in good faith by Vornado as the amount an unaffiliated third party would charge the Company for comparable services and reimburses Vornado for certain costs incurred and paid to third parties on behalf of the Company. The Company incurred fees of \$82,500 for the three months ended September 30, 2001 and 2000, and \$288,700 and \$247,500 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 and 2000.

Vornado and the Company each have the right to terminate the Vornado Agreement if the other party is in material default of the Vornado Agreement or upon 90 days written notice to the other party at any time after December 31, 2003. In addition, Vornado has the right to terminate the Vornado Agreement upon a change in control of the Company.

6. LOSS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted loss per share:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
Numerator:				
Net loss				
	\$(6,878,317)	\$(4,288,513)	\$(17,527,659)	\$(15,104,615)
Denominator:				
Denominator for basic loss per share-weighted average shares	4,068,924	4,068,902	4,068,924	4,068,662
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Employee stock options				

Denominator for diluted loss per share-adjusted weighted average shares
4,068,924 4,068,902 4,068,924 4,068,662

Net loss per share-basic and diluted
\$(1.69) \$(1.05) \$(4.31) \$(3.71)

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7. COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

The following table sets forth the Company's comprehensive loss:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
Net loss	\$(6,878,317)	\$(4,288,513)	\$(17,527,659)	\$(15,104,615)
Recognition of unrealized loss from marketable securities previously included in comprehensive loss				
720,126				
Other comprehensive loss	(45,125)	(45,125)		
Proportionate share of other comprehensive loss of partially-owned entity				
(498,000)				
Comprehensive loss	\$(6,878,317)	\$(4,333,638)	\$(17,305,533)	\$(15,149,740)

8. MINORITY INTEREST

During the year ended December 31, 2000, the investment in Company L.P. (Vornado Operating Company's operating partnership) by minority holders was fully absorbed by losses. The minority interest's 9.9% share of present and future losses will be recognized by the Company.

9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company is from time to time involved in legal actions arising in the ordinary course of its business. In the opinion of management, after consultation with legal counsel, the outcome of such matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

10. RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In July 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued SFAS No. 141, Business Combinations and SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. SFAS No. 141 is effective immediately and SFAS 142 will be implemented in January 2002. The new standards are not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

In August 2001, FASB issued SFAS No. 143, *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations* (effective January 1, 2003) and SFAS No. 144 *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets* (effective January 1, 2002). SFAS No. 143 requires the recording of the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation in the period which it is incurred. SFAS No. 144 supercedes current accounting literature and now provides for a single accounting model for long lived-assets to be disposed of by sale and requires discontinued operations presentation for disposals of a component of an entity. The Company is in the process of evaluating the financial statement impact of the adoption of SFAS No. 143 and 144.

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

Certain statements contained herein constitute forward-looking statements as such term is defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Certain factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such a material difference include, but are not limited to: (a) the Company's limited operating history; (b) restrictions on the Company's business and future opportunities; (c) dependence upon Vornado Realty Trust; (d) the substantial influence of the Company's controlling stockholders and conflicts of interest; (e) risks associated with potential investments and ability to manage those investments; (f) competition; (g) the Company's obligations under the revolving credit facility; (h) AmeriCold Logistics' obligations under the lease agreements with the Vornado REIT/Crescent REIT Partnership; (i) the Company's limited financial resources; (j) dependence on key personnel; (k) potential anti-takeover effects of the Company's charter documents and applicable law; (l) dependence on dividends and distributions of subsidiaries; (m) potential costs of compliance with environmental laws; (n) changes in the general economic climate; and (o) government regulations. See "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000.

Results of Operations

The Company's operations and business are subject to a variety of risks. In considering the Company's results of operations, please read "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000.

The Company had a net loss of \$6,878,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$4,289,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$2,589,000, and \$17,528,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$15,105,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$2,423,000.

Interest income was \$2,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$3,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2000, a decrease of \$1,000, and \$8,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$82,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, a decrease of \$74,000. These decreases resulted primarily from lower average invested balances.

General and administrative expenses were \$427,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$217,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$210,000. The prior year's quarter expense is reduced by the effect of stock appreciation rights from a decline in the Company's stock price. General and administrative expenses were \$1,349,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$1,014,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$335,000. This increase resulted from higher payroll costs relating to the Company's former Chief Operating Officer, Emanuel R. Pearlman, who resigned, effective June 15, 2001, but will be a consultant to the Company through the end of the year. Mr. Pearlman had been employed by the Company for one year.

