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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended July 31, 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 000-23211

CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

03-0338873

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

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

25 Greens Hill Lane, Rutland, Vermont

05701

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (802) 775-0325

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 / /

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of September 4, 2001:

Class A Common Stock	22,441,517
Class B Common Stock	988,200

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION
ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
(In Thousands)

ASSETS	April 30,	July 31,
-----	2001	2001
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CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 22,001	\$ 4,400
Restricted Cash	7,175	7,620
Accounts Receivable - Trade, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4,904 and \$3,941	51,776	51,649
Notes Receivable - Officers/Employees	1,953	1,953
Prepaid Expenses	5,669	6,180
Inventory	3,017	2,458
Investments	3,641	3,708
Deferred Income Taxes	8,015	11,810
Net Assets Held for Sale	8,041	--
Net Assets of Discontinued Operations	11,534	15,747
Other Current Assets	2,763	2,955
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Total Current Assets	125,585	108,480
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PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, at Cost:		
Land and Land Held for Investment	11,813	11,650
Landfills	77,620	80,729
Landfill Development	12,553	13,334
Buildings and Improvements	50,597	51,033
Machinery and Equipment	139,921	143,229
Rolling Stock	84,076	84,350
Containers	39,117	39,769
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	415,697	424,094
Less: Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	(125,160)	(135,123)
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Property, Plant and Equipment, net	290,537	288,971
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OTHER ASSETS:		
Intangible Assets, net	237,573	234,502
Restricted Cash	2,902	3,101
Deferred Income Taxes	5,259	2,155
Investment in Unconsolidated Entities	21,844	24,786
Other Non-Current Assets	2,593	2,685
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	270,171	267,229
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	\$ 686,293	\$ 664,680
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
(In thousands except for share and per share data)

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY -----	April 30, 2001 -----	July 31, 2001 -----
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	\$ 6,690	\$ 3,789
Current Maturities of Capital Lease Obligations	1,429	1,428
Accounts Payable	29,158	30,752
Accrued Payroll and Related Expenses	2,542	3,495
Accrued Interest	4,880	3,290
Accrued Income Taxes	3,388	4,260
Accrued Closure and Post-Closure Costs, Current Portion	77	77
Deferred Revenue	520	378
Other Current Liabilities	21,844	27,374
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Total Current Liabilities	70,528	74,843

Long-Term Debt, Less Current Maturities	350,511	320,793
Capital Lease Obligations, Less Current Maturities	4,593	4,179
Accrued Closure and Post-Closure Costs, Less Current Maturities	17,153	19,254
Minority Interest	677	605
Other Long-Term Liabilities	12,160	15,121
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
Series A Redeemable, Convertible Preferred Stock, 55,750 Shares Authorized, Issued and Outstanding, Liquidation Preference of \$1,000 per share	57,720	58,423
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Class A Common Stock -		
Authorized - 100,000,000 Shares, \$0.01 par value		
Issued and Outstanding - 22,198,000 and 22,384,000		
Shares as of April 30, 2001 and July 31, 2001, respectively	222	224
Class B Common Stock -		
Authorized - 1,000,000 Shares, \$0.01 par value 10 Votes per Share		
Issued and Outstanding - 988,000 Shares	10	10
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	586	(3,779)
Additional Paid-In Capital	271,502	272,902
Accumulated Deficit	(99,369)	(97,895)
Total Stockholders' Equity	172,951	171,462
	\$ 686,293	\$ 664,680

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CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	July 31, 2000	July 31, 2001
Revenues	\$ 141,081	\$ 112,341
Operating Expenses:		
Cost of Operations	97,375	74,466
General and Administration	15,895	13,727
Depreciation and Amortization	13,755	12,631
	127,025	100,824
Operating Income	14,056	11,517
Other (Income)/Expense:		
Interest Income	(601)	(280)
Interest Expense	10,539	8,704
(Income)/Loss from Equity Method Investments	364	(566)
Minority Interest	190	(72)
Other Income	(66)	(843)

Other Expenses, net	10,426	6,943
Income from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes and Discontinued Operations	3,630	4,574
Provision for Income Taxes	1,952	2,147
Net Income from Continuing Operations Before Discontinued Operations	1,678	2,427
Discontinued Operations:		
Income from Discontinued Operations to be Disposed (net of income taxes of \$933)	1,641	--
Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle (net of income tax benefit of \$170)	--	(250)
Net Income	3,319	2,177
Accretion of Preferred Stock Dividend	--	703
Net Income Available to Common Stockholders	\$ 3,319	\$ 1,474

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(Unaudited)
(In thousands except for share and per share data)

	Three Months Ended	
	July 31, 2000	July 31, 2001
Earnings Per Share:		
Basic:		
Income from Continuing Operations Before Discontinued Operations	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.07
Income from Discontinued Operations	\$ 0.07	\$ --
Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes	\$ --	\$ (0.01)
Net Income per Common Share	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.06
Basic Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding	23,211	23,267
Diluted:		
Income from Continuing Operations Before Discontinued Operations	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.07
Income from Discontinued Operations	\$ 0.07	\$ --
Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes	\$ --	\$ (0.01)
Net Income per Common Share	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.06
Diluted Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding	23,889	23,929

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CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

(In Thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	July 31, 2000	July, 31 2001
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net Income	\$ 3,319	\$ 2,177
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities -		
Depreciation and Amortization	13,755	12,631
Income from Equity Method Investments	364	(566)
Gain on Sale of Assets	(169)	(789)
Minority Interest	190	(72)
Deferred Income Taxes	--	2,311
Changes in Assets and Liabilities, net of Effects of Acquisitions -		
Accounts Receivable	(13,749)	127
Accounts Payable	6,276	1,594
Other Current Assets and Liabilities	13,211	4,743
	19,878	19,979
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	23,197	22,156
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Acquisitions, Net of Cash Acquired	(3,761)	--
Proceeds from Divestitures, Net of Cash Divested	--	8,008
Additions to Property and Equipment	(20,588)	(9,142)
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	568	636
Advances to Unconsolidated Entities	(1,603)	(2,591)
Other	(475)	(812)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(25,859)	(3,901)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from Long-Term Borrowings	18,920	4,900
Principal Payments on Long-Term Debt	(7,260)	(37,934)
Proceeds from Issuance of Common Stock	88	1,391
Proceeds from Equity Transactions of Majority- Owned Subsidiary	469	--
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities	12,217	(31,643)
Cash from Discontinued Operations	(2,819)	(4,213)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	6,736	(17,601)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period	8,864	22,001
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	\$ 15,600	\$ 4,400

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)
(In Thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	July 31, 2000	July, 31 2001
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:		
Cash Paid During the Period for -		
Interest	\$ 1,605	\$ 10,714
Income Taxes	\$ --	\$ (111)

Supplemental Disclosures of Non-Cash Investing
and Financing Activities:
Summary of Entities Acquired
in Purchase Business Combinations

Fair Market Value of Assets Acquired	\$ 17,044	\$ --
Cash Paid, net	(3,761)	--
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Exchange of Note Receivable	\$ 13,283	\$ --
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CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

(All amounts in thousands, except for share and per share data)

The condensed consolidated balance sheets of Casella Waste Systems, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the "Company") as of July 31, 2001, the consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended July 31, 2000 and 2001 and the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the three months ended July 31, 2000 and 2001 are unaudited. In the opinion of management, such financial statements include all adjustments (which include normal recurring and nonrecurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of financial position, results of operations, and cash flows for the periods presented. The previously issued consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended July 31, 2000 and the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the three months ended July 31, 2000 have been changed to reflect the effects of discontinued operations. The consolidated financial statements presented herein should be read in connection with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the twelve months ended April 30, 2001. These were included as part of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (the "Annual Report"). The results of the three months ended July 31, 2001 may not be indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2002.

1. BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

During the three months ended July 31, 2001, the Company did not acquire any operations. During the three months ended July 31, 2000, the Company acquired six solid waste hauling operations in transactions accounted for as purchases, in which the operating results of these businesses are included in the Consolidated Statement of Operations from the dates of acquisition. The purchase prices have been allocated to the net assets acquired based on fair values at the dates of acquisition with the residual amounts allocated to goodwill.

The following unaudited pro forma combined information shows the results of the Company's operations as though each of the acquisitions had been completed as of May 1, 2000. Since the Company did not acquire any operations during the three months ended July 31, 2001, the actual results for that period are reflected below for comparative purposes only.

	Three Months Ended July 31, 2000 -----	Three Months Ended July 31, 2001 -----
Revenues	\$ 142,508 =====	\$ 112,341 =====
Operating Income	\$ 14,359 =====	\$ 11,517 =====
Net Income applicable to Common Stockholders	\$ 2,189 =====	\$ 1,474 =====
Diluted Income per Share	\$ 0.09 =====	\$ 0.06 =====
Weighted Average Diluted Shares Outstanding	23,889 =====	23,929 =====

The pro forma results have been prepared for comparative purposes only and are not necessarily indicative of the actual results of operations had the acquisitions taken place as of May 1, 2000 or the results of future operations of the Company. Furthermore, the pro forma results do not give effect to all

cost savings or incremental costs that may occur as a result of the integration and consolidation of the completed acquisitions.

2. ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARD

In June 1999, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 137, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities-Deferral of the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 133". SFAS No. 137 amends FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities", by deferring the effective date of SFAS No. 133 to fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting

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standards requiring that every derivative instrument (including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts) be recorded in the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value. SFAS No. 133 requires that changes in the derivative's fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. The Company adopted SFAS No. 133 on May 1, 2001. The Company's objective for utilizing derivative instruments is to reduce its exposure to fluctuations in cash flows due to changes in the variable interest rates under its credit facility and changes in the commodity prices of recycled paper.

The Company's strategy to hedge against fluctuations in variable interest rates involves entering into interest rate swaps that are specifically designated to existing debt under our credit facility and accounted for as cash flow hedges pursuant to SFAS 133. The Company has six interest rate swaps outstanding, expiring at various times between January and April 2003 with a notional amount of \$250 million. The Company has evaluated these swaps and believes these instruments qualify for hedge accounting pursuant to SFAS 133. Upon adoption of SFAS 133, the Company recorded the fair value of these interest rate swaps as an obligation of \$6.9 million, with the offset (net of taxes of \$2.8 million) recorded as an unrealized loss in other comprehensive income (loss) (see Note 6). Because the relevant terms of the interest rate swaps and the specific debts they have been designated to hedge are not identical, the swaps are not perfectly effective, and could result in ineffectiveness being recorded in earnings.

Accordingly, the ineffective portion of the hedge was recorded as a cumulative effect of change in accounting principle in the accompanying financial statements. The ineffectiveness recorded in earnings for the quarter ended July 31, 2001 was approximately \$420K and is reflected as a reduction in interest expense in the accompanying financial statements. The estimated net amount of the existing losses as of July 31, 2001 included in accumulated other comprehensive income expected to be reclassified into earnings as payments are either made or received under the terms of the interest rate swaps within the next 12 months is approximately \$5.3 million, included in current liabilities on the financial statements. The actual amounts reclassified into earnings are dependent on future movements in interest rates.

The Company's strategy to hedge against fluctuations in the commodity prices of recycled paper is to enter into hedges to mitigate the variability in cash flows generated from the sales of recycled paper at floating prices, resulting in a fixed price being received from these sales. The Company has entered into nine commodity hedges, which expire at various times between September 2001 and June 2002. The Company has evaluated these hedges and believes these instruments qualify for hedge accounting pursuant to SFAS 133. Because the relevant terms of the hedges and the transactions they have been designated to hedge are identical, there was no ineffectiveness required to be recognized into earnings. Upon adoption of SFAS 133, the Company recorded the fair value of these hedges as an asset of \$1.8 million, with the offset (net of taxes of \$.7 million) recorded as an unrealized gain in other comprehensive income (loss) (see Note 6), all of which is expected to be reclassified into earnings as the hedged transactions occur within the next 12 months. The actual amounts reclassified into earnings are dependent on future movements in commodity prices.

3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In the normal course of its business and as a result of the extensive governmental regulation of the waste industry, the Company may periodically become subject to various judicial and administrative proceedings involving Federal, state or local agencies. In these proceedings, an agency may seek to

impose fines on the Company or to revoke, or to deny renewal of, an operating permit held by the Company. In addition, the Company may become party to various claims and suits pending for alleged damages to persons and property, alleged violation of certain laws and for alleged liabilities arising out of matters occurring during the normal operation of the waste management business.

The Company is a defendant in certain lawsuits alleging various claims incurred in the ordinary course of business, none of which, either individually or in the aggregate, the Company believes are material to its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES

The Company is subject to liability for any environmental damage, including personal injury and property damage, that its solid waste, recycling and power generation facilities may cause to neighboring property owners, particularly as a result of the contamination of drinking water sources or soil, possibly including damage resulting from conditions existing before the Company acquired the facilities. The Company may also be subject to liability for similar claims arising from off-site environmental contamination caused by pollutants or hazardous substances if the Company or its predecessors arrange to transport, treat or dispose of those materials. Any substantial liability incurred by the Company arising from environmental damage could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. The Company is not presently aware of any situations that it expects would have a material adverse impact.

5. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table reconciles the number of common shares outstanding at July 31 of each year indicated to the weighted average number of common shares outstanding and the weighted average number of common and potentially dilutive common shares outstanding for the respective three month periods for the purpose of calculating basic and dilutive earnings per common share:

	Three Months Ended July 31, 2000 -----	Three Months Ended July 31, 2001 -----
Number of Shares Outstanding, End of Period:		
Class A Common Stock	22,233	22,384
Class B Common Stock	988	988
Effect of Weighted Average Shares Outstanding for the Period	(10)	(105)
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Basic Shares Outstanding	23,211	23,267
Impact of Potentially Dilutive Securities	678	662
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Diluted Shares Outstanding	23,889	23,929
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For the three months ended July 31, 2000 and 2001, 4,100 and 7,713 common stock equivalents related to options, convertible debt, and redeemable convertible preferred stock were excluded from the calculation of dilutive shares since the inclusion of such shares would be anti-dilutive.

6. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

Comprehensive income (loss) represents the change in the Company's equity from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources and includes all changes in equity except those resulting from investments by owners and distributions to owners.

Comprehensive loss is as follows:

Three Months Ended

July 31, 2001

Net Income	\$ 1,474
Other Comprehensive Loss	(4,365)
Comprehensive Loss	\$ (2,891)

The components of other comprehensive income and related tax effects for the three months ended July 31, 2001 are shown as follows (in thousands):

	Gross	Tax effect	Net of tax
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Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, beginning of period	\$ (4,650)	\$ (1,885)	\$ (2,765)
Changes in fair value of interest rate swaps and commodity hedges during period, net	(2,757)	(1,117)	(1,640)
Changes in fair value of marketable securities during the period	67	27	40
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	\$ (7,340)	\$ (2,975)	\$ (4,365)
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7. SEGMENT REPORTING

SFAS No. 131 "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information" establishes standards for reporting information about operating segments in financial statements. In general, SFAS No. 131 requires that business entities report selected information about operating segments in a manner consistent with that used for internal management reporting.