The Company's loss from AmeriCold Logistics was \$5,809,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$1,833,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$3,976,000, and \$13,542,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$9,473,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$4,069,000. These losses are reduced by interest income earned on loans advanced to AmeriCold Logistics by the Company since the second quarter of last year. Interest income was \$415,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$79,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$336,000, and \$720,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$79,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$641,000. Excluding interest income, the loss from AmeriCold Logistics was \$6,224,000 and \$1,912,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001 and 2000, and \$14,262,000 and \$9,552,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 and 2000 (these amounts are discussed below).

On February 22, 2001, AmeriCold Logistics' leases with the Vornado REIT/Crescent REIT Partnership (the "Landlord") were restructured to, among other things, (i) reduce 2001's contractual rent to \$146,000,000 (\$14,500,000 less than 2000's contractual rent), (ii) reduce 2002's contractual rent to \$150,000,000 (plus additional contingent rent in certain circumstances), (iii) increase the Landlord's share of annual maintenance capital

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expenditures by \$4,500,000 to \$9,500,000 effective January 1, 2000 and (iv) extend the deferred rent period to December 31, 2003 from March 11, 2002.

During the second and third quarters of 2001, AmeriCold Logistics exercised its right, pursuant to the terms of its leases with the Landlord, to defer payment of rent as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>The Company's Share</u>
Quarter ended September 30, 2001		
\$8,852,000	\$5,311,200	
Quarter ended June 30, 2001		
3,900,000	2,340,000	
Amount deferred at December 31, 2000		
24,411,000	14,646,600	
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Total deferred rent at September 30, 2001		
\$37,163,000	\$22,297,800	
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The AmeriCold Logistics results are discussed below:

AmeriCold Logistics Results of Operations for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2001 and 2000

The following are discussions of the results of operations of AmeriCold Logistics, the Company's Temperature Controlled Logistics business see the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 for a discussion of this business. The data below represents 100% of this business of which the Company owns 60%. For the purpose of the discussions below, Leased Operations refer to operations at warehouses leased by AmeriCold Logistics and Other Operations refer to (i) warehouses managed by AmeriCold Logistics for the accounts of customers (Managed Warehouses), (ii) Transportation Management Services, which includes freight routing, dispatching, freight rate negotiation, backhaul coordination, and distribution channel assessments and (iii) Quarry Operations.

Revenues were \$164,270,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$168,715,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2000, a decrease of \$4,445,000, and \$478,771,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$501,921,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, a decrease of \$23,150,000. Revenues from Leased Operations were \$108,123,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$115,682,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2000, a decrease of \$7,559,000, and \$324,144,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$339,146,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, a decrease of \$15,002,000. Revenues from Other Operations were \$56,147,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$53,033,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$3,114,000, and \$154,627,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$162,775,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, a decrease of \$8,148,000.

The revenue decrease in Leased Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2001, resulted from lower warehouse revenues as a result of a reduction in both total customer inventory stored at the warehouses and customer inventory

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turns. The increase in revenues from Other Operations for the quarter, as compared to the prior year's quarter, results from an increase in Transportation Management Services, partially offset by a decrease in revenues from Managed Warehouses as a result of losing a customer. The decrease in revenues from Other Operations for the nine month period, as compared to the prior year's nine month period, results from (i) the decrease in Managed Warehouses discussed above, (ii) a decline in Transportation Management Services revenue due to the expiration of a contract with a customer in the second quarter of 2000, and (iii) a reduction in output at the Quarry Operations.

The gross margin for Leased Operations was \$37,127,000, or 34.3%, for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$45,572,000, or 39.4%, for the three months ended September 30, 2000, a decrease of \$8,445,000, and \$116,151,000, or 35.8%, for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$134,779,000, or 39.7%, for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, a decrease of \$18,628,000. The decreases in both gross margin and gross margin percentage are attributable to lower customer inventory levels and customer inventory turns.

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Operating income from Other Operations was \$5,092,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$4,774,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$318,000, and \$10,393,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$11,106,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, a decrease of \$713,000. The decrease for the nine month period, as compared to the prior year's nine month period, results primarily from a reduction in output at the Quarry Operations.

Rent expense was \$39,485,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$42,446,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2000, a decrease of \$2,961,000, and \$111,905,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$128,728,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, a decrease of \$16,823,000. These decreases are a result of the lease restructuring announced on February 22, 2001. Consistent with that announcement, the Company continues to expect rent expense for the full year ending December 31, 2001 to be approximately \$14,500,000 less than the prior year.

General and administrative expenses were \$9,743,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$9,003,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$740,000, and \$29,532,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$26,415,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$3,117,000. These increases reflect severance costs associated with senior management changes at AmeriCold Logistics.

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$2,332,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$2,153,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$179,000, and \$6,779,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$6,004,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$775,000. These increases are the result of additional machinery and equipment.

Interest expense was \$1,393,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$599,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$794,000, and \$2,884,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$1,786,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$1,098,000. These increases resulted from higher borrowings and deferred rent.

Interest and other income was \$361,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$668,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2000, a decrease of \$307,000, and \$785,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$1,128,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, a decrease of \$343,000. These decreases are the result of lower average invested balances.

As a result of the aforementioned factors, AmeriCold Logistics' net loss for the three months ended September 30, 2001 increased by \$7,186,000 to \$10,373,000, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, by \$7,851,000, to \$23,771,000, when compared to the prior year's periods.

Transportal Network ceased operations in September 2000. Accordingly, there was no loss for either the three or nine months ended September 30, 2001.

The Company recognized an unrealized loss from marketable securities of \$778,000 in the first quarter of 2001, due to an other than temporary decline in fair value of marketable securities available for sale.

Interest and debt expense to Vornado was \$645,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$535,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$110,000, and \$1,868,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to \$1,298,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, an increase of \$570,000. These increases resulted primarily from higher average outstanding balances under the revolving credit facility with Vornado.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company has a \$75,000,000 unsecured revolving credit facility with Vornado which expires on December 31, 2004. Borrowings under this facility bear interest at LIBOR plus 3% (6.52% at September 30, 2001). The Company pays Vornado a commitment fee equal to 1% per annum on the average daily unused portion of the facility pursuant thereto. Principal payments are not required under the Revolving Credit Agreement during its term. The Revolving Credit Agreement prohibits the Company from incurring indebtedness to third parties (other than certain purchase money debt and certain other exceptions) and prohibits the Company from paying dividends. The Company has no external sources of financing except this facility.

During the three months ended September 30, 2001, the Company increased its note payable to Vornado by \$40,000. At September 30, 2001, \$44,078,000 remains available under this facility.

AmeriCold Logistics is experiencing cash flow deficits which management of AmeriCold Logistics is currently addressing through sales of non-core assets.

In the aggregate, the Company's investments do not, and for the foreseeable future, are not expected to, generate sufficient cash flow to pay all of its expenses. The Company estimates that it has adequate borrowing capacity under its credit facility to meet its cash requirements.

Cash Flows For The Nine Months Ended September 30, 2001

Cash flows used in operating activities of \$2,909,000 were comprised of (i) net loss of \$17,528,000 and (ii) the net change in operating assets and liabilities of \$421,000, offset by (iii) adjustments for non-cash and non-operating items of \$15,040,000. The adjustments for non-cash and non-operating items are comprised of (i) loss from AmeriCold Logistics of \$14,262,000 and (ii) unrealized loss from marketable securities of \$778,000.

Net cash used in investing activities of \$8,816,000 relate to the loans advanced to AmeriCold Logistics during the third quarter of 2001.

Net cash provided by financing activities of \$11,140,000 resulted from borrowings under the Company's revolving credit facility with Vornado.

Cash Flows For The Nine Months Ended September 30, 2000

Cash flows used in operating activities of \$2,153,000 were comprised of (i) net loss of \$15,105,000, offset by (ii) the net change in operating assets and liabilities of \$215,000, and (iii) adjustments for non-cash and non-operating items of \$12,737,000. The adjustment for non-cash and non-operating items are comprised of (i) loss from AmeriCold Logistics of \$9,552,000 and (ii) loss from Transportal Network of \$4,983,000, offset by (iii) stock appreciation rights compensation income of \$216,000 and (iv) minority interest of \$1,582,000.

Net cash used in investing activities of \$14,326,000 was comprised of investment in and advances to AmeriCold Logistics of \$9,000,000, investment in Transportal Network of \$4,800,000, and purchases of securities available for sale of \$526,000.

Net cash provided by financing activities of \$13,348,000 was primarily comprised of proceeds from borrowings of \$15,250,000, offset by repayments of borrowings under the Company's revolving credit facility with Vornado of \$1,905,000.

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Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In July 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations* and SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. SFAS No. 141 is effective immediately and SFAS 142 will be implemented in January 2002. The new standards are not expected to have a significant impact on the Company s financial statements.