The Company classifies its operations into Eastern, Central, Western and FCR Recycling. The Company's revenues in the Eastern, Central and Western segments are derived mainly from one industry segment, which includes the collection, transfer, recycling and disposal of non-hazardous solid waste. The Eastern Region also includes Maine Energy, which generates electricity from non-hazardous solid waste. The Company's revenues in the FCR Recycling segment are derived from integrated waste handling services, including processing and recycling of wood, paper, metals, plastics and glass and disposal and brokerage of recycled materials. Ancillary operations, mainly bio-fuel plants and major customer accounts, are included in Other.

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	Eastern Region	Central Region	Western Region	Recycling	Other
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Three Months Ended July 31, 2001:					
Outside Revenue	\$ 37,820	\$ 27,615	\$ 17,640	\$ 22,985	\$ 6,281
Inter-segment Revenue	\$ 8,167	\$ 12,720	\$ 4,504	\$ 3,579	\$ 57
Income/(Loss) from Continuing Operations	\$ 417	\$ 5,337	\$ 979	\$ (2,070)	\$ (2,736)
Total Assets	\$274,738	\$126,253	\$111,316	\$ 74,097	\$ 78,276
		Elimination			
		Total			
Outside Revenue	\$ -	\$112,341			
Inter-segment Revenue	\$ (29,027)	\$ -			
Income/(Loss) from Continuing Operations	\$ -	\$ 2,427			
Total Assets	\$ -	\$664,680			

	Eastern Region	Central Region	Western Region	Recycling	Other
Three Months Ended July 31, 2000:					
Outside Revenue	\$ 42,268	\$ 26,924	\$ 16,905	\$ 34,619	\$ 20,365
Inter-segment Revenue	\$ 10,872	\$ 10,082	\$ 3,599	\$ 6,343	\$ 997
Income/(Loss) from Continuing Operations	\$ 1,076	\$ 4,433	\$ 1,389	\$ 1,186	\$ (6,406)
Total Assets	\$382,102	\$131,545	\$127,566	\$ 93,873	\$163,161
Elimination					
		Total			
Outside Revenue	\$ -	\$141,081			
Inter-segment Revenue	\$ (31,893)	\$ -			
Income/(Loss) from Continuing Operations	\$ -	\$ 1,678			
Total Assets	\$ -	\$898,247			

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8. RESTRUCTURING

In April 2001, the Company's Board of Directors approved a reorganization of certain of the Company's operations. This reorganization consisted of the elimination of various positions and the closure of certain facilities. The following items were charged to earnings during 2001:

Severance	\$3,786
Facility closures	365

	\$4,151

Severance relates to the termination of 19 employees, primarily in management and administration, as well as three officers of the Company. Facility closures include the costs of closing two transfer stations.

During the three months ended July 31, 2001, \$502 was charged against the accrual. The remaining balance in the accompanying balance sheet, included in other current liabilities, amounted to \$3,649.

9. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS AND ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

Discontinued Operations:

At the end of fiscal year 2001, the Company adopted a formal plan to dispose of its Tire Processing, Commercial Recycling and Mulch Recycling businesses (herein "discontinued businesses"). The Company is accounting for these planned dispositions in accordance with APB Opinion No. 30, and accordingly the discontinued businesses are carried at estimated net realizable value less costs to be incurred through date of disposition.

The Mulch Recycling business was sold effective June 30, 2001 for one dollar, and the Company retained equipment having a fair market value of approximately \$1.6 million. Additionally, the Company's obligations for a lease and employment agreements with a gross remaining value of approximately \$2.6 million were terminated at a cost of \$375,000.

On August 17, 2001 the Company signed a purchase and sale agreement to sell its Tire Processing business including its investment in New Heights. The transaction is expected to close in September 2001.

Net Assets Held for Sale:

The Company had identified for sale certain other businesses, which do not qualify as discontinued operations and which were classified as Net Assets Held

for Sale as of April 30, 2001. These included its Timber Energy business and its one remaining plastics recycling facility.

On May 17, 2001, the plastics recycling business was sold for approximately \$998 in total consideration. The consideration consisted of \$406 in cash and \$592 in notes.

On July 31, 2001, the Timber Energy business was sold for approximately \$15.0 million in total consideration. The consideration comprised the buyer's assumption of debt, reimbursement of restricted cash funds, and a working capital adjustment, resulting in \$10.7 million cash.

10. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In July 2001, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141 "Business Combinations" and No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets". These standards, among other things, significantly modify the current accounting rules related to accounting for business acquisitions, amortization of intangible assets and the method of accounting for impairments. The Company has not completed an analysis as to the magnitude of the impact of these new pronouncements on the Company's financial statements. However, the Company believes that the impact, when ultimately determined, could have a significant adverse effect on the Company's carrying value of certain long-term assets (mainly goodwill). The Company will adopt SFAS No. 141 and SFAS No. 142 as of the beginning of its fiscal year 2003.

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In July 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations. SFAS No. 143 requires entities to record the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation in the period in which it is incurred. When the liability is initially recorded, the entity capitalizes the cost by increasing the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. The liability is accreted to its present value each period and the capitalized cost is depreciated over the useful life of the related asset. Upon settlement of the liability, the entity either settles the obligation for the amount recorded or incurs a gain or loss. SFAS No. 143 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2002. Management is evaluating the effect of this statement on the Company's results of operations and financial position.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Casella Waste Systems, Inc. the ("Company") is a regional, integrated solid

waste services company that provides collection, transfer, disposal and recycling services, primarily throughout the eastern portion of the United States. The Company markets recyclable metals, aluminum, plastics, paper and corrugated cardboard which has been processed at its facilities as well as recyclables purchased from third parties. The Company also generates electricity under its contracts at its wholly owned subsidiary, Maine Energy Recovery Company LP ("Maine Energy"), a waste-to-energy facility. As of September 5, 2001, the Company owned and/or operated five Subtitle D landfills, two landfills permitted to accept construction and demolition materials, 30 transfer stations, 43 recycling processing facilities, 38 solid and liquid waste collection divisions and one power generation facility, as well as a 50% interest in a cellulose insulation joint venture.

The Company's revenues have decreased from \$141.1 million for the three months ended July 31, 2000 to \$112.3 million for the three months ended July 31, 2001. From May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2001, the Company acquired 13 solid waste collection, transfer and disposal operations, all of which were accounted for under the purchase method of accounting for business combinations. Under the rules of purchase accounting the acquired companies' revenues and results of operations have been consolidated from the actual dates of the acquisitions and materially affect the period-to-period comparisons of the Company's historical results of operations. Between May 1, 2001 and July 31, 2001, the Company acquired no such businesses.

This Form 10-Q and other reports, proxy statements, and other communications to stockholders, as well as oral statements by the Company's officers or its agents, may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act, with respect to, among other things, the Company's future revenues, operating income, or earnings per share. Without limiting the foregoing, any statements contained in this Quarterly Report that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements, and the words "believes", "anticipates", "plans", "expects", and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. There are a number of factors of which the Company is aware that may cause the Company's actual results to vary materially from those forecasted or projected in any such forward-looking statement, certain of which are beyond the Company's control. These factors include, without limitation, those outlined below in the section entitled "Certain Factors That May Affect Future Results". The Company's failure to successfully address any of these factors could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations.