In August 2001, FASB issued SFAS No. 143, *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations* (effective January 1, 2003) and SFAS No. 144 *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets* (effective January 1, 2002). SFAS No. 143 requires the recording of the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation in the period which it is incurred. SFAS No. 144 supercedes current accounting literature and now provides for a single accounting model for long lived-assets to be disposed of by sale and requires discontinued operations presentation for disposals of a component of an entity. The Company is in the process of evaluating the financial statement impact of the adoption of SFAS No. 143 and 144.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

At September 30, 2001, the Company had \$30,922,000 of variable rate debt bearing interest at an interest rate of 6.52% (LIBOR plus 3.00%). A one percent increase for one year in the base used to determine the interest rate of the variable rate debt would result in a \$309,000 increase in the Company's annual net loss (\$0.08 per basic and diluted share).

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. *Legal Proceedings*

The Company is from time to time involved in legal actions arising in the ordinary course of its business. In the opinion of management, after consultation with legal counsel, the outcome of such matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Item 5. *Other Information*

On May 1, 2001, Alec C. Covington became the President and Chief Executive Officer of AmeriCold Logistics. Mr. Covington succeeded Daniel F. McNamara who continues as Vice Chairman. Mr. Covington, age 44, was formerly an Executive Vice President of SUPERVALU Inc. (NYSE:SVU) and President and Chief Operating Officer of the SUPERVALU food distribution companies division, which is the nation's largest distributor to grocery retailers having \$17 billion of revenue and 34 distribution centers. Previously, Mr. Covington was the President and Chief Operating Officer of the wholesale division of Richfood Holdings, Inc. when it was acquired by SUPERVALU in the fall of 1999. He has more than 25 years of wholesale, retail and supply-chain management experience in the food industry.

Effective June 15, 2001, Emanuel R. Pearlman resigned from his position as Chief Operating Officer of the Company to pursue other interests.

On October 22, 2001, Jonathan C. Daiker joined Americold Logistics as Chief Financial Officer. Most recently, Mr. Daiker served for five years as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Simmons Company, a manufacturer and distributor of mattresses. Prior thereto, from 1981-1995, he held subsidiary and unit Chief Financial Officer positions with Phillips Electronics N.V., a multibillion dollar consumer electronics company. Mr. Daiker, a CPA, began his career with Price Waterhouse & Company.

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

- (a) Exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K are filed herewith and are listed in the attached Exhibit Index.
- (b) Reports on Form 8-K.

During the quarter ended September 30, 2001, the Company did not file any reports on Form 8-K.

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SIGNATURES

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

VORNADO OPERATING COMPANY

(Registrant)

Date: November 1, 2001 By: /s/ Patrick T. Hogan

PATRICK T. HOGAN Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Page</u>
<p>The following is a list of all exhibits filed as part of this report</p> <p>2.1 Assignment Agreement, dated as of December 31, 1998, between Vornado Realty Trust, as assignor, and Vornado Operating Company, assignee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated December 31, 1998 (File No. 001-14525), as filed with the Commission on January 15, 1999)</p> <p>*2.2 Put Agreement, dated as of December 31, 1998, between Vornado Realty Trust, as grantor, and Vornado Operating Company, as grantee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.2 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated December 31, 1998 (File No. 001 -14525), as filed with the</p>	

Commission on
January 15,
1999) *2.3
Asset Purchase
Agreement dated
as of
February 26,
1999, between
AmeriCold
Logistics, LLC,
as Purchaser, and
AmeriCold
Corporation, as
Seller
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 2.1 of
the, Company s
Current Report
on Form 8-K,
dated March 12,
1999 (File
No. 001-14525),
as filed with the
Commission on
March 31,
1999) *2.4
Asset Purchase
Agreement,
dated as of
March 9, 1999,
between
Vornado
Crescent
Logistics
Operating
Partnership, as
Purchaser, and
URS Logistics,
Inc., as Seller
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 2.2 of
the Company s
Current Report
on form 8-K,
dated March 12,
1999 (File
No. 001-14525),
as filed with the
Commission on
March 31,
1999) *2.5
Asset Purchase
Agreement,
dated as of
March 9, 1999,
between
AmeriCold
Logistics, LLC,
as Purchaser, and
VC Omaha

Holdings,
L.L.C., as Seller
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 2.3 of
the Company's
Current Report
on Form 8-K,
dated March 12,
1999 (File
No. 001-14525),
as filed with the
Commission on
March 31,
1999) *2.6
Asset Purchase
Agreement,
dated as of
March 9, 1999,
between
AmeriCold
Logistics II,
LLC, as
Purchaser, and
VC Missouri
Holdings,
L.L.C., as Seller
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 2.4 of
the Company's
Current Report
on Form 8-K,
dated March 12,
1999 (File
No. 001-14525),
as filed with the
Commission on
March 31,
1999) *3.1
Restated
Certificate of
Incorporation of
Vornado
Operating
Company
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 3.1 of
the Company's
Registration
Statement on
Form S-11 (File
No. 333-40701),
as filed with the
Commission on
September 28,
1998) *3.2
Amended and
Restated Bylaws
of Vornado
Operating

Company
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 3.2 of
the Company's
Quarterly Report
on Form 10-Q
for the quarter
ended March 31,
2000 (File
No. 001-14525)
as filed with the
Commission on
May 9, 2000) *

* Incorporated by reference.

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Page</u>
<p>4.1 Specimen stock certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-40701), as filed with the Commission on January 23, 1998) *10.1</p> <p>Intercompany Agreement, dated as of October 16, 1998, between Vornado Operating Company and Vornado Realty Trust (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 (File No. 001-14525)) *10.2</p> <p>Credit Agreement dated as of January 1, 1999, between Vornado Operating Company and Vornado Realty L.P., together with related form of Line of Credit Note (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended</p>	

December 31,
1998 (File
No. 001-14525)) *10.3
1998 Omnibus
Stock Plan of
Vornado
Operating
Company
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 10.3 of
the Company's
Annual Report
on Form 10-K
for the year
ended
December 31,
1998 (File
No. 001
-14525)) *10.4
Agreement of
Limited
Partnership of
Vornado
Operating L.P.
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 10.4 of
the Company's
Annual Report
on Form 10-K
for the year
ended
December 31,
1998 (File
No. 001-14525)) *10.5
Agreement,
dated March 11,
1999, between
Vornado
Operating L.P.
and COPI
Temperature
Controlled
Logistics L.L.C.
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 10.1 of
the Company's
Current Report
on Form 8-K,
dated March 12,
1999 (File
No. 001-14525),
as filed with the
Commission on
March 31,
1999) *10.6
Master Lease
Agreement,
dated as of
April 22, 1998,

between URS
Real Estate, L.P.,
as Landlord, and
URS Logistics,
Inc., as Tenant
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 10.2 of
the Company's
Current Report
on Form 8-K/A,
dated March 12,
1999 (File
No. 001-14525),
as filed with the
Commission on
May 26,
1999) *10.7
First Amendment
to Master Lease
Agreement,
dated as of
March 10, 1999,
between URS
Real Estate, L.P.
and URS
Logistics, Inc.
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 10.3 of
the Company's
Current Report
on Form 8-K/A,
dated March 12,
1999 (File
No. 001-14525),
as filed with the
Commission on
May 26,
1999) *10.7(A)
Second
Amendment to
Master Lease
Agreement,
effective as of
February 22,
2001, between
URS Real Estate,
L.P. and
AmeriCold
Logistics, LLC.
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 10.7(A)
of the Company's
quarterly Report
on Form 10-Q
for the quarter
ended March 31,
2001 (File
No. 001-14525)
as filed with the

Commission on
May 11,
2001) *10.8
Assignment and
Assumption of
Master Lease,
dated as of
March 11, 1999,
between URS
Logistics, Inc.
and AmeriCold
Logistics II, LLC
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 10.4 of
the Company's
Current Report
on Form 8-K/A,
dated March 12,
1999 (File
No. 001-14525),
as filed with the
Commission on
May 26, 1999) *

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Page</u>
<p>10.9 Master Lease Agreement, dated as of April 22, 1998, between AmeriCold Real Estate, L.P., as Landlord and AmeriCold Corporation, as Tenant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K/A, dated March 12, 1999 (File No. 001-14525), as filed with the Commission on May 26, 1999) *10.10</p> <p>First Amendment to Master Lease Agreement, dated as of March 10, 1999, between AmeriCold Real Estate, L.P. and AmeriCold Logistics, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K/A, dated March 12, 1999 (File No. 001-14525), as filed with the Commission on May 26, 1999) *10.10(A)</p> <p>Second Amendment to Master Lease Agreement, effective as of February 22, 2001, between AmeriCold Real Estate, L.P. and</p>	