General

The Company's revenues in the Eastern, Central and Western regions are attributable primarily to fees charged to customers for solid waste disposal and collection, landfill, waste-to-energy, transfer and recycling services. The Company derives a substantial portion of its collection revenues from commercial, industrial and municipal services that are generally performed under service agreements or pursuant to contracts with municipalities. The majority of the Company's residential collection services are performed on a subscription basis with individual households. Landfill, waste-to-energy facility and transfer customers are charged a tipping fee on a per ton basis for disposing of their solid waste at the Company's disposal facilities and transfer stations. The majority of the Company's disposal and transfer customers are under one to ten year disposal contracts, with most having clauses for annual cost of living increases. Recycling revenues consist of revenues from the sale of recyclable commodities, operations and maintenance contracts of recycling facilities for municipal customers and recyclable brokering operations.

The Company, through its Recycling segment, provides integrated waste handling services, including processing and recycling of wood, paper, metals, aluminum, plastics and glass, municipal solid waste processing and disposal, and brokerage of recycled materials. The Company emphasizes the use of low-cost processing to add value to the waste products delivered. Effective August 1, 2000, the Company contributed its cellulose insulation assets to a joint venture with Louisiana-Pacific, and accordingly, has recognized half of the joint venture's net income/(loss) in the Company's results of operations since that date. In the Other segment, the Company has ancillary assets including specialty waste disposal, ash residue recycling and the generation of electric power and steam.

The Company's revenues are shown net of inter-company eliminations. The Company typically establishes its inter-company transfer pricing based upon prevailing market rates.

The table below shows, for the periods indicated, the percentage of the Company's revenues attributable to services provided. The increase in the Company's collection and transfer revenues as a percentage of revenues during the three months ending July 31, 2001 is primarily attributable to the effects of price and volume increases. The decrease in the Company's landfill/disposal revenues as a percentage of revenues during the three months ending July 31, 2001 is primarily attributable to the divestiture of its majority interest in Penobscot Energy Recovery Company LP. The decrease in the Company's brokerage revenues as a percentage of revenues during the three months ending July 31, 2001 is primarily attributable to the overall effects of commodity prices. The decrease in the Company's other revenues as a percentage of revenues during the three months ending July 31, 2001 is primarily attributable to divestitures made during the period.

	Percentage of Revenues	
	Three Months Ended July 31,	
	2000	2001
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Collection.....	42.0%	51.8%
Landfill/Disposal Facilities.....	14.7	13.4
Transfer.....	6.6	11.4
Recycling.....	6.8	7.3
Brokerage.....	17.8	13.2
Other.....	12.1	2.9
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Total Revenues	100.0%	100.0%
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Cost of operations includes labor, tipping fees paid to third party disposal facilities, fuel, maintenance and repair of vehicles and equipment, worker's compensation and vehicle insurance, the cost of purchasing materials to be recycled, third party transportation expense, district and state taxes, host community fees and royalties. Landfill operating expenses also include a provision for closure and post-closure expenditures anticipated to be incurred in the future, and leachate treatment and disposal costs.

General and administrative expenses include management, clerical and administrative compensation and overhead, professional services and costs associated with the Company's marketing and sales force and community relations expense.

Depreciation and amortization expense includes depreciation of fixed assets over the estimated useful life of the assets using the straight-line method, amortization of landfill airspace assets under the units-of-production method, and the amortization of goodwill and other intangible assets using the straight-line method. The amount of landfill amortization expense related to airspace consumption can vary materially from landfill to landfill depending upon the purchase price and landfill site and cell development costs. The Company depreciates all fixed and intangible assets, excluding non-depreciable land, down to a zero net book value, and does not apply a salvage value to any of its fixed assets.

The Company capitalizes certain direct landfill development costs, such as engineering, permitting, legal, construction and other costs directly associated with expansion of existing landfills. Additionally, the Company also capitalizes certain third party expenditures related to pending acquisitions, such as legal and engineering costs. The Company will have material financial obligations relating to closure and post-closure costs of its existing landfills and any disposal facilities, which it may own or operate in the future. The Company has provided and will in the future provide accruals for future financial obligations relating to closure and post-closure costs of its landfills (generally for a term of 30 years after final closure of a landfill) based on engineering estimates of consumption of permitted landfill airspace over the useful life of any such landfill. There can be no assurance that the Company's financial obligations for closure or post-closure costs will not exceed the amount accrued and reserved or amounts otherwise receivable pursuant to trust funds. The Company routinely evaluates all such capitalized costs, and expenses

those costs related to projects not likely to be successful. Internal and indirect landfill development and acquisition costs, such as executive and corporate overhead, public relations and other corporate services, are expensed as incurred.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated the percentage relationship that certain items from the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements bear in relation to revenues.

	Percentage of Revenues	
	Three Months Ended July 31,	
	2000	2001
Revenues	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of Operations	69.0	66.3
General and Administration	11.3	12.2
Depreciation and Amortization	9.7	11.2
Operating Income	10.0	10.3
Interest Expense, net	7.0	7.6
Equity Loss (Gain) on Equity Method Investments	0.3	(0.5)
Minority Interest	0.1	(0.1)
Other (Income)/Expense	0.0	(0.8)
Provision for Income Taxes	1.4	1.8
Income from Continuing Operations	1.2	2.2
Discontinued Operations	1.2	0.0
Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes	0.0	0.3
Net Income	2.4%	1.9%
Adjusted EBITDA*	19.6%	21.6%

* See discussion and computation of adjusted EBITDA below.

REVENUES:

Revenues decreased \$28.7 million, or (20.4)% to \$112.3 million in the quarter ended July 31, 2001 from \$141.1 million in the quarter ended July 31, 2000. Approximately \$18.2 million of the decrease in the quarter was attributable to the impact of businesses divested during fiscal 2001. This decrease was partially offset by the rollover effect of acquisitions amounting to approximately \$1.6 million. The remaining decrease of \$12.1 million was mainly attributable to the negative impact of lower average recyclable commodity prices and volumes, partially offset by price and volume increases in the solid waste businesses amounting to approximately \$7.6 million.

COST OF OPERATIONS:

Cost of operations decreased \$22.9 million or (23.5)% to \$74.5 million in the quarter ended July 31, 2001 from \$97.4 million in the quarter ended July 31, 2000. This decrease mainly arises from lower volumes of recyclable material purchases and divestitures. Cost of operations as a percentage of revenues decreased to 66.3% in the quarter ended July 31, 2001 from 69.0% in the prior year. The decrease in cost of operations as a percentage of revenues was primarily the result of recyclable brokerage operations, which carry a high cost of operations as a percentage of revenues (approximately 90%). Brokerage comprised approximately 13.2% of the Company's revenues in the current quarter, versus 17.8% in the prior year.

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATION:

General and administration expenses decreased \$2.2 million, or (13.6)% to \$13.7 million in the quarter ended July 31, 2001 from \$15.9 million in the quarter ended July 31, 2000, but increased as a percentage of revenues to 12.2% in the quarter ended July 31, 2001 from 11.3% in the quarter ended July 31, 2000. The decrease in general and administrative expenses was primarily the result of divestitures. The increase in general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenues was primarily the result of recyclable brokerage operations, which could not lower its fixed general and administrative costs in concert with lower commodity prices (revenue).

DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION:

Depreciation and amortization expenses decreased \$1.1 million, or (8.2)%, to \$12.6 million in the quarter

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ended July 31, 2001 from \$13.7 million in the quarter ended July 31, 2000. The decrease was attributable to lower intangible amortization due to the impairment charge taken in fiscal year 2001 and the impact of divested entities. Depreciation and amortization expenses as a percentage of revenue increased to 11.2% in the quarter ended July 31, 2001 from 9.7% in the quarter ended July 31, 2000. The increase in depreciation and amortization expenses as a percentage of revenues resulted primarily from a lower level of revenue.

INTEREST EXPENSE, NET:

Net interest expense decreased \$1.5 million, or (15.2)% to \$8.4 million in the quarter ended July 31, 2001 from \$9.9 million in the quarter ended July 31, 2000. This decrease is primarily attributable to lower average debt balances and lower interest rates on variable debt in the current fiscal quarter, versus last year. Interest expense, as a percentage of revenues increased to 7.6% in the quarter ended July 31, 2001 from 7.0% in the quarter ended July 31, 2000 primarily due to a lower level of revenue.

(GAIN)/LOSS FROM EQUITY METHOD INVESTMENTS:

During the quarter ending July 31, 2001 the Company recorded its 50% equity interest in GreenFiber under the equity method of accounting. The prior period also reflected the Company's 35% ownership of Oakhurst Company, Inc., which was acquired as part of KTI. Oakhurst Company, Inc. owned 37.5% of New Heights Recovery and Power LLC ("New Heights"). The Company also had a direct ownership interest in New Heights of 12.5%.

Effective July 3, 2001 the Company acquired Oakhurst Company, Inc.'s 37.5% interest in New Heights and transferred back to Oakhurst the 35% ownership of Oakhurst owned by KTI.

MINORITY INTEREST:

This amount now represents the minority owners' interest in the Company's majority owned subsidiary American Ash Recycling of Tennessee, Ltd. The prior period also reflected the minority owners' interest in the Company's majority owned subsidiaries Maine Energy Recovery Company and Penobscot Energy Recovery Company. Effective March 1, 2001, the Company acquired the remaining 16.25% minority interest in Maine Energy and sold its majority interest in the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company.

OTHER (INCOME)/EXPENSE:

Other (income)/expense increased \$1.0 million in the quarter ended July 31, 2001 to \$(0.9) from \$(0.1) million in the quarter ended July 31, 2000, primarily attributable to gains on sale of assets.

PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES:

Provision for income taxes remained largely unchanged, but as a percentage of revenues, increased to 1.8% from 1.4%. The effective tax rate decreased to 47.6% in the quarter ended July 31, 2001 from 53.8% in the quarter ended July 31, 2000. The decrease is primarily due to the Company's increase in profitability in the first quarter of 2001, and lower amortization of non-deductible goodwill.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's business is capital intensive. The Company's capital requirements include acquisitions, fixed asset purchases and capital expenditures for landfill development and cell construction, as well as site and cell closure. The Company had positive net working capital of \$55.0 million and \$33.6 million

at April 30, 2001 and at July 31, 2001, respectively. The main factors accounting for the decrease were lower cash balances and the sale of assets held for sale.

The Company has a \$417.5 million revolving line of credit with a group of banks for which Fleet Bank, N.A. is acting as agent. This line of credit consists of a \$280 million Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility ("Revolver") and a \$137.5 million Senior Secured Delayed Draw Term "B" Loan ("Term Loan"). This line of credit is secured by all assets of the Company, including the Company's interest in the equity securities of its subsidiaries. The Revolver matures in December 2004 and the Term Loan matures in December 2006. Funds available to the Company under the line of credit were approximately \$66 million at July 31, 2001.

Net cash provided by operating activities amounted to \$22.1 million for the quarter ended July 31, 2001 compared to \$23.2 million for the same period of the prior fiscal year. The decrease was primarily due to the change in the Company's working capital, together with a decrease in depreciation and amortization.

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Net cash used in investing activities was \$3.9 million for the three months ended July 31, 2001 compared to \$25.9 million cash used for the same period last year. The decrease in investing activities reflected mainly the Company's lower capital expenditures, the Company did not make any acquisitions, and the proceeds from divestitures.

Net cash used by financing activities was \$31.6 million for the three months ended July 31, 2001 compared to \$12.2 million cash provided by financing activities for the same period of the prior fiscal year. This decrease was primarily due to the Company paying down debt from the utilization of working capital, mainly cash, and the proceeds from divestitures.

SEASONALITY

The Company's transfer and disposal revenues have historically been lower during the months of November through March. This seasonality reflects the lower volume of waste during the late fall, winter and early spring months primarily because: (i) the volume of waste relating to construction and demolition activities decreases substantially during the winter months in the northeastern United States; and (ii) decreased tourism in Vermont, Maine and eastern New York during the winter months tends to lower the volume of waste generated by commercial and restaurant customers, which is partially offset by the winter ski industry. Since certain of the Company's operating and fixed costs remain constant throughout the fiscal year, operating income results are therefore impacted by a similar seasonality. In addition, particularly harsh weather conditions typically result in increased operating costs to certain of the Company's operations.

The recycling segment experiences increased volumes of newspaper in November and December due to increased newspaper advertising and retail activity during the holiday season. Additionally, the facilities located in Florida experience increased volumes of recyclable materials during the winter months, followed by decreases in the summer months in connection with seasonal changes in population.

The insulation business experiences lower sales in November and December because of lower production of manufactured housing due to plant shutdowns for the holidays.

INFLATION AND PREVAILING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

To date, inflation has not had a significant impact on the Company's operations. Consistent with industry practice, most of the Company's contracts provide for a pass through of certain costs, including increases in landfill tipping fees and, in some cases, fuel costs. The Company therefore believes it should be able to implement price increases sufficient to offset most cost increases resulting from inflation. However, competitive factors may require the Company to absorb at least a portion of these cost increases, particularly during periods of high inflation.

The Company's business is located in the eastern United States. Therefore, the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations are

susceptible to downturns in the general economy in this geographic region and other factors affecting the region such as state regulations and severe weather conditions. The Company is unable to forecast or determine the timing and/or the future impact of a sustained economic slowdown.

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In July 2001, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141 "Business Combinations" and No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets". These standards, among other things, significantly modify the current accounting rules related to accounting for business acquisitions, amortization of intangible assets and the method of accounting for impairments. The Company has not completed an analysis as to the magnitude of the impact of these new pronouncements on the Company's financial statements. However, the Company believes that the impact, when ultimately determined, could have a significant adverse effect on the Company's carrying value of certain long-term assets (mainly goodwill). The Company will adopt SFAS No. 141 and SFAS No. 142 as of the beginning of its fiscal year 2003.

In July 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No.143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations. SFAS No. 143 requires entities to record the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation in the period in which it is incurred. When the liability is initially recorded, the entity capitalizes the cost by increasing the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. Over time, the liability is accreted to its present value each period and the capitalized cost is depreciated over the useful life of the related asset. Upon settlement of the liability, the entity either settles the obligation for the amount recorded or incurs a gain or loss. SFAS No. 143 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2002. Management is evaluating the effect of this statement on the Company's results of operations and financial position.

ADJUSTED EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA represents operating income (earnings before interest and taxes, or "EBIT") plus depreciation and amortization expense less minority interest. Adjusted EBITDA is not a measure of financial performance under generally accepted accounting principles, but is provided because the Company understands that certain investors use this information when analyzing the financial position and performance of the Company.

	Three Months Ended July 31, -----	
Adjusted EBITDA:	2000	2001
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Operating Income	\$ 14,056	\$ 11,517
Depreciation and Amortization	13,755	12,631
Minority Interest	(190)	72
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Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 27,621	\$ 24,220
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EBITDA as a percentage of revenues	19.6%	21.6%
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Noted below is Adjusted EBITDA as reported by each of the Company's key operating groups.

	Three Months Ended July 31, -----	
Adjusted EBITDA by Group:	2000	2001
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Solid Waste Operations	\$ 22,579	\$ 22,490
Recycling	4,088	1,193
Other	954	537

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Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 27,621	\$ 24,220
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Analysis of the factors contributing to the change in EBITDA is included in the discussions above.