AmeriCold
Logistics, LLC.
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 10.10(A)
of the Company's
quarterly Report
on Form 10-Q for
the quarter ended
March 31, 2001
(File
No. 001-14525)
as filed with the
Commission on
May 11,
2001) *10.11
Assignment and
Assumption of
Master Lease,
dated as of
February 28,
1999, between
AmeriCold
Corporation and
AmeriCold
Logistics, LLC
(incorporated by
referenced to
Exhibit 10.7 of
the Company's
Current Report
on Form 8-K/A,
dated March 12,
1999 (File
No. 001-14525),
as filed with the
Commission on
May 26,
1999) *10.12
Master Lease
Agreement, dated
as of March 11,
1999, between
URS Logistics,
Inc., as landlord,
and AmeriCold
Logistics II,
LLC, as Tenant
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 10.8 of
the Company's
Current Report
on Form 8-K/A,
dated March 12,
1999 (File
No. 001-14525),
as filed with the
Commission on
May 26,
1999) *10.12(A)
Amendment to

Master Lease Agreement, effective as of February 22, 2001, between AmeriCold Corporation, as successor to URS Logistics, Inc., and AmeriCold Logistics LLC. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12(A) of the Company's quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2001 (File No. 001-14525) as filed with the Commission on May 11, 2001) *10.13

Master Lease Agreement, dated as of February 28, 1999, between AmeriCold Corporation, as Landlord, and AmeriCold Logistics, LLC, as Tenant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K/A, dated March 12, 1999 (File No. 001-14525), as filed with the Commission on May 26, 1999) *10.13(A)

Amendment to Master Lease Agreement, effective February 22, 2001, between AmeriCold Corporation and AmeriCold Logistics, LLC. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13(A)

of the Company's
quarterly Report
on Form 10-Q for
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10.14 Master Lease Agreement, dated as of March 11, 1999, between each of the entities listed on Exhibit A thereto, collectively as Landlord, and AmeriCold Logistics, LLC, as Tenant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K/A, dated March 12, 1999 (File No. 001-14525), as filed with the Commission on May 26, 1999) *10.14(A) Amendment to Master Lease Agreement, dated as of March 22, 2000, among each of the entities identified on Exhibit A thereto, collectively as Landlord, and AmeriCold Logistic, LLC, as Tenant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 (A) of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2000 (File No. 001-14525) as filed with the Commission on May 9, 2000) *10.14(B)	

Amendment to
Master Lease
Agreement,
effective as of
February 22,
2001, by and
among each of
the entities listed
on Exhibit A to
the lease, or their
successors
thereto, and
AmeriCold
Logistics, LLC.
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 10.14(B)
of the Company's
quarterly Report
on Form 10-Q for
the quarter ended
March 31, 2001
(File
No. 001-14525)
as filed with the
Commission on
May 11,
2001) *10.15
Master Lease
Agreement, dated
as of March 11,
1999, between
VC Omaha
Holdings, L.L.C.
and Carmar
Freezers
Thomasville
L.L.C., together
as Landlord, and
AmeriCold
Logistics, LLC,
as Tenant
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 10.11 of
the Company's
Current Report
on Form 8-K/A,
dated March 12,
1999 (File
No. 001-14525),
as filed with the
Commission on
May 26,
1999) *10.15(A)
Amendment to
Master Lease
Agreement,
effective as of
February 22,
2001, between
VC Omaha

Holdings, L.L.C.,
and Carmar
Freezers
Thomasville
L.L.C., together
as Landlord, and
AmeriCold
Logistics, LLC.
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 10.15(A)
of the Company's
quarterly Report
on Form 10-Q for
the quarter ended
March 31, 2001
(File
No. 001-14525)
as filed with the
Commission on
May 11,
2001) *10.16
Employment
Agreement
between Vornado
Operating
Company and
Emanuel
Pearlman, dated
May 19, 2000
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 10.16 of
the Company's
Quarterly Report
on Form 10-Q for
the quarter ended
June 30, 2000
(File no.
001-14525) as
filed with the
Commission on
August 7,
2000) *10.17
Amended and
Restated Limited
Liability
Company
Agreement of
Transportal
Network, LLC, a
Delaware
Limited Liability
Company
(incorporated by
reference to
Exhibit 10.17 of
the Company's
Quarterly Report
on Form 10-Q for
the quarter ended
June 30, 2000

(File no.
001-14525) as
filed with the
Commission on
August 7,
2000) *

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