INTEREST RATE VOLATILITY

The interest rate on \$250 million of long-term debt has been fixed through six interest rate swaps. The company has interest rate risk relating to approximately \$75 million of long-term debt at July 31, 2001. The average interest rate on the variable rate portion of long-term debt was 9.51% for the first fiscal quarter. Should the average interest rate on the variable rate portion of long-term debt change by 100 basis points, it would have an approximate interest expense change of \$0.2 million for the quarter reported.

The remainder of the Company's debt is at fixed rates and not subject to interest rate risk.

COMMODITY PRICE VOLATILITY

The Company is subject to commodity price fluctuations related to the portion of its sales of recyclable commodities that are not under floor or flat pricing arrangements. To minimize the Company's commodity exposure, the Company enters into hedging transactions that have been authorized pursuant to the Company's policies and procedures. The Company does not use financial instruments for trading purposes and is not a party to any leveraged derivatives. If commodity prices were to change by 10%, the impact on the company's revenue is estimated at \$6.6 Million.

CERTAIN FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE RESULTS

The following important factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by forward-looking statements made in this Form 10-Q and presented elsewhere by management from time to time.

WE HAVE EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTIES INTEGRATING KTI'S OPERATIONS AND ASSETS.

We acquired KTI on December 14, 1999. Since that time, we have experienced difficulties in integrating the operations of KTI and these difficulties have caused us to revise our publicly disclosed projections on several occasions. Although we are divesting of a number of operations we acquired from KTI, there can be no assurance that we will not continue to experience difficulties in integrating KTI's operations effectively.

OUR INCREASED LEVERAGE MAY IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO MAKE FUTURE ACQUISITIONS.

As a result of the acquisition of KTI and the increase in our credit facility, our indebtedness has increased substantially. This increased indebtedness has resulted in increased borrowing costs, which have adversely impacted our operating results. In addition, the aggregate amount of indebtedness has limited and may continue to limit the Company's ability to incur additional indebtedness, and thereby may limit the acquisition program.

WE MAY NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IN MAKING ACQUISITIONS, WHICH COULD LIMIT OUR FUTURE GROWTH.

Our strategy envisions that a substantial part of our future growth will come from making acquisitions. There can be no assurance that we will be able to identify suitable acquisition candidates and, once identified, to negotiate successfully their acquisition at a price or on terms and conditions favorable to us, or to integrate the operations of such acquired businesses with our operations. Any of these acquisitions may be of significant size and may include assets that are outside our geographic territories or businesses that are ancillary to our core business strategy. In addition, due to the increased consolidation of the solid waste industry and our current size, we cannot assure you that we will be able to make acquisitions in the future at a rate consistent with our historical growth rate.

WE ARE DEPENDENT ON THE MEMBERS OF OUR SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM.

We are highly dependent upon the services of the members of our senior management team, the loss of any of whom may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, our future success depends on our continuing ability to identify, hire, train, motivate and retain highly trained personnel. We may be in default under our credit facility if both John Casella and James Bohlig cease to be employed by us.

OUR ABILITY TO MAKE ACQUISITIONS IS DEPENDENT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE CASH AND THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF OUR STOCK PRICE.

We anticipate that any future business acquisitions will be financed through cash from operations, borrowings under our bank line of credit, the issuance of shares of our Class A common stock and/or seller financing. There can be no assurance that we will have sufficient existing capital resources, that our stock price will be sufficiently attractive for use in an acquisition or that we will be able to raise sufficient additional capital resources on terms satisfactory to us, if at all, in order to meet our capital requirements.

We also believe that a significant factor in our ability to close acquisitions will be the attractiveness of our Class A common stock as consideration for potential acquisition candidates. This attractiveness may, in large part, be dependent upon the relative market price and capital appreciation prospects of our Class A common stock compared to the equity securities of our competitors. The recent volatility in the market price of our Class A common stock could materially adversely affect our acquisition program.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS COULD SUBJECT US TO FINES, PENALTIES AND LIMITATIONS ON OUR ABILITY TO EXPAND.

We are subject to potential liability and restrictions under environmental laws. Our waste-to-energy and manufacturing facilities are subject to regulations limiting discharges of pollution into the air and water, and the solid waste operations are subject to a wide range of Federal, state and, in some cases, local environmental and land use restrictions. If we are not able to comply with the requirements that apply to a particular facility, we could be subject to fines and penalties, and we may be required to spend large amounts to bring an operation into compliance or to temporarily or permanently stop an operation that is not permitted under the law. Those costs or actions could have a material adverse effect upon our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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Environmental and land use laws also can have an impact on whether our operations can expand and, in the case of our solid waste operations, may dictate those geographic areas from which we must, or, from which we may not, accept waste. The waste management industry has been and likely will continue to be subject to regulation, as well as to attempts to regulate the industry through new legislation. Those regulations and laws also may limit the overall size and daily waste volume that may be accepted by a solid waste operation. If we are not able to expand or otherwise operate one or more of our facilities profitably because of limits imposed under environmental laws, we may be required to increase our utilization of disposal facilities owned by third parties, and if so, our business, financial condition and results of operations could suffer a material adverse effect.

We have grown through acquisitions, and we have tried to evaluate and address environmental risks and liabilities presented by newly acquired businesses as we have identified them. It is possible that some liabilities, including ones that may exist only because of the past operations of an acquired business, may prove to be more difficult or costly to address than we anticipate. It is also possible that government officials responsible for enforcing environmental laws may believe an issue is more serious than we would expect, or that we will fail to identify or fully appreciate an existing liability before we become legally responsible to address it. Some of the legal sanctions to which we could become subject could cause us to lose a needed permit, or prevent us from or delay us in obtaining or renewing permits to operate our facilities. The number, size and nature of those liabilities could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our operating program depends on our ability to operate and expand the landfills

we own and lease and to develop new landfill sites. Several of our landfills are subject to local laws purporting to regulate their expansion and other aspects of their operations. There can be no assurance that the laws adopted by municipalities in which our landfills are located will not have a material adverse effect on our utilization of our landfills or that we will be successful in obtaining new landfill sites or expanding the permitted capacity of any of our current landfills once their remaining disposal capacity has been consumed.

OUR RESULTS OF OPERATIONS COULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY CHANGING PRICES OR MARKET REQUIREMENTS FOR RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.

Our results of operations may be materially adversely affected by changing purchase or resale prices or market requirements for recyclable materials. Our recycling business involves the purchase and sale of recyclable materials, some of which are priced on a commodity basis. The resale and purchase prices of, and market demand for, recyclable materials, particularly waste paper, plastic and ferrous and aluminum metals, can be volatile due to numerous factors beyond our control. These changes have in the past contributed, and may continue to contribute, to significant variability in our period-to-period results of operations.

Some of our subsidiaries involved in the recycling business use long-term supply contracts with customers with floor price arrangements to minimize the commodity risk for recyclable materials, particularly waste paper and aluminum metals. Under these contracts, our subsidiaries obtain a guaranteed minimum floor price for the recyclable materials along with a commitment to receive additional amounts if the current market price rises above the minimum price. These contracts are generally with large domestic companies, which use the recyclable materials in their manufacturing processes. Any failure to continue to secure long-term supply contracts with minimum price arrangements, or a breach by customers of one or more of these contracts could reduce our recycling revenues and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

THE SEASONALITY OF OUR REVENUES COULD ADVERSELY IMPACT OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The Company's transfer and disposal revenues have historically been lower during the months of November through March. This seasonality reflects the lower volume of waste during the late fall, winter and early spring months primarily because: (i) the volume of waste relating to construction and demolition activities decreases substantially during the winter months in the northeastern United States; and (ii) decreased tourism in Vermont, Maine and eastern New York during the winter months tends to lower the volume of waste generated by commercial and restaurant customers, which is partially offset by the winter ski industry. Since certain of the Company's operating and fixed costs remain constant throughout the fiscal year, operating income is therefore impacted by a similar seasonality. In addition, particularly harsh weather conditions could result in increased operating costs to some of the Company's operations.

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The recycling segment experiences increased volumes of newspaper in November and December due to increased newspaper advertising and retail activity during the holiday season. Additionally, the facilities located in Florida experience increased volumes of recyclable materials during the winter months, followed by decreases in the summer months in connection with seasonal changes in population.

The insulation business experiences lower sales in November and December because of lower production of manufactured housing due to holiday plant shut downs.

OUR BUSINESS IS GEOGRAPHICALLY CONCENTRATED AND IS THEREFORE SUBJECT TO REGIONAL ECONOMIC DOWNTURNS.

Our operations and customers are principally located in the eastern United States. Therefore, our business, financial condition and results of operations are susceptible to regional economic downturns and other regional factors, including state regulations and severe weather conditions. In addition, as we expand in our existing markets, opportunities for growth within these regions will become more limited. The costs and time involved in permitting and the scarcity of available landfills will make it difficult for us to expand vertically in these markets. We cannot assure you that we will complete enough acquisitions in other markets to lessen our regional geographic concentration.

MAINE ENERGY MAY BE REQUIRED TO MAKE A PAYMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PAYOFF OF THE MAINE ENERGY BONDS WHICH EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT OF THE LIABILITY WE RECORDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE KTI ACQUISITION.

Under the terms of a waste handling agreement among the Biddeford-Saco Waste Handling Committee, Biddeford, Saco and Maine Energy, Maine Energy may be required, following the date on which the bonds financing Maine Energy and certain limited partner loans to Maine Energy are paid in full, to pay an aggregate of 18% of the fair market value of the equity of the partners in Maine Energy to the respective municipalities party to that agreement. In connection with the acquisition of KTI, the Company estimated the fair market value of Maine Energy as of the date the bonds are assumed to be paid in full, and recorded a liability equal to 18% of such amount. We cannot assure you that our estimate of the fair market value of Maine Energy will prove to be accurate, and in the event we have underestimated the value of Maine Energy, we could be required to recognize unanticipated charges, in which case our financial condition, results of operations and liquidity could be materially adversely affected.

WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY COMPETE IN THE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE SOLID WASTE SERVICES INDUSTRY.

The solid waste services industry is highly competitive, is undergoing a period of increasingly rapid consolidation, and requires substantial labor and capital resources. Some of the markets in which we compete or will likely compete are served by one or more of the large national or multinational solid waste companies, as well as numerous regional and local solid waste companies. Intense competition exists not only to provide services to customers, but also to acquire other businesses within each market. Some of our competitors have significantly greater financial and other resources than us. From time to time, competitors may reduce the price of their services in an effort to expand market share or to win a competitively bid municipal contract. These practices may either require us to reduce the pricing of our services or result in our loss of business. As is generally the case in the industry, municipal contracts are subject to periodic competitive bidding. There can be no assurance that we will be the successful bidder to obtain or retain these contracts. If we are unable to compete with larger and better capitalized companies, or to replace municipal contracts lost through the competitive bidding process with comparable contracts or other revenue sources within a reasonable time period, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

In our solid waste disposal markets, we also compete with operators of alternative disposal and recycling facilities and with counties, municipalities and solid waste districts that maintain their own waste collection, recycling and disposal operations. These entities may have financial advantages because user fees or similar charges, tax revenues and tax-exempt financing may be more available to them than to us.

Our insulation manufacturing joint venture with Louisiana-Pacific competes with other parties, some of which have substantially greater resources than we do, which they could use for product development, marketing or other purposes to our detriment.

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OUR RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION MAY BE NEGATIVELY AFFECTED IF WE INADEQUATELY ACCRUE FOR CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE COSTS.

We have material financial obligations relating to closure and post-closure costs of our existing landfills and will have material financial obligations with respect to any disposal facilities which we may own or operate in the future. In addition to the landfills we currently operate, we own four unlined landfills which are not currently in operation. We have provided and will in the future provide accruals for financial obligations relating to closure and post-closure costs of our owned or operated landfills, generally for a term of 30 years after final closure of a landfill. We cannot assure you that our financial obligations for closure or post-closure costs will not exceed the amount accrued and reserved or amounts otherwise receivable pursuant to trust funds established for this purpose. Such a circumstance could result in unanticipated charges and have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

WE COULD BE PRECLUDED FROM ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS OR OBTAINING PERMITS IF WE ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN THIRD PARTY FINANCIAL ASSURANCE TO SECURE OUR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.

Municipal solid waste collection and recycling contracts, obligations associated with landfill closure and the operation and closure of waste-to-energy facilities may require performance or surety bonds, letters of credit or other means of financial assurance to secure our contractual performance. If we are unable to obtain the necessary financial assurance in sufficient amounts or at acceptable rates, we could be precluded from entering into additional municipal solid waste collection contracts or from obtaining or retaining landfill operating permits. Any future difficulty in obtaining insurance could also impair our ability to secure future contracts conditioned upon the contractor having adequate insurance coverage. Accordingly, our failure to obtain financial assurance bonds, letters of credit or other means of financial assurance or to maintain adequate insurance could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

WE MAY BE REQUIRED TO WRITE-OFF CAPITALIZED CHARGES IN THE FUTURE, WHICH COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR EARNINGS.

Any charge against earnings could have a material adverse effect on our earnings and the market price of our Class A common stock. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, we capitalize certain expenditures and advances relating to our acquisitions, pending acquisitions, landfills and development projects. From time to time in future periods, we may be required to incur a charge against earnings in an amount equal to any unamortized capitalized expenditures and advances, net of any portion thereof that we estimate will be recoverable, through sale or otherwise, relating to (a) any operation that is permanently shut down or has not generated or is not expected to generate sufficient cash flow, (b) any pending acquisition that is not consummated and (c) any landfill or development project that is not expected to be successfully completed. We have incurred such charges in the past.

OUR CLASS B COMMON STOCK HAS TEN VOTES PER SHARE AND IS HELD EXCLUSIVELY BY JOHN W. CASELLA AND DOUGLAS R. CASELLA.

The holders of our Class B common stock are entitled to ten votes per share and the holders of our Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share. At September 4, 2001, an aggregate of 988,200 shares of our Class B common stock, representing 9,882,000 votes, were outstanding, all of which were beneficially owned by John W. Casella, our chairman and chief executive officer, or by his brother, Douglas R. Casella, a director. Based on the number of shares of common stock outstanding at September 4, 2001, the shares of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock held by John W. Casella and Douglas R. Casella represent approximately 34.2% of the aggregate voting power of our stockholders. Consequently, John W. Casella and Douglas R. Casella will be able to substantially influence all matters for stockholder consideration.

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Part II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company's wholly owned subsidiary, North Country Environmental Services, Inc. ("NCES"), was a party to an appeal against the Town of Bethlehem, New Hampshire ("Town") before the New Hampshire Supreme Court. The appeal arose from cross actions for declaratory and injunctive relief filed by NCES and the Town to determine the permitted extent of NCES's landfill in the Town. The Grafton Superior Court ruled on February 1, 1999 that the Town could not enforce an ordinance purportedly prohibiting expansion of the landfill, at least within 51 acres of NCES's 87-acre parcel, based upon certain existing land-use approvals. As a result, NCES was able to construct and operate "Stage II, Phase II" of the landfill. In May 2001, the Supreme Court denied the Town's appeal. Notwithstanding the Supreme Court's ruling, the Town has continued to assert jurisdiction to conduct unqualified site plan review with respect to Stage II, Phase II. Additionally, the Town has asserted such jurisdiction with respect to Stage III and has further stated that the Town's height ordinance and building permit process may apply to Stage III. The Company is discussing the matters with the Town and expects to file an action for declaratory relief.

On April 1, 1999, William F. Kaiser, a former Executive Vice President and Treasurer of KTI, filed a lawsuit against KTI in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. The suit alleged breach of contract, wrongful termination, breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, misrepresentation of employment terms and failure to pay wages, all arising out of Mr. Kaiser's employment agreement with KTI. The suit also alleged that KTI inaccurately reported its financial results for the first nine months of 1998 and failed to properly disclose the change of control provision in Mr. Kaiser's employment agreement. Mr. Kaiser was seeking a declaratory judgment that, upon closing of the merger, the change of control provision entitles him to receive a severance payment of two years' salary, in the amount of \$320,000, and to exercise 132,000 unvested options for KTI common stock. Mr. Kaiser was also seeking damages in the amount of \$40,000 for an additional severance payment, as well as undisclosed damages for outstanding salary, bonus and other payments and from his sale of approximately 20,000 shares of KTI common stock resulting from KTI's allegedly inaccurate financial reports. A settlement conference took place in March 2001 and the parties have reached a settlement in principal in the amount of \$295,000.

On or about April 26, 1999, Salvatore Russo filed an action in the U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey against KTI and two of its principal officers, Ross Pirasteh and Martin J. Sergi, purportedly on behalf of all shareholders who purchased KTI common stock from May 4, 1998 through August 14, 1998. Melanie Miller filed an identical complaint on May 14, 1999. The complaints allege that the defendants made material misrepresentations in KTI's nine month report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 1998 in violation of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, concerning KTI's allowance for doubtful accounts and net income. The Plaintiffs are seeking undisclosed damages. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses to these complaints. The Court has consolidated the Russo and Miller complaints, and plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended complaint on June 15, 2000. By papers dated August 31, 2000, KTI and the other defendants moved to dismiss the Russo Complaint for failure to state a claim. Following full briefing, on March 12, 2001, the District Court denied defendants' motion without prejudice and directed plaintiffs to file an amended complaint within thirty days. On April 21, 2001, the plaintiffs filed the Second Consolidated Amended Class Action Complaint. By papers served May 31, 2001, the defendants moved to dismiss that latest Complaint. The parties have agreed to delay the deadline for plaintiffs' responsive papers pending a one day mediation currently scheduled for October 12, 2001.

On May 11, 2000, the Company was granted a permit modification by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to increase the volume of solid waste processed and stored at its GDS transfer station in Newport, New Hampshire. On or about June 12, 2000, a local environmental activist appealed the permit modification to the New Hampshire Waste Management Council. The appeal claims that the modification will lead to adverse environmental impacts through higher waste flows and increased levels of incineration at a nearby waste-to-energy facility, that the Company has been the subject of "complaints" arising from its New England and New York operations, and that the Company has failed to demonstrate that the modification is consistent with the waste management plan of the local waste management district. On August 23, 2001 the New Hampshire Waste Management Council dismissed the appeal due to the appellant's lack of standing.

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On January 7, 2000, the City of Saco, Maine filed a notice of claims with the Company and Maine Energy claiming entitlement to certain "residual cancellation" payments from Maine Energy under the waste handling agreement dated June 7, 1991 among the Biddeford-Saco Waste Handling Committee, Biddeford, Saco and Maine Energy on the basis of the satisfaction of certain conditions, including the acquisition of KTI by the Company. The notice of claims alleges that the payments due to Saco exceed \$33 million, claims damages in such amounts for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duties and fraud and also claims treble damages of \$100 million based on alleged fraudulent transfer of Maine Energy's assets. The notice also reserves the right to seek punitive damages. Although the City of Biddeford, Maine has not filed a notice of claims, it has given notice that it will be initiating a suit to receive the residual cancellation payments. Under the agreement, the aggregate amount to be paid upon the exercise of the put right is 18% of the fair market value of the equity of the partners in Maine Energy, and such amount is required to be paid within 120 days after the exercise of the put by the respective parties entitled thereto. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses to these claims.

On or about March 24, 2000, a complaint was filed in the United States District Court, District of New Jersey against the Company, KTI, and three of KTI's principal officers, Ross Pirasteh, Martin J. Sergi, and Paul A. Garrett. The complaint purported to be on behalf of all shareholders who purchased KTI common stock from January 1, 1998 through April 14, 1999. The Complaint alleged that the defendants made unspecified misrepresentations regarding KTI's financial condition during the class period in violation of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The plaintiffs seek undisclosed damages. On or about April 6, 2000, the plaintiffs filed an amended class action complaint, which changes the class period covered by the complaint to the period including August 15, 1998 through April 14, 1999. The Company has filed a motion to dismiss, which remains pending. The Company is reviewing the claims made by the plaintiffs.

On or about December 19, 2000, a complaint was filed in the Superior Court of New Jersey against the Company, Seaglass, Inc., KTI Recycling of New Jersey, Inc., Oakhurst Company, Inc., and Marty Sergi. The complaint alleges that Fred Devlin was not paid his "Tagalong Payment" when KTI, Inc. sold its 80% interest in Seaglass, Inc. to New Heights Power & Recovery, LLC and that his employment agreement was breached when he was terminated. The Company has filed a motion to compel arbitration, which resulted in dismissal of the complaint and the initiation of arbitration proceedings. In an effort to settle the matter prior to arbitration, the parties engaged in third party mediation on September 5, 2001. The mediation resulted in a settlement of the dispute whereby the Company will pay the Tagalong Payment plus interest (total payment of \$700,000) in return for the delivery to the Company of the 20% interest in Seaglass, Inc.

During the period of November 21, 1996 to October 9, 1997, the Company performed certain closure activities and installed a cut-off wall at the Clinton County Landfill, located in Clinton County, New York. On or about April 1999, the New York State Department of Labor alleged that the Company should have paid prevailing wages in connection with the labor associated with such activities. The Company has disputed the allegations and is exploring settlement possibilities with the State. The Company believes that it has meritorious defenses to these claims.

On or about June 18, 2001, the Company received a demand for damages from Daniel and Douglas Clark related to the merger agreement between the Company and Corning Community Disposal Service, Inc., alleging that the Company breached the agreement by failing to timely register the shares of stock for sale promptly upon receipt of written request. The Clarks allege, that but for the delay of the Company, they would have had an opportunity to sell their stock before the market value declined and that they suffered damages as a result of such delay. The Company believes that it has meritorious defenses to these claims.

On or about July 2, 2001, the Company was served with a complaint as one of over twenty defendants named in a toxic tort lawsuit filed by residents surrounding three sites in Cheektowaga, NY known as the Buffalo Crushed Stone limestone quarry, the Old Land Reclamation inactive landfill and the Schultz landfill. The Company is alleged to have liability as a result of its airspace agreement at the Schultz landfill. The Company believes that it has meritorious defenses to these claims.

The Company is a defendant in certain other lawsuits alleging various claims incurred in the ordinary course of business, none of which, either individually or in the aggregate, the Company believes are material to its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

The Company offers no prediction of the outcome of any of the proceedings described above.

ITEM 2. CHANGES IN SECURITIES

None

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS ON 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:

None.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K:

None.

SIGNATURE

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

Casella Waste Systems, Inc.

Date: September 12, 2001

By: /s/ Richard A Norris

Richard A Norris
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Accounting
Officer and Duly Authorized Officer)